

Talking Points

The People's Initiative to Limit Eminent Domain
Always refer people to the website: www.LimitEminentDomain.org

- **REASONABLE LIMITS ON EMINENT DOMAIN – We are not ending legitimate uses of eminent domain for clear public use, such as schools, fire and police stations, public utilities, or to remove threats to public safety or health.**
- **SINGLE ISSUE:** Our Initiative has not added any other agendas* that would complicate the issue or alienate any group that supports our cause of eminent domain reform.
- **SIMPLE, STRAIGHT FORWARD:** Our initiative is easy to understand and simply fixes the eminent domain problem by limiting the use of eminent domain to clear and legitimate public uses. It states: “The power of eminent domain shall not be used for economic development,” and then it explains what is meant by economic development so that there is no room for a different interpretation by the legislature or legal system.
- **NONPARTISAN:** We have set aside partisan differences to focus on this one all-important issue of protecting our homes, businesses and places of worship from eminent domain seizures for private profit.

We have a Republican and a Democrat proponent. Our initiative was carefully written to be nonpartisan so that all Californian's can support eminent domain reform. It will get wide support from across the political spectrum. Our initiative is based on the language of The Private Property Rights Protection Act (H.R. 4128) that passed the U.S. House of Representatives last November with overwhelming bi-partisan support.

- **WE ARE USING THE INITIATIVE PROCESS IN THE WAY IT WAS INTENDED:** We are an all-volunteer, grassroots effort by people who face the threat of eminent domain in our neighborhoods. Nothing has been added to our initiative to attract funding from special interest groups to finance a paid signature gathering effort. We are not playing politics and using the public's passion for eminent domain reform to further other political or economic agendas. We are using the initiative process in the way it was intended – to give voters a voice and a vote when the courts and our legislative process fail us.