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## **MORE WIND AND SOLAR COMPANIES, THE NAACP CALIFORNIA, OTHER LEADING GROUPS LATEST TO OPPOSE PROP. 7**

***MORE THAN 300 PROMINENT ORGANIZATIONS NOW OPPOSE THE POORLY-WRITTEN ENERGY INITIATIVE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT THAT THREATENS RENEWABLE POWER DEVELOPMENT AND WILL SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE ELECTRIC BILLS***

**Sacramento, CA** – Each day, new wind, solar and renewable energy providers formally oppose Prop. 7 and are joined by a long list of respected organizations that also oppose this deeply flawed initiative. Well over 300 organizations now oppose Prop. 7, including all leading environmental groups, business, labor, taxpayer, utility, consumer, senior and local government groups. A complete coalition list is below.

Prop. 7 proponents claim the measure will increase renewable energy in California. However, virtually every renewable power provider and all key environmental organizations in the state oppose the measure because Prop. 7 is so flawed that it will result in *less*, not more, renewable power. Economists and consumer advocates warn the initiative will significantly increase electric bills.

The most recent organizations to oppose Prop. 7 include:

- Solar Power, Inc.
- Cooper Solar Electric
- Yes! Solar Solutions
- California State Conference of the NAACP
- California Church IMPACT
- Asian American Action Fund – Southern California Chapter
- California Teamsters Public Affairs Council
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 639
- Santa Barbara Technology and Industry Association
- California School Employees Association
- Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California
- Alameda County Taxpayers Association
- Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association
- Peace and Freedom Party
- Central City Democrats
- City of Alameda Democratic Club
- Chamber of Commerce Walnut Park
- Industry Manufacturers Council
- Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce

These organizations oppose Prop. 7 and warn the measure:

- Will slam the brakes on renewable power development in California.
- Will force small wind and solar companies out of the market via a “competition elimination” provision that excludes renewable plants that produce less than 30 megawatts from counting towards the measure’s targets.
- Contains a provision that virtually guarantees that electricity consumers will pay 10% above market rates for renewable power forever -- even when the costs of solar and wind sources become more competitive.
- Will increase the average residential electric bill by more than \$300 per year.

A separate and independent coalition of environmental and renewable power providers has also been formed to oppose Prop. 7 including the California League of Conservation Voters, Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies, Environmental Defense Fund, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club California, and the Union of Concerned Scientists.

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