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# General Public Comment

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**To:** Alexander, Jacquelyne  
**Cc:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Re: funding for local homelessness & mental health programs  
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Good afternoon,

This month, our initiative received our official proposition number, Prop 27! So, I wanted to follow up and provide our updated factsheet and new website [www.YesToProp27.com](http://www.YesToProp27.com).

Please let me know if you can help me get in touch with the appropriate staff for the Board of Supervisors, who can help me get information about Prop 27 into their hands.

Best,  
Emily

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**From:** Emily Jones  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 11:26 AM  
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**Subject:** funding for local homelessness & mental health programs

Hello,

I am working with Californians for Solutions to Homelessness and Mental Health Support on a 2022 ballot initiative that would generate hundreds of millions of dollars each year--using taxes and fees on online sports betting--that cities, counties, and Continuums of Care would be able to use to support homelessness and mental health programs.

I'd like to bring this statewide ballot initiative to the attention of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. Does someone on the BOS or Clerk's staff have a few minutes to touch base about this ballot initiative and discuss your questions and the process for bringing it to the Board of Supervisors? I am happy to answer any questions you may have and see if it's something the County would like to take a position on, or at least be better informed about.

Thanks so much for your time, and I look forward to connecting.

Best,  
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# YES on 27

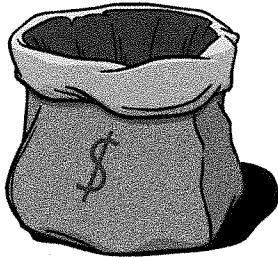
Solutions to Homelessness, Mental Health, and Addiction

**Proposition 27 is supported by leaders in homelessness and mental health support, California mayors and California Tribes because it provides big solutions to tackle our state's biggest challenges.**

Proposition 27 is the only measure on the 2022 ballot that will guarantee hundreds of millions of dollars each year to fight homelessness and fund mental health treatment in California. Prop 27 achieves this by licensing, tightly regulating, and taxing online sports betting. In 2018, the Supreme Court ruled states could legalize betting on sports. Since then, 21 states plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia have safely authorized online sports betting, generating revenue windfalls to fund state priorities. State revenue generated by Prop 27 can only be used to fund homelessness and mental health solutions like permanent shelter and addiction treatment services. Further, Prop 27 will generate tens of millions annually to uplift Tribal communities via a new, permanent tribal revenue stream.

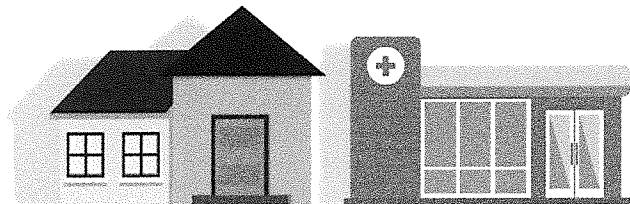
## The Problem:

No permanent CA homelessness services funding



## The Solution:

CA authorizes online sports betting, creating hundreds of millions annually in permanent funding



## Proposition 27 is endorsed by:

### Homelessness and Mental Health

All Home  
Architects of Hope  
Bay Area Community Services  
Community Forward San Francisco  
EveryOne Home  
First Place for Youth  
Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance  
Larkin Street Youth Services  
Project Hope Alliance  
Rainbow Services  
Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness  
San Diego Regional Task Force on Homelessness

### Housing

California YIMBY  
LISC San Diego  
Peoples' Self-Help Housing  
San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund

### Tribes

Big Valley Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians  
Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians  
Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe

### Faith

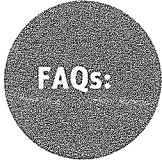
Southern Christian Leadership Council, Southern California

### Seniors

National Hispanic Council on Aging

### Local Government

Mayor Libby Schaaf, City of Oakland  
Mayor Jerry Dyer, City of Fresno  
Mayor Henry Lo, City of Monterey Park  
Mayor Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach  
Mayor Darrell Steinberg, City of Sacramento  
Council Member Ali Sajjad Taj, City of Artesia



### Where does the revenue created by Prop 27 go and how can Californians be sure it will be spent as intended?

Eighty-five percent (85%) of all revenues raised will be placed in a trust account to fund homelessness solutions and mental health priorities – such as housing and substance abuse treatment – across California. This funding can only legally be spent on these priorities. Prop 27 requires the California State Auditor to conduct regular audits of all programs receiving funding to ensure every dollar is accounted for. Any state or local agency that misuses the funds can be compelled to return the misappropriated revenue. Fifteen percent (15%) of all revenue raised will be set aside to support Tribal communities.

### How much new revenue will Prop 27 generate?

The state’s independent financial analyst reviewed Prop 27 and found that the state can expect “mid-hundreds of millions” in tax revenue each year to fund homelessness and mental health solutions. Prop 27 accomplishes this through a 10% tax on gross online sports betting revenue and \$100 million license fees paid by each online operator who participates in the market.

### Under Prop 27, will every online platform be required to partner with a California Tribe? How will non-gaming Tribes benefit?

Yes. Prop 27 recognizes the important role of California Tribal nations in gaming. Any online sports betting operator seeking to participate in the California marketplace must do so by partnering with a California Tribe. Gaming Tribes may also launch their own independent online sports betting platforms. Even Tribes who don’t participate in the online sports betting will benefit. Under Prop 27, 15% of the measure’s tax revenue will be allocated to California Tribes who don’t participate in the online marketplace.

