



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Kansen Chu
Councilmember Xavier Campos
Councilmember Ash Kalra

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 32 – THE
“PAYCHECK PROTECTION”
INITIATIVE

DATE: October 12, 2012

APPROVED:

Kansen Chu
Ash Kalra
Xavier Campos DB

DATE:

10/12/12

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution in opposition to Proposition 32 on the November 2012 ballot, which only allows Super PAC billionaires, Wall Street investors, opponents of public education, and large companies to fund political campaigns.

BACKGROUND:

Proposition 32 prohibits unions, corporations, and government contractors from using payroll deduction funds for political purposes. It also bans unions and corporations alike from contributing to political campaigns. Our employees are represented in the state through these payroll deductions. If Proposition 32 is passed, unions will be nearly silenced while large, major companies will have an unequally powerful hand in donating to campaigns.

Opposing Proposition 32 will allow public and private sector labor unions, corporations, and government contractors the same right as individuals, groups, and businesses to spend money to support or oppose state and local candidates or ballot measures.

Cities in California that have passed resolutions in opposition to Proposition 32 include Berkeley, El Cerrito, Long Beach, Los Angeles, and San Leandro. League of Women Voters of California, California Clean Money Campaign, California Common Cause, ACLU California, and the California Teacher's Association are also opposing the ballot measure.