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League Opposes Energy Initiative on November Ballot "Solar and Clean Energy Act" Could Thwart Efforts to Secure More Renewable Power and Would Undermine Local Control

A growing coalition that includes local governments, renewable energy providers, environmentalists, business and labor leaders have opposed the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008. The initiative qualified June 2 for the November 2008 ballot. For cities, one of the most significant issues is that, if passed, this measure would significantly erode local control over the permitting of new power plants. The measure could also undermine the ability of municipal and local government-run utilities to determine the power portfolio appropriate for their customers.

The League's board of directors voted unanimously to oppose the initiative at its April meeting in Sacramento.

While all these groups, including the League, support efforts to move to more renewable supplies of power, environmental and energy experts warn that significant drafting flaws could actually thwart clean power development by locking into law barriers to renewable development, and could result in rate increases for all consumers.

The initiative would require all utilities, including municipal utilities, to provide 50 percent of power from renewable sources by 2025, without truly addressing existing barriers to renewable development, including transmission development.

Current California law provides for the most aggressive targets in the nation, requiring that by 2010, 20 percent of electricity must come from a renewable source. State agencies and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger have established a 33 percent target by 2020.

Some of the key problems the League has identified with the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008 are:

Preempts Local Land Use Authority: The initiative would reassign permitting authority from local governments to the California Energy Commission (CEC) to approve solar and clean energy plants and related facilities. Local agencies would have 100 days after a project application is filed with CEC to provide final

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comments, determinations, or opinions to CEC. It is unclear whether the Commission has any obligation to defer to a city's determination, for example, what happens when a plant location does not comply with the city's General Plan.

Removes Local Control Over Resource Mix: Existing law in the Public Utilities Code encourages municipalities who own utilities to consider renewable energy, while taking into consideration rates, reliability, financial resources, and the goal of environmental improvement. The initiative would remove local control over local decisions on resource mix and may impact a utility's financial resources. Also, as technologies become cheaper and more efficient, there is nothing in this existing code section that would prevent a government-owned utility from making the decision to switch technologies or pursue a different resource mix.

The diverse group of organizations that oppose this measure include: the Natural Resources Defense Council, the California League of Conservation Voters, the California Small Business Association, California Municipal Utilities Association, Coalition of California Utility Employees, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Locals 47, 1245 and 9th District, California Chamber of Commerce, PG&E, Sempra, Southern California Edison and the California Solar Energy Industries Association.

The League will continue to monitor the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008 and will provide updates through the League's Web site and *Priority Focus*.

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**Resolution of the Board of Governor's
of the
California Municipal Utilities Association**

**OPPOSITION TO SOLAR AND CLEAN ENERGY ACT
INITIATIVE of 2008 (AG#: 07-0066)**

WHEREAS: Not for profit publicly owned electric utilities having been serving reliable electricity to California consumers for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS: California's publicly owned utilities have a long history of leadership in the development of renewable and advanced technologies, including solar energy, wind energy, hydroelectric energy, geothermal energy and fuel cells; and

WHEREAS: California's publicly owned utilities have long been recognized as leaders in energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS: Local elected officials governing California's publicly owned utilities balance the needs of their constituents while promoting the mix of energy efficiency and renewable technologies that best match their service territories; and

WHEREAS: Implementation of California's laws limiting the emission of greenhouse gases will require that publicly owned utilities pursue cost effective and feasible energy efficiency and acquisition of renewable resources; and

WHEREAS: A proposed energy proposition, currently in circulation for signatures and aimed for the November 2008 ballot, would not promote the orderly acquisition of renewable resources, but instead would set arbitrary and unrealistic goals without providing the ability of publicly owned utilities to balance energy efficiency and renewable acquisitions in the most cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS: California's leading environmental organizations, renewable energy providers, and clean power experts oppose this proposition and warn that the measure is "fatally flawed"; and

WHEREAS: The levels of renewable acquisition required by the initiative may exceed the availability of those renewable resources in the time frame mandated by the initiative, and may cause severe problems for integration of those resources into the transmission grid; and

WHEREAS: The initiative could be interpreted to place publicly owned utilities under the regulation of both the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Energy Commission thereby taking authority away from local elected officials to best balance their customer/owners needs; and

WHEREAS: The Solar and Clean Energy Act initiative as drafted does not recognize the need for utilities to be able to balance their portfolios to reach the necessary greenhouse gas emission reductions in the most cost effective manner for their customer/owners; and

WHEREAS: The Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008 initiative does not recognize that publicly owned utilities are non profit entities, providing for fines that it says cannot be passed through to ratepayers even though publicly owned utilities have no funds that do not come from ratepayers; and

