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Daughters Need Their Mothers, Both Need Prop 4

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The goal of Yes on Proposition 4 is to help young women. It also ensures their mothers are able to help them. When a 15 year old girl becomes pregnant, she faces adult decisions - decisions involving her health, her future, and her family - decisions that no 15 year old should have to make alone. By requiring a physician to notify an adult family member, Yes on Proposition 4 helps mothers ensure their daughters receive the physical and emotional care needed when the teen faces such a crisis. Thirty-five other states have parental involvement laws. Colorado and Florida chose to enact parental notification by ballot initiative as recently as 1998 and 2004, respectively. Nearly 2/3 (65.1%) of Americans live in states with parental involvement laws. This is mainstream.

Parental notification isn't a red state-blue state issue; heavily Democrat-majority states have also supported parental notification laws. Minnesota, Delaware, Iowa, and Maryland all have parental notification laws on their books. The most recent Field Poll showed 48% of Californian's supporting Yes on Prop 4, 39% opposed, 13% undecided.

Proposition 4 is about the health and well being of girls in California. "Mothers are involved in every aspect and important milestone of their daughter's lives when they are young. With something as medically and emotionally significant as the decision to have an abortion, it should be no different," says Proposition 4 spokeswoman Grace Dulaney. The Yes on 4 Campaign is a coalition of doctors, nurses, and educators working to pass Proposition 4/Sarah's Law because they care about the physical and emotional health of vulnerable young girls, who shouldn't have to make such an adult decision alone. To join the coalition, visit www.Yeson4.net.