
Fw: Support memo from Campos, Cohen, et al. - Oppose Limiting Revenues for Local Govt Initiative #1983 (25- 0006A1) - Item C.2. Rules 6/10

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Please support the [Memorandum from Campos, Cohen, Kamei, and Tordillos](#) and bring it to the full Council for approval.

That is, please declare San Jose to have an Oppose position on "Limits Ability of Voters to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services" Initiative #1983 (25 0006A1).

An Oppose position isn't enough. I recommend additional direction to the City Attorney to:

- Authorize initiating or joining lawsuits challenging the legality of this initiative being placed on the ballot.
- Authorize writing or joining amicus briefs for any lawsuits challenging the legality of this initiative being placed on the ballot.
- Authorize lawsuits and amicus briefs - should the initiative pass in November - for challenging the applicability of the new constitutional amendment, and in particular challenging the retroactive component.

- Research whether there are any loopholes in the initiative's language that would exempt Measure E from the retroactive component of the initiative.

A similar initiative was defeated in the courts prior to making it to the ballot in November 2024. The City should be willing to support efforts to similarly defeat this initiative.

I also suggest that the Council declare a Support position for the [ACA 13 \(Ward\) Voting thresholds. \(Res. Ch. 176, 2023\)](#) Assembly Constitutional Amendment, also appearing on the November ballot, to require a 2/3 voter approval threshold for Initiative #1983 and initiatives like it.

Best,
Jordan Moldow
District 3

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Your expected vote to oppose the November 3, 2026, citizens ballot initiative known as the "Save Proposition 13 Act" (*official title by the state to be the "California Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Special Taxes and Charter City Real Estate Transfer Tax Prohibition Initiative"*) is a **betrayal** of the residents San Jose who are your constituents.

Please do **NOT** vote to oppose the SAVE PROPOSITION 13 ACT!

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Please vote against the memo from Council Members Campos, Cohen, Kamei, and Tordillos that proposes a formal resolution in opposition to the **"California Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Special Taxes and Charter City Real Estate Transfer Tax Prohibition Initiative"**

I support this ballot initiative. You are each entitled to your own positions as individuals, but you were not elected to represent the positions of your constituents on statewide legislation. It's particularly offensive that council is considering the proposed resolution without any public outreach.

Tobin Gilman

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Dear Mayor and Council, Vote 'no' or 'nay' please on the memo from Council Members Campos, Cohen, Kamei, and Tordillos that proposes a formal resolution in opposition to the "California Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Special Taxes and Charter City Real Estate Transfer Tax Prohibition Initiative" You were elected or hired to represent the positions of your constituents. It's inappropriate for our city council members to bring forth for consideration this or any proposed resolution regarding statewide legislation for a council vote without any local public outreach or direct constituent communications.

We support this ballot initiative because we feel we are already being unfairly taxed with additional recent county sales tax increase and additional local bond measures added of the assessed value of our property or sale of a property. The cost of living in San Jose is escalating faster than inflation in all regards and our family's wages and income are not keeping up with these increases due in large part to tax hikes and costly programs added on outside the city's, county's and school's defined missions that only to add to budget deficits.

Again, please vote against this resolution, vote no. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Brenda Dohmen



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It has come to my attention that there will be a vote against "Save Prop 13". If Prop 13 goes away we will not be able to afford to pay taxes if they are increased and will need to sell our home as will thousands of others in our same predicament. Not only will it destroy us but also it would radically transform CA real estate, municipal budgets and economy. Thank you

Gail and John Hospidor
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District 10

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Subject: Questions Regarding the Local Taxpayer Protection Act and Its Impact on San Jose
Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express concerns regarding the proposed Local Taxpayer Protection Act being advanced by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and to ask several policy questions about its potential impact on San Jose.

I understand and appreciate the original rationale behind Proposition 13. One of its central purposes was to protect homeowners—particularly seniors and others on fixed incomes—from being taxed out of their homes as property values increased faster than their ability to pay. That concern remains valid today and continues to resonate with many Californians.

However, I am struggling to understand whether this new initiative is primarily addressing that homeowner concern or whether it serves a broader and different purpose.

This measure appears to extend the same protections to large commercial and corporate real estate interests without distinguishing between a retired homeowner living on a fixed income and a corporation holding highly appreciated real estate assets.

Many local transfer taxes, including San Jose's Measure E, are imposed on high-value real estate transactions rather than on homeowners' annual property tax bills. If these taxes are repealed, an important question arises:

Who benefits most from this proposal—ordinary homeowners, or owners of highly appreciated commercial and investment properties?

Likewise, if the stated purpose of the initiative is to protect taxpayers, why does it not distinguish between owner-occupied residential property and commercial or investment property?

The public policy rationale for protecting homeowners is often based on housing stability, retirement security, and the risk of individuals being displaced by rising property taxes. Those concerns are fundamentally different from the circumstances of corporations, real estate investment entities, or large commercial property owners.

Should those categories receive identical treatment under this initiative?

