



## Taxpayers Association Kicks off Election Season with Sights Set on the Future of Mission Valley

**San Diego (March 29, 2018)** -- The San Diego County Taxpayers Association (SDCTA) officially kicked off their election cycle with positions on two state level initiatives scheduled to appear in front of voters later this year.

SDCTA voted to support Prop. 69, which would lock in revenue from the recent gas tax increase for transportation related purposes only. While this amendment doesn't close every loophole, it's an important step towards ensuring taxpayer funds are directed at our state's critical infrastructure needs.

Prop. 70, which SDCTA elected to oppose, would add another layer of legislative hurdles to the spending processes for state Cap and Trade revenues. If passed, climate action projects relying on these funds could be stifled by political gridlock or partisan battles.

SDCTA will also place a special focus on the Mission Valley stadium site, continuing to provide well-researched independent advice on the most complex issues facing San Diegans this year. Come November, voters will have an opportunity to support the SoccerCity plan, the SDSU West plan, or neither. To create meaningful apples-to-apples comparisons for each plan, the analysis will be broken up into segments, each to be individually evaluated through the Association's policy process.

"With an issue as big and challenging as this, the average taxpayer does not have time to really dig into all the important details here. Our analysis will highlight any key concerns and provide answers to what we feel are the decisive questions in this debate. To ensure transparency and fairness throughout the process, we will also publish what all sides have to say in response to our questions," said Haney Hong, president and CEO of the Taxpayers Association.

The Association's analysis will broadly focus on the following topics:

1. **What major items in each proposal are respective parties obligated to build/provide?**
2. **What should taxpayers know about the fair market value of the land?**
3. **What are the costs of building and operating a stadium under each proposal?**
4. **What are the land use planning processes laid out within each proposal?**
5. **What tax revenues will be created or maintained through these plans?**

San Diegans have trusted the Taxpayers Association to analyze tough policy questions for the last 73 years, and we look forward to carrying on that tradition. This year's ballot is already very crowded, and it is crucial taxpayers continue to make informed choices about the future of our region.

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### **About**

*The San Diego County Taxpayers Association (@sdcta) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, dedicated to promoting accountable, cost-effective and efficient government and opposing unnecessary new taxes and fees. For the last 73 years, the SDCTA has been providing information to help educate the public and save the region's taxpayers millions. Public opinion polls consistently rate the SDCTA as the most "influential" and "trusted" public policy institution in San Diego.*