

Props 1 & 2: Support
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One liners:

- Prop 1
 - Creates affordable housing for vets, working families, disabled, seniors, homeless – without raising taxes
 - Yes on Prop 1 - to construct affordable housing for our veterans
- Prop 2
 - Delivers housing with mental health services to alleviate chronic homelessness
 - Yes on Prop 2 - to Build Housing for the Homelessness

Why We Need Props. 1 and 2

- Homelessness and access to affordable housing are two of the state's biggest challenges today. This is precisely why we need BOTH Props. 1 & 2.
- Prop. 1 builds and provides affordable housing for veterans, working families, and seniors.
- Prop. 2 helps people who are experiencing homelessness and suffering from serious mental illness get off the streets and into housing and treatment.

Prop. 1

- Together, we can take action by saying YES on Prop 1 - the only measure on the November ballot that helps tackle the crushing cost of housing, specifically for:
 - Veterans
 - Working families
 - People with disabilities
 - Californians experiencing homelessness
 - Victims of domestic violence
 - Agricultural workers
 - Other struggling individuals who can't manage the high cost of housing

Prop. 2:

- Prop. 2 focuses on the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness who are suffering from serious mental illness by building and providing the stable, supportive housing needed to help them heal, live with dignity and stay off the streets.

Why California Needs Prop. 1 and Prop. 2

- Many of us have family members, friends, coworkers and neighbors who are among the 1 in 3 Californians unable to afford the high cost of housing. Many people are spending more than

30% of their incomes and some as much as 50% of their incomes on rent or mortgage each month.

- We see the crisis around us and read the daily headlines - for some of us, the lack of affordable housing hits in very personal ways.
- California is home to the highest numbers of veterans as well as children experiencing homelessness.
- Families pushed to the financial brink live in their cars. Many are doubling and even tripling up in overcrowded housing, trying to avoid overwhelmed shelters in our neighborhoods. Families struggle to maintain jobs and keep children in stable school settings when they don't have a stable roof over their heads.
- And the gap between what Californians earn and the cost of housing has grown so wide that families are separated by excruciating commutes because they can't afford to live where they work.

What Prop. 1 and Prop. 2 Do

- **Prop. 1 is crucial for all Californians because it:**
 - Dedicates \$1 billion to helping veterans buy homes or secure family farms through the CalVet program, which is like California's GI Bill for housing.
 - Dedicates another \$3 billion to add affordable homes for struggling families and children, people experiencing homelessness, individuals escaping domestic violence, and individuals with disabilities
 - Leverage billions more in federal tax credits to potentially quadruple the California impact of Prop 1.
 - Helps people live in the communities where they work, while still having money for basics like groceries and child care.
- **Prop. 2 is crucial because it will:**
 - Provide up to 20,000 permanent supportive housing units pairing housing with coordinated care of mental health, substance use, medical care, and case management.
 - Help establish and strengthen partnerships among doctors, law enforcement, mental health and homeless service providers to help ensure care is coordinated and tailored to meet the needs of people living with mental illness who are homelessness or at great risk of becoming homeless.
 - Leverages *existing* state funds to build permanent supportive housing.

Prop. 1 and Prop. 2 - Broad Support

- Veterans groups like Disabled American Veterans, VFW and dozens of others
- Habitat for Humanity
- California Coalition to End Domestic Violence
- CA Congress of Seniors
- Business leaders and organizations standing alongside Labor unions
- Healthcare leaders and organizations
- Housing advocates
- Advocates for the Homeless

Legislative & Other Background

- **Prop. 1 Background:**
 - Governor Jerry Brown and California’s Legislature put Prop 1 (SB 3, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Act) on the November ballot as part of a multi-pronged strategy in the 2017-18 State Budget to address the crisis faced by the many Californians who can’t afford the cost of housing, including veterans, families, seniors, survivors of domestic violence and others in need of a stable roof over their heads.
 - The list of proven and effective housing programs Prop 1 will dedicate its \$4 billion in funding to build and provide affordable housing, including supportive housing.
 - Prop 1 includes \$1 billion dedicated to providing affordable homes for veterans, and 91% of California voters support affordable housing for military veterans.
 - Prop 1 is expected to create 137,000 jobs and pump \$23.4 billion into California’s economy.
- **Prop. 2 Background:**
 - Prop. 2 is a \$2 billion bond that will utilize roughly 4%-6% of the \$2.2 billion raised annually from the Mental Health Services Act created by Prop. 63 in 2004 to provide Californians experiencing homelessness who are living with serious mental illness with a stable place to live linked to intensive care.
 - It’s important to note Prop. 2 brings no cost to taxpayers – we simply need voter approval to cut through red tape and focus on building supportive housing for people who are homeless and need mental health services. This state funding has long been earmarked for these specialized types of mental health and housing services. Proposition 2 would simply allow this funding to be distributed locally.
 - Proposition 2 will accelerate the building of supportive housing under successful local private-public partnerships *and* use bond programs as smart investments that pay off. By investing in supportive housing now, we can:
 - Break the cycle of homelessness related to mental illness that depresses our communities and local economies and taxes our public health systems
 - Support good economics and public policy
 - Bolster business growth