



**Date:** November 1, 2005

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**From:** Patrick O'Donnell, 4<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember  
Bonnie Lowenthal, 1<sup>st</sup> District Councilmember  
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**Subject:** **Opposing California Propositions 74, 75, and 76**

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### **Recommended Action**

Because of the negative impact on local services we respectfully ask the Council to join us in opposing Propositions 74, 75 and 76.

### **Background**

Propositions 74, 75 and 76 on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot, will make it more difficult to attract qualified teachers to our urban schools, silence worker's voices and allow the state to raid local tax coffers.

- Prop 74 ignores the realities of underfunding, overcrowding, and the lack of materials and resources needed for effective teaching and learning in our community.
- Prop 75 attacks families by reducing our ability to speak out against measures that threaten education, health care and public safety.
- Prop 76 threatens public safety by allowing the state – once again – to balance the budget on the backs of local government.