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## Fact Sheet: ACA 13

### Protect and Retain the Majority Vote Act

#### PROPOSED BILL

The Protect and Retain the Majority Vote Act, Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 13, would retain the majority vote requirement for passage of state and local initiatives. ACA 13 will require proposed initiatives that seek to increase vote thresholds on future ballot measures to pass with that same proportional higher vote threshold.

ACA 13 would also preserve the right of cities and counties to place advisory questions on the ballot to ask voters their opinion on issues.

#### BACKGROUND

Under current law, a ballot measure approved by a simple majority of voters can selectively change the law so that a future measure would require a supermajority to pass.

If passed by voters, ACA 13 would retain the majority vote while also requiring any statewide initiative measure seeking to increase the vote threshold on future state or local ballot measures to also be approved by that same proportional higher vote threshold.

For example, a measure that would impose a two-thirds vote threshold on future measures should also pass with a two-thirds vote.

Cities and counties also often place non-binding advisory measures on the ballot to allow voters to weigh in on various issues. This is a critical tool that allows voters to advise local government. However, the ability for local governments to ask voters to weigh in on advisory questions is now under threat.

#### SOLUTION

ACA 13 will retain the will of the majority of voters to make their voices heard on constitutional amendments proposed by initiative and protect voters' ability to advise their elected officials via local advisory questions.

#### SUPPORT

SEIU California (Sponsor)  
APIs for Civic Empowerment Education  
AFSCME  
Alliance for a Better Community  
Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) Action  
Alliance San Diego  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
Asian Pacific Environmental Network  
Association of California Water Agencies  
Bear Valley Water District  
California Black Power Network  
California Calls  
California Common Cause  
California Community Foundation  
California Conference of Carpenters  
California Conference of Machinists  
California Conference of the Amalgamated Transit Union  
California Environmental Justice Alliance  
California Environmental Voters  
California Faculty Association  
California Federation of Teachers  
California Green New Deal Coalition  
California Labor Federation  
California Municipal Utilities Association  
California Professional Firefighters  
California School Employees Association  
California Special Districts Association  
California State Association of Counties  
California Teachers Association

California Teamsters  
CalNonProfits  
Catalyst California  
Center on Policy Initiatives  
Central Coast United for a Sustainable  
Economy (CAUSE)  
City of Belmont  
City of Buena Park  
City of Cloverdale  
City of Cypress  
City of Mission Viejo  
City of Napa  
City of Oakland  
City of Ontario  
City of Placentia  
City of Pleasanton  
City of Rancho Cucamonga  
City of Sacramento  
City of San Diego  
City of San Luis Obispo  
City of Santa Rosa  
City of Ukiah  
City of Visalia  
City of West Hollywood  
Communities for a Better Environment  
Communities for a New California (CNC)  
Community Coalition  
Congregations Organized for Prophetic  
Engagement (COPE)  
Contra Costa County  
Courage California  
Desert Recreation District  
Dolores Huerta Foundation  
Goleta West Sanitary District  
Groveland Community Services District  
Health Access California  
Housing California  
Human Impact Partners  
IBEW Local 569  
IFPTE Local 20  
Innercity Struggle  
Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance  
League of California Cities  
League of Women Voters of California  
Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy  
Mammoth Community Water District  
Mayor Ashleigh Aitken (Anaheim)  
Mayor Farrah Khan (Irvine)  
Mayor Karen Bass (Los Angeles)

Mayor London Breed (San Francisco)  
Mayor Matt Mahan (San José)  
Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson (Riverside)  
Mayor Rex Richardson (Long Beach)  
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District  
Million Voters Project  
Mutual Housing California  
National Association of Social Workers-  
California  
Oakland Rising  
Physicians for Social Responsibility - LA  
Safe Return Project  
San Diego for Every Child  
San Francisco Rising  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy  
Education (SCOPE)  
Tahoe City Public Utility District  
Town of Apple Valley  
UNITE-HERE  
United Domestic Workers/AFSCME Local  
3930  
Utility Workers Union of America  
Voices in Solidarity Against Oil in  
Neighborhoods  
Working Partnerships USA  
YMCA of San Diego County

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