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K3b. Property Tax Deputy Director's Report - Proposition 19 Analysis and Implementation Planning

Comment:

Please read to the group on my behalf: Prop 19 as written is too confusing and complicated! As a member of a family with multiple properties, we and our legal counsel are finding it impossible to understand the gyrations of text and vague allusions to "rules" that we need to follow! In addition, the unreasonable timeline in which this needs to take place is an outrage considering how confusing it is, and an obvious direct result of a hurried deal making process to get this proposition to ballot! Too many hard working Californians will be paying the price through a poorly written law. The gutting of Proposition 58 by Prop 19 is a direct result of special interest groups' deliberate obfuscation of tax laws to fool the public, that will make properties even less affordable for middle income people and make high income people the only people who can afford to live in many areas! How is that helpful to leveling the playing field for most Californians? It's not!! It simply loads the pockets of the real estate industry through circuitous and confusing tax laws that are poorly written to confuse people! Unfair! Moreover, there's clarification required on the definition of family farm, and is it "And" or "OR" primary residence-- Family farms should be entirely exempt unless California wants agriculture to go directly to giant agribusiness and wipe out a legacy of family farming since before the founding of this great State! How can this aspect of Prop 19 be fairly administered? No one can make sense of it! If changes are being made to the CA constitution, we respectfully submit that a Cleanup initiative - at least!!- be instituted—and the unreasonable effective date be significantly delayed to allow clarification of important and far reaching aspects of Prop 19. In the name of keeping a clean, simple and consistent constitution we are full supporters of a full restoration of Prop 58 which has remained and served the people of California for almost 40 years. Respectfully Submitted Karin Taylor Sausalito