

# FIGHT FOR FUNDING: GET THE PROP 55 EXTENSION ON THE BALLOT

## WHAT

Proposition 55 generates nearly \$15 billion every year for public education since approved by California voters in 2016 — but is set to expire in 2030. Losing this funding would mean budget cuts for our schools.

**UTLA is joining educators up and down California to collect signatures for a 2026 ballot initiative that would make Prop 55 permanent.**

- Extending Prop 55 does not create a new tax, it just makes this existing funding source for public education permanent.
- Prop 55 only applies to California's 2% wealthiest residents — single filers making over \$361,000 and joint filers making over \$721,000 a year.

## WHY

Right now, we are fighting LAUSD to use existing revenue and reserves for what our schools need. Letting Prop 55 expire would cut back even more for educators, students, and our school communities.

- Prop 55 brings in almost \$15 billion annually for California public schools and community colleges from an income tax on California's top 2%.
- Prop 55 funding goes directly to local school districts to be spent on classroom and instructional needs (including educator salaries) and is restricted from being spent on administrative overhead.

## HOW

**During the Healthcare TA and Strike Authorization vote January 27-29, UTLA members will be asked to sign the petition at the last voting station.** Talking points about the ballot initiative are included in chapter leaders' Voting Rules & Process guide.



Instructions for  
gathering signatures  
on the flipside



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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING SIGNATURES

**Follow all instructions carefully. Errors could result in signatures being disqualified.**

## 1. Use only blue or black ink.

## 2. Confirm signer's county of residence.

- Circulator writes the county name on the line above the blue signature boxes.
- Confirm each signer is registered to vote in the county written on the form.
- Start a new form for signers living in a different county than what's written.

All signers of this petition must be registered to vote in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Address ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Check to ensure that each signature box is complete.

- Every line is filled out.
- Writing is clear and legible.
- Name is printed on the "Print Name" line.
- Signature is on the "Signature" line below printed name.
- Residence address line is complete (no P.O. boxes).
- Address includes Street, Drive, Boulevard, Avenue, etc.
- City and zip are filled out.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Address ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Fill out the "Declaration of Circulator."

- Circulator completes every line in the "Declaration of Circulator" section at the bottom of the ballot initiative form.
- Write clearly and legibly.
- Write out full home address with city, state, and zip code (no P.O. boxes).
- Fill in the date range with beginning and end dates during which all signatures on the page were collected.
- The "executed on" date must be on or after the final date in the date range above during which signatures were collected.
- Include the city where signatures were collected on the "place of signing" line.
- Sign your name on the "Signature of Circulator" line.

**DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR**  
(To be completed in circulator's own hand after the above signatures have been obtained.)

➞ I, \_\_\_\_\_, am 18 years of age or older.  
(print name)

➞ My residence address is \_\_\_\_\_ I circulated this section of the petition  
(address, city, state, zip)

and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. I showed each signer a valid and unfalsified "Official Top Funders" sheet. All signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of

➞ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(month, day, year) (month, day, year)

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

➞ Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, CA.  
(month, day, year) (place of signing)

➞ Signature of Circulator \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Return completed signature forms with January 27-29 ballot packets or to your Area Rep.