



## MEETING NOTES: September 2, 2020

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Jim Olson

**Sunshine:** Birthdays were celebrated by Nancy, Jeff, Don, Bill, and Ruth.

**Thought for the Day:** A man thought he left the keys in a car and thought the car was stolen, but the owner dropped the guy off; it was not stolen. A kid says lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from email.

**Happy Dollars:** Joy and Jim about their daughters being safe. Nancy on taking online classes and now able to review St. Mary's projects. Steve on being happy. Tillie for being honored by reaching age 100.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patrice reported on new officers for Interact. Joy reported that she is very pleased with the results of the End Polio project.

## PROGRAM

Guest speakers were Carol Murota & Janet Hoy from League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley.



Subject was discussion of Prop 15 and voting information in Contra Costa County. The League is endorsing Prop 15. It requires reassessment every three years (of what they are currently worth) of certain properties to fair market value, but does not change the 1% tax rate. This does not affect Prop 13.

It only includes large commercial and industrial property greater than \$3 million valuation. This eliminates commercial and industrial property tax loopholes. Currently, if you buy a big property and take more than a 50% ownership, you do not now have to have a reassessment. It includes tax exemption of equipment and fixtures up to \$500,000.

There are many properties that were purchased many years ago, and pay significantly less property tax than those purchased later at a higher market value. So the businesses that were purchased at a significantly lower value now have a huge benefit by paying lower taxes based on original values years ago.

This Proposition does not include residential or agricultural properties. But several questioned whether it would eventually spill over to affect Prop 13 for home owners.

It is estimated to bring \$12 billion per year to government. Only 10% of the biggest, wealthiest commercial properties will produce 92% of the revenue increase. It requires there to be public disclosure of all reassessment. Of the revenues, 60% will go to local government and 40% to education.

**Ballots:** Mail-in ballots will be sent to all registered voters. Ballots postmarked by Election Day have seventeen days to reach the elections office. All mail-in ballots are first class postage paid. BallotTrax tool can be found at: [wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov](http://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov). There are multiple secure drop boxes open from Oct 6 – Nov 3, early voting site open from Oct 30 – Nov 3 and 150+ polling places. Rossmoor has a voting poll location at the event center.

## Election 2020: Timeline

- September 24th: Voter Information Guide mailed
- October 5th
  - Ballots mailed to all registered voters
  - In person voting begins in Martinez
  - Ballot Drop Boxes opened
- October 29th
  - 16 Early Voting sites open
- November 3rd
  - Election Day
  - Postmark deadline
  - November 20 Receipt Deadline

## CALENDAR

Sept 9	Belinda Breyer – Writing Memoirs
Sept 9	10:30a Board of Directors Meeting
Sept 26	8:00a Dist 5160 Nominating Committee