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To: citycouncil
Subject: Public Comment for the Upcoming City Council Meeting 09/15/20

Dear mayor and council members,

As the election season is coming up, I would like to draw your attention to Prop 16 which is about government preferences.

The California Constitution says: "The State SHALL NOT discriminate against, or grant PREFERENTIAL treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

Proposition 16 will strike out and eliminate this language from the California Constitution. No substitute is provided.

However, the summary being put forth to voters is this: "ALLOWS DIVERSITY AS A FACTOR IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, AND CONTRACTING DECISIONS.

LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT."

If diversity is the goal (according to the summary) why eliminate the Constitution that says you cannot benefit one race/gender over another? Why not propose a proposition that says it? If you specifically benefit one race/gender over another isn't THAT discrimination?

Some people say that this Proposition will hurt one or two races specifically because of their higher performances in College admissions, which I don't agree with. In the long run, it hurts everyone and it hurts our state because Prop 16 will eliminate equal opportunity and fair competition which made California one of the most prosperous and diversified states in the whole country.

Therefore, I urge the city council to take a position to oppose Prop 16. Prop 16 will legalize discrimination and waste tax money to fund the bureaucracy. Our city doesn't need it. California doesn't need it!

Please read out my comments in the meeting. Thank you

A Concerned resident

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Honorable mayor, City Council members, city staff and fellow citizens,

Lately there were many car rallies organized by residents throughout California to oppose proposition 16, one was held in our city this July. I was in the rally and learned that Prop 16 is aiming to repeal Prop 209, part of California constitution, which clearly prohibits the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting. Yet the state wants to repeal it. If Prop 16 passes in the Nov election, it means we the Californians allow the state to discriminate against all of us based on our race, gender or color and allow special treatment by the state in college admissions, jobs and contracting. This is totally unconstitutional and against the American value of equal rights.

Furthermore, I have learned that the ballot label was written in a very misleading fashion. It says Prop 16 allows diversity as a factor in public employment, education and contracting decisions. The legislators are playing word games with the voters. They replaced the word “discrimination” with the word “diversity”. This is discrimination in the name of “diversity”.

Let’s all not be misled by the ballot label. We should all say no to discrimination and most of all discrimination from the state level. Please vote NO on Prop 16 in Nov!

Please read out my comments in the meeting.

Thank you very much

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