WE STAND TOGETHER FOR CALIFORNIA'S ELECTIONS

A Nonpartisan Statement from California's Business, Philanthropic, Faith, and Civic Leaders

Protecting Every Vote. Supporting Election Officials. Upholding Public Trust.

As leaders representing California's business community, philanthropic institutions, faith traditions, and civic organizations, we come together in a shared commitment to the integrity of our elections and the democratic principles that unite us.

Our organizations serve different communities, represent diverse perspectives, and may hold differing views on the issues and candidates before voters. But we are united by a fundamental conviction: free, fair, secure, and accessible elections are essential to a strong democracy and to the future of California.

At a time when public confidence in democratic institutions is being tested, we believe it is especially important for leaders across sectors and communities to affirm the principles that transcend political differences.

Every voter deserves the opportunity to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted in accordance with the law. Every Californian deserves an election process that is accurate, transparent, secure, and administered fairly. And every election official deserves to carry out their responsibilities safely, professionally, and without threats, intimidation, or improper interference.

We recognize and stand in solidarity with the thousands of election officials and workers across California who serve our communities and carry out the essential responsibility of administering our elections. Their work deserves our respect, our support, and the independence necessary to fulfill their duties in accordance with the law.

Together, we affirm five shared commitments:

1. **Protect the rights of voters.** Every eligible Californian should be able to participate freely and safely in elections, with every lawfully cast ballot counted accurately.
2. **Uphold election integrity and the rule of law.** Election processes must remain secure, transparent, accountable, and consistent with applicable law. Questions about election administration or eligibility should be addressed through established legal procedures and with appropriate safeguards.
3. **Stand with election officials and workers.** Those entrusted with administering our elections must be able to perform their responsibilities without threats, harassment, intimidation, or improper interference.

4. **Protect voter information and public trust.** Voter data must be handled responsibly and protected in accordance with applicable privacy and security laws. Accurate, reliable information and transparent processes are essential to public confidence.
5. **Respect the democratic process.** We support the lawful counting and certification of election results, the peaceful resolution of disputes, and respect for final outcomes established through the legal process.

These principles do not belong to any political party. They are shared responsibilities that sustain our institutions, our communities, and our democracy.

As business leaders, we understand that economic prosperity depends on stability, public confidence, and the rule of law. As philanthropic leaders, we recognize the importance of trusted institutions and strong communities. As faith leaders, we affirm the dignity of every person and our shared responsibility to one another. And as civic leaders, we believe that meaningful participation and public trust are essential to a healthy democracy.

We may not agree on every issue or every election outcome. But we can and must agree on the integrity of the process by which the people make their voices heard.

We call on leaders across California, regardless of political affiliation, to join us in protecting the rights of eligible voters, supporting those who administer our elections, and upholding the democratic principles on which our shared future depends.

Our commitment is nonpartisan. Our responsibility is collective. And our support for free, fair, secure, and accessible elections is unwavering.

Signed,

California's Business, Philanthropic, Faith, and Civic Leaders

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