

Community College Update—May 20, 2016



Campaign Shaping Up in Effort to Extend Proposition 30

An effort to extend the Proposition 30 income taxes on high-income earners in California took another step closer to qualifying for the ballot as a coalition of educators, health care professionals, and community advocates came together to kick off the official campaign to extend portions of the 2012 proposition.

At an event on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, the coalition, led by the California Teachers Association, Service Employees International Union, and the California Medical Association announced that nearly one million signatures were collected and will be submit to local elections offices-well more than the minimum 585,407 signatures needed from registered California voters to qualify the constitutional amendment initiative for the November 2016 ballot.

Local elections officials will then review and validate via a random sample the submitted signatures. If the random sample estimates that number of valid signatures is 110% of the minimum valid signatures needed to qualify, the initiative will automatically be eligible for the November ballot. The random sample will need to be completed within 30 working days.

The new proposal would extend for 12 years the income tax increases on California's high-income earners. Estimated to generate between \$8 billion and \$11 billion annually, revenues from this proposal would continue to fund the Education Protection Account. Additionally, up to \$2 billion annually would go towards improving health care access for low-income families and children.

With the campaign kickoff, the coalition also released their new website, www.protectingca.org for supporters and voters to find more information about the proposal.