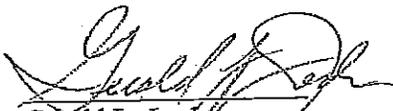
WHEREAS: The measure could actually complicate the regulatory approval of renewable energy projects thereby actually slowing down renewable development; and

WHEREAS: The members of the California Municipal Utilities Association support the responsible development of renewable energy resources that meet the needs of locally owned electric utilities in enhancing the environment and in helping to meet each utilities requirement and desire to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: By the Board of Governors of the California Municipal Utilities Association that we hereby oppose the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008 (AG#: 07-0066)" initiative aimed for the November 2008 ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we hereby authorize the listing of the California Municipal Utilities Association in formal opposition of this initiative and as a member of Californians against another Risky Energy Proposition.

Adopted this twenty second day of April, 2008


Gerald L. Jordan
Executive Director

SAMPLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 7

WHEREAS, Prop. 7 is so poorly drafted that renewable energy and environmental experts warn the initiative would not achieve its goals and, instead, could actually "slam the brakes" on renewable energy development in California; and

WHEREAS, Prop. 7 was drafted by a handful of lobbyists and lawyers and funded by one out-of-state billionaire with no energy expertise; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would erode local control and negatively impact local governments, community choice aggregates and municipal utilities in California by imposing new statewide, top-down mandates for renewable power that are inflexible and greatly erode local officials' ability to determine the right energy resource mix for their customers; and

WHEREAS, Prop. 7 further pre-empts local control by specifically removing existing permitting authority away from cities and counties for the approval of certain renewable energy power plants and related infrastructure, and by giving that authority to a state bureaucracy; and

WHEREAS, Prop. 7 also authorizes the state to cut down the time to 100 days in which local governments can file comments on proposed power plant projects in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Prop. 7 also contains a "competition elimination" provision that forces small renewable energy companies out of California's market, by excluding power from small, renewable plants under 30 megawatts from counting toward the new renewable requirements; and

WHEREAS, Prop. 7 allows renewable power providers to always charge 10% above the market price of power, stifling competition for renewable power, and artificially increasing the cost of power; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the text of Prop. 7 actually limits increases in our electric bills and the initiative would actually cost consumers and taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, when the initiative is fully implemented, it's estimated that Prop. 7 would increase electricity costs for local governments by \$704 million annually; and

WHEREAS, California recently announced a world-leading plan to combat global climate change that includes strong new requirements that is already resulting in the use of more renewable power sources and we need to give this plan time to work; and

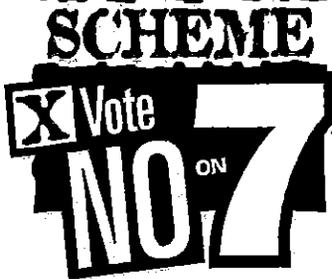
WHEREAS, a broad coalition of environmental organizations, local governments, business organizations, taxpayer groups, organized labor and others have come together in opposition to Prop. 7, and have formed a coalition called "Californians Against Another Costly Energy Scheme".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE _____ of the _____ that we hereby OPPOSE Prop. 7 on the November 2008 ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the listing of <insert city or county name> in formal opposition of Prop. 7 and as a member of Californians Against Another Costly Energy Scheme.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 200__ by the following vote:

Californians Against Another Costly Energy



NO on Proposition 7

Prop. 7 Will Bring Higher Electric Bills and Disrupt Renewable Power Development

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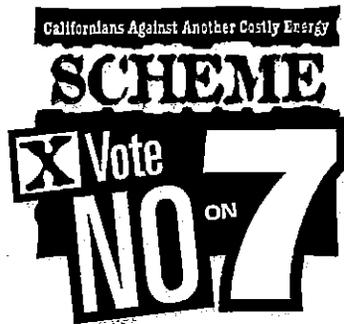
An unprecedented and diverse coalition of solar, wind and renewable energy companies, consumer, taxpayer, senior, labor, small businesses, local governments and environmental organizations all oppose Proposition 7 on the November ballot. Prop. 7 was placed on the ballot by an Arizona billionaire with no expertise in renewable power issues. The measure purports to increase the percent of renewable power utilities must purchase. However, it is so poorly drafted that renewable energy and environmental experts warn Prop. 7 will not achieve its goals and, instead, will actually "slam the brakes" on renewable energy development in California, result in significant increases in our electric bills and could result in another energy crisis. Prop. 7:

