# FACTS ON PROP 38

## THE IMMUNOLOGY MEDICAL RESEARCH & CURES INITIATIVE

**Measure Supports Immunology Research to Prevent and Cure Cancer, Alzheimer's, Heart Disease, and Other Debilitating Diseases – In Our Lifetime**

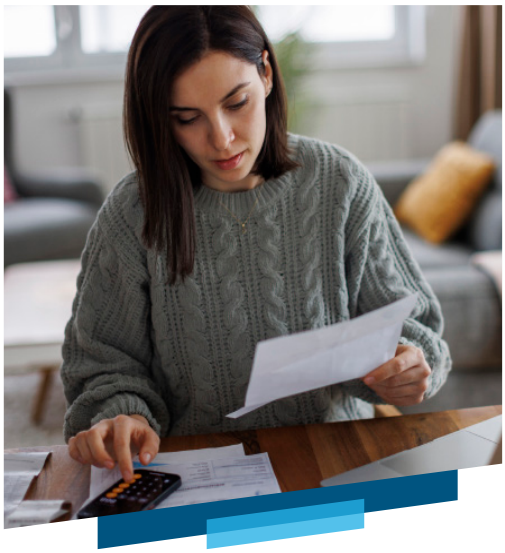
## RESEARCH TO FIND CURES FOR MAJOR DISEASES IN OUR LIFETIME

- Prop 38 will provide $8.4 billion in state bonds to **fund breakthrough immunology research to develop life-saving cures** for the most persistent and debilitating diseases impacting nearly every California family.
- Immunology uses the body's own immune system to detect and stop diseases.
- **Immunotherapies are already saving and extending lives** for patients dealing with cancers like melanoma, lung cancer and leukemia. Patients who have been weeks away from dying have received breakthrough treatments that have sent them into long-term remission.
- **Immunotherapies have the potential to prevent and cure a whole range of diseases** including cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, diabetes, ALS, muscular dystrophy, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus and multiple sclerosis.[1]
- Prop 38 specifically designates at least $4.2 billion for research related to the prevention, treatment, and cure of **cancer, heart disease and Alzheimer's.**

- Millions of families suffer when devastating diseases upend or claim the lives of loved ones. This measure will invest in **promising immunotherapy research that can prevent and cure diseases that could save your life and the life of someone you love.**

## CALIFORNIA CAN LEAD THE WAY AMIDST FEDERAL UNCERTAINTY

- **Federal funding cuts and uncertainty are delaying life-saving medical research** at California universities and research institutes. *We are in a race against time, and patients and their loved ones can't afford to wait.*
- Prop 38 creates a **stable source of funding for scientists and medical experts** and **accelerates the pace of discoveries to help the tens of millions of patients** who are fighting cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's and other debilitating diseases.
- **Prop 38 will make California a national leader in breakthrough medical research,** fostering collaboration between leading California-based universities, scientists and physicians.
- Prop 38 will bring further investment into our state, **creating billions of dollars in economic benefits and tens of thousands of good-paying jobs.** Scientific research has become a critical economic engine in California, and studies show that each dollar invested in medical research returns three dollars back into our state's economy.[2]



## STRONG ACCOUNTABILITY & TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS

- **Prop 38 is designed to fully pay for itself.** Ten percent (10%) of all proceeds from the licensing of immunotherapies must be returned to California to offset the total costs of the bond measure, including interest.
- Prop 38 **limits state administrative costs** to no more than 2%, implements rigorous conflict of interest rules, requires all grant funds be spent directly on medical research, requires public disclosure of all spending, and mandates independent financial audits.
- **Funds can only be granted to California-based nonprofit universities and research institutes,** and no funds can be given to for-profit corporations.

## REDUCES HEALTHCARE COSTS

- **Any cure or immunotherapy developed** through research funded by Prop 38 **must be made available to California patients at a 20% discount** below the national average.
- Preventing and curing the most pressing diseases will also **reduce long-term healthcare expenses and save the state and families tens of billions of dollars** in avoided medical expenses.[3]

[1] Why Immunology Research Matters, American Association of Immunologists, Inc. 2023.
[2] NIH's Role in Sustaining the U.S. Economy, United for Medical Research (UMR), 2026 Update.
[3] Fast Facts: Health and Economic Costs of Chronic Conditions, CDC, August 8, 2025.

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- **ALS Association**
- **Alzheimer's Association**
- **American Nurses Association of California**
- **Blood Cancer United**
- **California Black Health Network**
- **California Colorectal Cancer Coalition**
- **International Myeloma Foundation**
- **Kidney Cancer Association**
- **Liver Coalition**
- **National Multiple Sclerosis Society**
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