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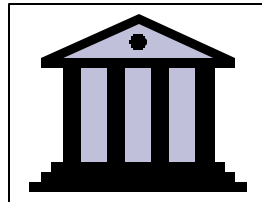
## Prop R Watch

### Appeals Court Reinstates Original Title on Prop R Bill: Says It's Close Enough

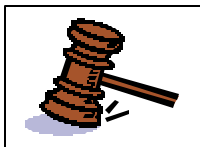
By Ken Draper

Saying that it could have been more complete and informative, but did not violate election law, the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Appeals Court reinstated the original City Council language to Prop R, the so-called term-limits ballot measure.

The original measure title language has said "change Councilmember term limits to three terms." You will recall that Neighborhood Council activists Dan Pasley (petitioner) and Jeffrey Jacobberger (attorney) had filed a writ asking that the word "lengthening" replace the word "change", arguing that City Council language was misleading and partial. Earlier this month, Superior Court Judge Robert O'Brien ruled in their favor. The City appealed and on Tuesday, the Appeals Court reversed O'Brien.



The Appeals Court argument was that even though the City Council's choice of words might have been better ... "The question could be more complete and thus more informative" ... they decided that it did not violate any of the three basic criteria of the election law that apply: Is it false, misleading or partial to one side." The remaining factual and misleading changes to the proponent's argument, ordered by Judge O'Brien, will remain unchanged.



Of the Appeals Court decision, Jacobberger said, "The Court applied a very lenient standard of review and still said that its decision was a 'close call.' In short, the City Council won the right to be less than straightforward with the people they claim to serve."

Petitioner Pasley continued the thread: "The impact of NC's would not be widely remembered for a minor correction to the language won in Judge O'Brien's courtroom, but they will be long remembered when it fails at the polls." No response forthcoming from the City or the sponsors of the ballot measure, the League of Women Voters and the Chamber of Commerce.

The same Appeals Court is reviewing Libertarian petitioner Neal Donner's petition to have Prop R removed from the ballot because, he says, it violates the election law's one-issue rule. The three-judge panel will hear his case on October 3. ?

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Friday, September 15

## Citywide Alliance Offering Prop R Debate

### From Alliance Website Agenda



*We will be joined by Council President Eric Garcetti and Councilwoman Janice Hahn for a discussion on Prop R, the Term Limits Initiative. Jason Lyon will present the opposition.*

*Also,  
Invited Response by Lisa Sarno  
Interim GM of the DONE.*

*Keynote Speaker: Gail Goldberg  
LA Planning Director*



**September 16 at 9:30 a.m.**  
**LA City College Faculty Center**  
**More info: [www.allncs.org](http://www.allncs.org)**

## NC Congress Hosts General Assembly Saturday: Garcetti Featured on Why NCs were Bypassed

**Open invitation:** The main reason Neighborhood Councils are upset about the proposed billion dollar affordable housing bond issue is that while numerous powerful interests were invited to draft and vet the proposal, the only group the City Charter mandates the city consult with – Neighborhood Councils - was completely ignored.

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To deal with this issue, City Council President Eric Garcetti has agreed to come to the LA NC Congress' first ever General Assembly. He will discuss with NCs how to make certain NC's will be included in future bond issues and how they can be involved with this bond issue should it pass.

After the General Assembly, there will be breakout sessions of the first committees being organized by LANCC – Arts and Culture, Planning and Land Use and Transportation.

–Brady Westwater, Chairman  
LA NC Congress

**Saturday, September 16 (1:30 p.m.)**

LA City Hall in Hollywood

6501 Fountain (Two blocks West of Vine)

Council President Eric Garcetti featured (beginning at 2 p.m.)  
LANCC delegates will host. All NC members and public invited.

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