- **Will force small wind and solar companies out of the market.** Prop. 7 contains a "competition elimination" provision that forces smaller renewable energy companies out of California's market. It excludes power from renewable plants smaller than 30 megawatts from counting toward the new requirements. Today, nearly 60% of contracts under California's renewable requirements are with these small providers. The California Solar Energy Industries Association warns: *"Proposition 7 would devastate California's small solar businesses by forcing us out of the market – eliminating a major source of clean power and thousands of jobs."*
- **Contains a provision that virtually guarantees that electricity consumers will pay 10% above market rates for renewable power forever -- even when the costs of solar and wind sources become more competitive.** And nothing in the text of Prop. 7 limits increases in our electric bills to 3% like proponents claim. Even the non-partisan Legislative Analyst warns that *"the measure includes no specific provisions to implement or enforce this declaration"*.
- **Will cost consumers and taxpayers hundreds of millions per year in higher electric rates – a \$300 increase per household per year.** Economists predict that the average California household will see its utility bill increase by more than \$300 dollars a year because of Prop. 7. By eliminating competition from smaller renewable providers and creating a seller's market that forces customers to pay 10% above market for renewable energy, Prop. 7 will increase costs to electricity consumers and taxpayers by hundreds of millions of dollars per year. That's why the non-partisan Legislative Analyst cautions that, *"...the prospects for higher electricity rates are more likely in the short term..."* and the initiative might *"...also lead to higher long-run electricity rates."*
- **Will slam the brakes on renewable energy development.** Prop. 7 locks into law many flaws that are currently stifling renewable power development in California and creates new roadblocks to renewable development. For instance, Prop. 7 arbitrarily shifts authority over the renewables market from the California Public Utilities Commission to the California Energy Commission, which could lead to significant delays, added bureaucracy and costly lawsuits. That's why leading environmental groups and renewable power companies all OPPOSE Prop. 7.

California Needs More Renewable Energy, NOT Higher Bills & Another Energy Crisis.

California leads the nation with tough, clean energy standards that require utilities to use significantly more renewable power. Prop. 7 will jeopardize this progress and disrupt renewable power development. What's worse, if passed by voters, no changes can be made to this law without another vote of the people or 2/3 of the legislature. Further, Prop. 7 creates new market conditions ripe for manipulation, much like those that caused the last energy crisis. Electricity consumers are still paying almost \$1 billion each year – nearly \$100 for every electricity customer – to pay off the last energy crisis. The last thing we need is a poorly written measure that will lead to higher electric bills and possibly even another energy crisis.

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NO on Proposition 7 Measure Bad for Local Governments and Their Residents

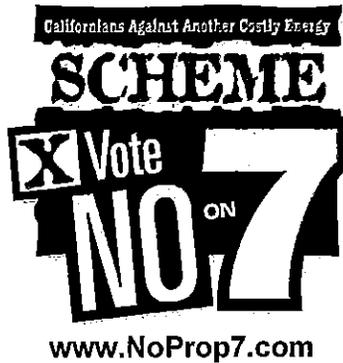
Prop. 7 is opposed by the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, the California Municipal Utilities Association, California Special Districts Association and many other diverse organizations because it strips local governments of some of their land use authority and control of their energy resource mix, and will lead to higher electricity costs. Prop. 7 is also opposed by renewable power companies and environmental organizations who warn the measure is "fatally flawed" and will actually "slam the brakes" on renewable energy development in California. Prop. 7 was placed on the November ballot by an Arizona billionaire with no expertise in renewable power issues. Local governments oppose Prop. 7 because it will:

- **Usurp local land use authority.** Prop. 7 strips local governments of certain land-use authority relating to power plant siting and approval and hands it to the California Energy Commission (CEC). Additionally, Prop. 7 authorizes the state to cut down the time to 100 days in which local governments can file comments with the CEC on certain proposed power plant projects in their communities. Without sufficient time to submit comments, cities and counties could be forced to move forward with a project that doesn't coincide with their general plan. And since the CEC has exclusive jurisdiction over the siting of certain plants anyway, it's unclear whether they will have to consider local comments at all.
- **Eliminate local control over the best resource mix.** Publicly owned municipal utilities will be subjected to the renewable targets under this initiative, curtailing local control over the best resource mix for a municipal utility's customers. Municipal utilities currently evaluate renewable resources and how to best balance them with rates, reliability and financial resources.
- **Lead to higher electric bills for local governments.** Prop. 7 contains a provision that artificially increases the cost of power and virtually guarantees that electricity consumers will pay 10% above market rates for renewable power forever -- even when the costs of solar and wind sources become more competitive. The cost of energy is one of the largest expenses for local governments. **Economists estimate that by 2025, when the initiative is fully implemented, Prop. 7 will increase electricity costs for state and local governments by \$874 million annually and lead to a loss of revenue for local governments of \$216.4 million annually.** Furthermore, the non-partisan Legislative Analyst cautions that, "...the prospects for higher electricity rates are more likely in the short term..." and the initiative might "...also lead to higher long-run electricity rates." In addition, nothing in the text of Prop. 7 limits increases in electric bills to 3% like proponents claim. Even the Legislative Analyst warns that "*the measure includes no specific provisions to implement or enforce this declaration.*"
- **Force small wind and solar companies out of the market.** Prop. 7 contains a "competition elimination" provision that forces smaller renewable energy companies out of California's market. It excludes power from renewable plants smaller than 30 megawatts from counting toward the new requirements. Today, nearly 60% of contracts under California's renewable requirements are with these small providers. That's why the California Solar Energy Industries Association warns: "*Proposition 7 would devastate California's small solar businesses by forcing us out of the market -- eliminating a major source of clean power and thousands of jobs.*"

