



# Unified Association of Conejo Teachers

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## PROP 30 EXTENSION QUALIFIES

In 2012 we were facing more devastating cuts . If Prop 30 failed, CVUSD was set to cut 18 more days from the school year, lay off 80 teachers, 100 full-time equivalent custodians, secretaries, health & library clerks, and counselors, and slashing site budgets.

Passing Prop 30 stopped these devastating cuts and allowed us 9.8% in raises over the past 3 years. Our district is no longer deficit spending and programs such as the Breakthrough program have been funded. However, the quarter – cent sales tax is set to expire the end of 2016 and the 1% tax on individuals who make \$250,000 a year or couples who make \$500,000 a year will sunset in 2018.

**The Children’s Education and Health Care Protection Act has qualified for the ballot.** This is not a new tax or a tax on top of the previous tax. It simply extends the current income tax for 12 more years. The sales tax will still expire this year.

Without Prop 30 extension, California is set to lose nearly \$5,000,000,000 in the first year without Prop 30. This would mean at least \$3,000,000 lost for our district. The measure is expected to raise \$8-\$11 billion a year that will go directly into a special fund that supports K-12 education and community colleges. This measure includes strict accountability provisions, will not permit any of the funds to go towards administrative costs, and is subject to audits by the State Controller.

**WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP to pass this proposition. You will hear more information as we go forward.**

## Judge Rules Value Added Measure Evaluation

**"Arbitrary and Capricious"** New York teacher, Sheri Lederman, has won her lawsuit against the state of New York. The state’s \$3.4 million dollar computer software rated her “In-effective” although her students met or exceeded test standards at more than twice the state’s average scores. Her administrators evaluated her as an “extraordinary teacher” and she received high praise from her students and their parents.

“The method is known as “value-added modeling,” or VAM, and it purports to be able to use student standardized test scores to determine the “value” of a teacher while factoring out every other influence on a student (including, for example, hunger, sickness, and stress). One way it works is by predicting, through a complicated computer model, how students with similar characteristics are supposed to perform on the exams, and teachers are then evaluated on how well their students measure up to the theoretical students. New York is just one of the many states where VAM is a key component of teacher assessment.” *Washington Post* <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2016/05/10/judge-calls-evaluation-of-n-y-teacher-arbitrary-and-capricious-in-case-against-new-u-s-secretary-of-education/>

## VOTING



The voting window for CTA State Council Alternate closes Friday, May 13 at 3PM. Voting for non-financial contract language will open on Monday, May 16. The language is posted on the UACT website.



If you have moved, changed your name, or have not registered to

vote, the deadline is May 23 for the primary. To register online go to <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration>

For a list of CTA recommended candidates go to <http://www.cta.yourvoter.guide/#/search>

**Channel Islands Service Center Council invites you to a Happy Hour** at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2000 Solar Drive, Oxnard on **Friday, May 22 from 5-7.** Come meet members from other local associations.



## UACT End of the Year Celebration

**Monday, June 6 4-6PM**  
**Cisco 925 Westlake Blvd**  
Come wish Colleen well as she steps down as UACT president and returns to the classroom. Celebrate our retirees, meet the new UACT leadership team, share time with your colleagues and toast the end of another year!



# **UACT End of the Year Celebration at Cisco's**

**Monday, June 6, 2016  
4-6 PM**

**Cisco's at 925 S. Westlake Blvd., Westlake  
Honoring our retirees and celebrating the year's end.**

**No meeting,  
no voting,  
no business,  
--just fun!**

**Join us for no-host bar, munchies, and an  
afternoon of celebration with teachers, friends,  
and colleagues. This will be Colleen's last UACT  
meeting as president. Come wish her well as she  
returns to the classroom and  
meet the new UACT team.**

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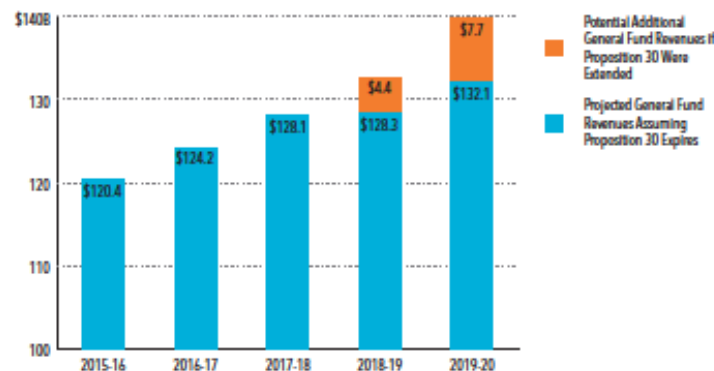
## The Expiration of Proposition 30's Tax Increases Would Leave a Permanent Gap in State Revenues

Among the most-watched ballot measures in the mix for California's 2016 election cycle is one that would extend Proposition 30's personal income tax (PIT) rate increases on high-income earners, which were approved by voters in 2012. These rate increases expire at the end of calendar year 2018, halfway through the state's 2018-19 fiscal year.

The expiration of Prop. 30's PIT rate increases would leave a permanent gap in state General Fund revenues – an estimated \$4.4 billion in 2018-19 and \$7.7 billion in 2019-20, with annual revenue losses continuing indefinitely. To put these amounts in perspective, Governor Brown's proposed budget for 2016-17 includes a total of \$8.0 billion in General Fund support for the California State University, University of California, and Student Aid Commission combined.<sup>1</sup>

### Expiration of Proposition 30's Personal Income Tax Rate Increases Would Leave Permanent Gap in State Revenues

General Fund Revenues Before Transfers to the Budget Stabilization Account, in Billions



Note: 2015-16 is estimated; 2016-17 onward are projected. Additional revenues for 2018-19 and 2019-20 assume that personal income tax (PIT) revenue growth under an extended Prop. 30 would reflect the Administration's projected underlying PIT growth rate absent Prop. 30 taxes. Source: Department of Finance (DOF) and Budget Center calculations based on DOF and Legislative Analyst's Office data.

<sup>1</sup> This projection of the lost Proposition 30 PIT revenues in 2019-20 is dependent in part on the projection of that revenue stream in the preceding fiscal years. The latest publicly available estimate is from the Legislative Analyst's Office's (LAO) November 2015 Fiscal Outlook. <http://www.lao.ca.gov/LAOecon/tax/Article/Detail/147> The Administration's more recent Prop. 30 revenues projection (not yet public) could differ from the LAO's, which would affect the projected lost revenues in 2019-20. For comparison, the LAO's analysis of the fiscal effects of the ballot initiative to extend the Prop. 30 PIT rates concludes that around \$7.5 billion is "one reasonable expectation of the additional revenue that this measure would generate in 2019." <http://www.lao.ca.gov/BallotAnalysis/Initiative/2015-115>