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State and Local Leaders Across California Say No to Proposition 10

SACRAMENTO -- A bipartisan coalition of state, city and county officials from across California today urged voters to reject Proposition 10, the measure on the November ballot that would repeal the Costa-Hawkins Housing Act, including protections for tenants and single-family homeowners.

The state and local leaders say that Proposition 10 would hurt local budgets and will undermine the state's efforts to tackle California's affordable housing crisis by slowing the production of more units for low- and middle-income Californians.

"I have spent my adult life working to improve the lives of others, particularly those less fortunate, which is why I am opposed to Proposition 10," said former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "There is no doubt we need to make housing more affordable for Californians, but Proposition 10 will make our current situation worse, not better, by constricting future development of affordable units. California's state and local elected officials should not be hamstrung with this misguided proposition, which is why I urge all Californians to vote No on Prop 10."

California is in the midst of the nation's worst housing affordability crisis. Proposition 10 will only make it worse by driving up construction costs and reducing supply, say the lawmakers.

"Fresno and the Central Valley have been hit hard by the housing affordability crisis that is gripping the entire state," said Fresno Mayor Lee Brand. "Our vacancy rate is among the lowest in the entire nation. We are not building enough housing to keep up with increasing demand. Proposition 10 will make it harder for cities like Fresno to solve the affordability crisis by

creating new roadblocks to building the housing we need to bring price relief to families looking for a safe, affordable place to live.”

According to the State’s independent Legislative Analyst (LAO), Proposition 10 would also hurt state and local governments by reducing property tax revenues by up to hundreds of millions of dollars, seriously impacting funds for local schools, public safety, transportation and critical public services.

Academics from U.C. Berkeley, Stanford, USC and other universities have warned that the radical rent control permitted under Proposition 10 could also lead to thousands of existing rental units being pulled off the rental market. That would make it even harder for residents who cannot afford to buy a home to find a safe, affordable place to live.

Proposition 10 is bad public policy that will worsen the state’s housing crisis and add to many of the problems proponents say they are trying to solve. That’s why elected leaders from communities across California are joining the broad coalition of civil justice, labor, business, veterans and affordable housing organizations opposed to Proposition 10. Opposition to the measure includes the California Council for Affordable Housing, NAACP CA, The American Legion Department of California and the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

Below is a partial list of local elected officials who are opposed to Proposition 10:

Antonio Villaraigosa, former Mayor, City of Los Angeles

Lee Brand, Mayor, Fresno

Adam Gray, Assemblymember

Bill Quirk, Assemblymember

Jim Cooper, Assemblymember

Patrick O'Donnell, Assemblymember

Tom Daly, Assemblymember

Chuck Reed, former Mayor, City of San Jose

Tom Butt, Mayor, Richmond

Amy Howorth, Mayor, Manhattan Beach

Larry Stone, Assessor, Santa Clara County

Steve Brandau, Councilmember, City of Fresno

Fred Gaines, Mayor, Calabasas

Rudy Mendoza, Mayor, City of Woodlake

Rachelle Pastor Arizmendi, Mayor, Sierra Madre

Jorge Morales, Vice Mayor, South Gate
John Soria, Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Commerce
Ernest Dronenburg, Assessor, San Diego County
Tom Bordonaro, Assessor, San Luis Obispo County
Stephen Duckels, Assessor, Yuba County
Bonnie Gore, Vice Mayor, City of Roseville
Joe Patterson, Vice Mayor, City of Rocklin
John Aguilera, Deputy Mayor, City of Vista
David Canepa, Supervisor, San Mateo County
Dev Davis, Councilmember, San Jose
Hans Liang, Councilmember, Monterey Park
Janna Zurita, Councilmember, Compton
Jeff Gee, Councilmember, Redwood City
Clint Oliver, Councilmember, City of Fresno
Joe Goethals, Councilmember, San Mateo
Maureen Freschet, Councilmember, San Mateo
John Seybert, Councilmember, Redwood City
Johnny Khamis, Councilmember, San Jose
Larry Spicer, Councilmember, Monrovia
Mike O'Neill, Councilmember, Pacifica
Sue Vaterlaus, Councilmember, Pacifica
Lan Diep, Councilmember, City of San Jose
Kirk Uhler, Supervisor, Placer County
Sue Frost, Supervisor, Sacramento County
Brian Raymond, Councilmember, City of Atwater
John Valdivia, Councilmember, City of San Bernardino
Martin Devine, Councilmember, City of Hanford
Michael Zuccolillo, Councilmember, City of Paradise
Patrick Brenden, Councilmember, City of Huntington Beach
Stephanie McKenzie, Councilmember, City of Marysville

To see the entire coalition, and to learn more about Proposition 10, please visit <http://www.noprop10.org>.

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