



Call To Action: Contact Your League's State Senators Urging YES Vote on Key Money in Politics Bills

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Dear local League leaders,

Please contact your League's state Senators in the name of your League, urging them to vote YES on four important Money in Politics bills -- SB 2, SB 3, SB 27 and SB 52 – that have just been sent to the Senate floor.

- **Also, forward this message to your League members, urging them, *acting as individuals*, to request their state Senator's support for the four bills: SB 2, SB 3, SB 27 and SB 52.**
- **See below for a sample message and a link to your Senator's contact information.**

The Senate floor vote may happen as soon as *Tuesday, May 28*, so please act NOW!

These four bills improve campaign disclosure laws in California so that citizens have the information they need to "follow the money" and can find out who is really funding political action.

The League is cosponsoring the *Sunshine in Campaigns Act* bills.

SB 2 (Lieu) requires

- candidates to "stand by their ad"
- more disclosure on slate mailers
- increased fines for violation of campaign, lobbying or ethics laws.

SB 3 (Yee)

- brings the current online disclosure system into the 21st century, requiring a plan for replacing the Secretary of State's antiquated system
- requires the state's largest campaign committee treasurers to be certified.

In addition, **SB 27 (Correa)** closes the loophole that allows campaigns to collect millions from donors or out-of-state interests without having to disclose the real source of the funds.

We also support the California DISCLOSE Act:

SB 52 (Leno) requires the three largest funders of political ads to be clearly and legibly identified on the ads themselves.

[Click here for contact information for your Senators.](#)

Sample message (if possible, use your own words):

We/I support SB 2 (Lieu), SB 3 (Yee), SB 27 (Correa) and SB 52 (Leno), and we/I urge you to vote **YES** when they come up for a vote.

Passing these four bills is important because (**choose two or three of the following points**):

- Voters have the right to know who's funding political campaigns so they can make informed decisions.
- It's time to stop special interests from deceiving voters when they hide who's paying for political ads.
- Political ads should clearly state who their largest funders are.
- Federal candidates have to stand by their ad; California candidates should, too.
- Violating the state rules on campaigning should have consequences painful enough to encourage strong compliance.
- We need a robust modern disclosure system to provide the information Californians want in a timely manner.
- We/I strongly agree with the 84 percent of Californians who told the Field Poll they want the major funders of initiatives to be disclosed.
- What are opponents to real disclosure trying to hide?
- California can lead the way for the rest of the country for real disclosure!

Please remember to vote YES on all four bills: SB 2, SB 3, SB 27 and SB 52, to provide the information voters need to make informed decisions at the polls.

Thank you for advancing the cause of real campaign disclosure! **Please contact your state Senators NOW.**

Questions? Ask us!

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer".

Jennifer Waggoner
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