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INDEPENDENTS APPLAUD CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT DECISION ON PROPOSITION 14

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The decision by the California Supreme Court to reject an attempt to block the implementation of Proposition 14, the open primary, top two initiative passed by voters last June, is a positive and timely development.

The voters made a clear statement in passing Proposition 14 that they wanted to dislodge the supreme power of the parties. Though the state's third parties—which supported the legal challenge are critics of the two-party system and say they want to give voters more competition elections—in this situation they have sided with the two parties against competition.

We're glad the court rejected their effort to undo the very sweeping changes that Proposition 14 will bring to the state's electoral process and to the 3.5 million independent voters who have gained full equality under the law.

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