

Governor Schwarzenegger Advocating Four-Point Reform Agenda

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● **Proposition 76, the Live Within Our Means Act**, takes an essential step toward fixing the state's broken budget process by placing caps on government spending to balance future state budgets, while stabilizing funding for education and assuring funding for necessary infrastructure, such as transportation and school construction projects.

● **Proposition 77, the Voter Empowerment Act**, turns redistricting over to a bipartisan panel of retired judges and outlines criteria for the panel to use in redrawing district lines after each census. It takes the task of redrawing district lines away from legislators, who have an inherent conflict of interest. The districts drawn by the bipartisan panel are subject to approval by the voters.

Television Ads

Two television ads are airing in support

of the Governor's reform package.

One ad features a series of speakers highlighting key elements of the reform measures:

● "Making new teachers work successfully for five years before they get tenure and a job for life is a good idea" (Proposition 74).

● "Stopping government labor unions from taking workers' money for politics without their permission makes sense" (Proposition 75).

● "Controlling spending to end state deficits and balance the budget is better than raising taxes" (Proposition 76).

● "Having independent judges draw legislative districts, instead of the politicians, is better for us voters" (Proposition 77).

The last speaker says, "Let's face it — Sacramento is screwed up. Anything we can do to change it, I am for." The ad concludes with a screen urging viewers to vote yes on Propositions 74, 75, 76 and 77.

Another ad features the Governor, noting his goal is "to rebuild California. . . . But a broken system in Sacramento stands in the way — a system rigged to benefit big government labor unions who will do anything to preserve the status quo."

The reform measures, he says, "will change the way Sacramento does business, get our budget under control, and make the system more accountable to you."

He concludes with an appeal to voters, "Help me change Sacramento, so we can rebuild California."

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ber President Allan Zarembeg. "That competition will be a start toward making legislators accountable to the voters, their constituents."

Report Findings

The Rose Institute report also concludes that Proposition 77 will:

● evenly reduce the number of safe Democratic and Republican seats: by five each in Congress and the Assembly, and by four Democratic and three Republican seats in the state Senate;

● create two new districts with a majority of Latinos of voting age;

● significantly reduce the division of counties, in comparison to current districts; and

● increase the compactness of districts.

In addition, the report compared the competitiveness of districts drawn by panels of retired judges and those drawn by legislators. It found that the panels of retired judges created 40 competitive districts in 1973 and 48 competitive districts in 1991.

The redistricting done by legislators

created 19 competitive districts in 1982 and five in 2001 (now in effect).

The report is available on the Rose Institute's website at <http://rose.claremontmckenna.edu>.

For more information on Proposition 77 or any of the Governor's reform measures, visit www.joinarnold.com.

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Chamber Hosts Mexico Foreign Relations Official



Geronimo Gutierrez (left), under secretary of foreign relations for Mexico, discusses relations between his country and the United States with California Chamber President Allan Zarembeg at a September 20 dinner gathering hosted by the Chamber. The under secretary, who oversees all consular offices in the United States and Canada, was in Sacramento for a brief visit that included meetings with administration and legislative officials, together with community leaders.