



County of San Bernardino



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VOTERS OUTSMARTED THE POLITICIANS ON “PROPOSITION 13”

San Bernardino, CA — San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector Ensen Mason today congratulated the voters of his County and those throughout the State of California for voting down the massive bond measure known by a twist of ballot measure numbering fate as “Proposition 13” on the March 3, 2020 ballot.

“This measure was a wolf in sheep’s clothing that would have saddled Californians with \$27 billion dollars in new taxation in the form of school bonds. Much worse is that it also would have authorized a more than two-thirds increase in the amount of *past* school bond debt without a new vote of the people,” commented Mason. “To add insult to injury on top of all that, it would have also granted developers tax breaks on new, multi-family residential construction – exactly the type of housing that would produce the biggest impact on schools in terms of new students. Who would pay what the developers didn’t? Yep, the rest of us taxpayers!”

Mason expressed great pride in voters’ wisdom for seeing through this deceptive ballot measure despite millions of dollars in spending, much of it from developers, in favor of a Yes vote. Los Angeles County was the only county south of the Bay Area to vote in favor of Proposition 13. San Bernardino County voters defeated it by double-digit margins after Mason joined the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA) in leading the opposition.

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