

Please Vote!

Yes on Proposition 98 and No on Proposition 99

Over a million California citizens have signed a petition to once and for all eliminate the ability of the City Governments to take property from ordinary people and give it to rich developers. This petition has become **Proposition 98**, which will **protect** you by removing and **shielding your properties and jobs** from the threat of **eminent domain abuse**. Learn more about Prop 98, The Best Yes! at www.YesProp98.com.

The politicians and their agent, the League of California Cities, have created a counter measure, Proposition 99 . As described below, the real purpose of **Proposition 99** is to serve as a **wrecking ball** for **redevelopment** by destroying Proposition 98. Proposition 99 only protects some homeowners and does **not protect** renters, workers, or other property owners.

Summary of the Differences	
Proposition 98	Proposition 99
Private property may not be taken by eminent domain for private use under any circumstances. Proposition 98 protects: single family homes including owner-occupied homes, apartments, businesses, farms, churches, rentals, commercial property, residential property.	Private property can be taken in any circumstance other than that of being a single family residence that has been the owners' principal place of residence for at least one year prior to the State or local government's initial written offer to purchase the property.
Property may be taken by eminent domain only for true public use (e.g.. freeway construction, parks, or schools).	No change in the present meanings to the terms: "taken," "damaged," "public use," and "just compensation.
Property may not be taken by government and used for the same purposes (e.g. residential housing cannot be used for government housing).	No protection from present excesses.
Family farms and open space are protected from seizures by government for the purpose of selling the natural resources.	No protection from present excesses
If a public agency takes property under false pretenses , or abandons its plans, the property must be offered for sale to the original owner at the original price and the property tax would be assessed at the value of the property when it was originally condemned.	No protection from present excesses
If farmers or business owners are evicted by eminent domain , they would be entitled to compensation for temporary business losses, relocation expenses, business reestablishment costs and other reasonable expenses.	No protection from present excesses
Government may not set the price at which property owners sell or lease their property. However, tenants who live in rent-regulated communities will continue to receive the benefit of those regulations as long as they live in their residences.	No mention. Please, ask the supporters of Prop. 99, if they plan to initiate or vote for a rent control ordinance in your area.
Does not prohibit or impair voluntary agreements between a property owner and a public agency to develop or rehabilitate affordable housing .	No mention.
Proposition 98 protects all single family residences , which is the only worthwhile item in Proposition 99.	Proposition 99 contains nothing extra to benefit property owners and workers. If Proposition 99 receives a greater number of yes votes, each and every provision of Proposition 98 shall be null and void.

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Here's how you can help

- Please **Vote** on June 3, 2008 **Yes** on **Proposition 98** and **No** on **Proposition 99**.
- Please **Visit** YES ON PROP 98 (<http://yesprop98.com/>), which is the primary organization supporting the proposed initiative, and contribute. Your contribution will be a very good investment, if it prevents the paying for an expensive lawyer to try to stop the condemnation of your home or business.
- **Make** copies of this handout for your friends and neighbors.
- **Read** the Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act, Proposition 98, which is available at: http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm#2008SPPrimary
- The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Foundation (<http://www.hjta.org/yeson98>) is a sponsor of this initiative.

For information on the how redevelopment agencies decrease the money available to cities and counties for schools, health care, maintenance, police and fire protection, streets, and rapid transport; please read "Redevelopment: The Unknown Government", which can be found at (<http://www.redevelopment.com/norby/index.html>)

For information on the how **redevelopment agencies decrease the availability of high paying jobs**, read the San Diego Association of Governments, SANDAG, report, "Building a Foundation to Achieve Global Competitiveness" (http://www.sandag.org/uploads/publicationid/publicationid_1364_8010.pdf). It describes how the politicians and redevelopment agencies are working to **deindustrialize** and **pauperize** us.

Part of the list of differences between the two propositions was obtained from the YES ON PROP 98 web site.

For more information, **please visit** <http://www.blightfraud.com> and/or <http://www.GrantvilleActionGroup.com>

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Web Sites:

Yes!

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No

The Homeowners and Private Property Protection Act, **Proposition 99:**

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