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CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (2023-2024)

Status: June 2024 - The California Supreme Court ruled unanimously to bar the measure.

Purpose

Eligible for the November 2024 ballot, TPA empowers voters with the right to approve or reject all new state and local taxes. It increases accountability and transparency so politicians spend our tax dollars more efficiently. It stops politicians from using “hidden taxes” disguised as fees to drive up the cost of government services.

Facts:

- Gives voters final say on all state and local tax increases.
- Closes loopholes that special interests have exploited to raise local taxes.
- Creates desperately needed transparency and accountability protections.

- Maintains its current revenue for essential public services.
- Would close the loophole that special interests used to pass Measure ULA in Los Angeles.
- If passed, would require LA voters to approve Measure ULA again.

Governor Newsom, Legislature and California Cities filed the legal challenge with California Supreme Court to override the measure, to give the power back to the state and cities for new taxes. The court will issue a decision before June 2024.

As an example, without TPA, the California Utility Commission is currently proposing California switch to an income-based utility rate system. This legislation may possibly provide private utility companies to have access to our IRS tax statements. Based on the statements, 75% of the population would pay the utility bills for the lower 25%, who would pay little to nothing for their utilities. For climate change activists, there is no incentive for the lower 25% to save water and electricity.

Outcome

- June 2024: The California Supreme Court removed this measure from the November ballot.

Position

- Recommended Position: **Support**

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