

Government's appetite for higher taxes *and still higher spending* never ends.

Consider all the taxes we pay, most of them at record highs:

- Property Taxes (plus special assessments)
- School Bond Taxes (districts, county)
- Sales Taxes (county and state)
- Income Taxes (state and federal)
- Vehicle License fees & taxes
- Gas taxes (state and federal)
- Telecommunications taxes
- additional excise taxes on alcohol, tobacco, gasoline, tires, etc.

*If high taxes encouraged balanced budgets and responsible spending, California would be the best-run state in the nation! But the opposite is true—*

Record revenue engendered bloated payrolls and unsustainable benefits schemes; outstripping our ability to pay for them. No amount of revenue can prevent politicians from spending more money than they take in.

The state government's school districts are out-of-control: consuming almost half of the state budget, and borrowing recklessly, to spend even more. *And, on top of all that, they have the gall to ask for higher parcel taxes too?*

We couldn't stop Sacramento from raising sales and income taxes last year, —but we *can* finally put an end to one long-standing “temporary” parcel tax. Now is our opportunity.

*Please vote 'NO'. This superfluous surtax is just plain greedy.*

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