

The #1 Real Estate Investment for 2008! Property Rights Initiative Heads for the June Ballot

Real property rights protections are headed to the ballot this year. Californians for Property Rights Protection, in which AOA members played a significant part, submitted over 1,125,000 signatures to qualify the California Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act (CPOFPA) for the June 2008 ballot. This property rights measure will stop government from taking homes, family farms, small business and places of worship and giving the land to other private interests. And, the initiative will put an eventual end to the "economic stupidity" of rent control policies (in the words of well-known economist and columnist Paul Krugman) in California.

"We are submitting this ballot measure to prevent government from snatching private property from unwilling sellers to benefit wealthy and politically connected developers," said former Senator Jim Nielsen and chairman of the California Alliance to Protect Private Property Rights. "California law needs to be changed to protect all California property owners from eminent domain abuse."

"Our members have worked hard to achieve their piece of the American Dream," said California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Chairman Ken Macias. "Hispanic business owners deserve private property protections. This initiative is the only measure that will appear on the June ballot that protects our members from eminent domain abuse." Don't be misled by the other ballot measure parading as the eminent domain solution!

"California's economy and jobs are dependent on the success of small business owners," said National Federation of Independent Business California executive director John Kabateck. "California laws need to be changed to prohibit the kind of eminent domain abuse that allows government to profit by seizing homes and small businesses and giving it to politically connected developers."

"Eminent domain abuse is putting California family farms and ranches at risk," said Linden farmer Kenny Watkins, second vice president of the California Farm Bureau Federation. "We need this measure to protect against sprawl and assure that farmland stays in private ownership, so it can continue to provide the food and farm products that Californians need." "Simply stated, our ballot measure protects all California property owners," said Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association president Jon Coupal. "Never again will government use eminent domain to destroy a person's home and livelihood."

Since the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark *Kelo v. New London* case two years ago, California is not among the more than 40 states that have reformed their eminent domain laws. Today, government continues to seize private property from unwilling sellers for private projects that benefit wealthy and politically connected developers.

The California Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act will make permanent vacancy de-control part of the California State Constitution – eventually phasing out rent regulations and Rent Boards statewide.

Rental Housing owners across the state are coming together to support this once in a lifetime opportunity to bring real and lasting property rights protections for all California property owners. We know that with adequate resources, we can and will win. But we cannot do it without your financial support. Visit us at www.aoausa.com to get a contribution form or use the form.

The California Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act is sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, the California Farm Bureau Federation and the California Alliance to Protect Private Property Rights. The ballot measure has been endorsed by the Apartment Owners Association of California (AOA), the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, the Black

Chamber of Commerce, and a diverse coalition of taxpayer, faith-based groups, housing providers and good government organizations.

It's Now or Never!

Please consider making a minimum expenditure of at least \$1,000. If every AOA member would donate only this \$1,000, we would have enough to purchase the advertisement necessary to get enough votes to pass this ballot measure. Many larger owners should be putting in their fair share of at least \$10,000 to \$100,000.

The time is now! We will not have another opportunity like this for at least another 15 to 20 years, if ever again. Please ask yourself, "What are my property rights worth?" Is your freedom worth the small amount of \$1,000 or more? Those property rights have been stolen from us and we now have an opportunity to get them back.

Now is not the time to be a scrooge. Let's finance this ballot measure properly and win the vote! Pull out your checkbook and write a check for the amount that you think your freedom and property rights are worth. It will be the best investment you can make this year!