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Subject: Regarding Board Meeting 8/11/09, # 09-0992, Agenda Item 27
Adopting Proposition 90 and 110.

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EL DORADO COUNTY

I object to the Board's adoption of Proposition 90 and 110. Once again the Board is selecting one particular group to benefit from this decision at a cost to the community as a whole.

Paul McIntosh, CAO at the time this was originally introduced to the county, stated, "I can see no value for El Dorado County in opting into the program authorized by Proposition 90. Not only is there no benefit to El Dorado County, the program would actually place a disservice on those citizens who currently own homes in the county..... If adopted, the effect of such an ordinance in El Dorado County would be to reduce property tax revenues with no correlating reduction in demand for services from those citizens moving into our communities." He also stated, "Implementing Proposition 90 would have a negative financial impact on El Dorado County.... Given the absence of any value to El Dorado County or to its current citizens, we recommend you adopt a policy rejecting Proposition 90 in El Dorado County."

On January 6, 1989, John Thorne, then Assessor, stated, "it appears that counties such as ours would suffer a considerable economical loss, as the majority of people coming into our county are from more costly areas within the state."

No other rural type county has adopted Proposition 90. It is clear that this Proposition will encourage growth for a select category of people, a group of people that can most afford to pay a higher property tax.

The following is the County's Vision Statement and statements put on four of the Board's web sites as to commitments made to the communities you represent.

El Dorado County Vision Statement

"El Dorado County will remain the leader in supporting our safe, healthy, and vibrant communities, wisely managing our natural resources, and preserving our local heritage.

Jack Sweeney:

Remains committed to protecting the rural character of El Dorado County.

John Knight:

His work has helped to preserve our way of life.

Ray Nutting:

Because Ray is a dedicated and forthright individual who is known for digging in and working hard, he will endeavor to always make the best decisions for all the people of El Dorado County regardless of the pressures exerted by the area's many aggressive special interest groups. Ray is independent of these many behind the scenes interests and answers to no one but us. He was, is, and will always be a true servant of the people of El Dorado County.

Ron Briggs:

He is a staunch defender of rural, agricultural life style for the citizens of El Dorado County.

Every decision this Board makes should reflect the County's vision statement and the promises the Board has made to its citizens.

As stated in the power point presentation attached to this agenda item the net effect of this proposal is a loss of property tax revenue for the county, schools, and special districts.

Therefore, this proposal forces our current seniors and other existing residents to subsidize services for new residents.

It is obvious that this proposition has been bought forth by an aggressive special interest group. Per Ron Grassi, ACAO, "Proposition 90 would probably benefit developers, builders, and increase the number of sales commissions for the real estate industry." He also stated, "The implementation of Proposition 90 would place additional burden on property tax revenue. This will affect not just the county general fund but also, the Community Services Areas, and Fire Districts a reduction in property tax converts directly to a loss of revenue." Based on last year's housing numbers, Grassi's report showed a scenario that adopting Proposition 90 would be a revenue loss to the County of \$4.5 million a year. If Prop 90 is adopted, the county is mandated to keep it in force for 5 years. After the mandatory 5 years it would cost the county an estimated \$22.5 million a year until those buyers move out of the county.

Adopting Prop 90 will impact our rural way of live, in which the majority of this Board, as stated previously, have swore to protect.

In putting our already stretched county staff on the task to implement this Proposition, how much is that costing? Why does it seem that every decision this Board embarks on is for the benefit of the developer / lobbyists at the expense of your existing residents?

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