

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 2489

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

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Richard Prince, Mr.

Self

Dickinson, TX

Our appraisal district is out of control and needs to be stopped.

Tanya Robertson, Senate District 11 SREC Committeewoman

Self

Taylor Lake Village, TX

IN FAVOR of HB 2489

Our family is being literally being taxed out of our home and anything that would relieve this burden would help. Our appraised value has increased by leaps and bounds these last 10 years that has caused our tax burden to surpass our mortgage payment. Every time we protest our appraisal value, we're given crumbs that equal a couple of thousand dollars or made to travel during a work day to the opposite side of Harris County to endure grief, bias treatment, and condescending attitudes by HCAD employees. This burden should not be placed on working Texans who own property!

Below are positions that I am complete agreement with when it comes to taxation in Texas.

2020 Republican Party of Texas Platform planks state:

<https://www.texasgop.org/platform/>

50. Lower Taxes: We support lower taxes across the board.

159. Government Spending and Taxation: We in the Republican Party of Texas believe in the principles of constitutionally limited government based on federalist principles. To this end, we encourage our elected officials at all levels of government to work to reverse the current trend of expanding government and the growing tax and debt burdens that places on "We the People." Government spending is out of control at the federal, state, and local levels, and action is needed.

178. Abolish Property Tax: We support replacing the property tax system with an alternative other than the income tax and requiring voter approval to increase the overall tax burden. We urge the Legislature to develop a transition plan that is a net tax cut (one of the solutions could be a consumption tax).

179. Property Tax Increase Limitation: We support the legislation that limited property tax revenue increases to 2.5 percent for school maintenance and operations and 3.5 percent for most other units of government. We call on the Legislature to close the disaster loophole in the law. We call on the legislature to require taxing authorities to make taxpayers whole when property taxes were raised more than 3.5 percent without voter approval.

180. Homestead Appraisals: We support allowing homeowners to contest their homestead appraisals in Justice of the Peace court.

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Thank you for your time!