



Workers' Voter Guide

Peace and Freedom Party recommends...

We take no position on Prop 13. This mixed bag is more tinkering with the old Prop 13. It will mostly benefit the large corporations that are already the beneficiaries of the unfairness of California's tax system, but will also benefit working class homeowners who need to retrofit for earthquakes. It may help to avoid rent increases, especially in rent-controlled cities.

Vote NO on Prop 14. Save your right to have a party. See front page.

Vote YES on Prop 15. The California Fair Elections Act is a limited start on public financing of campaigns. It will apply only to the Secretary of State election, but abolishes the present ban on public financing of campaigns that applies to all levels except chartered cities. We support this measure because it is a move toward public financing, which Peace and Freedom has always supported, albeit with a certain reluctance because this specific proposal is very unfair to small parties.

Vote NO on Prop 16. It imposes new two-thirds voter approval requirement for local public electricity providers. PG&E shows how scared it is of local public power, because it is spending tons of money gouged from its customers to make it effectively impossible to have new municipal power projects.

Vote NO on Prop 17. It allows auto insurance companies to base their prices in part on a driver's history of insurance coverage. This is another measure paid for by one big company, this time Mercury Insurance. For anybody who has gone more than 90 days without insurance, no matter the reason (maybe they didn't have a car, so didn't need it), rates go through the roof.

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NO ON PROPOSITION 14

**If prop. 14 passes, only the top two vote-getters
will appear on the November ballot.**

Prop. 14 is not an open primary proposal. In open primaries, candidates from all parties advance to the general election.

Prop 14 eliminates independent, third party and write-in candidates from general elections. The top two winners in the June primary will be the best funded candidates of the two establishment parties, or possibly of the same party. Prop 14 also makes it more difficult for third party candidates to run in primary elections, so that will happen less often. Though write-in blanks would still appear on general election ballots, Prop 14 would ban counting of write-in votes in general elections.

Prop. 14 would decrease voter turnout. First, it moves much of the political action from November to June, when fewer people vote. Second, with fewer choices on the general election ballot, fewer voters will bother to vote in November.

Prop 14 is Schwarzenegger's scheme to rig elections for big business. It would make campaigning more expensive and candidates more dependent on big contributions, because they would have to reach the whole electorate in both the June and November elections. We will end up with only pro-business Republicans and Democrats who won't let social issues, workers' rights or anti-tax fanaticism get in the way of using the power of government to make corporations more profitable.

**Working class people need their own party,
one that stands for the needs of society and the preservation of the earth.**

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You Can Choose Peace and Freedom Party Candidates

The Peace and Freedom State Central Committee has endorsed all three candidates for Governor. Vote for one of the following in the June 8 Primary:



Stewart Alexander

Stewart Alexander is the founder of the African American Civil Liberties Union, which opposes the widespread incarceration of young people of color. He was the 2006 Peace and Freedom Party candidate for lieutenant governor and in 2008 was the vice-presidential candidate of the Socialist Party USA.

Carlos Alvarez

Carlos Alvarez is a Los Angeles activist who has been participating in anti-war struggle and in battles for immigrant and gay rights. He is a member of the Party for Socialism and Liberation, which has traditionally participated in Peace and Freedom Party activities.



Mohammad Arif

Mohammad Arif is the chair of the Kern County Peace and Freedom Party. He is in the import/export business and is a Pakistani immigrant who has been active in assisting members of the Pakistani and Middle Eastern communities with immigration issues.



The Peace and Freedom Party State Central Committee recommends:

C.T. Weber for Lieutenant Governor * Marylou Cabral for Secretary of State

Karen Martinez for Controller * Debra Reiger for Treasurer

Robert Evans for Attorney General * Dina Padilla for Insurance Commissioner

Marsha Feinland for U.S. Senate

You can find out about all of our candidates by going to www.peaceandfreedom.org and following links to their websites.

From the Peace and Freedom Party Platform

Undocumented Workers

Immigrant workers are hounded by government authorities, worked and housed in substandard conditions by unscrupulous bosses, and blamed by Republican and Democratic demagogues for society's problems.

We call for open borders.

We demand an end to deportations of immigrants.

We demand full political, social and economic rights for resident non-citizens.



Leonard Martin for State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Where he stands:

Fund our schools. Change Prop. 13 so that commercial property pays its fair share of the cost of school finance. Raise income taxes on the wealthiest citizens and the corporations that have benefited immensely from the education our schools provide.

Testing is not teaching. State and Federal policy is weakening our education system and turning the schools into testing centers and not education and critical thinking centers that prepare young people for the future. We also need to have bilingual education in all schools to train and encourage our youth to learn the languages of people from throughout California and make them ready to participate and contribute to the economy of California and the world.

Stop the state take-over of schools, supposedly to solve the financial and education crisis. In Oakland and in Los Angeles it has led to a deterioration of education conditions for the students and teachers. The state take-overs have resulted in further financial debt with highly paid outside consultants getting hundreds of millions of dollars that should be going into maintaining the facilities and educational programs.

We need to end the privatization and “restructuring” of our schools. Obama’s Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, is demanding that schools be turned over to private organizations to be run as charters. This is happening throughout California where private corporations financed by the Eli Broad Foundation, Green Dot Schools and the Gates Foundation are pouring funding into privately run schools. At the same time these billionaires refuse to pay more taxes to properly fund California schools.

