

**Peralta Community College District Resolution 12/13-8
in Opposition to Proposition 32:
Prohibition on Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction
and on Contributions to Candidates**

WHEREAS, Proposition 32 would prohibit political contributions from corporations and unions but not from partnerships, including private equity firms, and wealthy individuals;

WHEREAS, Proposition 32 creates a hardship for unions by prohibiting the use of payroll deduction for political activities unless employees “opt in” annually in writing without a comparable requirement for corporate shareholders;

WHEREAS, the proponents claim that this measure would officially ban contributions to candidate-controlled committees by corporations and labor unions, but in reality would affect middle class workers and labor unions far more than corporations and wealthy individuals;

WHEREAS, this measure would allow other political expenditures, including corporate expenditures from available resources not limited by the payroll deduction prohibition;

WHEREAS, Proposition 32 would encourage the proliferation of unaccountable “independent expenditures” that interfere with the orderly discourse between political candidates;

WHEREAS, this measure is the third effort to restrict union funds for support of candidates and issues since the first two efforts (Proposition 226 in 1998 and Proposition 75 in 2005) failed at the ballot box;

WHEREAS, Proposition 32 “is a wolf in sheep's clothing,” designed to fool voters into approving a corporate power grab that will lead to even more corporate influence over California’s political system because it contains a giant loophole to allow for unlimited corporate spending on campaigns while building significant barriers for working class voters to engage in political activity;

WHEREAS, this measure is opposed by the League of Women Voters and California Common Cause, both champions of reasonable campaign finance reform;

WHEREAS, Proposition 32 would interfere with the ability for supporters of community colleges to communicate with voters about the impact of general obligation bonds and parcel taxes;

THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of Peralta Community College District opposes

Proposition 32, an initiative statute with the official title of “Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction; Contributions to Candidates,” on the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by unanimous Board vote this 11th day of September, 2012, as reflected in the Governing Board minutes.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Peralta Community College District
Alameda County
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