

Benefits of Proposition 13

Proposition 13 has something for everybody.

Homeowners benefit because Proposition 13 makes property taxes predictable and stable so homeowners can budget for taxes and remain in their homes.

Renters benefit because Proposition 13 makes property taxes predictable and stable for owners of residential rental property, and this reduces upward pressure on rents. Additionally, Proposition 13 increases the likelihood that renters, too, will be able to experience the American Dream of homeownership.

Business owners, especially small business owners, benefit because Proposition 13 makes property taxes predictable for businesses, and it helps owners budget and invest in growing their businesses. This helps create jobs and improves the economy.

Local Government and schools benefit because Proposition 13 provides a reliable, stable and growing revenue source. Even when real property values drop property tax revenues continue to grow.

Neighborhoods benefit because Proposition 13 stabilizes neighborhoods — residents are no longer driven out by unaffordable tax increases — as was pointed out by the U.S. Supreme Court in its 1992 decision upholding Proposition 13.

All taxpayers benefit because Proposition 13 guarantees their right to vote on new local taxes.