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**UC should No Longer be 'Above the Law'**

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**What these Constitutional Changes will do.**

- Remove the UC Regents autonomy in all but Academic Freedom
- Create transparency and accountability of UC to the public of our state.
- Allow the State Legislature to enact statutes effecting UC policy, just as they now do with CSU
- Put an end to fiscally irresponsible decisions by UC
- When passed, this simply allows Ca. voters to decide if a policy put in place over 100 years ago for 1 University campus should continue.

**Why a Constitutional Change?**

Even though UC is a world renowned institution of higher learning, cutting edge research and community service, they more and more seem to be out of touch with our state's economy and budget realities. The Regents often function as if they are above the law and not answerable to the people of California.

- Just after raising student fees by 9%, UC hired 2 new Chancellors at over \$400,000 per year each, which is a substantial increase over their predecessors. They also receive free housing, a \$9000 per month car allowance, and \$100,000 moving expenses.
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars wasted at UCSB to remodel a private home for then Chancellor Huttenbach while the more than adequate Chancellor's home on campus sat vacant.
- The infamous \$60,000 pet run at UCSC.
- The 'Golden parachute' retirement of UCB police chief who was soon thereafter rehired at a higher salary, with no retirement repayment.
- The hiring of President Yudof at over \$900,000 per year, plus many high end perks. This is over twice as much as UC's last President, more than the President of the United States, and much more than the Governor of California.
- Regents shifted management of the UC Retirement Plan from the UC Treasurer to private fee based companies which resulted in increased costs and decreased performance of the funds.
- UC has ignored the Health and Safety of students, workers, and the public by refusing to enforce or demand compliance to OSHA standards in its labs. Of the 1000's of research labs at UC, UC puts professors in charge of enforcement and compliance, resulting in discrepancies and placing individuals at risk throughout the system. Just this year, at UCLA a researcher was killed in a lab accident and another researched at UCSD was seriously injured.
- Just recently, UC made the decision to close down a critical food safety testing lab in Fresno, with no public or Legislative comment or notice.
- UC constantly asks for more money to improve the education system, but the money goes to the types of things listed above. The problem is made worse by UC's decision to ignore recommendations and suggestions by elected officials
- Decisions by the Regents, especially the fiscally questionable decisions, are made behind closed doors without an opportunity for public review or input.

**Isn't it time to reign in the out of touch UC Regents, who, with the exception of the 7 ex-officio members, are not elected, but rather appointed for 12 year terms?**

**Make UC subject to the Rule of Law**

**We encourage your support for  
ACA 24 and SCA 21**