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California leads the nation with tough, clean energy standards that require utilities to use significantly more renewable power. Prop. 7 will jeopardize this progress and disrupt renewable power development. What's worse, if passed by voters, no changes can be made to this law without another vote of the people or 2/3 of the legislature. Further, Prop. 7 creates new market conditions ripe for manipulation, much like those that caused the last energy crisis. Electricity consumers are still paying almost \$1 billion each year -- nearly \$100 for every electricity customer -- to pay off the last energy crisis. The last thing we need is a poorly written measure that will lead to higher electric bills and possibly even another energy crisis.

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Q&A

What is Prop. 7 and what will it do?

Prop. 7 is a deeply flawed measure, written by a handful of lobbyists and ex-politicians and funded by an out-of-state billionaire, which purports to increase the amount of renewable energy used in California. However, the measure is so poorly written that it is opposed by solar, wind and other renewable power providers, leading environmental groups, business, labor, taxpayers and consumer groups. They warn Prop. 7 will:

- NOT achieve its stated goals and will actually *disrupt* renewable power development.
- Shut small renewable energy companies out of California's market.
- Unnecessarily increase electric bills and taxpayer costs by hundreds of millions of dollars, without achieving its stated goals.
- Create market conditions that could lead to another energy crisis.

Who supports Prop. 7?

Prop. 7 was placed on the ballot by an Arizona billionaire with no expertise in renewable power issues. A team of lawyers and lobbyists with no long-standing experience in the renewable energy market helped draft the initiative and they refused to accept input and advice from renewable and environmental experts who have been leading the charge on these issues in California. As a result, the measure is supported by only a handful of individuals, but no prominent statewide organizations are on record supporting the measure.

Who opposes Prop. 7?

Prop. 7 is opposed by solar, wind and other renewable power developers and leading environmental groups throughout the state. These very groups that have led efforts to greatly increase renewable power development in the state are adamantly opposed to Prop. 7. Even renewable power developers who arguably could stand to benefit under the initiative are opposed.

Specifically, Prop. 7 is opposed by: the California Solar Energy Industries Association, California Wind Energy Association, League of Women Voters, California Taxpayers' Association, California Small Business Association, California Labor Federation, California Chamber of Commerce, Consumers Coalition of

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California, the California Democratic AND Republican Parties, League of California Cities, California Municipal Utilities Association and dozens of others.

A separate coalition of environmental organizations has also been formed to oppose Prop. 7 that includes the California League of Conservation Voters, Natural Resources Defense Council, Environmental Defense Fund, Union of Concerned Scientists, Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technology and many others.

Why are environmental organizations and renewable power providers opposing a measure that is supposed to increase renewable power?

Virtually every leading environmental organization opposes Prop. 7 because the measure will result in less, not more, renewable power. In fact, environmental organizations and renewable power providers warn that the initiative could "slam the brakes" on renewable power development in the state. Among the key concerns posed by these groups include:

- Prop. 7 shuts small renewable power companies out of the market, eliminating a major source of clean power and thousands of "green collar" jobs.
- Prop. 7 imposes market conditions that will prevent many renewable power companies from participating in the market.
- Prop. 7 creates excessive new bureaucratic hurdles, such as creating duplicative oversight between the California Energy Commission and California Public Utilities Commission, that will stall the development of renewable power.
- Prop. 7 significantly reduces public input and comment on certain power plant and transmission line approvals. For instance, in some cases local governments, interested organizations and individuals only have 100 days or less to comment on proposed power plants or transmission line approvals, despite potential negative impacts on the environment or a local community.
- Prop. 7's flaws can only be fixed with an unlikely 2/3 vote of the legislature or another expensive ballot initiative that would have to go before voters.

Why are small wind, solar and other renewable power companies opposing Prop. 7? Won't they benefit from more renewable power?

It's telling that the very companies and groups that would stand to benefit most from more renewable power are all OPPOSING Prop. 7.

