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**“NO” CAMPAIGN TO DEFEAT
UBER, LYFT & DOORDASH
MISGUIDED BALLOT MEASURE BEGINS
WITH SECRETARY OF STATE QUALIFICATION**

SACRAMENTO, CA – As the Secretary of State today announced the qualification of the Uber, Lyft and Doordash initiative for the November ballot, the NO Campaign, led by a strong and united coalition of California’s labor organizations, announced they will slam the brakes on the Uber, Lyft, and Doordash ballot measure this November.

“This attempt by Uber and Lyft to buy their way out of providing basic protections to their own workers and shift the burden to taxpayers isn’t going to fly,” said **Art Pulaski, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO**. “We’re confident voters will reject this cynical measure to ensure these multi-billion dollar companies play by the same rules as all other law-abiding businesses.”

Bob Schoonover, President of SEIU California and SEIU Local 721 also highlighted that these companies have been violating the law for years and are now being sued by California’s Attorney General Xavier Becerra and the City Attorneys from Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco: “No corporation is above the law, not even Uber, Lyft and Doordash. Our campaign will slam the brakes on every effort they make to keep denying their workers essential workplace protections, pay, and benefits.”

“No one should be able to buy the right to take advantage of workers, especially when “going to work” poses a serious risk to their health and well-being. That’s why Californians are ready to slam the breaks on these app-based companies and vote NO to stop their dangerous initiative and protect drivers and shoppers who are on the frontlines of this pandemic,” said **Mike Casey, President, San Francisco Labor Council**.

The pandemic has brought the illegal behavior of these corporations into focus. “As Uber tells the world they are sitting on \$6 billion in cash, they refuse to provide even minimal protections for their workers. Rideshare corporations demonstrate every day why the trade union movement is so vital to all workers. We must fight back and vote No in November to compel these employers to start following the law and protecting their workers,” said **John Samuelson, International President, Transport Workers Union of America.**

Over the last year, these multi-billion-dollar companies have already spent over \$12 million to qualify this measure and have pledged millions more towards its passage. **Andrea Zinder, UFCW Western States Council President and UFCW Local 324 President,** said. “No corporation should be able to buy themselves a loophole in the law. Instead of spending \$100 million on a ballot measure in November, these companies should follow the law and spend that money on making sure their workers can protect themselves, their families, and the public.”

Rome Aloise, President, Teamsters Joint Council 7 and Western Regional Vice-President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, added: “Instead of paying their fair share, these corporations want to pass this deceptive ballot measure so they can protect their profits at the expense of worker safety and public health. We will hold Uber and Lyft accountable for leaving workers out in the cold, and expose their illegal behavior until they withdraw the ballot measure and start following the law.”

“Our campaign will confront Uber, Lyft, and Doordash at every turn. Voters will see through this thinly-veiled attempt to buy a special exemption on the November ballot,” said **Gale Kaufman, lead strategist** for the NO campaign.

Today the campaign also announced an [online petition](#) to engage Californians as support grows for stopping the gig companies’ dangerous initiative.

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