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Comment:

The BOE office must up the ceiling level for heirs that live in the family home to keep the tax basis affordable for a person making a minimum California wage. As of January 1, 2020, the Federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour; California minimum wage is \$13.00 per hour for employers with 26 or more employees and \$12.00 for employers with 25 or fewer employees; and Santa Clara's minimum wage is \$15.40 per hour. The median family income for those areas is \$118,400, according to HUD. Santa Clara County is close behind. There, a household of four bringing in \$94,450 is now considered low income under the HUD guidelines. There must be a cap of a percentage on how much the property tax can go up at any one time. Landlords can't raise rents more than 2%. Why can the State raise property tax on heirs over 100 - 800% at one time? There are systems set up to show the price differences across counties in California by the above examples. So, there should be price differences on the property assessment of heirs living in the family home to protect heirs who want to stay in the home even if they only make a working wage. Otherwise the State of California is exercising classism and forcing heirs to sell the family home or farm because of the outrageous reassessment hikes burdened on heirs living in the family home! We can't have the same blanket cap across the state. It is not fair to families and heirs. First, There should not be a blanked formula for all of California. The Assessors Office should make special circumstances for families who live in areas where the appreciation has been so high, where Prop 13 has protected families. There are multi generational families in these places, who will not be able to pay the new assessed value! The formula needs to be different in the Bay Area because the poverty rate is different in the Bay Area. These are things that the Proposition 19 didn't address. For example in my case, we are three generations living in one home in Saratoga and we can stay here only because of Prop 13 and Prop 58. We have invested on the land/residence my mother bought in 1970 and built an ADU for us and to let my mom age in place and so we can be together. Property values have skyrocketed in the area and now with prop 19, when we inherit this parcel we will not be able to pay close to 35,000 per year in prop tax, I'm a single parent and work in the public schools. I'll be forced out of my childhood community and home town because of Prop 19. Your creating a classist wealth divided California, which Prop 13 and Prop 56 protected. This should not happen.