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## **LA AREA CHAMBER ENDORSES GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER'S NOV. 8 REFORM PACKAGE**

**Los Angeles, CA** - The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce has formally endorsed Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's reform package of three initiatives that have qualified for the special election on Nov. 8, including:

- **Proposition 74: Put the Kids First Act** (teacher tenure)
- **Proposition 76: Live Within Our Means** (spending limits and budget cuts)
- **Proposition 77: Voter Empowerment Act** (reapportionment)

"If passed, these propositions will go a long way to change the way legislative business is conducted in Sacramento," said Rusty Hammer, Chamber President and CEO. "The legislature is too often in a state of dysfunctional gridlock, so that tough but important decisions are put off year after year. These initiatives achieve many of our goals."

Each of the initiatives was carefully reviewed by the Chamber's executive committee before being put to a vote by its board of directors, which includes many of the region's top business leaders as well as representatives from other area business organizations.

"The LA Area Chamber has advocated for these types of reforms for years," said Chamber Board Chair Christopher Martin. "This is an opportunity for the voters to act on issues that the legislature has chosen to ignore."

The Chamber also took supporting positions on other initiatives on the Nov. 8 ballot, including:

- **Proposition 75: Paycheck Protection Act** (union paychecks)
- **Proposition 78: Cal Rx** (prescription drug discounts)

The Chamber is opposed to Proposition 79, which is a mandatory drug discount program. It will take a position on Proposition 80 (electricity re-regulation) in September.

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