

## No on Prop 6! No on the Prison/Police State

*Titled: 1326. Criminal Penalties and Laws. Public Safety Funding Statute*

Proposition 6 exploits the fear of crime in urban areas in order to position the prison and police systems as the only solution to the symptoms of urban neglect and structural racism—drugs, joblessness and violence. In doing so, this further criminalizes Black, Latino and immigrant communities of the inner city instead of maintaining and expanding social welfare programs which are the real solution. If passed, Prop 6 will:

- change the law so that any youth 14 years or older charged with a “gang-related” felony (including non-violent ones) will be **tried as an adult**. This leads to longer sentences and a felony record for life.
- funnel billions of additional dollars** (\$1 billion the first year, \$500 million every year after) **from schools, health care** and other services to the prison, police and probation systems.
- increase background checks** for Section 8 recipients and occupants with the intention of withdrawing the subsidy if anyone in the household is found with a recent conviction.
- require local sheriffs, district attorneys and trial courts to **report immigration status** of anyone arrested for a felony and deny bail to undocumented immigrants charged with violent or “gang-related” crimes.



**Prosecuting  
14-year-olds  
as adults  
is just  
WRONG.**

**On Nov 4th Defend Our Youth –**

**DEFEAT Proposition 6!**

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## No on Prop 9! Nicholas’s Law to “Lock ‘em Up and Throw Away the Key.”

*Titled: 1325. Criminal Justice System. Victims’ Rights. Parole. Constitutional Amendment and Statute*

California has one of the strictest parole boards in the country. On average, less than 1% of those eligible for parole are actually granted it. In addition, 50% of California’s 173,000 prisoners are in for technical parole violations (meaning no new “crime”). Despite all of this, Prop 9, funded by billionaire Henry Nicholas (currently indicted for drug distribution, spiking employee drinks, conspiracy and fraud) aims to:

- restrict prisoners’ rights to seek parole**—those in prison with indefinite life sentences could be forced to wait up to 15 years between parole hearings.
- deny the guaranteed right to legal counsel** at parole violation hearings.
- prohibit the “early release”** of any prisoners (including nonviolent drug offenders) to relieve California’s bursting-at-the-seams prison system despite a federal lawsuit charging cruel and unusual punishment created by the overcrowded conditions.

## No on Prop 1A! A \$10 Billion Rail-way Robbery.

*Titled: SB 1856 Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century*

Proposition 1A is a proposal for a \$10 billion dollar bond that would be used in conjunction with \$37 billion of federal money (your tax money too) to build a 400-mile high-speed rail from Los Angeles to San Francisco. Ultimately, working class people and the poor—especially Black and Latino communities—will end up footing the bill.

- The interest from general obligation bonds is \$1.25 million for each \$1 million borrowed. Translation: \$10 billion borrowed=\$23 billion debt, **paid for by the state’s general fund** (i.e. education, health care and other vital services).
- More public money for private construction companies.** If the private sector wants this project, let them fund it without taking much needed public resources.

## No on Measure R! MTA’s Racist Sales Tax.

*Titled: Los Angeles County MTA—Traffic Relief. Rail Extensions. Reduce Foreign Oil Dependence.*

The LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is proposing a raid on transit riders and taxpayers to fund a network of rail projects and highway expansions. In doing so, the MTA will gut its most successful and cost-effective transit project—the bus system. We oppose Measure R because:

- MTA already takes one cent per dollar** for every taxable purchase in L.A. County, generating \$1.4 billion a year.
- this additional sales tax would generate close to \$40 billion in 30 years, yet the list of proposed projects totals \$60 billion. We can only assume this difference will be made up by raiding the bus system.
- billions of dollars to highway construction** will mean more cars, more pollution, more sickness in asthma ridden communities of color, and more deadly greenhouse gases.
- the sales tax is regressive**; the rich and poor have to pay the same amount—and the poor cannot afford it.
- the increased sales tax would only aggravate the very conditions of **racial discrimination**—building \$350 million a mile rail lines by raiding the bus system—that led to the Bus Riders Union’s 1994 civil rights lawsuit against the MTA.

**One Track Mind**

**Vote NO on MTA Measure R**

**Stop Pork Barrel Politics**

**Stop Regressive Taxes**

**End Transit Racism!**

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## No on Prop 4! Stop the attack on a woman's right to control her own body!

*Titled: 1287.Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy*

Proposition 4 (defeated by California voters twice before— Props 73 and 85) amends the California Constitution to require, with certain exceptions, a physician to notify the parent or legal guardian of a pregnant minor at least 48 hours before performing an abortion. This proposition is part of a national effort to outlaw the right to choose for all women. **The right to choose is both about the right to terminate a pregnancy, as well as the right to have children.** The U.S. government has a long history of attempting to control the reproductive rights of oppressed nationality women— Indigenous, Black, Chicana/Latina, Asian—through forced sterilization and other coercive methods. We must uphold the right of all women to defend the integrity of their own bodies, reflected in the protection against forced sterilization as well as access to birth control and safe abortions. Prop 4:

- forces doctors to report the parents of a woman under 18 to Child Protective Services if the young woman asks to notify an adult other than her parent or guardian.
- further restricts the already extremely limited access young women, especially low-income and women of color, have to reproductive health services, thereby increasing life threatening, un-sterile, “back-alley” abortions.
- gives the government control of women's bodies without respect to cultural, religious or the individual choice of the woman.



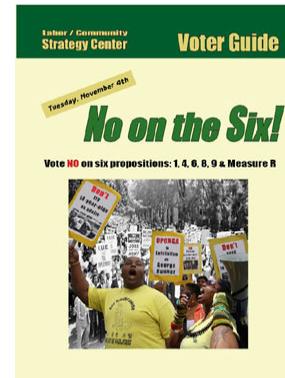
## No on Prop 8! No on the Gay Marriage Ban!

*Titled: 1298.Limit on Marriage. Constitutional Amendment*

Prop 8 was added to the November ballot after the California State Supreme Court declared same sex marriage legal. The question of Gay marriage is a fundamental question about which rights, and rights for whom, are protected in this country. When “rights” are conditional for a certain group of people then all of our rights are conditional and can be taken away, as seen with Blacks after U.S. reconstruction or the stripping of civil and human rights of Muslims and immigrants since 9/11. Proposition 8:

- creates separate and unequal rights for gay people rooted in a long history of racism and patriarchy in this country.
- violates the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment, which states that the government must respect *all* of a person's legal rights.

## Join the *No on the Six* Campaign!



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# No on the Six!

## Vote NO on six propositions: 1A, 4, 6, 8, 9 and Measure R

On November 4th, there will be 12 statewide propositions and several county-wide measures on the ballot. The Strategy Center's *Take the Initiative* Campaign has targeted six ballot initiatives which we feel are attacks against working people; communities of color, especially women of color; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) communities and immigrants. We think a statewide campaign that focuses on these six initiatives gives us the best chance to defeat them all. Our goal is to create a broad alliance of bus centered public transit fighters, those working to stop the growing prison/police state, and those who support full civil rights for LGBT people and women's reproductive rights.



**Props 6 & 9**-Defeat the mass incarceration complex

**Props 4 & 8**-No to anti-woman and homophobic propositions

**Measure R & Prop 1A**-No more taxes and bonds that steal our future!