

**TOP
TWENTY
REASONS
WHY**

PROPOSITION 1A IS A BAD IDEA

1. **Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger** is for 1A
2. Tying the Legislature's hands behind its back is the wrong way to do a budget - **We've learned that with Props 13 and 98.**
3. In times of recession, the need for State services **increases.**
4. Californians only receive 4 years of new taxes in exchange for a permanent spending cap. **Permanent cap, temporary revenues = BAD DEAL.**
5. Allows short-term legislators to **defer a real budget solution** until they are gone
6. Proposes to fix a symptom **rather than the underlying problem**
7. True budget reform **must address the structural deficit** - 1A does not do this.
8. **Constitutionally removes essential flexibility** to deal with the State's fiscal needs - prevents the Legislature and Governor from setting priorities essential to a particular time.
9. In financially difficult years will hold State spending at a level that is **too low to guarantee** adequate services and in good years restricts State from increasing revenues
10. Undermines our system of checks and balances by allowing the Governor to unilaterally make mid-year cuts **without consulting the Legislature**
11. Hastily drafted, **behind closed doors**, in secret, in the dead of night, without a single hearing or independent analysis
12. Dictates a shift in spending that **can't be changed, regardless of future needs**
13. Could require **cuts to public education, health care, public safety and others** in good times
14. Will not do what it promises and **instead will lead to deep cuts in service**
15. The League of Women Voters **urges a NO vote**
16. Most observers expect **painful degradation of service**
17. Mandates a **permanent spending cap**
18. **Prohibits legislators** from taking full advantage of additional revenues when California comes out of the recession
19. **Shifts responsibility** for future budget decisions away from the legislature and onto invisible state employees
20. **Does not fix fundamental budget problem** - California is one of only three states requiring a two-thirds legislative majority to pass a budget. Republicans continually hijack the process!



NO Prop.
1A

**This Special Election is a sell-out to Republicans.
We need long-term solutions that FIX the problem.**

**Democrats,
Don't Sell Our Souls!**