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Type of Tax: Property Tax

Speaker's Name: David Keller

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Organization:

Telephone Number:

Description of Issues:

Property tax in California is in need of reform. The current system creates an inequity that undermines support for taxation and the government services that taxes fund.

My property tax for a 2 bed, 1 bath house in Oakland is just under \$12,000 a year. On my block there are a number of houses with identical floorplans. The home right next to mine has a property tax bill of under \$3000 (and it is sitting vacant). On the other side of me is a 3 bed, two bath with a property tax bill of \$7600 (occupied by a retiree). These tax bills are neither fair nor just. It is understandable that our great state would want to keep taxes low for retirees but the current system is creating perverse incentives and is undermining the legitimacy of property taxes.

Please reform the property tax system, now. It has been almost 50 years since Prop 13 and it is high time for reform.

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