Every leading organization representing wind, solar and other renewable power companies all OPPOSE Prop. 7. These organizations warn that Prop. 7 is fatally flawed and will result in less, not more renewable power.

Most concerning, Prop. 7 will shut small providers out of California's market by specifically excluding power from plants smaller than 30 megawatts from counting toward the new renewable goals.

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Proponents say the argument that small renewable providers are ineligible is false.

A Superior Court judge recently ruled to uphold the claim that Prop. 7 could shut small renewable energy providers out of the market. Proponents filed a lawsuit in an attempt to strike these arguments from the ballot pamphlet and lost.

Will Prop. 7 increase electric rates?

Yes. Prop. 7 contains a provision that virtually guarantees that electricity consumers will pay 10% above market rates for renewable power forever -- even when the costs of solar and wind sources become more competitive. Eliminating competition from smaller renewable providers and creating a seller's market that forces customers to pay 10% above market for renewable energy will actually increase costs to electricity consumers and taxpayers by hundreds of millions of dollars per year.

According to an economic analysis prepared in part by the former chief economist for the California Office of Planning and Research:

- Prop. 7 will increase electric bills by more than \$300 per residential customer per year, which totals more than \$11 billion in increased electric bills statewide.
- Prop. 7 will increase electricity costs to state and local governments -- and thus taxpayers -- by a combined \$874 million annually by 2025.

And California's independent, non-partisan Legislative Analyst cautions that, "...*the prospects for higher electricity rates are more likely in the short term...*" and the initiative might "...*also lead to higher long-run electricity rates.*"

Proponents say that Prop. 7 guarantees rates won't increase by more than 3%. Is this true?

No. The text of Prop. 7 contains nothing to cap rate increases by 3%. Proponents included introductory language that makes this claim, but since there is no language in the actual text of Prop. 7 this language is nothing more than a PR ploy and is completely unenforceable by law.

The independent Legislative Analyst said that "*the measure includes no specific provisions to implement or enforce this declaration.*"

How exactly does Prop. 7 allow electric customers to always be charged rates that are 10% above the market rate?

Prop. 7 contains a provision that forces utilities to purchase all proposals for renewable power so long as that power is priced no more than 10% above the market price of power. This provision will eliminate any incentive for power providers to offer bids at market rate or lower, since they're guaranteed to have contracts purchased at the inflated price. The 10% above market price will become the new "floor" for prices, artificially increasing electricity costs for all consumers.

Don't we need to do something to decrease dependence on foreign oil and protect us against global warming?

Absolutely and the organizations opposing Prop. 7 are leading the fight to combat global warming and to increase our use of renewable energy in the state. However, if we're going to address global warming, we have to get the solutions right. Prop. 7 gets it all wrong. That's why environmental organizations and renewable power companies warn that Prop. 7 will lead to less, not more, clean power.

If we reject Prop. 7, won't that just increase our reliance on dirty fossil fuels?
California is the nation's (and some say world) leader in fighting global warming and increasing our use of renewable energy. In fact, a recent bi-partisan agreement increased the percent of renewable power that utilities much purchase.

We all agree we need to increase the amount of renewable power used in this state and are taking great strides to make that a reality.

Unfortunately, Prop. 7 was written by a few lobbyists and ex-politicians with very little energy expertise, and the measure is so poorly drafted that it could disrupt our progress and take us backward.

Prop. 7 may not be perfect, but isn't it still better than doing nothing?

No. Unfortunately, Prop. 7 is so poorly drafted it will result in less, rather than more renewable energy. California is the world leader in pushing for cleaner sources of power quickly. We all agree more needs to be done. There are many barriers to renewable power development in this state, and we need serious and well crafted policy proposals to remove those barriers and increase clean power. Prop. 7 does the exact opposite, and erects new barriers. That's why leading environmental organizations, renewable power companies, and so many others urge a NO vote on Prop. 7.

Proponents say Prop. 7 will create hundreds of thousands of jobs. Isn't that a good thing?

According to economists, Prop. 7 is likely lead to the loss of 174,000 jobs across all sectors of the California economy by 2025, because the measure will result in higher electric rates that would will job creation and economic growth. Furthermore, there isn't a single provision in the text of Prop. 7 that prevents renewable power plants from being located out of state or even out of the country, which leads some to worry that the initiative could lead to out-migration of jobs.

Isn't the coalition opposing just a front for utility companies?

