

State Board Of Equalization  
Tax Payers Rights Advocate Office Mic:70  
450 N Street  
Sacramento, Ca. 94279-0070

April 26, 2014

Attn: Todd Gilman

I am not able to attend your meeting, scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. so I appreciate this opportunity to offer my written message.

The attached communication to BOS---Mariposa indicates my frustration with, indiscretions in the implementation of proposition 218.

The result amounts to a \$80.00 fee added to our tax bills over a considerable time period for the purchase (one time) of several pieces of fire equipment. Over time, our county auditor was able to show improper implementation of the aforementioned provision, resulting in a subsequent election to take place, later this year.

I take the view that this is merely a cover up for illegality in the acquisition of public funds to accommodate spending sprees as outlined in my letter. Your further review, should reveal that the problem will not come to an appropriate conclusion with this shoddily crafted ballot. A Calaveras County situation comes to mind onto which this Mariposa fiasco will be coat tailed.

Circumventing Prop. 13 with this poor excuse of serving the public needs to be reevaluated. Meanwhile, anyone who uses it to facilitate any degree of questionable spending should be negatively reconsidered for tenure of public office.

Respectfully,



Fred Bottino

[Redacted contact information]

CC: Janet Bibby

**STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**



Appeal Name: Prop. Taxpayer's Bill of Rights

Case ID: [Redacted] ITEM #. F2

Date: 5/22/14 Exhibit No: 5.4

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TAXPAYER'S RIGHTS ADVOCATE'S OFFICE

March 31, 2014

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors  
5100 Bullion St.  
Mariposa, Ca. 95338

Attn: Janet Bibby

It looks like expediency is put before integrity with this concoction of a ballot put before property tax paying voters to clear up a previous invasion of rights. The idea of a signature ballot reeks of collusion, coercion and whatever else a third world government might offer, in the way of public service. It is regretful to experience such a lack of respect and dedication by those in charge of administrative responsibilities as well as those responsible for the approval, thereof.

While there is prevailing disregard of appropriate values, in other sectors of American life, perhaps because of naivete, some of us have not foreseen the same disregard for our own community affairs. Shopping binges with taxpayers monies need to subside. When we can't fix a sewage problem with engineering capabilities on hand, something is truly very wrong. The absence of *responsibility for lack of ability to perform, in line with expectations*, needs to be addressed as the occasions come to light, which is now! Hiding behind the intrusion of higher authority, should not be an excuse for not doing the job. We need to get back to the real world. Lack of performance should be addressed as the occasions become apparent.

Wasteful spending, higher taxes, will only get us in more trouble than we can ever imagine, near term, and for generations that follow. Revision of the provisions of the Williamson Act, will result in the confiscation of hard earned property rights, for the enrichment of outside interests, who care less of our lifestyle and the values we cherish. Lofty ambitions being espoused by some, might be better served at another time and preferably another place with a healthy bank account.

Thank you for your consideration of these humble opinions.

  
Fred Bottino

  
cc: Tom Cook, District Attorney