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The Proposed Amendment to the Constitution is DEFEATED!

The election results began with a great hope of defeating the Proposed Constitutional Amendment as the numbers started out in our favor. Then the numbers changed. Anyone watching would have been on the edge of their seat. Anyone watching had to pay attention to the percentage of those voting. Early into the morning this reporter had to give up and seek some shuteye! But the sound of victory this morning on NPR was as they say "music to my ears"! The Amendment was defeated by a narrow percentage but none the less defeated! How, you are asking? The Amendment ran just shy of the margin needed for adoption - "60 percent of those voting on the question or a majority of the people casting ballots in the election."

This forum is being used as the opportunity to publicly thank everyone who worked so hard to help defeat this Constitutional Amendment. Without the dedication and the tenacity put forth this Amendment would have been a sleeper to the voters.

So to those of you who monetarily contributed to the SUAA CA 49 Ballot Initiative, all individuals, SUAA Chapters and SUAAAction; to those who gave their time as Committee members; to those who wrote Letters to the Editors; to those who put out yard signs, passed out information, emailed and made phone calls; to those whose friends and families jumped in providing additional vigor; and to those of you who spoke on behalf of SUAA's Initiative, the leadership of SUAA applauds all of your efforts. The energy put forth pushed SUAA to the forefront - heightened SUAA's visibility and SUAA's importance as an advocacy organization. We would be remiss not to provide special recognition to Dick Lockhart, Professor Ann Lousin, and John Kindt. Their insistence on the importance of defeating this Constitutional Amendment kept all of us focused.

This was truly a pivotal experience for SUAA. Now is the time to push for growth in the SUAA organization. We have something to tout - the defeat of Constitutional Amendment 49!

Our work is definitely not over. The importance of SUAA has just been elevated. Our advocacy efforts will be even more pertinent as we head into Veto Session, January's Lame Duck Session and the 98th General Assembly with newly elected legislators.

More information is forth coming. We will be taking a look at the election results! For today - let's take the time to celebrate!