

WHAT does the SAFE California initiative do?

This initiative will be on the ballot in November 2012. Because the death penalty was created by initiative it can only be abolished by initiative.

SAFE CA replaces the death penalty in California with the punishment of life without the possibility of parole. All of these inmates will die in prison.

SAFE CA provides \$30 million each year for the next 3 years to local law enforcement to help hire more police and solve unsolved murders and rapes. This money comes from the more than \$5 billion in savings from not having the death penalty.

WHY replace the death penalty with life without the possibility of parole?

SAVINGS:

1. California's death penalty costs **\$184 million per year more** than life without the possibility of parole.
2. Housing death row inmates costs **\$100,000 per year per inmate more** than housing an inmate serving life without the possibility of parole
3. A study by federal Judge Arthur Alarcon found that California has spent **\$4 billion** on the death penalty since 1978.

SAFETY

We need to solve unsolved crime. 46% of murder and 56% of reported rapes go unsolved every year in California. The savings from replacing the death penalty will allow more resources to solve these crimes and get the murders and rapists off the streets.

INNOCENCE

The death penalty creates the risk of executing innocent persons. Since the reinstatement of the death penalty, more than 138 men and women have been released from death row after findings that they did not commit the crime that put them there.

The bipartisan California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice concluded that California is at risk of executing an innocent person.

CALIFORNIA DEATH ROW

There are currently more than 750 men and women on death row in California. It is the largest death row in the country and represents about 1/5 of all inmates on death row nationally.

California has not had an execution since January 2006. If SAFE CA does not pass, the executions will begin.