



# QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

**PROP 98** EMINENT DOMAIN. LIMITS ON GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

**SUMMARY** *Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

Bars state and local governments from taking or damaging private property for private uses. Prohibits rent control and similar measures. Eliminates deference to government in property rights cases. Changes condemnation rules. Fiscal Impact: Increased costs to many governments due to the measure's restrictions. The net statewide fiscal effect, however, probably would not be significant.

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: Government authority to take private property in order to transfer it to another private party would be greatly reduced. Rent control would be phased out.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: There would be no change to government's authority to take property. That is, government could take property for a public purpose if government paid the owner for its value. Government could continue to control rent increases.

## ARGUMENTS

**PRO** Today government seizes private property to benefit politically connected developers and to get around Proposition 13 by dramatically increasing property taxes. Proposition 98 prohibits the seizing of homes, small businesses, farms, and places of worship for developers' profit and prohibits forcing owners to rent their homes below fair market value.

**CON** Wealthy landlords spent millions to get 98 on the ballot NOT to reform eminent domain, but to eliminate rent control and renter protections like fair return of deposits. 98 is deceptive, deeply flawed, and would lead to frivolous lawsuits and increased taxpayer costs. AARP, League of Women Voters: NO 98.

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**PROP 99** EMINENT DOMAIN. LIMITS ON GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION OF OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENCE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

**SUMMARY** *Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

Bars use of eminent domain to acquire an owner-occupied residence for conveyance to a private person or business entity. Creates exceptions for public works, public health and safety, and crime prevention. Fiscal Impact: No significant fiscal impact on state or local governments.

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: In a limited number of cases, government would no longer have the authority to take a single-family home.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: There would be no change to government's authority to take single-family homes. That is, government could take a home for a public purpose if government paid the owner for its value.

## ARGUMENTS

**PRO** 99 prohibits government from taking homes for private development. 41 other states reformed eminent domain laws after the Supreme Court ruled it OK for government to take homes for private development. It's time for California to act. 99 is straightforward reform: no loopholes, no hidden agendas. Protect homes. Yes 99.

**CON** The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst states Proposition 99 "is not likely to significantly alter current government land acquisition practices." Meaning: "Proposition 99 protects nothing." Politicians and developers spent \$4,000,000.00+ on Proposition 99 to kill every Proposition 98 property protection. Proposition 99 was written to trick voters, and destroy 98's property protections.

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