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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Comment:

My name is Ms Odell, owner of Group One Communications, Inc, a small creative design agency in the Los Angeles area. I have been a business owner since 1978, and a homeowner in L.A. County since 1983. Since its passing years ago, Proposition 13 is the ONLY thing that stands between, protects and enables California businesses and homeowners alike to keep their properties from being [in many cases] illegally, unconstitutionally, and usuriously over taxed by the out-of-control tax and spend, burdensome government of California — at every level. Californians, whether they own businesses or not, whether they own homes or properties or not, ABSOLUTELY CAN NOT afford Proposition 15. Now is not the time... IN FACT NEVER is the time... to propose what will be the largest property tax hike in California state history. Not only will it hurt, damage, and endanger all businesses large and small by raising their property taxes and rents, it will immediately increase costs for everything Californians buy because businesses will have to pass the costs of those higher taxes down to their consumers. And, in fact, if Proposition 15 is put on the ballot and if it passes, many, many companies in California will no longer be able to continue doing business in California and may be either forced to close their doors and go out of business entirely, or to move sooner rather than later out of California taking their business, employees and families, and tax revenue to a more business and tax friendly state. As a business owner and a homeowner, I am 100% opposed to Proposition 15, and I demand that the State of California remove the "Newly Qualified Split-Roll Initiative Tax" — a \$12.5 billion-a-year property tax increase that attacks Prop 13, immediately from all consideration, stand against all of the special interest groups that want to see this new tax passed, and make sure it is NOT put on the ballot. We need to save Proposition 13, in its entirety, from any and all government bodies, entities, and groups who seek to further, what I call "tax-rob," already over-taxed and over-regulated California businesses and homeowners.