### Isn’t online sports betting already legal in California?

No. A massive illegal, illicit online sports betting market is flourishing in California, with unscrupulous offshore betting websites providing the only avenue for Californians to place bets online and providing no revenue to the state. Prop 27 replaces those unregulated and untaxed illegal offshore sportsbooks with a safe, legal online sports betting market. Only well-established and regulated platforms with a track-record of safely operating in other states will be allowed to operate in California. 21 states plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia have authorized online sports betting in some form – proving that sports betting can be safe, regulated and generate significant revenue. Online sports betting is helping these states solve big challenges. California shouldn’t be left behind.

### Will Prop 27 make it easier for minors to place bets on sports or make problem gaming worse?

No. Prop 27 strictly limits online betting to individuals 21 years of age or older by requiring use of the most modern and proven know-your-customer technology, akin to the advanced systems utilized by global financial institutions, to enforce restrictions. Extra funding is provided to the state’s problem gaming treatment program, and Prop 27 requires that online operators follow the same rules as in-person casinos to exclude those experiencing problem gaming.



**YES on 27**  
Solutions to Homelessness,  
Mental Health, and Addiction

### I’D LIKE TO GET INVOLVED BY:

- Listing our organization’s support publicly
- Speaking to the press
- Writing a letter to the editor or op-ed
- Engaging on social media

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**From:** Beverly McCurdy <bodiegold2@gmail.com>  
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**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Proposed. Modoc Bikeway & Modoc Preserve

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Director Das Williams  
Director Gary Hart  
Director BobNelson  
Director Steve Larvignisimo

Dear Directors:

Thank you for reading my letter regarding the proposed bikeway.

As an elder who has owned and lived in own my home since 1964 I am well acquainted with La Cumbre Mutual Water Company and the Santa Barbara Land Trust. They have enhanced our area in thought and deed. They made it possible for the Preserve to become a "Preserved in perpetuity."

I was active in the campaign to help establish the Modoc Preserve when it was facing possible development in the 80's and 90's. I was one who went door to door to share that information with my neighbors. We worked with the water company and sent in considerable donations to the Land Trust to help us to designate and protect the place for the future.

It was a true grassroots collaboration. Many individuals were involved, and I fortunately have lived long to be able to savor its special features.

I was then an equestrian, 40 years of riding and keeping my horse at home and riding to the Preserve on a regular basis. Those were good years.

In time health required that I no longer ride, so now I walk. I walk with a walking stick with my collie on a leash. And we find the solitude and unembellished open space a pleasurable important place to walk through every day, especially when the rest of the world seems to be thrumming and speeding around us.

When the former manager of the water company was faced with cleaning up the area after the Painted Cave fire he was faced with judging which trees had to be re shaped, which had to be cut down for the safety of the walkers and riders.

Dean and I walked the Preserve and I showed him where the Red tailed hawks perched and where they had a nest built. I remember he was impressed with the actual wildlife we saw that day. Two weeks later an article appeared in the SB News Press highlighting his decision to save all the trees that were sound. And the tall perch trees were saved.

It would not have been preserved if the Manager had not walked the Preserve at that crucial ail time.

I have walked in earlier decades during rainy seasons to where a live stream diverts from Laguna Blanca Lake by underground tunnel into Modoc valley to cascade down into Cieneguitas Creek, which flows to close to where I live on Arboleda road and there to join Atascadero Creek which flows directly to Goleta Beach. I am as innately interested in the creek life, as I am with the wildlife that inhabit the space.

I have been a part of a national citizen science effort (Frog-watch USA) in an effort to help monitor, identify and list native frog and toad amphibians existing in the creek (juncture) near the bridge - it's all part of a project organized by the Association of zoos and Aquariums for data to add to the online national database.

Yes, it is Science and yes, it matters. Because left alone and protected it provides a continuation of the wildlife corridor that starts near the Lake (of course when there is a rainy year) and goes all the way to the ocean.

So, you may ask why this is important? When so many citizens could be accommodated by a widened and enlarged project. I say

Precisely, the two ideas can exist, comfortably.

the Preserve can remain a natural resource in all seasons of the year by just limiting the extent of the bikeway.

To recognize and preserve's fragile autonomy. On the edges yes, but as a part of the whole, still an encroachment. The Preserve is being caught up in the bikeway issue.

Ladd and I love to walk the Preserve. We know the trails intimately. The restoration of the valley is coming along and it is so important to keep all perimeters viable for the land mammals that live and travel through the area.

I tell you these things because I feel the construction and modification to the rather fragile perimeter strip of the Preserve will modify the whole of the Preserve. It will still be intrusive.

There is honesty and respect and integrity in valuing this natural place preserved for quiet contemplative time.

As a compromise to all out ripping up road and applying concrete, I suggest a compromise. That the existing bikeway could be enhanced as it is. With striping and green boundaries and if necessary speed bumps and reduced speeds on MODOC. The bikeway has been a good thing, I don't navigate it's important. I just feel a modification can and would make do.

Please consider a senior citizen's honest request. Keep the Preserve unencumbered and protected and go all out to improve the roadway as it is with lines and stripes and slower speed signs.

Sincerely

Sent from my iPad