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Legislative Update

Prop. 15 on Nov. 3 Ballot Would Raise Business Property Taxes and Costs

By Ted Rieger
Northern California Correspondent

Proposition 15 on the Nov. 3 California general election ballot would change property tax assessments on commercial and industrial properties in California from historic Proposition 13 assessment limitations dating back to 1978. If passed, new tax rates for commercial and industrial properties would be reassessed regularly based on the property's commercial market value rather than on the property's purchase price.

The measure would create a "split tax roll" assessment by which commercial and industrial properties are taxed differently than residential properties. The measure requires commercial and industrial properties to be reassessed at fair market value at least every three years, and reassessments would

be phased-in by local tax assessors beginning in fiscal year 2022-23. The measure would not affect taxation of residential properties, including single-family and multi-family residential rental properties.

Proposition 15, as described on the ballot: "Increases Funding for Public Schools, Community Colleges, and Local Government Services by Changing Tax Assessment of Commercial and Industrial Property. Initiative Constitutional Amendment."

The financial analysis and cost estimates by California's Legislative Analyst and the Department of Finance state: "Net increase in annual property tax revenues of \$7.5 billion to \$12 billion in most years, depending on the strength of real estate markets. After backfilling state income tax losses related to

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COVID-19 Update

ASHRAE Introduces Updated Reopening Guide

Task force offers guidance on operating HVAC systems as schools prep for fall academic year.

The ASHRAE epidemic task force has developed guidance on the operation of HVAC systems to help mitigate the airborne transmission of SARS-CoV-2 as schools prepare to reopen for the fall academic year.

The 41-page presentation includes convenient checklists

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As doors reopen for classrooms this fall, facility managers and administrators must work in lockstep to keep everyone safe.

Goodway Provides Tips on Proper Cleaning, Sanitation Steps

Whether businesses and facilities are preparing to reopen after the COVID-19 shutdowns, or they are performing ongoing efforts to keep their space as clean and sanitized as possible, Goodway Technologies is offering some tips to keep surfaces and the indoor

environment safer and cleaner for its occupants. Goodway, which manufactures specialized cleaning and sanitation equipment, has been implementing these steps as they continue to produce solutions for the wide array of industries seeking solutions to keep their employees, customers, and any building occupants safe and

healthy.

"Proper sanitation has never been more important than it is right now, and it's going to be a question that everyone asks themselves before they enter a facility," says Tim Kane, president, and CEO

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