



NO ON PROPOSITION 16 Q&A

Why should I oppose Proposition 16?

Proposition 16 has been carefully written to fool the voters and take away their choice in energy providers. Backers say it will protect taxpayers. But, what it really protects is the monopoly enjoyed by a giant, for-profit electric utility, Pacific Gas & Electric.

What does Proposition 16 do?

It takes away your choices on who provides you with your electricity. Also, it makes it easier for the for-profit utilities in California to raise your electricity rates.

Who is supporting Proposition 16?

PG&E, the largest for-profit utility in the state California. PG&E has contributed \$28.5 million to the yes campaign and have signaled they are likely prepared to spend tens of millions more. PG&E was the only contributor to the signature-gathering process that put this proposition on the ballot.

Why is one company spending so much money to pass Proposition 16?

PG&E wants to protect its monopoly. Prop 16 isn't about protecting taxpayers – it is about protecting PG&E's for-profit monopoly on electricity.

If Proposition 16 passes, will it make my utility bill go up?

Yes. PG&E just asked for ten new rate hikes worth five billion dollars. Like Wall Street, PG&E paid huge bonuses to its executives even after it went bankrupt and made ratepayers bail it out.

Can I still choose to buy green and renewable energy?

The monopoly created by Prop. 16 eliminates your ability to choose who provides your power, so that dissatisfied customers no longer have the right to seek out other options. That also means you cannot choose to buy green and renewable energy.

Who is opposed to Proposition 16?

Newspapers: Fresno Bee; Long Beach Press Telegram; Oakland Tribune; Redding Record Searchlight; Sacramento Bee; Sacramento News & Review; San Jose Mercury News; San Francisco Bay Guardian

Organizations: The American Association of Retired People (AARP); California Association of Realtors; California Manufacturers & Technology Association; The Utility Reform Network (TURN); Agricultural Energy Consumers Association; Bay Localize; California Nurses Association; California Tax Reform Association; Climate Protection Campaign; Consumer Federation of California; Fremont Chamber of Commerce; Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club; League of California Cities; League of Women Voters; Local Clean Energy Alliance; Local Power; Mainstreet Moms; Our City; San Francisco Green Party; Sierra Club California; Women's Energy Matters

Local Governments & Utilities: Burbank Water & Power; City of Berkeley; City of Davis; City of Glendale; City of Lemoore; City of Lodi; City of Healdsburg; City of Palo Alto; City of Redding; City of Roseville; City of Santa Clara; City of Sebastopol; CMUA Board of Governors; Marin County Board of Supervisors; Marin Energy Authority (representing 8 cities and the County of Marin); Northern California Power Agency Commission; Sacramento Municipal Utility District Board of Directors; San Joaquin Valley Power Authority; San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission; South San Joaquin Irrigation District; Town of Fairfax