

RESOLUTION 2012-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CERRITO EXPRESSING  
ITS OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 32

WHEREAS, Prop 32, the so-called "Stop Special Interest Money Now" initiative, has been placed on the November 2012 ballot by the Lincoln Club of Orange County and is being bankrolled by billionaire corporate interests and retired CEOs; and

WHEREAS, Prop 32 was deceptively written to appear balanced but is not what it seems; and

WHEREAS, the measure exempts selected individuals and powerful corporate special interests from its provisions, while targeting the rights of working people; and

WHEREAS, Prop 32 restricts unions' ability to negotiate for good jobs, decent wages and secure retirement by silencing the voices of workers, while imposing no such constraints on corporations and their front groups; and

WHEREAS, Under Proposition 32, Super Political Action Committees (PACs) and independent expenditure committees are permitted to spend unlimited funds in support of or in opposition to statewide candidates or initiatives without directly contributing, thus giving them historically unprecedented political influence; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 32 exempts many companies, including those structured as LLCs, LPs, and LLPs, from the ban on direct candidate contributions, even though these companies have contributed over millions of dollars to state campaigns in the last two election cycles; and

WHEREAS, non-partisan "good government" groups like California Common Cause and the League of Women Voters have indicated their opposition to Proposition 32 because, it's not the "reform" it claims to be and would be damaging to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, labor unions are under attack by political and corporate special interests in California and across the country; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 32 is really an unbalanced, unfair attack on unions and workers under the guise of "stopping special interests."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Cerrito expresses its opposition to Proposition 32 on the November 6, 2012, general election ballot.

I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on September 18, 2012 the City Council of the City of El Cerrito passed this Resolution by the following vote:

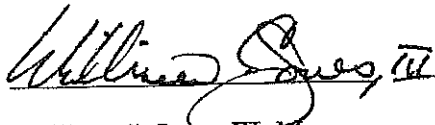
AYES: Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Cheng, Jones and Mayor Lyman.  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on September 20, 2012.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk

APPROVED:



William C. Jones III, Mayor