



## **K-12 and Higher Education Experts Will Urge YES on Proposition 15 and 16 for Education Equity and Opportunity in California**

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The Campaign for College Opportunity issued the following news release:

On Wednesday, October 28th, Alliance for a Better Community and the Campaign for College Opportunity will hold a press event focused on why Propositions 15 and 16 are so necessary for increasing education equity and opportunity for all Californians. K-12 and higher education experts will highlight the implications of these propositions and will answer any related questions presented by the media.

A YES vote for Proposition 15 will reclaim \$12 billion per year to fund education and much-needed local services for our communities. The proposition would collect 92% of new revenues from 10% of California's wealthiest commercial property owners. Proposition 15 will reclaim \$3.7 billion annually for local schools and communities in Los Angeles County alone. \$1 billion would go to K-12 schools and \$143 million to community colleges for Los Angeles County every year.

A YES vote for Proposition 16 would reinstate affirmative action, allowing colleges and universities to create policies that improve the diversity of their student bodies, faculty, and leadership and close the racial/ethnic and gender equity gaps that persist in education.

Proposition 15 and Proposition 16 can transform education in California. Proposition 16 gives us the tools to fight discrimination so that we can all thrive together. Proposition 15 gives us the resources to use those tools.

These propositions are about eradicating the opportunity gaps that most affect people of color and women by addressing structural barriers to college access, affordability to higher education, and the lack of diversity in many sectors of our economy. More specifically, passage of these propositions will bring Los Angeles County increased funding for local schools and community, provide more social services and health care services, and work to dismantle policies that discriminate based on race and gender so there is equitable access to educational opportunities, public hiring, and business contracting.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 28 - 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

**WHERE:** <http://bit.ly/PresserEquityonBallot>

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