

Voters Want More Choices

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To: Our thousands of supporters throughout the state (cc'd to the media, house & senate members, and Governor)

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RE: It'll be 6 tax advisory votes on this November's ballot

In 2007, 2010, and 2012, the voters overwhelmingly approved ballot measures that required any tax increase passed by the Legislature and blocked from a public vote (by the use of an emergency clause, for example) be put on the November ballot as a tax advisory vote. There have been 9 tax advisory votes so far (Tax Advisory Votes #1 & 2 in 2012, #3-7 in 2013, and #8 & 9 in 2014).

This morning the Attorney General notified the Secretary of State of this year's tax increases. Here they are:

ADVISORY VOTE #10:

Cost for higher taxes on fuel (the gas tax): **\$3.7 billion** (the actual cost: \$15 billion statewide and \$15 billion in the Puget Sound)

http://ofm.wa.gov/tax/2015/5987_2ESSB_20150710_Ten_Year_Cost_Projection.pdf

SB 5987 -- <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind15&L=TAX-AND-FEE-PROPOSALS&F=&S=&P=215236>

ADVISORY VOTE #11

Cost for higher business taxes on royalties and equipment (the Microsoft tax): **\$851 million**

<http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=TAX-AND-FEE-PROPOSALS;472cb604.15>

SB 6138 -- <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6138&year=2015>

ADVISORY VOTE #12

Cost for higher sales taxes (the nexus / click through tax): **\$598 million**

<http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=TAX-AND-FEE-PROPOSALS;472cb604.15>

SB 6138 -- <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6138&year=2015>

ADVISORY VOTE #13

Cost for higher taxes on marijuana (the marijuana tax): **\$4 million**

<http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind15&L=TAX-AND-FEE-PROPOSALS&F=&S=&P=362808>

SB 5052 -- <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5052&year=2015>

ADVISORY VOTE #14

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Cost for "Oil spill administrative tax": **\$15 million**

<http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind15&L=TAX-AND-FEE-PROPOSALS&F=&S=&P=361099>

House Bill 1449 -- <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1449&year=2015>

ADVISORY VOTE #15

Cost for "Oil spill response tax": **\$1.35 million**

<http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind15&L=TAX-AND-FEE-PROPOSALS&F=&S=&P=361099>

House Bill 1449 -- <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1449&year=2015>

We wish the Legislature hadn't raised taxes -- that's not what the voters in 2014 asked for. If the Legislature hadn't raised billions of dollars in higher taxes, there wouldn't be that increased burden on struggling taxpayers and there wouldn't be these advisory votes. November's voters pamphlet will once again serve a tax increase report card. Voters will learn which taxes were increased, what each tax increase will cost, and how each legislator voted on each tax increase.

Any tax increase is, of course, a burden on struggling taxpayers. But it is important to note the long list of "dodged bullets" from the session:

A new capital gains tax (House Bill 1484). **Cost: \$8.4 billion.**

http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A3=ind15&L=TAX-AND-FEE-PROPOSALS&E=quoted-printable&P=11100122&B=--_000_AAD05396E631C640963774BB11464ED91605E90CWAXMXOLYMB002WA_&T=text%2Fhtml;%20charset=us-ascii&XSS=3&header=1

Inslee's "cap and tax" bill (Substitute House Bill 1314): **Cost: \$14.1 billion.**

http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A3=ind15&L=TAX-AND-FEE-PROPOSALS&E=quoted-printable&P=11067949&B=--_000_AAD05396E631C640963774BB11464ED91605E8FOWAXMXOLYMB002WA_&T=text%2Fhtml;%20charset=us-ascii&XSS=3&header=1

A new state income tax (Senate Bill 6114). **Cost: \$69.7 billion.**

http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A3=ind15&L=TAX-AND-FEE-PROPOSALS&E=quoted-printable&P=11045916&B=--_000_AAD05396E631C640963774BB11464ED91605E8D6WAXMXOLYMB002WA_&T=text%2Fhtml;%20charset=us-ascii&XSS=3&header=1

The property tax "levy swap" (Senate Bill 6109). **Cost: \$15 billion.**

http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A3=ind15&L=TAX-AND-FEE-PROPOSALS&E=quoted-printable&P=10827691&B=--_000_AAD05396E631C640963774BB11464ED91605CC94WAXMXOLYMB002WA_&T=text%2Fhtml;%20charset=us-ascii&XSS=3&header=1

5-fold increase in property tax increases (HB 2255). **Cost: \$2 billion.**

http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A3=ind15&L=TAX-AND-FEE-PROPOSALS&E=quoted-printable&P=11208816&B=--_000_AAD05396E631C640963774BB11464ED916060635WAXMXOLYMB002WA_&T=text%2Fhtml;%20charset=us-ascii&XSS=3&header=1

Is it any wonder that 339,236 voters eagerly signed petitions to get Initiative 1366 on the ballot (FYI -- this morning the Secretary of State started on the signature

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verification process on I-1366).

Initiative 1366 is called the "Taxpayer Protection Act" for a reason: it's all about protecting the taxpayers from Olympia's insatiable tax appetite. Whenever people ask why our initiative is necessary, all we say is *"Did you see how tax-obsessed Olympia was this year?"*

Now that I-1366 has qualified for the November ballot, we need a financial war-chest for the fall campaign to counter our opponents' threats, lies, and scare tactics about I-1366. To ensure the success of the 2/3-For-Taxes Constitutional Amendment Initiative in November, please send us a donation for \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000, \$2500, \$5000 or more (there are no limits on how much can be given). You can go to our website right now - www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com and make a secure on-line contribution by PayPal or VISA or M/C. OR, you can print [this form](#), fill it out, and return it with a check or credit card information.

We've done so many amazing things over the past 16 years, but that's only been possible thanks to successful benefactors like you. We ask you to please help us help taxpayers.

Please donate TODAY.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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P.S. There are thousands of politicians, bureaucrats, lobbyists, and special interest groups working each and every day to raise your taxes. Shouldn't there be at least one person, one team, one organization that fights to lower your taxes? Please help us so we can continue our successful efforts on behalf of taxpayers.

"Nothing ventured, nothing gained." Benjamin Franklin