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HHS Network urges GOP Legislators: Let the People Vote!

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The Health and Human Services Network of California issued the following statement urging Republican legislators to stop blocking a vote on the Governor's revenue proposals:

The HHS Network of California is completely disappointed by the actions of a select few Republican legislators who have taken their partisanship to a whole new level by preventing Californians from voting on Governor Brown's modest revenue proposals in the June special election. Their refusal to allow voters the opportunity to have a say on their own future is particularly reprehensible as millions of Californians are about to be impacted by \$12 billion in serious cuts to our schools, health care and human services.

Moreover, these legislators are defying the expressed will of the people, including many of their own constituents. [Today's study](#) released by the University of California, Berkeley and The Field Poll clearly demonstrates that 61% of voters "prefer calling a special election" and give voters the option to decide on these critical issues, including 56% of Republican voters. The study also showed that 58% majority of voters would vote "yes" to the Governor's tax extension proposals in a special election.

The fact that a select cadre of highly-partisan Republican legislators are unwilling to meet their Democratic counterparts and constituents half-way and put the Governor's tax extensions to a vote, while at the same time expecting countless families, seniors, low-income children and people with disabilities to suffer tremendous cuts, demonstrates a complete disregard for the democratic process.

The unwillingness of these few legislators to even consider passing the Governor's modest revenues is nothing short of an attempt to stronghold the budget process and force the legislature to negotiate even more unfathomable cuts on top of the \$12 billion already being imposed. In turn, this tactic only hurts those Californians already slated to suffer the worst of the Governor's \$12 billion cuts, including needy children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

The HHS Network and its hundreds of partners and allies strongly urge legislators to stand up for what they know is right and give the people of California an opportunity to decide whether or not our recovery efforts will include these revenue proposals.

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