



**Proposition 4 – Waiting Periodic and Parental Notification before
Termination of Minor’s Pregnancy**

CWA position – Support

***A “yes” vote means that parental notification will be required before a minor’s abortion
with certain exceptions***

1. Also known as “Sarah’s Law,” Prop 4 is a constitutional amendment requiring a physician to notify the parent or legal guardian of a minor 48 hours before performing an abortion. There are also provisions for judicial bypass and parental waivers, as well as an exception for a medical emergency.
2. In addition, the physician may notify another adult relative rather than a parent or guardian if the physician has filed a written report of known or suspected child abuse based on the minor’s written statement that she fears physical, sexual or severe emotional abuse based on a pattern of such abuse by a parent or guardian. Adult relatives are defined to include grandparents, stepparents, foster parents, aunts, uncles, siblings, half-siblings and first cousins. The person must be at least 21 years of age.
3. A child cannot receive an aspirin or go on a field trip without parental consent, yet a child as young as 11 or 12 can leave most of our school campuses (check with your local school district for their release policy) for “confidential medical services,” including an abortion, without notifying her parent or guardian. The physician performing the procedure has no obligation to contact the people who best know the girl and her medical history before performing this major medical procedure. Note: This initiative involves notification only, not consent.
4. Abortion can have long-lasting emotional and physical consequences, including infertility, infection and even death. A pregnant girl needs her parents to help assess the dangers and look at the alternatives to protect her life and that of her unborn child.
5. Over 30 states currently have parental involvement laws in effect requiring that at least one parent or guardian be notified or provide consent prior to an abortion being performed on a girl under age 18.
6. For more detailed information on Prop 4, please see [California Family Council’s analysis at www.californiafamily.org](http://www.californiafamily.org).
7. Campaign website: www.yeson4.net

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