

YES ON 62

Prop 62 Fact Sheet

DEATH PENALTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Repeals death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Applies retroactively to existing death sentences. Increases the portion of life inmates' wages that may be applied to victim restitution.

Fiscal Impact: Net ongoing reduction in state and county criminal justice costs of around \$150 million annually within a few years, although the impact could vary by tens of millions of dollars depending on various factors.

- *Prop 62 Ballot Label Official Voter Guide*

California's death penalty system is expensive, ineffective and unjust

A failed policy: The death penalty system in California has failed and ground to a halt. 746 inmates sit on death row, more likely to die of old age than to be put to death. We have not executed a single convict in more than ten years - but we keep paying for it in many ways.

Expensive: California taxpayers have spent \$5 billion to put thirteen people to death – a cost of \$384 million per execution. Constitutionally guaranteed appeals and legally required special facilities and accommodations result in death sentences that cost the state 18 times more than life in prison without parole.

Denies closure: The death penalty is a false promise to victims' families. The legal process keeps the families of victims tied up in hearings and appeals for 20 to 30 years.

Mistakes are unavoidable and irreversible: Despite lengthy appeals guaranteed by constitutional due process rights, the risk of executing an innocent is person very real and unavoidable. DNA technology and new evidence have proven the innocence of more than 150 people on death row around the country. In California alone, 67 people had their murder convictions overturned because new evidence proved they were innocent.

Prop 62 ends the death penalty and replaces it with life in prison

Prop 62 replaces California's costly and ineffective death penalty system with life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Prop 62 saves taxpayers \$150 million a year according to the Legislative Analyst's Office.

Prop 62 requires inmates sentenced to life in prison to work and pay restitution to their victims' families.

Prop 62 provides certain justice to victims' families and is the only way to guarantee California never executes an innocent, wrongly convicted person.

Prop 62 is supported by a coalition representing many diverse perspectives. Former death penalty advocates, victims' families, exonerated and wrongly convicted prisoners, retired district attorneys and judges, criminal law and economic experts, and faith, labor and civil rights leaders support Prop 62.