My concern is that a measure being marketed as "saving Proposition 13" may in fact broaden protections for commercial real estate and large real estate transactions in ways that were never central to the original homeowner focused argument that Californians were asked to support. The practical effect may be to provide substantial benefits to large commercial property interests, whether or not that is the proponents' intent.

I would also ask the Council to evaluate the local fiscal consequences. If measures such as San Jose's transfer tax are ultimately repealed, what revenue sources would replace those funds?

Would the result be service reductions, deferred infrastructure maintenance, or additional pressure to seek other forms of taxation in the future?

These questions deserve thoughtful public discussion before residents are asked to accept the proposition's framing as a homeowner protection measure.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Rudy Flores



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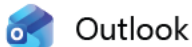
Dear Mayor and Council,

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I support this ballot initiative. You are each entitled to your own positions as individuals, but you were not elected to represent the positions of your constituents on statewide legislation. It's particularly offensive that council is considering the proposed resolution without any public outreach.

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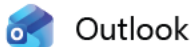
Please, let it be known, I support "SAVE PROP 13". Being on a fix retired income, we could not afford the any additional tax without selling our property. With all the increase's from PG&E, Water, Garbage, Cable, Groceries And Gas, it's hard to keep up!

On Tuesday, June 16, Mayor Mahan and the city council will be voting to oppose the November 3 citizens ballot initiative known as the "Save Proposition 13 Act." The official title issued by the state will be the "California Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Special Taxes and Charter City Real Estate Transfer Tax Prohibition Initiative." The mayor and council have been working overtime since 2024 to do everything in their power to weaken Prop 13 protections. Tuesday's vote sets up an extension of that campaign. Most notably, in 2024, Mayor Mahan signed an amicus brief to the state Supreme Court in support of Governor Newsom's successful lawsuit to have a prior version of the Save Proposition 13 Act pulled from the ballot after it had already qualified with 1.4 million registered voter signatures. In striking the initiative from the 2024 ballot, the court cited a legal technicality. The 2026 version addresses that issue. As it often does, the council is putting the city on record in opposition to a statewide ballot measure without soliciting any input from residents. The proposal to oppose Save Proposition 13 was quietly placed on the June 16th council agenda in a unanimous vote by the Rules and Open Government Committee on June 10th, giving residents just 6 days to become aware of the upcoming council vote and provide input to their representatives. To be clear, every member of the council has known for months that this issue would eventually be placed on the council agenda. They just haven't told you about it because they know Prop 13 is popular among many residents. They want to keep the issue off the radar of taxpayer advocates.

PLEASE SAVE P R O P. 13 !!!

Regards,
Barbara

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To Whom It Concerns,

while I recognize the Save Prop 13 Act might impact revenues it's incumbent upon the city to support this initiative. The idea that new taxes can be passed with a simple majority is slowly, but surely, increasing regressive taxes on the poorest among San Jose. More importantly, this notion fly's in the face of the original intent of Prop 13.

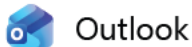
Unfortunately I'm traveling and can't be at the meeting on the 16th but count my voice as someone that supports Save Prop 13! If you care about your homeowners and the poorest among us you should too!

I encourage the city to come up with creative ways to raise new revenues through concessions at parks, merchandising, or other avenues rather than continuing to make it more and more difficult for people to live in this area by taxing us into oblivion.

Regards,
Gary Borad

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Best Wishes,

David Dolmatch

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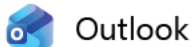
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I am so disappointed to be a person in California in your district with you trying to do away with Prop 13 that harms all the old people. I feel like you guys don't care at all about any of us senior citizens who wouldn't be able to be in our homes without Prop 13. I feel like you give to the homeless over us. I need to quit being a Democrat because I'm sick of being treated so terribly by the Democrats it's almost like I need to be homeless to be treated OK or an illegal?

Brooke Carlson

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and City Council,

Please see a letter from Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits regarding **Item 3.9, Oppose Position on Ballot Measure Limiting Ability of Voters to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services**. We look forward to your discussion on this topic.

Best,

Shannon Zhang | Nonprofit Policy + Advocacy Associate

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits

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Mayor and City Council
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San José, CA 95113
Sent via electronic mail

Re: Oppose Position on Ballot Measure Limiting Ability of Voters to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services – SUPPORT

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Foley, and City Council:

I write to you on behalf of Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN), an alliance of community-based organizations working to advance the role, voice, and capacity of the nonprofit community in Santa Clara County so it can be a force for positive social change and support the creation of equitable, vibrant, and thriving communities.

We support the City of San José taking a stance of opposition against the upcoming November ballot measure to increase voter requirement for local revenue measures from a simple majority to two-thirds. As the joint memo from Councilmembers Kami, Cohen, Tordillos, and Campos emphasizes, the measure would inappropriately retroactively overturn the will of the voters and invalidate the Measure E Real Property Transfer Tax. The City relies heavily on this transfer tax as a source of revenue for homelessness prevention, services, interim shelter operations, and affordable housing. Especially considering the significant budget shortfalls the City is facing in the upcoming fiscal years, this passage of this ballot measure threatens the City's already reduced services.

