

Taxpayers Association of Oregon

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VOTE No on SJR 10 & SJR 11

Tens of millions of our current property tax dollars are being wasted on failed urban renewal projects and over-costs from our government PERS crisis. Lawmakers should fix what is wrong and live within their means. The direct impact of raising property taxes is to drive them out of their homes.

40 victims of a property tax increase

"In three years my property value drops from \$141,000 to \$83,000. I am 87 years old and am partially blind and live on social security. A tax increase is the last thing I need. Have a heart for God's sake."

*Richard B,
NE Portland*

"Taxing me more takes away from my ability to meet my financial obligations when I'm now trying to pay for medical costs for my wife's cancer. "

*Mike H.,
Clackamas*

"I am unemployed single father of many children. I am currently struggling to meet monthly family expenses. We have to keep the heat at 62 degrees in the home to avoid high utility bills. An increase in property tax would be disastrous."

*Martin W.,
Independence*

"If property taxes increase, we will likely have to move from our modest home (which is our only retirement asset) to a cramped apartment complex. I'm not exaggerating. A fixed amount comes in each month & we can't have more than that amount to go out. After all, we aren't a government agency -- just tax paying Americans."

*Goldina H,
Rainer*

"We are trying to retire and if the taxes are increased we would have to move!"

*Raymond M,
Grants Pass*

"If property taxes go up I would have to begin drawing from my savings that I want to keep for a retirement home. The value of my home has gone down, and now my yearly taxes on property are going up! I am 86 years old and my country is headed for a real depression!"

*Lorraine S.,
Medford*

"We the people can't pay our tax bills now, due to heavy taxation in all directions. At least leave our homes alone that we've worked so hard to keep as our very own! The retired & elderly would lose their homes and I am one of those elderly."

*Elaine D.,
Grants Pass*

"As a retired person I cannot afford to pay higher property taxes, Today I am taxed for everything that I do --both living and dying! We shouldn't have to be so needy in our old age."

*Nellie S.,
Philomath*

"I am retired on a fixed income with no possibility of an increase. I do not have the luxury of a pension with built in taxpayer finances cost of living increases to offset increased costs."

*Robert A.,
Aloha*

"Higher taxes makes it hard to pay my bills leaving us with less money to spend"

*Kevin & Janet,
Haines*

"My daughter & husband are having a hard time just keeping their home. They lost their beautiful home in 2009 when he work closed. He is 63 years old but no one wants to hire a man or woman when they get older. Now he has a job which pays him \$12.00 an hour and living from paycheck to paycheck"

*Ruth.,
Roseburg*

"I have been retired since the year 2000 and living on a fixed income. In that time I've seen increases in everything, food, prescriptions, gas has doubled, property taxes, etc! My pension stays the same and every year its gets tougher to make ends meet and our Legislature wants to raise our property taxes -- the politicians are robbing us and they do not even have a gun!"

*Erich B,
Florence*

"A property tax increase would hurt. The state voted for the lower taxes and it should stay low"

*Charlie C,
Junction City*

"I just spent \$3,500 to repairs on my home and that's enough and necessary"

*Verna S,
Florence*

"We do not have any extra money. No retirement increase to pay for a property tax increase"

*Arthur V.,
Medford*

"When you are retired and on a fixed income all tax increases hurt. A property tax increase is the same as a rent increase. It decreases my spendable income"

*Don S
NE Portland*

"We are an elderly couple in our 80's and on a limited income and wish to be independent caring for ourselves. Medical care is expensive. A property tax increase would delay maintenance on our home & possibly effect paying for our prescriptions. Replacing our worn out appliances would be a worry."

*William & Virginia,
Portland*

"From Social Security & my pensions, our income is \$59,632. Our property tax was \$6,855, so we are already paying 11% of our income to live in a house we own, or \$571 per month to rent to the state!"

*Lowell P,
Milwaukie*

"With my small social security and a son I have to support totally as he cannot work with his bad back problems and no insurance. An increase in taxes would take food off my table"

*Irma B.,
Grants Pass*

"We are being taxed out of our homes now! All of these new taxes being laid on us are unconscionable!!!"

*Louis B.,
Springfield*

"We are senior citizens & have limited income. We cannot afford if our property taxes go up!!"

*Nancy W.,
Springfield*

"My home would be in jeopardy if property taxes are raised in light of all the costs of living expenses going up as well. I will be retiring after next, and I may not make ends meet."

*Kathryn L.,
North Portland*

"My husband is 84 years, Oregon veteran and our income is Social Security. I'm 79. I would like to see my State Representatives live on our income. Our insurance, utilities, groceries & fuel keep going up. How will we survive?"

*J.H.,
Grants Pass*

"I live on the meager Social Security I have earned since working 1958-2004. I can barely pay all of my bills, buy groceries, fuel, pay mortgage, property taxes, medical co-pays, etc. "

*Gerald K.,
Dayton*

"Just one more reason to move to Washington"

*Steve L.,
NW Portland*

"I am 60 years old. I like to think I can retire someday, but, my savings and investments can't keep ahead of energy costs and never ending tax increases and new taxes and fees."

*Mike C.,
SE Portland*

"This would hurt us. We are seniors."

Hank & Ann, The Dalles

"I am retired on a small income. All tax increases cause a financial burden. I pay over \$5,200 in property taxes now. The Legislature needs to reduce unnecessary spending and reduce taxes."

*Edward E.
NE Portland*

"I am 84 years old Oregon born. I have spent my lifetime working and paying my way. My home is paid for and my pension is small. I might lose my home if taxes go up. Folks should smart up -- there is no free lunch."

*Olive W.,
Colton*

"A property tax increase would force me to sell my home and not be able to live independently. Just being able to pay the continuing rising utility bills, groceries and health care is sometimes a stretch. Oregon does not need all of the frivolous things. Get back to basics."

*Luella G.,
Keizer*

"A property tax increase would leave us seniors devastated"

*Virgil & Thelma,
Monroe*

"I am 75 years old and on a fixed income. We need no new taxes. Live on what you have too!"

*Burl B.,
The Dalles*

"We are on a fixed income and more tax increases would hurt us"

*William & Judy.,
Cave junction*

"A property tax increase would decrease my food supply and my daily activities"

*Leo K.,
Sweet Home*

"I am a senior citizen and have had to budget all my life. These large tax increases will cause me to have to downgrade my way of life considerably."

*Edit S.,
NE Portland*

"The cost of food, gas & insurance is going up & our property values are going down. Cut the PERS & live with what you get."

*Larry S.,
Dallas*

"We are retired & on fixed income with increases at all levels. This could be the straw that breaks the camel's back for us. Cut your budgets. We cannot afford this!"

*James W.,
Gresham*

"I'm reaching the point where I will vote with my feet -- Leave Oregon, it's becoming too expensive to live here!"

*Kuhn,
Happy Valley*

"If they raise property taxes they will tax thousands of people out of their homes. "

*Vern P.,
Eugene*