YES on 19. Tax Savings and Housing Relief for SENIORS, WILDFIRE VICTIMS, and PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

Proposition 19 protects vulnerable Californians, closes unfair tax loopholes, and generates needed revenue for fire protection and emergency medical response.

1) LIMITS PROPERTY TAXES FOR SENIORS, WILDFIRE VICTIMS, AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS. PROP 19:

• Removes unfair, ever-changing location restrictions in current law so homeowners who are seniors, disabled, or victims of wildfire can transfer their home’s Prop. 13 tax savings to a replacement home anywhere in California.

• Provides housing relief for millions of seniors, many feeling trapped in homes they can’t maintain, with too many stairs, located too far from family or medical care – made worse by coronavirus health risks.

• Creates record home ownership opportunities for renters and new homeowners statewide as tens of thousands of homes will become available for the first time in decades.

• “After two wildfires destroyed 15,155 homes, victims faced massive tax hikes simply for relocating a few miles away. Prop. 19 removes unfair location restrictions to eliminate sudden tax increases so wildfire victims can move to a replacement home anywhere in California.” - Kristy Militello, Tubbs Wildfire Survivor

2) CLOSES UNFAIR TAX LOOPHOLES USED BY EAST COAST INVESTORS, CELEBRITIES, AND WEALTHY TRUST FUND HEIRS ON VACATION HOMES AND RENTALS:

• News reports and property records have revealed rules meant to limit taxes on family primary residences are exploited by out-of-state professionals, celebrities, and wealthy heirs to avoid paying their fair share of taxes on vacation homes and rentals. [Los Angeles Times, 8/17/18]

• Exploiting loopholes resulted in billions in lost revenue for schools and counties, forcing California homeowners to pay tax bills 10 times higher than rental homes in the same neighborhood owned by heirs, many living as far as Florida or New York.

PROP. 19 PROTECTS FAMILY HOMES—AND LOW TAX RATES FOR CHILDREN INHERITING AND LIVING IN PRIMARY RESIDENCES AS INTENDED UNDER LAW; ELIMINATES TAX LOOPHOLES ON HOMES CONVERTED INTO RENTALS... SINCE RENTAL INCOME WOULD EASILY COVER ANY BUMP IN PROPERTY TAXES.

3) INCREASES FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY RESPONSE, & SCHOOL FUNDING BY:
• Establishing Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Response Funding: dedicated revenue for fire districts in rural and urban communities to fix inequities that threaten life-saving response times to wildfires and medical emergencies.

• Providing an economic boost for schools and counties struggling to balance budgets due to coronavirus, with long-term revenue for emergency response, affordable housing, homeless programs, healthcare, and other local services.

• Generating hundreds of millions in revenue for schools and local governments resulting from senior home sales and closing loopholes on inherited properties not used as a primary residence.

4) DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS SUPPORT PROP. 19:

"Prop. 19 protects tax savings and benefits for vulnerable Californians, including seniors, disabled homeowners, and wildfire victims." - Jim Brulte, CA Republican Party Former Chair

"Vote with state and local Democrats to close unfair loopholes and provide needed housing relief for seniors and working families." Alexandra Rooker, CA Democratic Party Former Chair

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