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Property Tax--Assessment Ratio

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Office of the Secretary of State
March Fong Eu

111 Capitol Mall, Room 220
Sacramento, California 95814

Elections Division
(916) 445-0820

July 14, 1978

TO: ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS/COUNTY CLERKS

FROM: CASHMERE M. APPERSON, ELECTIONS TECHNICIAN

Pursuant to Elections Code 3520(b) you are hereby notified that the total number of signatures to the hereinafter named proposed Initiative Constitutional Amendment filed with all county clerks is less than 100 per cent of the number of qualified voters required to find the petition sufficient.

TITLE: Property Tax--Assessment Ratio

SUMMARY DATE: January 27, 1978

PROPONENT: Terry Agnew

The petition has failed and no further action is necessary.

For Immediate Release
July 13, 1978

Contact: Caren Daniels

TWO TAX MEASURES FAIL FOR BALLOT SAYS SECRETARY OF STATE EU

SACRAMENTO -- Secretary of State March Fong Eu announced today (July 13) two property tax-related initiatives have failed to qualify for the June 1980 primary election ballot.

"The 'Local Property Tax Funds' and 'Property Tax -- Assessment Ratio' initiative constitutional amendments fell short of the 499,846 registered voter signatures each needed to qualify for the ballot," Ms. Eu said. "Neither proponent Los Angeles Supervisor James Hayes, of the local property tax measure, nor San Franciscan Terry Agnew, of the assessment ratio petition, gathered enough signatures by their late-June deadlines, and neither submitted petitions to county election officials for verification."

The Local Property Tax Funds Initiative would have prohibited the use of real or personal property tax money by local public agencies for public social or welfare services; public medical, hospital or health care services; administrative costs of any of these services; superior, municipal or justice court costs; statewide election costs; or government-mandated programs after Nov. 8, 1978. County property taxes would have been reduced in the amount equivalent to that saved by cutting off property tax support of the above-mentioned services. Hayes' deadline to submit signatures was June 22.

The Property Tax -- Assessment Ratio Initiative would, in general, have provided "for a 20 per cent yearly reduction in the assessment ratio applicable to full market value of improvements and tangible personal property from 1979 to 1983," with specified exceptions. In 1983, the improvements and property would have become tax exempt. Additional review responsibilities would also have been imposed on the Legislature in this area. Agnew's petition submission deadline was June 26.

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TO ALL COUNTY CLERKS/REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Pursuant to Section 3513 of the Elections Code, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed Initiative Measure entitled:

PROPERTY TAX--ASSESSMENT RATIO
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Circulating and Filing Schedule

- 1. Minimum number of signatures required 499,846
Constitution II, 8(b).
- 2. Official Summary Date Friday, 1/27/78
Elections Code Section 3513.
- 3. Petition Sections:
 - a. First day Proponent can circulate
Sections for signatures Friday, 1/27/78
Elections Code Section 3513.
 - b. Last day Proponent can circulate and
file with the county. All Sections are
to be filed at the same time within each
county. Monday, 6/26/78+
Elections Code Sections 3513, 3520(a).
 - c. Last day for county to determine total
number of signatures affixed to petition
and to transmit total to Secretary of
State Monday, 7/3/78

+ IMPORTANT NOTE: This petition must be filed with the County Clerk or Registrar of Voters by May 4, 1978 to ensure that it will be verified by the county in time to qualify for the November 7, 1978 General Election. June 26, 1978 is the last date which the petition may legally be filed. However, a petition filed on that date could qualify for a later election.

Please call me at (916) 445-0820 if you wish further explanation of this note.

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to 6/26/78, the county has 5 working days from the filing of the petition to determine the total number of signatures affixed to the petition and to transmit this total to the Secretary of State.)
Elections Code Section 3520(b).

- d. Last day for county to determine number of qualified electors who have signed the petition, and to transmit certificate, with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State Tuesday, 7/18/78

(If the Secretary of State notifies the counties to determine the number of qualified electors who signed the petition on a date prior to 7/3/78 the last day is not later than the fifteenth day after the notification.)
Elections Code Section 3520(d), (e).

- e. If the Signature count is between 449,861 and 549,831, then the Secretary of State notifies counties using the random sampling technique to determine validity of all signatures.

Last day for county to determine actual number of all qualified electors who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate, with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State Thursday, 8/17/78

(If the Secretary of State notifies the counties to determine the number of qualified electors who have signed the petition on a date prior to 7/18/78, the last day is not later than the thirtieth day after the notification.)
Elections Code Section 3521(b), (c).

4. Campaign Statements:

Last day for Proponent to file a Campaign Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for period ending 7/24/78 Monday, 7/31/78

(If the Secretary of State finds that the measure has either qualified or failed to qualify on a date earlier than 6/26/78, the last date to file is the 35th calendar day after the date of notification by the Secretary of State that the measure has either qualified or failed to qualify. The closing date for this campaign statement is 7 days prior to the filing deadline.)

Government Code Section 84204.

5. The proponent of the above named measure is:

Mr. Terry Agnew
3098 California Street, #26
San Francisco, CA 94115

(415) 567-2018

WILLIAM N. DURLEY
Assistant to the Secretary of State
Elections and Political Reform



CASHMERE M. APPERSON
Elections Technician

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NOTE TO PROPONENT: Your attention is directed to Elections Code Sections 41, 44, 3501, 3507, 3508, 3516, 3517, and 3518 for appropriate format and type considerations in printing, typing and otherwise preparing your initiative petition for circulation and signatures. Your attention is further directed to the campaign disclosure and petition circulating requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974.

