

August 3, 2020

Hon. Mark Murphy, Mayor
City of Orange
300 E. Chapman Ave.
Orange, CA 92866

Mayor Murphy and Members of the Orange City Council:

In 1978, California voters approved the People's Initiative to Limit Property Taxation, or "Proposition 13". Prop 13 was the outcome of a revolt of California property owners against the roller-coaster tax increases and provided stability for homeowners and business owners.

As the impacts of COVID-19 rippled throughout the country, the business community has suffered catastrophic losses. Unable to survive the economic burdens, many small businesses were forced to close their doors for good. As businesses continue to struggle, unemployment numbers remain staggering. The business community is CRITICAL to improve unemployment. You can't have a job without one.

The Split Roll- 2020 Ballot Initiative: Proposition 15 will cause fewer jobs and reduce wages, raise prices for goods and services, magnify the housing crisis, increase the cost to do business in California, and will leave homeowners vulnerable to the complete elimination of Proposition 13 protections. **Proposition 15 is a \$10-\$12 BILLION tax increase on every Californian at a time we cannot afford it.**

The Orange County Taxpayers Association asks that your City Council join with us in opposing the Split Roll Initiative "Prop 15" on this November's ballot by passing a resolution in opposition.

Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance

Sincerely,



Carolyn Cavecche
President and CEO
Orange County Taxpayers Association

Cc: Hon. Mike Alvarez, Mayor Pro Tem
Hon. Kim Nichols, Council Member
Hon. Chip Monaco, Council Member
Rick Otto, City Manager