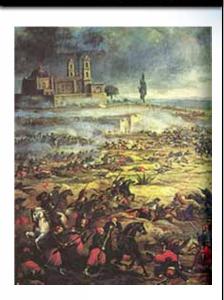


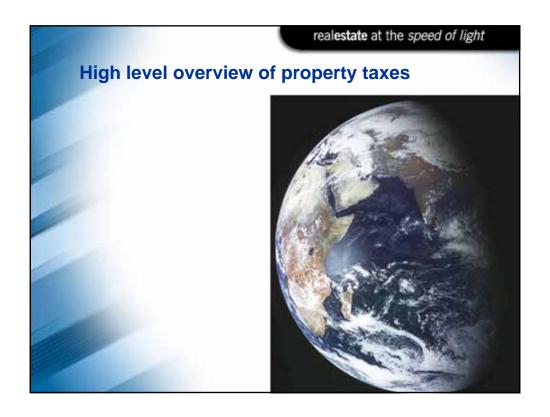


### Happy Cinco de Mayo!

- Why were the French in Mexico?
- To collect a debts from Mexico owed to France
- Unwilling to tax his own people, President Juarez issued a moratorium on foreign debt payments for 2 years
- Napoleon III sent his French navy attached Veracruz, Mexico with 8,000 soldiers, defeated by 4,000 Mexican soldiers on 5/5/1862
- Parralell: People will fight unfairness in the collection of debt from governments

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### Today's objectives

- Quick Overview
  - Origin of taxation in modern western civilization
  - Why tax property?
  - Problems with taxation
  - What governs property taxes in NM?
- Impact of a cowboy in the round house and what it means for our property tax system
- The failure of proposition 13 in CA
- Legislative failings
- Where do we go from here?

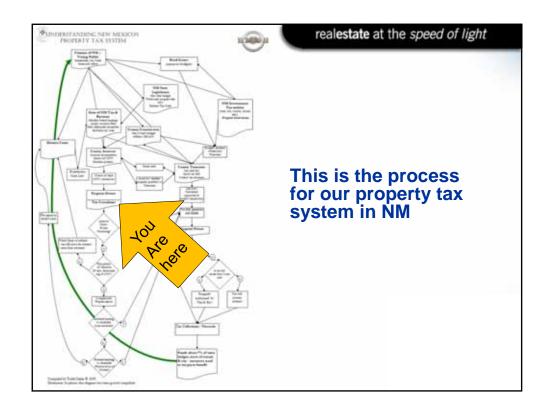
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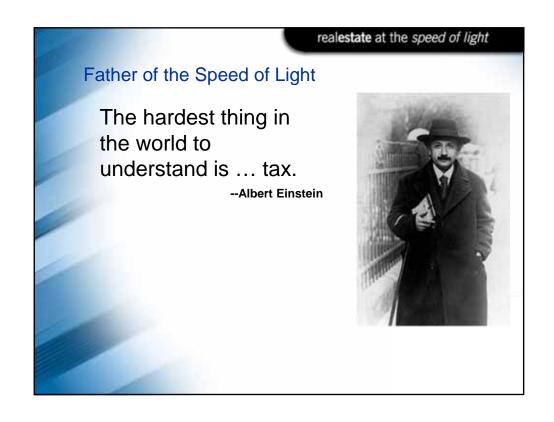
### Vice Presidential weights in

### The most odious tax of all we can levy is going to be a tax upon the land of the Country



- Representative Schuyer Colfax of Indiana (17th national vice president)





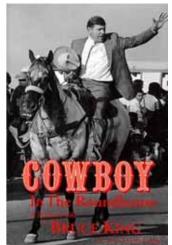


## NM's property tax system Established prior to being a state in 1882 Known as the Territorial Board of Equalization until 1915 when it became the State Tax Commission In 1970 it transferred to the Property Appraisal Apartment then in 1974 the Property Tax Department and in 1977 the Property Tax Division of the Tax and Revenue department Prior to 1970's county commissions established tax rates (often by your political affiliation) Reforms in the early 1970s provide for uniform assessments across the state and political affiliations!

