



El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association

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Ron Briggs, Chairman
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EL DORADO COUNTY

RE: Implementation of Proposition-90

Dear Supervisor Briggs:

The El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association would like to voice their concern over the possible passage of an ordinance implementing Proposition-90.

As you know Proposition-90 allows homeowners over the age of 55 or, disabled homeowners who move to El Dorado County, to transfer eligible property tax base assessments from their previous residents. The transfer of base assessments does not allow the "market" to dictate what the assessed value of the property should be. Without a normal Proposition-13 reassessment any home that is bought under Proposition-90 would therefore have a negative financial impact on any agency who receives a portion of the Property Tax distribution.

Those eligible for Proposition-90 transfers, 55 years old or disabled are those individuals who have historically had a higher use of both fire and EMS services. It can be argued that under Proposition-90 those same individuals, while having a higher rate of service request, will be paying less for these services.

According to Tim Holcomb, County Assessor only seven of the fifty-eight counties have implemented Proposition-90 with seven other counties repealing the ordinance because of lost revenue either statistically or conceptually. That only seven counties have implemented and just as many have repealed Proposition-90 should bring pause to the Board.

The Fire Chiefs are well aware of the current housing crisis. We also understand how both local Chamber of Commerce's and Realtors see Proposition-90 as a viable "economic incentive" to sell homes and hopefully increase the amount of Sales Tax locally. As you know the Fire Districts currently do not receive a share of any Sales Tax and will only see a reduction in assessed values.

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Tim Holcomb
x Ron Briggs



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The Fire Chiefs hope that this short-term solution does not have long-term economic consequences.

Thank you for listening to our concerns and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


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