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September 15, 2009

Supervisor Norma Santiago
El Dorado County Government Center
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

RE: Proposition 90 for El Dorado County

Dear Supervisor Santiago:

It seems that El Dorado County is on its way to enacting a Proposition 90 ordinance. Unfortunately, there is a substantial amount of red tape to unravel before this proposition is in place and qualified homeowners can apply for tax relief. As a consequence, a small number of senior citizens, who have moved into the county in recent months, while the Board was deliberating this issue, will be unable to qualify unless the Board takes specific action to include them. I am recommending that the provisions of this proposition be made retroactive to January 1, 2009 or earlier.

I have discussed this with County Assessor Tim Holcomb, who feels that this would have minimal impact on tax revenues because so few homeowners would be affected. But for El Dorado County homeowners who purchased their homes in the past few months, like me, this would be of substantial benefit.

Mr. Holcomb has indicated that provisions of the California Taxation Code (1988) allow counties that adopt Proposition 90 to make it retroactive to 1988 (or any year thereafter) if they wish. So this would not be covering new ground.

Again, I respectfully ask that the Board of Supervisors include the retroactive provision I have recommended. Your response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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August 23, 2009

Supervisor Norma Santiago
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RE: Proposition 90 for El Dorado County

Dear Supervisor Santiago:

I have been following the Board of Supervisors deliberations on the Prop. 90 issue for some time thanks to updates from your assistant, Judi Harkins. (She has been very helpful.)

I am personally very much in favor of the County enacting the Prop. 90 ordinance and believe it would be beneficial to the County. The arguments in favor of Prop. 90 presented by Ken Calhoun are excellent and should serve as an inducement for the County to proceed with implementation of the ordinance. There is no real information that Prop. 90 would have a negative impact on tax revenue. Tim Holcomb's review of this issue, in his August 23, 2009 report, presents pros and cons but, overall, his review is rather neutral. I would put more weight on the benefits.

You have considerable influence with BOS members and your support of Prop. 90 for El Dorado County would be very helpful in getting the ordinance enacted.

Sincerely,



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