

Rather than further restricting voter choice, the GPCA is on record that Proposition 14 should be amended to restore write-in votes in general elections, a right we'd had pre-statehood, since the founding of the California Republic.

Putting ACA9 on the ballot instead would give impression that Proposition 14 works, and only needs tinkering to further minimize political voice and give the impression that the false general majorities rendered by Proposition 14 are valid.

The Green Party believes Proposition 14 has already proved to be the failure that many predicted. Not only is it moving fast to eliminate California's smaller parties, but Proposition 14 has made elections more expensive, provided less overall voter choice (<http://articles.latimes.com/2012/oct/24/opinion/la-oe-smith-california-top2-elections-20121024>) and done little to make elections more representatives or competitive. At the same time, its crap-shoot nature (<http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/04/4691217/top-two-primary-hurt-competition.html>) leads to widely unrepresentative results such as in CD31, a 49% Latino liberal, left-leaning district, where four Democrats split the vote, leading to two white male Republicans on the general election ballot. (<http://www.sacbee.com/2012/11/16/4990045/california-electoral-reform-fails.html>)

For the long run, the Green Party believes Proposition 14 should be overturned and instead of our current undemocratic and unrepresentative winner-take-all electoral system, that elections to the legislature and Congress be changed to a system of multi-seat districts proportional representation, where the diverse voices in our society all have a seat at the table, and after which we can operate by majority rule.

For all of these reasons, the Green Party of California unconditionally opposes ACA9 and urges you to oppose this ill-conceived deform of our electoral system.

Sincerely

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