

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please review thoroughly. This is a statewide petition. All California Counties are eligible to gather signatures. A helpful training video on how to complete and/or circulate a petition properly is available online -

<http://unplugthepoliticalmachine.ning.com/video/petition-training-citizen>

Please note:

- **Only registered voters of the State of California may sign and circulate petitions.**
- **Only one County can be represented on each petition form, no exceptions.**
- **Start a new petition for each County.** Please contact us with any questions.
- Personal information cannot be typed in. The person collecting signatures must fill in the bottom portion of the petition in their own handwriting.
- **Petitions are valid even with only one signature.**
- You may print or copy as many blank petitions as you wish.
- You may circulate as many petitions as you wish, however, you can only sign it once.

PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS:

- **THIS PETITION MUST BE PRINTED ON LETTER SIZE PAPER (8.5" x 11")**
- **DO NOT ALTER THE SIZE OF THE PETITION.** When printing, be sure to turn OFF any scaling options (i.e. shrink to fit, fit to page, etc.). If you need assistance with your printer's settings, please refer to the manufacturer's instructions and/or website. Note: We recommend cleaning and aligning your print cartridges before printing.
- **Top margin MUST have a minimum 1 inch top margin**

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure: **MAKES ILLEGAL THE USE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WAGE DEDUCTIONS FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Amends the California Constitution to make it illegal to deduct from wages or earnings of a public employee any amount that will be used for political activities as defined. Prohibits any membership organization that receives public employee wage deductions from using those funds for any political activities, but does not apply to deductions for charitable organizations, health, life or disability insurance, or other purposes directly benefitting the public employee. Authorizes the Legislature and Fair Political Practices Commission to adopt related laws and regulations. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Probably minor state and local government implementation costs, potentially offset in part by revenues from fines and/or fees.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER OR VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK.

REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY	SAMPLE	All signers of this petition must be registered in _____ County		official use only	Fill in the county the signers of this petition are from. Use a different petition for residents of another county. YOU sign on line #1 (only on one petition). Fill in address & print name clearly. Have other family and friends WHO ARE REGISTERED VOTERS sign today. All lines need not be completed for petition to be valid. IMPORTANT! Fill in ALL of the shaded areas in the "Declaration of Circulator" box.
		Name: _____	123 Casta Vota Lane		
		_____	Ballot	12345	
		_____	_____	_____	
		_____	_____	_____	

DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR (To be completed after the above signatures have been obtained.)

I, _____, am registered to vote in the County (or City and County) of _____ or am qualified to register to vote in California. My residence address is _____. I circulated this section of the petition and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. All signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of _____ and _____. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____ at _____, CA. Circulator's Signature _____

Please sign a 2nd time here as circulator. Signatures will not be valid unless you...
 1. sign as a circulator
 2. fill in shaded areas.

Please return completed petitions **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to: **Citizen Power Campaign**, 635 E. First Street #244, Tustin, CA 92780
 Questions? Go to: www.UnplugThePoliticalMachine.org or email unplugtpm@gmail.com

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To the Honorable Secretary of State of California

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of _____ County (or City and County), hereby propose amendments to the Constitution of California and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or otherwise provided by law. The proposed constitutional amendments read as follows:

SECTION ONE: FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.

The people of the State of California find and declare that:

a) Public agencies commonly take deductions from the wages, earnings or compensation of public employees and transmit them to public labor organizations, which use them for political activities.

b) In taking such payroll deductions from public employees for use in political activities, public agencies are unfairly and improperly brought into the political process by assisting certain organizations that receive such payroll deductions while not providing the same benefit to organizations that do not receive such funds.

c) Taking payroll deductions from public employees for such purposes is also unfair to public employees who do not agree with the political activities of the organizations receiving such funds, who prefer to engage in political activities directly or who do not want their wages used for political purposes at all.

d) The principal recipients of payroll deductions from public employees used for political activities are labor organizations that represent public employees.

e) The State of California has a strong interest in avoiding the reality or appearance of government favoritism or entanglement with partisan politics.

f) Public employees, like all citizens, have a strong interest in choosing which political causes to support with their own earnings, and the State of California has a strong interest in affording its employees the opportunity to choose which political activities or candidates to support.

SECTION TWO:

Section 12 of Article VII of the California Constitution is added to read:

SEC. 12. (a) It shall be unlawful to deduct from the wages, earnings or compensation of a public employee any amount to be used for political activities.

(b) No public labor organization or other membership organization that receives funds deducted from the wages, earnings or compensation of public employees may use any portion of those funds for political activities.

(c) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a public employee from making donations for political activities, provided those donations are not deducted from the public employee's wages, earnings, or compensation or are otherwise prohibited by law.

(d) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit any public labor organization or other membership organization from contributing to or conducting political activities, as long as the funds for the contributions or political activities do not originate from deductions taken from the wages, earnings or compensation of public employees.

(e) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit deductions for retirement, health, life or disability insurance, or any optional benefit intended to directly benefit an individual public employee or the public employee's immediate family, nor shall it prohibit the public employee's voluntary deduction of payments to charitable organizations organized under Title 26 United States Code section 501(c)(3).

(f) DEFINITIONS. As used in this Section:

(1) "Public agency" means the State of California and every governmental subdivision of the state, every district, every public and quasi-public corporation, every public service corporation, every town, city, county, city and county and municipal corporation, whether incorporated or not and whether chartered or not, police and sheriff departments, fire departments, fire authorities and fire services of counties or cities, every school district and county board of education.

(2) "Public employee" means any person employed by any public agency.

(3) "Political activities" means making contributions to, or independent expenditures in support of or opposition to, any candidate, political party or political committee including contributions or expenditures in support of or opposition to the qualification or passage of any ballot measure.

(4) "Public labor organization" means any organization that has public employees as members and exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining or of dealing with employees of a public agency concerning grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection.

(5) "Membership organization" means any corporation, partnership or unincorporated association that has public employees as members and to which public employees are required to pay dues or fees.

(g) ENFORCEMENT: The Legislature shall enact such laws as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this Section. In addition to any other remedy allowed by law, the Fair Political Practices Commission, or its successor, shall enforce this Section and to that end it is authorized to adopt regulations consistent with this Section's goals and objectives.

(h) EFFECTIVE DATE: This Section shall become effective six months after its passage.

(i) LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION: The provisions of this Section shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes.

(j) SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Section, or part thereof, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Section are severable.

(k) EXISTING AGREEMENTS: This Section shall not be interpreted to amend or invalidate any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement between any public labor organization or membership organization and a public agency existing on the day of its passage. However, no future agreements or extension of an existing agreement between any public labor organization or membership organization and a public agency shall be valid or enforceable to the extent it conflicts with or attempts to supersede this Section.

SECTION THREE: CONFLICTING MEASURES.

In the event that this measure and another initiative measure or measures relating to the same subject shall appear on the same statewide election ballot, the provisions of the other measure or measures shall be deemed to be in conflict with this measure. In the event that this measure shall receive a greater number of affirmative votes, the provisions of this measure shall prevail in their entirety, and all provisions of the other measure or measures shall be null and void.