

Welcome to the

**HOWARD JARVIS
TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION**



**2021
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CONFERENCE**

HJTA 2021 Taxpayer Conference

Program

Welcome

Susan Shelley, Vice President, Communications

President's Address

Jon Coupal

Legal Affairs

Timothy Bittle, Director of Legal Affairs

Legislative Update

Scott Kaufman, Legislative Director

Special Guest Speaker

Victor Davis Hanson

Questions and Answers

About HJTA

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association was established in 1978 with the historic passage of Proposition 13, a measure which saved hundreds of thousands of taxpayers from being taxed out of their homes.

President Ronald Reagan, in an address to HJTA members, said, “When you and your fellow Californians passed Prop. 13 in 1978 you struck a powerful blow for our freedom. You used the initiative process to become citizen lawmakers when the legislature refused to take action to protect us from confiscatory taxation. With Proposition 13 we told government that since the power to tax is the essence of government, we citizens are going to take control of taxation.”

Fighting for Taxpayers on the Ballot

HJTA led the fight to protect Proposition 13 from the “split roll” proposal that was Proposition 15 on the November ballot. The measure was an effort to revoke Proposition 13’s protections from some property owners, and HJTA believes it would have been the first step toward dismantling Prop. 13 completely. We’re pleased to tell you that voters saw through the other side’s false arguments and decisively rejected Prop. 15.

Fighting for Taxpayers in the Courts

HJTA’s great legal team is battling daily to protect taxpayers from illegal and unauthorized taxes and fees levied by insatiable government entities. Although the California courts have become steadily more hostile to the interests of taxpayers, we stand by the words of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who said, “Sometimes you have to fight a battle more than once to win it.”

Fighting for Taxpayers in the State Capitol

In a Legislature that is heavily stacked against taxpayers, HJTA works hard to make sure every lawmaker is aware of how many taxpayers in their own district

are watching to make sure they protect Proposition 13. HJTA is there to stand up for taxpayers and ensure that when legislation is considered, your voice is always heard in the Capitol.

A New Battle to Reverse a Damaging Tax Increase on Families

HJTA has begun a new project to “Restore Prop. 13 for Our Children.” In November, Proposition 19 passed narrowly after a costly ad campaign that made many voters believe the measure was only about helping wildfire victims. In fact, Proposition 19 contained a radical tax increase on inherited property. Previously, parents could transfer a home of any value and up to \$1 million of assessed value of other property to their children without reassessment, which kept the property tax bill the same after the transfer. This protection was added to the state constitution by Proposition 58 in 1986. However, Prop. 19 removed Proposition 58 from the constitution and replaced it with a narrow, limited exclusion from reassessment that only applies to some family farms and to homes that become the principal residence of the heirs almost immediately. All other property is reassessed to market value as of the date of transfer.

Proposition 19 is a massive tax increase on small family businesses and on families that hoped to retain family homes but can’t move in immediately.

HJTA is supporting **Assembly Constitutional Amendment 9**, introduced by Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (Granite Bay), which would reinstate Proposition 58, as well as a similar measure, Proposition 193 (1996) that applied to grandparents and grandchildren if the children’s parents are deceased.

HJTA is also supporting **Senate Bill 668**, introduced by Sen. Patricia Bates (Laguna Niguel), which would continue the pre-Prop. 19 rules for family transfers through February 16, 2023. This would give families much-needed time to plan for any tax changes.

You can learn more about HJTA’s efforts on this important issue at www.hjta.org/Reinstate58. Also follow us on Twitter at [@Reinstate58](https://twitter.com/Reinstate58).

Learn More and Contact Us

A recording of today's taxpayer conference will be available for viewing online. We hope you'll tell friends and family members about this important organization and the work we do to protect California families.

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