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Libby --

We have great news! This past week we got the 51st locally elected body in California to join the fight to reform Prop 13 by passing our Close the Commercial Property Tax Loophole resolution. We are now over halfway to our goal of getting 100 local school boards and city councils to go on record for tax fairness. This is an important step forward toward building the statewide grassroots network needed to pass this important reform that will generate at least $6 billion every year in revenue for schools and local governments.

Check out the list of the local elected bodies standing up for tax fairness

Voters passed Prop. 13 to protect families from rising property taxes, not large corporate property owners. Because commercial property rarely changes hands, they are also rarely reassessed. As a result, large commercial property owners are not paying their fair share. For example, the average California homeowner pays 8 times more in property taxes than the Walt Disney Corporation because Disneyland's tax rate is based on a 1975 land assessment. Chevron alone gets a yearly $1 billion tax break because of this commercial property tax loophole.

Help Generate Billions in Local Revenue

It's time to join the grassroots campaign to restore tax fairness to California. Sacramento needs to hear from local elected officials that cities are tired of balancing budgets on the backs of working families. Please let me know if your city or town council will join the growing statewide movement to bring billions in reliable revenue to our underfunded public services.

Thank you,

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