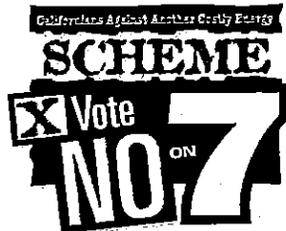
No. Hundreds of broad and diverse organizations oppose Prop. 7 because it is so poorly written. Many of these organizations disagree with utilities on other issues, but have reached the same conclusion about Prop. 7. The fact that the state's utilities also oppose Prop. 7 is less concerning than the fact that only a handful of individuals have agreed to support the measure.

Why is all the money coming from utilities?

Hundreds of diverse organizations oppose Prop. 7 and these groups are spending their time, resources and, in some cases, money to oppose the measure. Every group opposing Prop. 7 is doing what they can to educate their members and the voters to oppose. As stakeholders and experts in the energy market, utilities have a responsibility to educate their customers about any poorly written energy policy that will increase their energy bills and result in less, not more renewable power. We expect a number of organizations, businesses and individuals to contribute money or resources toward defeating this measure, including utilities, renewable power companies, small businesses, environmentalists and many others.

Is it possible for Prop. 7's technical problems to be easily fixed?

No. In fact, it would take an unlikely 2/3 vote of the legislature to change ANY language in Prop. 7, and even then there are extreme restrictions on what could be changed. Or, it would take another costly ballot measure and vote of the people to fix the many flaws in Prop. 7. The best bet is to reject this deeply flawed, costly and anti-renewable measure at the ballot and work toward responsible, well-drafted measures that will actually result in more renewable power.



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We Oppose Proposition 7!

(Member list as of 9.19.08)

Members of Separate and Independent Environmental Coalition Formed to Defeat Prop. 7:

California League of Conservation Voters
Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies
Environmental Defense Fund
Natural Resources Defense Council
Union of Concerned Scientists

Members of Californians Against Another Costly Energy Scheme:

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROVIDERS

California Solar Energy Industries Association
California Wind Energy Association
The Solar Alliance
Large-Scale Solar Association
Independent Energy Producers Association
Bright Source Energy
First Solar
Sun Light & Power
POCO Solar Energy Inc.
Pure Energy Systems, Inc.
Solahart All Valley
Solarecity Electric
Solar MW Energy Inc.
Solar Power Partners, Inc.
Phat Energy
Solel Inc.
SPG Solar, Inc.
American Sun Solar Corporation
Apex Solar, Inc.
California Solar Electric
ESE Power Corporation
PW Ice Manufacturing Plant Corporation
Ecosystem Solar Electric Corp.
REC Solar, Inc.
Super Peaker, LLC (SP1-4)
BAH, LLC Baja el Agua y el Hielo Miembro de
Propiedad Privada de Cooperacion

ENVIRONMENTAL

Acterra: Action for a Sustainable Earth
Alliance for Responsible Energy Policy
Orange County Coastkeeper
San Jose Conservation Corps

ENVIRONMENTAL (CONT.)

Trees for Seal Beach
World Wide Green Corps

TAXPAYER GROUPS

California Taxpayers' Association
The California Taxpayer Protection Committee
Sacramento County Taxpayers League
Kern County Taxpayers Association
Alliance of Contra Costa Taxpayers
Orange County Taxpayers Association
Contra Costa Taxpayers Association
Humboldt Taxpayer's League
Inland Empire Taxpayers Association
Lafayette Taxpayers Association
League of Placer County Taxpayers
San Diego Tax Fighters
Sutter County Taxpayers Association
Valley Taxpayers' Coalition, Inc.
Ventura County Taxpayers Association
Waste Watchers, Inc.

GOOD GOVERNMENT

League of Women Voters of California

SENIOR

California Alliance for Retired Americans
California Senior Advocates League
Congress of California Seniors

STATEWIDE BUSINESS GROUPS

California Small Business Association
California Small Business Roundtable
Small Business Action Committee

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California Chamber of Commerce
California Council for Environmental
and Economic Balance
California Manufacturers & Technology
Association
California Retailers Association
California Business Properties Association
California Business Roundtable
California Grocers Association
National Association of Industrial & Office
Properties, California Chapter
Society of Petroleum Engineers

LABOR

California Labor Federation
American Federation of State, County and
Municipal Employees
Coalition of California Utility Employees
State Building and Construction Trades Council
of California
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,
Local 47
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,
Local 1245
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,
9th District
Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
San Mateo County Central Labor Council.

