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Proposition 13, then and now

Property tax statistics from the Board of Equalization show that business property owners have not received any windfall from Proposition 13.

If a split-roll property tax is approved, readers should visit their favorite restaurant right away, because chances are it won't stay open long. Huge property tax hikes will occur, especially when assessors return to pre-Proposition 13 assessments based on their opinion of each property's "highest and best use." Quickly visit your favorite grocer, mechanic and others too, as their days will be numbered. Don't forget to wish their employees luck as they look for new jobs.

Today, more than 2.1 million Californians are out of work, businesses are struggling and families are having a tough time keeping up with their bills. Eliminating Proposition 13's property tax limits would be like throwing them an anvil as they struggle to stay afloat.

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