Proposition 92

Community Colleges. Funding. Governance. Fees.
Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

“Establishes in state constitution a system of independent public community college districts and Board of Governors...

Requires minimum levels of state funding...

Sets fees at $15; limits fee increases.”

(from the Official Title and Summary)
The Initiative Process

California Direct Initiative Process

1) statute revision (5%)
2) constitutional amendment (8%)

Random Sample vs Full Check

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- Provides fee stability.
- Funds enrollment.
- Provides independence from politics.
Prop. 92 Lowers Student Fees

The Problem: Fees increase faster than income.

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The Problem: Unpredictable student fees.

- When fees went up in 2003 and 2004, 305,000 students didn’t enroll.
- When fees go up, the revenue benefits state government, not the colleges and students.
- Fee increases are essentially a tax on students imposed at times when students can least afford them.
The Solution: Fee Predictability

- Lowers fees to $15 per unit.
- Prohibits fee increases greater than the change in personal income.
- Requires a 2/3 separate vote of the Legislature.
- Ensures that fee revenue benefits students, not state government.
The Problem

• Community college funding is currently tied to K-12 enrollment growth.

• Three year average expected growth:
  – K-12: -0.43%
  – CCC: 2.43%

• Without changing Proposition 98, students will be turned away.
The Solution: Fund enrollment.

- Creates two separate Prop. 98 pots.
- Each would grow based on inflation and the segment’s enrollment growth.
- Funds 100,000 more full-time equivalent students by 2009-10.
The Solution:
Prop. 92 funds enrollment.

• Ensures that community colleges are not shortchanged through overestimated property taxes.

• Does not hurt K-12.

• Does not raise taxes.

Prop. 92 Protects Student Access

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The Problem: State politics interferes with student access.

- State vice chancellors are currently political appointees of the governor.
- The Department of Finance can veto regulations adopted by our Board of Governors.
- Some in Sacramento propose eliminating local boards.

Prop. 92 Provides Independence from Politics

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The Solution: Political independence

• Doubles student votes on the state Board.

• Writes local boards into the Constitution.

• Protects local control.

• Allows state Chancellor to hire Vice Chancellors.
The Community College Initiative


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