CONSUMER GROUPS

California Alliance for Consumer Protection
Consumers Coalition of California
Consumers First, Inc.
Citizens Against Regulatory Excesses

POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

California Democratic Party
California Republican Party
Libertarian Party of California
California Republican Assembly
California Republican League
California Young Democrats
California Log Cabin Republicans
Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club
Los Angeles County Lincoln Clubs
Placer County Republican Party
Republican Party of Los Angeles County
Republican Party of Tulare County
Solano County Republican Party
Young Republican Federation of California,
Sacramento Chapter

ETHNIC

California Black Chamber of Commerce
Mexican American Political Association
Latin Business Association
American GI Forum of California
Hernandad Mexicana Latino Americana
Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce in
Orange County
African American Cultural Complex
Asian Business Association, Los Angeles
Asian Business Association of Orange County
Asian Community Development, Santa Ana
Black Business Association of Los Angeles
Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County
Chinese Christian Business Women Fellowship
Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of
Orange County
Global Federation of Chinese Business Women,
Southern California Chapter
Greater Corona Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce
Mexican Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles
National Council of Negro Women – High Desert
Section
Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Overseas Chinese Business Exchange
Republican National Hispanic Assembly of
Greater L.A.
Tri-Counties Black American Political
Association of California
Asian Americans in Commercial Real Estate
Barstow Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Korean Health Education Information and
Research Center
Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
United Cambodian Community, Inc.
Victor Valley African American Chamber of
Commerce

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

East Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club
GrassRoots Community Network Connecting
Communities
Rosamond Community Services District
San Francisco Planning and Urban Research
Southeast Community Development Corporation
Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA
Total Education Solutions, South Pasadena

PUBLIC SAFETY

California State Firefighters Association
Los Bomberos de Los Angeles

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FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Bishop Theo Frazier, Voice of Pentecost Church, San Francisco
Reverend Eric P. Lee, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Los Angeles
Minister Eddie Pierson, Academic Uprise, Signal Hill
Dr. H.L. Pierre, Pilgrim Community Leadership Conference, Los Angeles
Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, San Francisco
Metropolitan Baptist Church, San Francisco
Progressive Jewish Alliance
Raoul Wallenberg Jewish Democratic Club
The Salvation Army, Southeast Corps
True Hope Church of God in Christ, San Francisco

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

League of California Cities
California State Association of Counties
Regional Council of Rural Counties
California Special Districts Association
Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
City of Agoura Hills
City of Blythe
City of Cathedral City
City of Claremont
City of Clovis
City of El Monte
City of Indian Wells
City of La Puente
City of La Verne
City of Montebello
City of Monterey Park
City of Morgan Hill
City of Pasadena
City of Porterville
City of Rosemead
City of Seal Beach
City of Tustin

LOCAL BUSINESS GROUPS

Bay Area Council
North Orange County Legislative Alliance
Orange County Business Council
Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Valley Industry and Commerce Association
Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties Regional Legislative Alliance
American Association of Business Persons with Disabilities
Antelope Valley Board of Trade

LOCAL BUSINESS GROUPS (CONT.)

Elite Small Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses, Los Angeles Chapter
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce
Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce
Bell Chamber of Commerce
Camarillo Chamber of Commerce
Carson Chamber of Commerce
Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce
Compton Chamber of Commerce
Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Covina Chamber of Commerce
Culver City Chamber of Commerce
Downey Chamber of Commerce
Duarte Chamber of Commerce
East Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
El Centro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau
El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce
Fillmore Chamber of Commerce
Fullerton Chamber of Commerce
Fremont Chamber of Commerce
Fresno Chamber of Commerce
Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce
Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce
Gateway Regional Chambers Alliance
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce
Glendora Chamber of Commerce
Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce
Hanford Chamber of Commerce
Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce
Inglewood/Airport Chamber of Commerce
Irvine Chamber of Commerce
Irwindale Chamber of Commerce
La Mirada Chamber of Commerce
La Verne Chamber of Commerce
LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce
Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce
Lawndale Chamber of Commerce
Lomita Chamber of Commerce
Los Alamitos Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Malibu Chamber of Commerce
Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce
Montebello Chamber of Commerce
Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce
Moorpark Chamber of Commerce
Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce
Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
Orange Chamber of Commerce
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce

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LOCAL BUSINESS GROUPS (CONT.)

Palmdale Chamber of Commerce
Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce
Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce
Pomona Chamber of Commerce
Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce
Porterville Chamber of Commerce
Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce
Rosemead Chamber of Commerce
Shafter Chamber of Commerce
San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
San Dimas Chamber of Commerce
San Fernando Chamber of Commerce
Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce and
Industrial League, Inc.
Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce
South Bay Association of Chambers of
Commerce
South Gate Chamber of Commerce
South Orange County Regional Chambers of
Commerce
South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Temple City Chamber of Commerce
Thousand Oaks - Westlake Regional Chamber
of Commerce
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce
Tulare Chamber of Commerce
Tustin Chamber of Commerce
United Chambers of Commerce of the San
Fernando Valley
Ventura Chamber of Commerce
Visalia Chamber of Commerce
West Covina Chamber of Commerce
Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce
Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce
Economic Development Corporation of
Southwest California
Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
San Mateo County Economic Development
Association
San Diego Regional Economic Development
Corporation
Tulare County Economic Development
Corporation
Ventura County Economic Development
Association

