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THINK YOUR TAXES ARE TOO HIGH?

All over California,
voters **tired of higher and higher taxes**
are saying **“Enough is Enough”** and demanding
governments live within their means.

As a Gilroy voter, **join Dion Bracco** in sending a
message to the politicians that it's **time to stop**
runaway taxes and spending today!

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elect **Dion Bracco**
as **Gilroy Mayor!**

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DION'S THE ONLY CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OPPOSED TO HIGHER TAXES.



Gilroy voters face numerous state and local tax increases on their November ballot. **Mayoral candidate Dion Bracco is opposed to these tax increases.**

He believes your taxes are too high already. That's why he opposed the 40% increase in your sewer rates earlier this year. And, that's why he's against Governor Brown's tax measures as well as the proposed increases in the County sales tax and the Water District's \$548 million parcel tax.

Both of Dion's opponents in the Mayor's race support more taxes!

Selling a tax increase to voters

GUSD confident after survey - now it's up to the city to approve measure for

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GILROY

Gilroy School Board trustees, encouraged by a recent survey that found more than 50 percent of 501 likely November 2012 Gilroy voters would "strongly support a city

sales tax for local schools," are poised to put the ball in City Council's court.

It's unclear whether GUSD's

last-resort strategy to mitigate a possible \$8.1 million state cut to Gilroy schools will make the November ballot, however. Placing a joint city-school sales tax before Gilroyans needs four "yes" votes from the seven-member City Council.

So far, Council Members Peter

Arellano

on board

Dillon

on the

mind,

said "this

very strongly

Santa Clara Valley Water District puts \$548 million parcel tax on November ballot

By Paul Rogers progers@mercurynews.com Contra Costa Times

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InsideBayArea.com

Hoping voters will approve a new round of funding for many of

TURN TO TAX A11

Herhold: The Golden Spigot doesn't deserve to pass its new tax

By Scott Herhold sherhold@mercurynews.com San Jose Mercury News

Posted:

From time to me, I hear from people at the Santa Clara Valley Water District with the nickname I've bestowed on the agency: "The Golden Spigot."

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Peter Arellano supported raising Gilroy's already-high 8.37% sales tax even higher (Gilroy Dispatch, June 19, 2012). **Don Gage** voted for Measure B which will raise the parcel tax on your home by 3% a year every year through 2029. **That's a whopping 45% tax hike over fifteen years!**

Even the San Jose Mercury News' liberal columnist Scott Herhold said Gage's Water District doesn't deserve the tax increase because of its wasteful and irresponsible spending. (San Jose Mercury News, August 23, 2012).

That includes charging taxpayers almost \$400,000 simply for posting meeting agendas and spending \$162,000 for a 10-day "management training" at an off-site mansion instead of using the District's own conference rooms.

Most recently, the District tried to give themselves lifetime pensions and medical benefits until they got caught and backed off... **for now.**

Santa Clara Valley Water District considers idea for lifetime medical benefits for board members

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Posted:

Two months before it plans to ask voters to approve a \$548 million parcel tax, the water provider is exploring a proposal to give its part-time board members lifetime pensions and medical coverage for life.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District planned to discuss the idea at its meeting on Monday, but pulled the item from the agenda on Monday after a reporter from this newspaper learned of it.



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