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1. Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

Comment:

We must repeal Prop 19! Recently introduced bi-partisan Senate Constitutional Amendment 4 (SCA 4) will reinstate the property tax law that was in place since 1986 yet was narrowly overturned by the narrowest of margins in 2020 during the pandemic via Prop 19. The advertising to voters only focused on a few of the changes like allowing people 55+ to move up to three times anywhere in the state of California while having the ability to keep the same assessed property tax on new property purchased. However, the same communication was not transparent, and conveniently omitted the very important point that almost all property would be reassessed at current market value upon the transfer of said property from parent to child upon death. Why? Prop 19 was almost exclusively backed by one special interest group, California Association of Realtors (CAR). Follow the money. CAR/ Realtors benefit from EVERY sale! CAR/Realtors benefit if a senior sells one property and purchases a new home. CAR/Realtors also benefit from grieving families who are forced to sell their home due to outrageous and unaffordable property taxes. Every family has a different story, but the common theme is that long time Californians have no choice but to sell the family home, the home they currently reside in and/or intend to move into. These same families are leaving California as it's too costly to remain. They are being forced to leave their support structure (e.g. family, friends, medical team, their livelihood, etc.). Small family businesses that have been passed from generation to generation must make the untenable decision to close and sell the business. Renters lose too as if the children must sell the property the renters will be forced to move. We can do better! Can we count on the BOE to help influence the legislature to vote yes on SCA 4? Thank you and kind regards,

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