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The **SAFE CA** Act will replace California's dysfunctional death penalty with life without the possibility of parole, saving \$1 billion over the next five years. A portion of the tax dollars saved will be used to create the **SAFE CA** Fund to invest in local law enforcement and reduce the number of unsolved rapes and murders in California.

- **46% of murders** each year are **unsolved**
- **56% of rapes** each year are **unsolved**
- **\$184 million** each year is wasted on the **death penalty**

Why does the death penalty cost so much? A new study by a federal judge revealed that California currently spends more than \$184 million each year on the death penalty, and over the next five years will spend \$1 billion. Despite all that money, California has executed only 13 people in 33 years. Here's the breakdown:

- **\$40 million each year** for trials and investigations
- **\$58 million each year** for state appeals
- **\$14 million each year** for federal appeals
- **\$72 million each year** for death row housing
- **Hundreds of millions** for new prison construction costs

Grand Total: over \$1 billion over five years

SAFE CA is about balancing California's spending and public safety priorities. Instead of spending hundreds of millions of dollars on a select few convicted murderers who are already behind bars forever, we can invest in violence prevention, education and the investigation of the thousands of rapes and murders that go unsolved every year.

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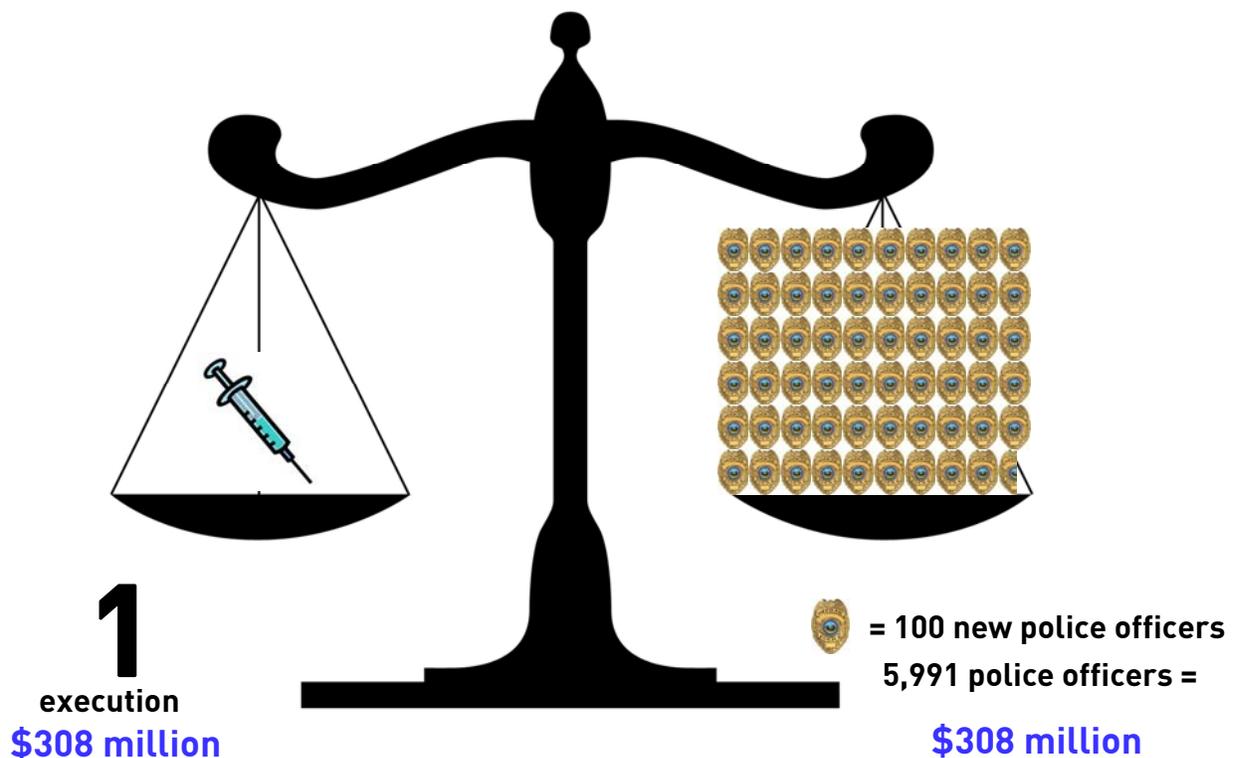


\$100 million for local law enforcement to reduce the rate of unsolved rapes and murders.

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When voters enacted the death penalty in 1978, no one knew how much an execution would cost. The latest study reveals that each execution in California has cost \$308 million. Here's another way we could have invested those tax dollars:



The **SAFE CA** Act is supported by California Taxpayers for Justice, a coalition of law enforcement professionals, crime victim advocates, and individuals exonerated from wrongful conviction. Visit www.taxpayersforjustice.org to learn more or to get involved in the campaign to replace the death penalty with a real public safety solution.