



## Overview

For the first time in decades, Californians will have the ability to transform the state's mental health system – modernizing to meet the needs of all Californians.

**Proposition 1: Treatment not Tents** will refocus billions of dollars in existing funds to prioritize Californians – including our veterans – with the deepest mental health needs, living in encampments, or suffering the worst substance use issues.

*“We see the signs of our broken mental health system every day – too many Californians suffering from mental health needs or substance use disorders are unable to get the support or care they need,” said Governor Newsom.*  
*“This will prioritize getting people off the streets, out of tents, and into treatment.”*

## Why Proposition 1?

So much of the challenge we see on the streets is untreated substance abuse; two out of three homeless people right now have active symptoms of mental health illness. Proposition 1 would allow people with serious addiction to directly access services – something currently prohibited under existing law.

*Prop 1 will get struggling Californians – including our veterans – the mental health treatment they need, fund substance abuse treatment, and help get those suffering from mental health crises off the streets and into care.*

Research shows that incarcerating the mentally ill is counterproductive to rehabilitation, and in fact makes conditions worse. That undermines long-term public safety by increasing recidivism. This measure would create mental health facilities with a very simple premise: **Treatment not Jail**. Many people with mental illness and substance use problems need treatment not punishment.

## The Details



### EXPANDS COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES:

Prop 1 will expand community-based mental health and addiction services across the state and serve **tens of thousands of Californians** each year.



### BUILDS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:

The initiative will create supportive housing settings where over **11,000 Californians** with the severest mental health needs can live, recover, stabilize and thrive.



### PROVIDES TREATMENT OVER INCARCERATION:

Today, we spend **over \$100,000 per person** to incarcerate 150,000 people who are mentally ill. Research shows it's costly and counterproductive. Prop 1 will prioritize treatment not punishment for the mentally ill.



### HELPS HOMELESS VETERANS:

It is disgraceful that over 10,000 California veterans, many suffering from PTSD, are homeless and on the streets. Prop 1 will provide **\$1 billion** to serve veterans experiencing homelessness, mental health and substance abuse issues.



### ADDRESSES SHORTAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS:

Currently, those with serious mental health issues can wait six months or longer just for an introductory appointment. Prop 1 will help fund additional professionals so that people with mental health needs can **get help in real time**.



### REQUIRES STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY:

Democrats and Republicans support Prop 1 because it addresses mental health and homelessness without raising taxes. And Prop 1 has **strict accountability measures**, including mandatory audits, to ensure that funds are spent as promised.

Vote **YES** on Prop 1 on March 5, 2024