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Letter to the Editor on Proposition 23
(sent to major Bay Area newspapers.)

Dear Editor,

Proposition 23 would be a step backward for California. It would cancel the state's landmark Global Warming Solutions Act, known as AB (Assembly Bill) 32. Proposition 23 says it will postpone carrying out this law until the unemployment rate in California is 5.5 percent or less for four consecutive quarters. Since 1970 there have been three periods when the unemployment rate was below 5.5 percent for four consecutive quarters. The unemployment rate is now 12 percent; it is expected to remain above 8 percent for the next five years.

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area believes that global climate change is a real and critical issue facing our planet that needs to be addressed seriously. Proposition 23 is funded by Texas oil companies who want California to eliminate the clean energy standards that will cut air pollution and protect the public health.

Proposition 23 will not save jobs and could threaten existing and future jobs in green industries. AB 32 is not the cause of the economic downturn, and recovery will be slow with or without this law. We need to plan for the future of a green economy. Vote NO on Proposition 23.

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