



*A Blank Check for City Politicians
With No Guarantees
www.StopTheSalesTax.com*

Taxpayer Watchdogs Say Prop D is a “Misleading and Deceptive” Blank Check

Prop D Contains No Guarantees that Money Will Go To Vital City Services and No Accountability for Reforming Wasteful Spending

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Gayle Lynn Falkenthal, 619-997-2495

San Diego –San Diego’s most trusted taxpayer watchdogs are blasting Prop D – the Sales Tax Increase ballot measure that San Diego city politicians have placed on the November 2010 ballot. Prop D would increase city sales taxes by \$103 million annually.

While city politicians and labor unions claim the measure will advance reform and save vital city services, these trusted watchdogs warn city taxpayers that such claims are grossly misleading and deceptive.

“Prop D hands over a blank check to elected officials whose track record of reform to date is sorely lacking at best,” declared Lani Lutar, President and CEO of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association.

“Prop D contains no guarantees that money will go to restore vital city services and zero accountability for reforming wasteful spending in the city’s budget,” noted Councilmember Carl DeMaio, who was elected to the city council on a fiscal reform platform and his reputation as San Diego’s Taxpayer Watchdog.

“Prop D does not contain the kinds of pension reforms we need to stop wasteful and unsustainable pension payouts. Without those reforms, Prop D is nothing more than a pension tax,” commented April Boling, former Chairperson of the City’s Pension Reform Committee.

“Contrary to what Prop D’s proponents are claiming, all of the increased taxes in Prop D will go into the city’s General Fund where politicians can spend it any way they want,” noted City Audit Chairman Kevin Faulconer.

“Prop D is one of the most misleading and deceptive tax increase measures I have seen,” noted Richard Rider, who was recognized as the Taxpayer Advocate of the Year recently by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

A growing coalition of taxpayer advocates, civic leaders, business owners, and neighborhood activists is emerging to fight Prop D. For more information visit www.StopTheSalesTax.com.