Mr. George Roth,
Office of the Attorney General
Evelle J. Younger
555 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814

December 7, 1977

Dear Mr. Roth,

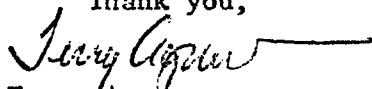
Pursuant to our conversation of last week, please be advised that I, Mr. Terry Newland of 3098 California St. #26, San Francisco, CA, 94115, wish to amend the property tax initiative petition submitted to your office per my letter of January 11, 1977. The date of submission upon the petition was November 4, 1977.

I wish to change the wording and amend the afore mentioned petition to read, beginning with SEC.37 (b), to read as follows:

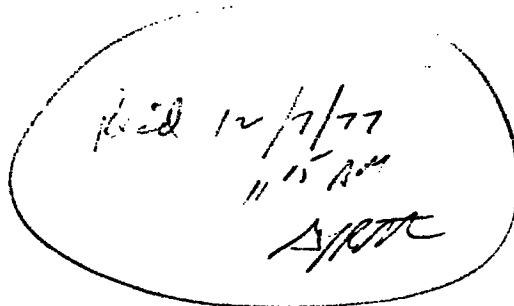
(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of Sec. 3 subdivisions (k), (o), (p), (q), and (r) of this Article to the contrary, the legislature shall by statute (etc.)

Only the underlined words (Sec.3) above are to be added; the rest of the initiative reads as originally submitted.

Thank you,


Terry Agnew

cc: Agnew,


Rec'd 12/7/77
11:15 AM
A/RTK



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice

555 CAPITOL MALL, SUITE 350
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January 27, 1978

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In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

JAN 30 1978

MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

By *Cashmere M. Apperson*
Deputy

Honorable March Fong Eu
Secretary of State
925 L Street, Suite 605
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Rico Nannini

Re: Property Tax--Assessment Ratio--Initiative
Constitutional Amendment, No. SA77RF0070

Dear Mrs. Eu:

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 3503 and 3513 of the Elections Code, you are hereby informed that on this day we mailed to Terry Agnew, as proponent, the following title and summary:

**PROPERTY TAX--ASSESSMENT RATIO--INITIATIVE
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Provides for a 20% yearly reduction in assessment ratio applicable to full market value of improvements and tangible personal property from 1979 to 1983, unless another percentage is provided for, at which time such property shall become tax exempt. Requires Legislature to annually review adequacy of local property tax revenues and provide by statute for tax rate adjustments to assure that revenues generated are approximately equal to those generated before adoption of this measure. Requires Legislature to adjust existing specified tax exemptions to insure value thereof will not be affected by this measure. Financial impact: None on local government. State savings in excess of \$500,000,000 annually when personal property taxes become fully exempt in 1983.

Honorable March Fong Eu
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January 27, 1978

Enclosed herewith is a declaration of mailing thereof,
and a copy of the proposed measure.

According to information available in our records the
address and phone number of the proponent of this measure
are as stated on the declaration of mailing.

Very truly yours,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER
Attorney General



GEORGE J. ROTH
Deputy Attorney General

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Enclosures

To The Honorable Secretary of State of California

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We, the undersigned, registered, qualified electors of the state of California, residence of _____ County (or City and County) present to the Secretary of State this petition proposing to add Section 37 to Article XIII of the Constitution, and petition that the same be submitted to the electors of the State of California for the adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election, or at any general election held prior to that general election, or as otherwise provided by law. The following is a full and correct copy of the title and text of the proposed measure.

THE AMENDMENT

That Section 37 be added to Article XIII to read:

SEC. 37 (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of this Article to the contrary, the assessment ratio applied to the full fair market value of improvements, and to the full value of tangible personal property, unless another percentage is provided by law, or is exempted by law, shall be the percentages set forth below multiplied by the assessment ratio to the full value of land within the same taxing jurisdiction:

- (1) On the lien date in 1979, 80 percent.
- (2) On the lien date in 1980, 70 percent.
- (3) On the lien date in 1981, 60 percent.
- (4) On the lien date in 1982, 50 percent.
- (5) On and after the lien date in 1983, improvements and personal property shall be exempt from taxation.

(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of subdivision (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), and (r) of this Article to the contrary, the Legislature shall by statute provide for adjustments in the amounts of the property tax exemptions provided therein such that the value of those exemptions will equal the value they would have had if subdivision (a) of this Section had not been adopted.

(c) The Legislature shall annually review the adequacy of the property tax revenues of all local agencies affected by subdivision (a) of this Section and shall provide by statute for adjustments in the tax rate limits of the affected agencies such that the revenues generated are approximately equal to those which would have been generated if subdivision (a) of this Section had not been adopted.

(d) This Amendment shall take effect on the tax year beginning July 1 following the passage of this Amendment.

Submitted to the Office of the Attorney General on Nov. 4, 1977.

* words " Sec. 3 " to be inserted here. TA

DECLARATION OF MAILING

RE: PROPERTY TAX--ASSESSMENT RATIO--INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT. No. SA77RF0070

I, **Mona Amaro** declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action; I reside in the County of Sacramento, State of California; my business address and place of employment is 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 350, Sacramento, California 95814

The proponent(s) of the above named measure are:

Mr. Terry Agnew
3098 California Street, #26
San Francisco, CA 94115
(415) 567-2018

On the 27th day of January, 1978, I mailed a letter, a true copy of which is attached hereto, to the person(s) above named, in an envelope addressed to them at the address(es) set out immediately below the name(s), sealed said envelope(s), and deposited the same in the United States mail at the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, State of California, with postage thereon fully prepaid, and there is regular communication between the said place of mailing and the place(s) so addressed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Sacramento, California, on January 27, 1978.

Mona Amaro

MONA AMARO