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LOS ANGELES CA 90013

Dear Property Owner:

On June 4, voters in Los Angeles County will decide the fate of Measure EE, a tax increase on properties within the Los Angeles Unified School District. The tax could cost all property owners an estimated $6 billion cumulatively.

Your property (Assessor’s Parcel No. located at ) would be subject to this tax.

Media coverage of Measure EE has focused primarily on where the tax revenue would be spent, but has not thoroughly explained the cost to taxpayers.

To improve public awareness about the tax, the California Taxpayers Association reviewed public records from the Los Angeles County Assessor’s Office and examined the impact on property owners. I am reaching out to you, one of the largest property owners in the school district, to let you know how much your property taxes may increase if Measure EE is approved.

Measure EE would increase taxes at the rate of 16 cents per square foot of building improvements on each parcel of taxable real property within the school district’s boundaries.

Data from the County Assessor’s Office indicates that your property includes square feet of building improvements, which would result in an estimated tax increase of per year. Over the 12-year duration of Measure EE, your tax increase could total $337,509.

The median home size in Los Angeles is 1,800 square feet, according to a 2016 report by Property Shark, a real estate research blog. Under Measure EE, the new tax on this median-sized home would be $288 per year for 12 years -- a total tax increase of $3,456.

Sincerely,

Robert Gutierrez
President and Chief Executive Officer

P.S. — I hope you find this information useful. To help us defeat Measure EE, or to become a member of the California Taxpayers Association to support sound tax policy and government efficiency, please contact me at rob@calltax.org or (916) 441-0490.
The pressure to impose new and higher property taxes on business property has reached a breaking point in California.

In addition to LAUSD Measure EE, there are other pending taxpayer threats. The “California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act,” which would impose a new higher property tax on business property has already qualified for the November 2020 ballot (aka the statewide split-roll property tax measure that would repeal Proposition 13 protections for businesses). The Legislature is considering two ballot measures to amend the state Constitution to lower the vote threshold for local commercial property tax increases (ACA 1 and SCA 5).

CalTax is committed to defeating all of these ill-conceived tax increases and any others that appear. Therefore, we are seeking contributions to the CalTax – Protect Taxpayer Rights Committee. The CalTax Board of Directors will determine how and when to deploy the funds raised that best serves the interests of its members. Your contribution to “CalTax – Protect Taxpayer Rights Committee” is not tax deductible and may be reportable by the member (see, fpcc.ca.gov for more information).

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