



VOTE YES ON PROP 2

Support funding for housing and services for the homeless

California lawmakers put Prop 2 on the ballot in hopes that voters will free up \$2 billion in housing bonds for a homelessness program that has been stalled in court.

Two years ago, lawmakers authorized the bonds to build housing that includes mental health and other services for chronically homeless residents. To pay for it, they sought to use funds voters had approved for mental health under Proposition 63 in 2004.

The money hasn't gone out to counties, though — a lawsuit contends that lawmakers must go back to voters before repurposing the funds they approved. A YES on Prop 2 would give the state the authority to release the funds (already approved and in the budget) to build housing with services for homeless seniors, families, veterans and others.

Throughout California, the cost of housing has skyrocketed, and is out of reach for many people – including working families, seniors with a fixed income, and others. Additionally, many individuals with mental health issues, substance abuse problems, victims of domestic violence and others have been forced to the streets with no housing and a lack of services to help them deal with their problems. Housing for this homeless population must be coupled with appropriate services so that people can be successful in solving their housing problem and addressing their other issues so they can remain housed.

Many counties have already identified sites to build housing with services in their communities. These developments have been side-lined – awaiting the release of these funds so that they can move forward.

A YES ON PROP 2 VOTE will release the \$2 billion dollars so that communities can move forward to build the housing with services needed to address our homelessness problem in California.

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