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PRIVATE ENGINEERING FIRMS FUNDED HIDDEN EFFORT TO DEFEAT PROPOSITION 30 AND APPROVE PROPOSITION 32

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Campaign finance reports released last week reveal that an association representing private engineering consulting companies contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to a sham front group that poured \$11 million into efforts to defeat Proposition 30 and approve Proposition 32 last November.

The filings (attached) show that leading up to the election, the American Council of Engineering Companies in California (ACEC-CA) gave \$400,000 to Americans for Job Security. ACEC is the voice of California's private consulting engineering and land surveying firms.

On November 5, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) revealed that Americans for Job Security was the true source of the \$11 million contribution that an Arizona-based group funneled to the No on Prop 30 and Yes on Prop 32 efforts. Ann Ravel, FPPC chairman, called the scheme "the largest contribution ever disclosed as campaign money laundering in California history."

The *San Francisco Chronicle* on October 19, quoted Governor Brown as saying: "*This is an obvious front group. They don't have \$11 million. They got it from somebody else. They're putting this money as a money bomb against the schools of California when they try to defeat Proposition 30.*"

"ACEC's actions are clear and reprehensible. They sought to deny our schools desperately needed funding, silence middle class families, and evade California's campaign finance laws. They should be ashamed." said Steve Lee, President of Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG).

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