

VOTE YES ON PROP 43 TO RESTORE TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS

Californians already pay high taxes. But instead of prioritizing funding for critical services like police and fire, local politicians waste your money on their pet projects – then demand tax increases, claiming the need to fund the most important priorities.

The state Constitution requires a two-thirds vote for taxes earmarked for a specific purpose, but recent court decisions created a loophole that allowed special taxes to pass with fewer votes. Now Californians are paying billions in taxes they should not have had to pay.

Prop 43 RESTORES the longstanding two-thirds vote requirement for local special taxes, protecting homeowners, renters, and small businesses from costly new sales and parcel taxes, taxes on electricity and gas, and real estate taxes.

Prop 43 GUARANTEES taxpayers the right to vote on new or higher local taxes and requires governments to spend taxpayer dollars for the specific purposes voters approved—preventing bait-and-switch schemes that make our sky-high cost of living even worse.

Over the last decade, local governments have imposed 2,000 new or higher taxes. Prop 43 CLOSES LOOPHOLES used to pass some of the most damaging tax increases,

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PROPOSITION 43

restores the protections voters originally approved under Proposition 13, and makes it harder for special interests to raise taxes without broad voter support.

The Legislature's nearly unanimous vote to place Prop 43 on the ballot sends a clear message: activist courts exceeded voters' intent by creating loopholes that weakened Proposition 13's protections.

Restore your right to vote on ALL local taxes.

VOTE YES ON PROP 43

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