AGRICULTURE

California Farm Bureau Federation
Kings County Farm Bureau

THINK TANKS

Reason Foundation

UTILITIES

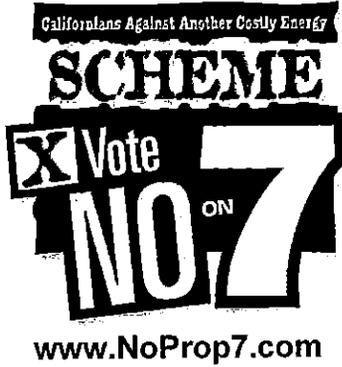
California Municipal Utilities Association
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Board of Directors
PG&E Corporation
Sempra Energy
Southern California Edison Company

STATE AND LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Congressman Mike Honda – D
Assembly Speaker Emeritus Fabian Núñez – D
Senator Sam Anestad – R
Senator Jim Battin – R
Senator Dave Cox – R
Senator Robert Dutton – R
Senator Dennis Hollingsworth – R
Senator George Runner – R
Assemblyman Chuck DeVore – R
Assemblyman Bill Maze – R
Assemblyman Hector De la Torre – D
Assemblywoman Sharon Runner – R
Assemblywoman Mimi Walters – R
City of Alhambra Mayor, Luis Ayala
City of Hesperia Mayor, Mike Leonard
City of La Puente Mayor, Louie Lujan
City of Ojai Mayor, Sue Horgan
City of San Gabriel Mayor, Harry Baldwin
City of Calimesa Mayor Pro Tem,
James O. Hyatt
City of Hesperia Mayor Pro Tem,
Thurston E. Smith
City of San Gabriel Vice-Mayor, Juli Costanzo
City of South El Monte Mayor Pro Tem,
Hector Delgado
City of Westminster Mayor Pro Tem,
Andy Quach
City of Alhambra Councilmember,
Barbara Messina
City of Alhambra Councilmember,
Stephen Sham
City of Alhambra Councilmember,
Gary Yamauchi
City of Aliso Viejo Councilmember, Phil Tsunoda
City of Aliso Viejo Councilmember, Greg Ficke
City of Aliso Viejo Councilmember, Carmen
Cave
City of Chino Councilmember, Glenn Duncan
City of Cypress Councilmember, Phil Luebben
City of Fontana Councilmember,
Janice Rutherford

ELECTED OFFICIALS (CONT.)

City of La Palma, Councilmember,
Christine Barnes
City of Lomita, Councilmember, Don Suminaga
City of Montclair Councilmember,
Leonard Paulitz
City of Montebello Councilmember,
Robert Urteaga
City of Rancho Cucamonga Councilmember,
Salvatore Spagnolo
City of Rosemead Councilmember, John Nuñez
City of San Gabriel Councilmember,
Albert Huang
City of San Gabriel Councilmember,
Kevin Sawkins
City of South El Monte Councilmember,
Luis A. Aguiñaga
City of South El Monte Councilmember,
Angelica Garcia
City of Stanton Councilmember, David John
Shawver
City of Tustin Councilmember, Lou Bone
City of Ventura Councilmember,
James Monahan
City of West Covina Councilmember,
Steve Herfert
Town of La Crescenta Valley Councilmember,
Bruce Campbell
Town of La Crescenta Valley Councilmember,
Stephen Pierce



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Name of group or business

Name of authorized person signing (please print)

Title of authorized person signing

Signature

Date signed

Email address

Daytime phone number

Daytime fax number

How many members or employees do you have?

Mailing address

City

State

Zip

- Check this box if the authorizing signer can also be listed as an individual supporter, along with his/her official organizational title (Example: First Name and Last Name, President of XYZ Organization.)

Please fax this completed form to us at 866-811-9258.

About joining the coalition...

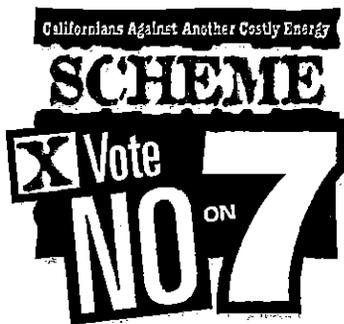
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Name (please print)

Signature

Current occupation or job title*

Employer or organization*

email address

Daytime phone number

Mailing address

City

State

Zip

On the lines below, please list any other notable current or former titles or affiliations you may have, including other job titles, organizational positions, awards, etc.

Other current or former titles or affiliations*

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