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Smoking May Be Hazardous To Your Ballot

The campaign to defeat Proposition 5 (the anti-smoking initiative on the Nov. 7 ballot) will be well-funded, reports Herald Examiner columnist Joe Scott.

Proposition 5 outlaws smoking in most public places and job environments and calls for designated non-smoking areas in restaurants. It's opposed by Californians for Common Sense, headed by smoker Houston Flournoy, and non-smoker John F. Henning, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation (AFL-CIO.) So far, the tobacco industry has (ahem!) coughed up \$197,558 to beat Prop. 5.

According to figures from the secretary of state, the biggest contributors are Brown & Williamson (\$85,000) R. J. Reynolds (\$64,001) and Philip Morris (\$48,000.)

The Campaign for Clean Outdoor Air is in the opposite corner, with Liane (Vitamin C) Spaulding as chairman. Big contributors are the American Cancer Society (\$25,000) and the California Lung Association (\$5,000).

Campaign manager Dana Alden says most of the funds are being raised by parties at the grass roots level. On Labor Day, the Proposition 5 backers plan a Sacramento-to-San Diego bike ride. The pedalists will stop at restaurants along the way and award citations to those places which already have no-smoking sections.

Called Proposition