



Join your fellow union members on the road for lower drug prices. **Vote Yes on Proposition 61!**

Did you know one of the key reasons we face attacks on healthcare benefits at the bargaining table is the skyrocketing price of medications and drugs?

Together we can put a stop to the drug companies making huge profits at the expense of our health.

Support Proposition 61 to save California taxpayers billions of dollars on drug purchases and expand access to life-saving medications.

REMEMBER: If you are registered to vote by mail – the vote-by-mail period begins Oct. 10. Mark your ballot and mail it in early!



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I've been a nurse for over 30 years, and day in and day out I see people who have to make painful choices between medication, rent, and food – that shouldn't happen. For example, the EpiPen, a life-saving medication that many children and adults depend on, has gone up 500%! Prop. 61 addresses this.

For my patients, for all Californians, I'm voting Yes on Proposition 61!

– Jane Sandoval, RN
California Nurses Association

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Many musicians don't work enough hours to get healthcare so they are particularly vulnerable to rising drug costs. Conditions like diabetes, hypertension and heart disease can be managed as long as people get timely access to the medications they need. Even Hep-C can be cured but too many are denied access due to inflated prices. It's time to rein in Big Pharma's greed. That's why I am voting Yes on Proposition 61!

– John Acosta, President, American Federation of Musicians Local 47



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I've known too many elders who couldn't afford to have all of their prescriptions filled. It's time we let the drug companies know that it's not okay to make obscene profits off of peoples' illnesses. That's why I'm voting Yes on Prop 61!

– Lenny Potash, AFSCME member since 1978, Chapter 36 Retirees

What is Proposition 61?

Prop. 61 requires state agencies to pay no more than the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs does for the same medications. With Prop. 61, California can use its buying power to receive 20 – 40 percent discounts on drug purchases.

What Would it Do?

Prescription drug costs are one of the largest drivers of rising healthcare costs in California. Under Proposition 61, the state will finally be able to use its massive buying power to negotiate lower drug prices, saving taxpayers billions of dollars and expanding access to life-saving medications.

Why is Big Pharma is Afraid of Prop 61?

The drug industry knows that if Prop. 61 passes in California, other states will follow suit. That's why they are calling this initiative “ground zero” in the battle over drug prices, and have already spent over \$87 million to stop it by using scare tactics and misleading advertising. That's why it's so important to reach out to your co-workers, friends and family – let them know that together we can rein in drug prices by voting Yes on Prop. 61!

Let's go to work and make sure we win on Nov. 8. Vote Yes on 61 – by mail and early!

Together We Can Stop Big Pharma Greed.



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Drug Prices Are Out of Control!

Since 2008:

- » Brand-name drugs in the United States up 164%
- » Nearly 400 generic drugs up by 1000%
- » Brand name cancer drugs doubled in five years
- » Big Pharma profits over \$660 Billion since 1995

Yes on 61 Endorsers: California Nurses Association (CNA), Vote-Vets Action Fund, AARP, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Civil Rights and labor activist Dolores Huerta, Urban League, Former Sec. of Labor Robert Reich, AFSCME DC 36 Retirees, AFSCME DC 57, AFSCME DC 57 Retirees, American Federation of Musicians Local 47, California State Retirees, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA), Communications Workers of America (CWA) Dist. 9, ILWU Southern & Northern California DC, and United Nurses Association of California/ Union of Health Care Professionals (UNAC/UNHCP). (partial list)