

Proposition 63 Passed in California

Calif. votes to raise funds for mental health care by levying a 1% tax on incomes over \$1 million.

According to the Campaign For Mental Health --

"Proposition 63 was passed yesterday [2 Nov 04] with 53.4% of the vote, an historic accomplishment for mental health care in California. Assemblymember Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento), area leaders, advocates, students, and community members gathered on election night in Sacramento to celebrate this historic achievement.

By taxing incomes over \$1 million at 1 percent, Proposition 63 will raise up to \$800 million or more each year in state funds. With increased federal funds, the amount of new money for care for people with mental illness is expected to exceed \$1 billion per year.

Proposition 63 will fund community mental health programs with voluntary outreach, access to medicines, and a variety of support services for children and adults who suffer from disabling mental illnesses. ...

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