



HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

HOWARD JARVIS, FOUNDER
JON COUPAL, PRESIDENT

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HJTA MEMBERS
21ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RE: STEVEN POIZNER

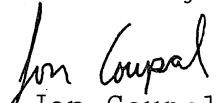
Dear

We are taking the unusual step of writing you to discuss a political candidate running on the November ballot. As you may know, Steven Poizner is a very well-funded Republican candidate for the 21st Assembly District. We are compelled to inform you that Mr. Poizner is pushing a plan that would significantly undercut the property tax protections you receive under Proposition 13. Specifically, Proposition 13 requires that special taxes receive a two-thirds vote of the electorate. Mr. Poizner is pushing very hard to weaken Proposition 13 by lowering the two-thirds vote to 55% for parcel taxes dedicated to education. Parcel taxes, for any purpose, represent a real danger to homeowners because they are very regressive – they hit seniors and other homeowners on fixed incomes the hardest because they are imposed irrespective of the value of the property being taxed.

For twenty-five years, Proposition 13's two-thirds vote protection has protected homeowners. However, in 2000, special interests spent \$30 million in a deceptive campaign to lower the two-thirds vote for education bonds. As a result of the passage of Proposition 39, homeowners in California are now paying billions of dollars of additional property taxes. We must not let that happen again.

This is to advise you that, in the opinion of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association Political Action Committee, there is **no qualified candidate running in the 21st Assembly District**. We strongly urge you to withhold your vote from Mr. Steven Poizner. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jon Coupal
President