

# The Glendale Democrat

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## The California Fair Elections Act

*The Yes on Proposition 15 Campaign Needs You:  
Elections Should be Won, Not Bought*

Outraged by the amount of money in politics and the recent Supreme Court ruling allowing corporations to spend unlimited amounts on campaigns? We need politicians out of the fund raising game so that they will focus on the priorities of voters instead of their campaign donors.

Proposition 15, the California Fair Elections Act, changes the way we finance election campaigns. It would establish a voluntary pilot project for Secretary of State races in 2014 and 2018 to show that Fair Elections public financing works. Candidates would qualify for limited public funds if they raise a large number of \$5 contributions from Californians and agree to strict spending prohibitions.

Prop 15 represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to stop Big Money special interest control of Sacramento after grass roots supporters finally won a six year battle to get it on the ballot.

The grass roots campaign to pass Prop 15 needs your help for June's election. Your donation will help us print flyers for our thousands of volunteers! Your house party will encourage more Prop 15 supporters! Your phone banking will help us reach absentee voters before they vote!

Learn more, register for an event, sign up to help, and Pledge to Vote for Prop 15 at our Website: [www.YesOnProp15.org](http://www.YesOnProp15.org)

— Heidi Pickman

## Propositions on the June 8 Ballot

Proposition 13, **Seismic Retrofitting** & Disaster Recovery shall not add to a property's tax assessed value. This may also be a huge property tax break for big business held real estate?

Proposition 14, Brings back the failed **California Open Primary** Election. Voting **NO**.

Proposition 15, Demonstrates **Public Funding** for CA election campaigns. Voting **YES**.

Proposition 16, The Pacific Gas & Electric's wind and solar **Power Grab**. Voting **NO**.

Proposition 17, Permits companies to Reduce Premiums for those who have had continuous auto insurance coverage or **Increase** them for those who have not. Voting **NO**.

— Noel Browning

California Attorney General Jerry Brown has issued his final ballot label for Proposition 17, the Mercury Insurance-financed ballot measure to surcharge those with lapses in auto insurance coverage. Brown got the ballot label right this time, acknowledging Prop 17 allowed insurers to increase premiums, as well as lower prices, based on whether a driver has a lapse in insurance coverage.

— Jamie Court

## Support PATH Achieve Glendale

The Glendale Democratic Club is raising \$500 for the purchase of mattresses, bed covers, sheets, and blankets to support the local shelter whose mission is to end homelessness in the Greater Glendale Area, by providing an array of housing and support services that lead to greater self-sufficiency.

The 40 bed Emergency Housing Program provides homeless families and individuals with a safe, stable environment and the time they need to begin saving money and finding housing. It is one of the few programs to serve single fathers and families with teenagers. The shelter is located at 437 Fernando Court, Glendale, CA 91204.

— Kathy Kensington, VP Glendale Democratic Club 818-244-8852

## Most Citizens now get a smaller piece of the pie ...

•The real income for the middle class tax base has fallen while their productivity has risen.

•The highest one percent's tax rate has fallen while their real income has risen.

Therefore, it is of little wonder that the State and Federal budgets are in the red.

— Jonathan R. Hatfield

Wake up!  
Citizen



Register Democrat  
Vote Democrat

### Announcements:

The Glendale Democrats will be Tabling at the Montrose Harvest Market on March 21st.

Call Caro Avanesian at (818) 956-7103

for more information or to volunteer your time.

The **Special Election** is Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

The **Primary Election** is Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

### Join

the Glendale Democratic Club at [www.GlendaleDemocrat.com](http://www.GlendaleDemocrat.com).

Upcoming Meetings are on:

22 April

22 July

28 October

Quarterly Meetings are held on the Fourth Thursday of the month at Glendale's beautiful Pacific Park Community Center, 501 S Pacific Ave  
Refreshments at 6:30 pm  
Meetings at 7:00 pm.

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## Obama's 2010 State of the Union Address

— from the Wikipedia

### Legislative initiatives and policies

The following items were mentioned by the President as potential policy changes, legislative initiatives, or goals coming out of the address:

Fees on the country's largest banks (to follow up on the Trouble Assets Relief Program)  
 Giving \$30 billion from recovered TARP money to community banks to extend credit to small businesses  
 Job creation  
 Building clean energy facilities  
 Giving rebates to Americans who make their homes more energy-efficient  
 Slash tax breaks for companies that send jobs overseas (giving those breaks to companies that create jobs in the U.S.)  
 Encourage American innovation (focus on clean energy)  
 Building nuclear power plants  
 Exploring off-shore areas for oil and gas  
 Investment in advance biofuels and clean coal technologies  
 Comprehensive energy and climate bill to make clean energy profitable  
 More exports of goods (goal: double exports in 5 years)  
 Launch of a National Export Initiative  
 Invest in the skills and education of our people  
 Renew the the Elementary and Secondary Education Act  
 Revitalize community colleges  
 Ending taxpayer subsidies to banks for student loans  
 \$10,000 tax credit for families for four years of college  
 Increase Pell Grants  
 Only 10% of income to student loans  
 All student loan debt forgiven after 20 years, after 10 years if they choose a career in public service  
 Cost cutting at colleges and universities  
 Support for the Middle Class  
 Nearly double the child tax credit  
 Giving access to a retirement account for every worker  
 Expanding the tax credit for those who start a nest egg (retirement fund)  
 Refinancing to make more mortgages affordable  
 Tackling childhood obesity (headed by the First Lady, Michelle Obama)  
 Health care reform  
 Deficit reduction

Starting in 2011, freeze government spending for 3 years on discretionary programs (excluding national security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security)  
 Eliminate programs that are not affordable or don't work  
 Extend middle-class tax cuts  
 Bipartisan fiscal commission to provide solutions (created by Executive Order, if necessary)  
 Restoring pay-as-you-go law  
 Require lobbyists to disclose every contact they make  
 Limits on contributions that lobbyists give to candidates  
 Reform for earmarks, publish them in a single location on the web  
 Crack down on violations of equal pay laws  
 Immigration reform  
 Repealing Don't ask, don't tell policy within the year to allow homosexuals to openly serve in the military

<http://www.barackobama.com>

## Out of Control Health Care Costs

*Over the last ten years health care costs in America have skyrocketed.*

Regular folks cannot afford it. So, they tax the system by not getting preventative medicine. They go to the emergency room in the last case and we all wind up paying for it.

As the costs have gone up, the insurance industry's profits, on average, have gone up **more than 350%**.

And it is the insurance companies which have paid, and who have contributed to Senators and Congressmen on both sides of the aisle to the point where now we cannot get what all concerned on Capitol Hill seem to believe and more 60% of Americans say they would support, which is a public option.

This has been an enormous win for the health-care industry, that is an unquestioned fact. But I wonder, what happens to the American people when we come out with legislation now which requires everyone to have health care insurance -- or many more people -- but does not give a public option?

Therefore millions more people will have to buy insurance from the very corporations that are overcharging us, and whose profits have gone up 350 percent in the last ten years.

It seems like we the people are the ones getting the shaft here.

— Shepard Smith, 10/06/09 *Fox News*