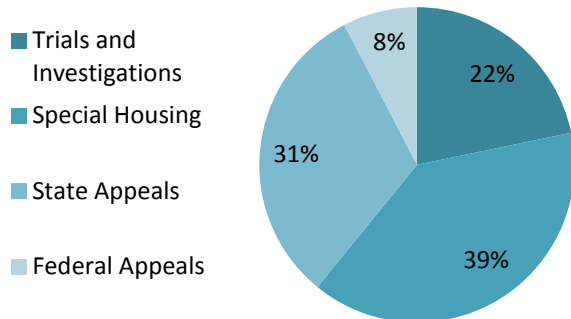


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THE HIGH COST OF THE DEATH PENALTY

Many people think that the death penalty is less expensive than life in prison without parole, but that is just not true. The death penalty more expensive for taxpayers – here's why.



The official analysis of Prop. 34 says CA will save \$130 million each year by replacing the death penalty.

*Percentages based off of *"Executing the Will of the Voters?"* by Judge Arthur Alarcón and Loyola Law Professor Paula Mitchell, Loyola Law Review, 2011.

WHY DOES THE DEATH PENALTY COST SO MUCH?

Reason #1: Death Penalty Trials are Different

When a DA decides to seek the death penalty rather than the alternative punishment of life without the possibility of parole, they force their county to pay for a trial that is likely to cost 20 times more than a trial for life without the possibility of parole.

- Lengthy legal process: Death penalty trials require a long, deliberate process to guard against a fatal miscarriage of justice.
- Double trial: Two trials are required, a regular trial and "penalty" trial. This requires more work by the prosecution team, and more attorneys, investigators, and experts. The defense also must double up, with a minimum of two attorneys and investigators, plus experts.
- Special jury and special judge: A specially qualified judge and jury must be selected.

Reason #2: Death Row Housing is Different

California rules require that death row inmates be housed alone instead of two to a cell and enforce a higher level of security than a prisoner sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. It is estimated that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation spends an additional \$100,000 per year, per inmate to house someone on death row, which is three times the costs.

Reason #3: Death Penalty Appeals are Different

In each death penalty case there are mandatory appellate reviews, causing costly and nearly endless appeals. Because each case is different, it is difficult to arrive at a single cost estimate per case, however, in examining the budgets of the state agencies that handle these cases, including: Office of the State Public Defender, the Habeas Corpus Resource Center, the California Appellate Project, the Office of the Attorney General, and the California Supreme Court, we know that in 2010, we spent \$58 million total on reviewing death penalty cases.

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