ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROP. 27

Read the ballot to see what the non-partisan experts say about YES ON PROP 27:

> "Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Likely DECREASE IN STATE REDISTRICTING COSTS TOTALING SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS EVERY TEN YEARS."

YES ON 27, the Fiscal Accountability in Redistricting Act (FAIR). 27 will save taxpayers millions of dollars and put an end to Arnold Schwarzenegger's political reapportionment games.

In 2005, Arnold Schwarzenegger wasted nearly 39 million taxpayer dollars to call a Special Election primarily to pass his so-called redistricting reform, Proposition 77, which the voters rejected by a 60 to 40 percent margin.

In 2008, Schwarzenegger raised and spent 16 million special-interest dollars to barely pass an obtuse bureaucratic Commission to take the power of redistricting from those who are accountable to the people and give it to a faceless group of amateurs WHO CAN MAKE UP TO $1 MILLION DOLLARS FROM CALIFORNIA TAXPAYERS IN CUMULATIVE SALARY. YES ON 27 is a chance for the voters of California to say "enough is enough." GOVERNOR, YOU MAY MEAN WELL, but no more money should be wasted on your nonsense games of reapportionment.

Governor, OUR STATE IS BANKRUPT, UNEMPLOYMENT IS OVER 12%, OUR LUSH BREADBASKET OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY IS WITHOUT WATER, EVERYTHING IS MESSED UP. Yet you still obsess on the political game of reapportionment?

Look at the mess we have with Schwarzenegger's plan, the law following his 2008 proposition:

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– Under Schwarzenegger's plan, three randomly selected accountants choose the fourteen un-elected commissioners to head a bureaucracy with the power to decide who is to represent us. Unlike the Schwarzenegger plan, YES ON 27 WILL ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO MAKE THE DECISIONS ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE VOTERS. 27 IS THE ONLY REFORM PROPOSAL WITH ACCOUNTABILITY.

– Under Schwarzenegger's plan, voters can be denied the right to pass a referendum against unfair Congressional district gerrymanders. A referendum means that we, the voters, have a right to say "no" to the Legislature and "no" to a statute with which we disagree. Unlike the Schwarzenegger plan, YES ON 27 ENSURES THAT VOTERS WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHALLENGE ANY REDISTRICTING PLAN (INCLUDING THE CONGRESSIONAL PLAN). VOTERS SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE THE FINAL VOICE.

– Under Schwarzenegger's plan, some people can count more than others -- one district could have almost a million more people than another. There is a reason why, for centuries, districts like that have been called ROTTEN BOROUGHS. This practice must be stopped. Unlike the Schwarzenegger plan, YES ON 27 will ensure that all districts are precisely the same size and that every person counts equally.

Governor Schwarzenegger, what are you thinking? Read the ballot to see what the non-partisan experts say about 27:

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Let's stop wasting taxpayer dollars. Let's end the political reapportionment games. YES ON PROPOSITION 27!

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