

# Court removes from ballot measure to split Calif.

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The California Supreme Court decided unanimously Wednesday to remove from the November ballot a measure aimed at dividing California into three states.

The decision was a defeat for Tim Draper, a Silicon Valley venture capitalist considered an eccentric entrepreneur who spent \$1.2 million on the measure.

Four years ago, the wealthy Atherton resident spent \$5.2 million promoting a measure that would have split California into six states. It did not qualify for the ballot.

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