

## Committed to Responsible Tax Policies

Since 1958 El Dorado County Taxpayers Association (**TPA**) has fought against unnecessary tax hikes, wasteful spending and has promoted a fiscally conservative constitutional government.

**The TPA** is the only county-wide nonpartisan organization focused on promoting fair, equitable, and economically sound tax policy for the benefit of county taxpayers.

Our weekly forums study state and local taxpayer issues.

**The TPA** engages at every level of federal, state and local government. We have close connections with elected officials who provide policy updates and potential changes that affect every taxpayer.

**The TPA** receives no government funds.

## Why join the TPA

We are an independent non-partisan source of information on taxes, revenue, budgets, and government regulations affecting county taxpayers.

Members have the opportunity to create meaningful change to local policies through collaboration, research and advocacy.

### Weekly Membership Meeting

The TPA has been an essential stop for members of the Board of Supervisors, local legislators, elected and appointed officials, candidates for public office and other community leaders.

### Newsletters and Alerts

Stay informed with broadcasts regarding current national, state, and local issues affecting taxpayers.

*By joining the TPA you will be a member of a trusted watchdog and public policy think tank, advancing effective and efficient government policies for citizens of El Dorado County.*

## Guiding Principles of Responsible Tax Policies

The TPA believes policymakers should adhere to the following tax policy principals.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

Government agencies and officials must be accountable and accessible to their employers, the taxpayers.

### EFFICIENCY

The TPA supports a performance-based budgeting process to ensure programs are necessary and achieve measurable results.

### EQUITY

Equity requires comparable tax policies and principles for similarly situated taxpayers.

### SIMPLICITY

Tax law and administrative rules must be clear and concise to allow for cost-effective compliance by taxpayers.

### STABILITY

Tax structure must be predictable and stable for both taxpayers and governments.

## TAXPAYER INVOLVEMENT

To insure transparency and better tax policies, elected officials have an obligation to involve taxpayers early in the regulatory and legislative consideration process.

## NEUTRAL

The tax system should exert minimal impact on the spending and decision-making of businesses and individuals.

## COMPETITIVE

A responsible tax structure should support economic growth and create a healthy business environment.

## FAIR

The tax code should be fair and equitable. Horizontal equity is achieved when individuals with similar income and assets pay the same amount in taxes.

## CLEARLY STATED

Tax law should clearly and plainly define what taxpayers must pay and when. Statutes and regulations should encompass ease in understanding, compliance and administration.

## ACCURACY

Aligns revenue and expenses in the same fiscal year, ensuring all financial transactions are recorded correctly and information is presented as reliable, free from errors or misstatements.



Providing a voice for County taxpayers through advocacy, voter education, and public forums.

**“The TPA serves as an effective watchdog for county taxpayers.”**

*Michael Ranalli, former County Supervisor and President of the Farm Bureau.*

**“The Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County is the appropriate organization to monitor budgets and activities of local government and alert taxpayers to unnecessary spending, unbalanced budgets and overly burdensome regulations.”**

*Jack Sweeney, lifelong county resident and former Chair of the EDC Board of Supervisors.*

### Additional information

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