These impacts would be most heavily felt by low-income residents, communities of color, and other communities who face the greatest barriers to housing stability and economic stability. Already burdened households depend on homelessness prevention services such as legal assistance and rental assistance. At a time when nonprofits and local governments alike are faced with increasing need alongside revenue shortages, this measure would seriously jeopardize the stability of numerous communities and households in San Jose that not only depend on

Measure E-funded services, but for all who rely on City services. Communities deserve the ability to make local funding decisions that reflect their needs. We respectfully urge you to support the recommendation to oppose this ballot measure.

Sincerely,
Shannon Zhang
Policy + Advocacy Associate

About Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) advances the role, voice, and capacity of the nonprofit community in Santa Clara County, driving positive social change and fostering equitable, vibrant, and thriving communities. SVCN is committed to being a change agent and a model of possibility by centering racial justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in everything we do, both internally and externally. A key strategic priority is to support the nonprofit ecosystem by serving as a trusted source and hub of information, resources, and connections for Silicon Valley nonprofits, facilitating collaboration and collective impact. We also leverage our power, position, and access to partner with, amplify, and support the community, influencing decision-makers to address the biggest challenges facing nonprofits and the communities they serve. SVCN's nonprofit membership is 170+ strong.



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I am a senior citizen of San Jose with a fixed income.

I strongly oppose the City Council proposal which would oppose the Statewide Ballot Measure entitled: "Save Prop 13 Act". The official title issued by the state will be the "California Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Special Taxes and Charter City Real Estate Transfer Tax Prohibition Initiative."

The mayor and council have been working overtime since 2024 to weaken Prop 13 protections! The Council's opposition sets up an extension of that campaign. Most notably, in 2024, Mayor Mahan signed an amicus brief to the state Supreme Court in support of Governor Newsom's successful lawsuit to have a prior version of the Save Proposition 13 Act pulled from the ballot after it had already qualified with 1.4 million registered voter signatures. In striking the initiative from the 2024 ballot, the court cited a legal technicality. The 2026 version addresses that issue. The council is putting

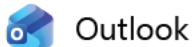
the city on record to oppose this statewide ballot measure **without soliciting any input from residents. Shame on all of you who have not given the citizens of San Jose enough notice to have adequate input.**

Without Save Prop 13 in place, a house that is valued at 1.4 Million (which is the average house value in San Jose) would now have roughly a \$30,000 property tax bill per year in San Jose. Stop forcing citizens out of San Jose!

Thank you,
Joanie Murphy



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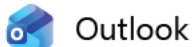
I have lived in San Jose for over 40 years. My taxes keep going up, and costs of everything is extremely high. If Save Prop 13 does not pass, it will put undue burden on my cost of living, and I will no longer be able to afford my own home.

I am asking you to not oppose the upcoming Prop 13 legislation. California voters have enough signatures to put this on the ballot. Each city, including San Jose must run their cities within their own budget, and not keep asking their residents to raise their taxes to fund their pet projects. Please have common sense, and let the voters in California decide in November.

Sincerely,

Josephine Kawanami
County Central Committee member,
District 1

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To Mayor Mahan and San Jose City Council,

Last Friday, I was appalled to learn that there is item 3.9 on the June 16th San Jose City Council meeting agenda to vote in opposition to the Save Proposition 13 ballot measure. After over 1M signatures were collected from the voters themselves to legally get this measure on the ballot, why are Council members (and one from my district!) initiating this resolution? Have the constituents asked for the Council's involvement or opposition?

As a Save Prop 13 petition signature gathering volunteer, I know that the voters have directly voiced their desire to get this measure on the November ballot. There is no need for Council members to voice their position, especially when my District representative is not representing or has not requested my view on this matter. Are not Council members supposed to represent the people in their district?

I am a 3rd-generation Californian and single mom who is now retired and I still pay an exorbitant amount for mortgage, insurance, healthcare, taxes, utilities, gas and food expenses to live in my native state. I only had a full-time paycheck for nearly fifty years and did not have any huge stock or startup windfall fortune.

Please vote against this resolution because it is clear again that the Council is conducting "back room" business on their own and is not in touch with the people's interests. Let the voters speak for themselves in the November election. I feel there is plenty of tax revenue being collected - the real problem is unwise spending and waste at all levels of government.

Regards
Sharlene

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To whom It may concern,
Please vote against the memo from Council Members Campos, Cohen, Kamei, and Tordillos that proposes a formal resolution opposing the "California Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Special Taxes and Charter City Real Estate Transfer Tax Prohibition Initiative."
I support this ballot initiative. While each council member is entitled to their own views as an individual, I do not believe the City Council should take an official position on statewide ballot measures without first engaging in meaningful public outreach and seeking input from the community it represents. It is particularly concerning that the Council is considering this proposed resolution without first soliciting public feedback. Given the diversity of viewpoints among residents, I believe the Council should focus on representing its constituents rather than advocating for or against statewide initiatives without clear public support.
Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Cory Carlson

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