



Improving Transparency, Effectiveness and Efficiency in California Government Act of 2026

More Transparency. More Accountability. Better Results for Our Tax Dollars.

Public programs provide much-needed services to children, families and communities throughout our state. We need transparency and trackable progress of state-funded programs, so that we start supporting successful outcomes, not failure.

THE ISSUE: Public Programs Should Work Better

Californians care about their communities and have historically been generously funding programs that help our neighbors and community. We support programs that help children succeed in school, keep families healthy, pave our roads, and lift up our most vulnerable neighbors. These services matter.

But caring isn't enough. We also need to make sure these programs actually deliver on their promises.

Right now, billions of dollars go into programs like homelessness, with too little to show for it. Too often, voters are asked to approve new taxes to fund programs without clear information about what's working and what isn't.

Here's what we're facing:

- Rising costs are stretching family budgets thin
- Important government programs don't provide results they should
- Voters lack independent information when deciding on new taxes
- Without transparency and accountability, even well-funded programs can fall short

We can do better. When we invest in transparency, we create more effective programs that do a better job serving Californians and our communities.

THE SOLUTION: Transparency Empowers Voters

We believe voters deserve the full picture both before making important decisions about public programs – and clear, trackable progress on outcomes. Because Californians deserve value from every tax dollar that comes out of voters' pockets.

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This measure requires the Independent State Auditor to provide a nonpartisan look at any program seeking new tax funding. Before you vote, you'll know:

- ✓ Is this program reaching the people it's meant to serve?
- ✓ How is the money currently being spent?
- ✓ Are there ways to improve outcomes?
- ✓ What would additional funding accomplish?

And once voters approve any new program's funding, ongoing audits by the State Auditor and independent Legislative Analysts Office on:

- If the program is actually achieving its intended goals and outcomes.
- The amount of actual and potential fraud, waste, and abuse in the program.
- How the program could improve effectiveness and cut costs.
- If adequate accountability and oversight are in place.

Better information leads to better decisions, and better results.

WHY IT MATTERS: Accountability Strengthens Programs

- **For the People Programs Serve:** Children, families, seniors, and vulnerable Californians deserve programs that truly help them. Accountability ensures these services deliver real support -- not empty promises.
- **For Taxpayers:** You'll have honest, independent information before deciding whether to approve new funding. Your vote will be informed by facts, not just campaign ads.
- **For Our Communities:** When programs are held to clear standards, they improve. Transparency helps identify what's working so we can do more of it—and fix what isn't.

KEY FACTS: What You Need to Know

- **You Deserve Trackable Progress:** Prop 41 isn't anti- or pro- tax. It's pro-transparency and information.
- **Good Intentions Aren't Enough:** Even well-funded programs can struggle without proper oversight. The homelessness crisis, for example, has persisted despite significant investment.
- **No Extra Oversight Without Prop 41:** Right now, there's no requirement for independent review before voters decide on new program funding. This measure changes that.

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