### Cowboy in the Roundhouse

In those days, your tax evaluation fluctuated along with who might be in power. If your political party was in, that was one thing. If not, that was another. Your assessment was strictly up to the tax equalization board, which consisted of the country commissioners, the county assessor, an at-large Democrat, and atlarge Republican. If they wanted to assess a building at 10% of its value, that was what they used. If they wanted 50%, that was it. In some counties, the assessments ran all the way up to 90%

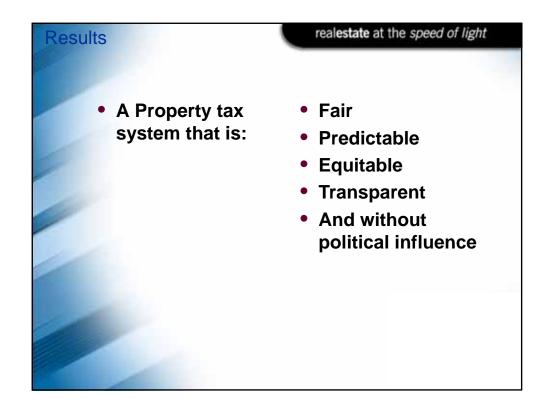
-Governor Bruce King

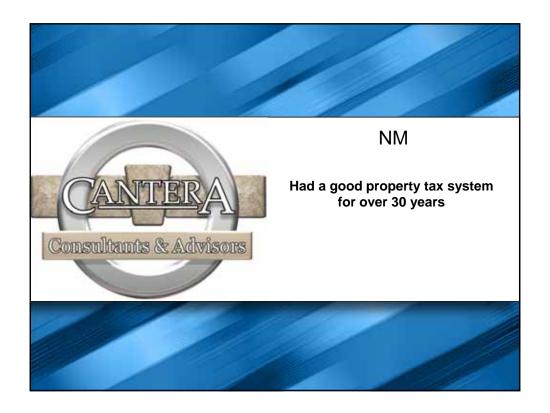


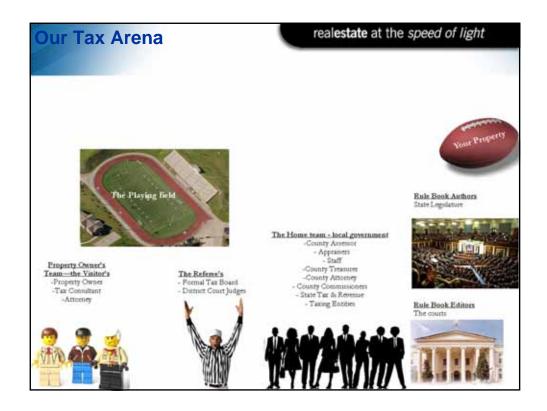
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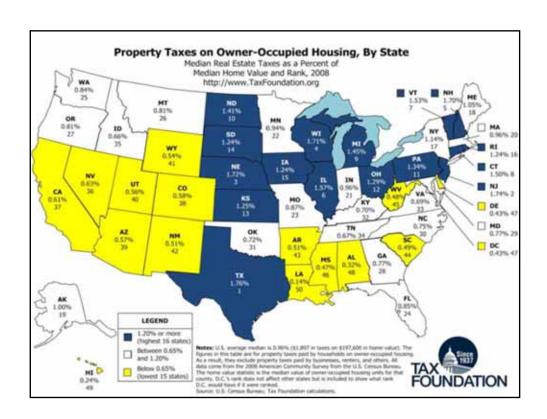
### King encourages state constitution rewrite

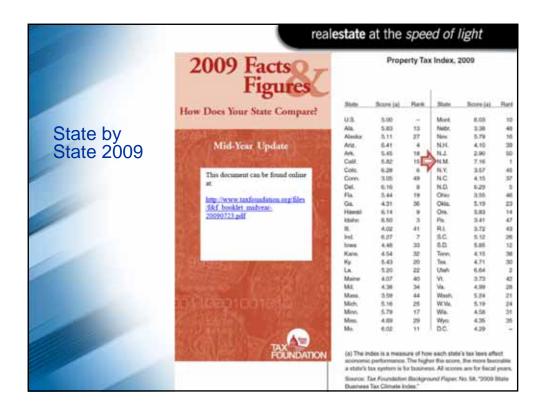
- Led by Gerry Boyle and Franklin Jones
- "The
   accomplishments
   of Franklin Jones
   are nothing short
   of extraordinary" –
   Winthrop Quigley,
   Albuquerque
   Journal

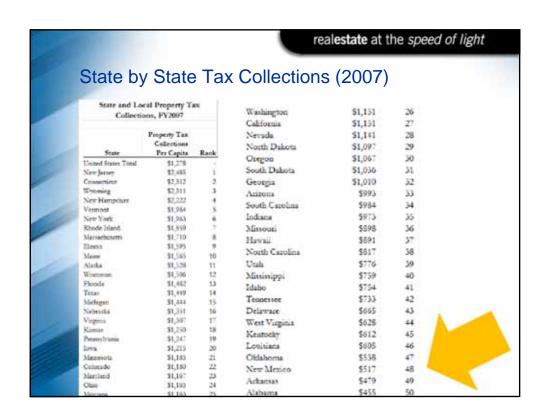




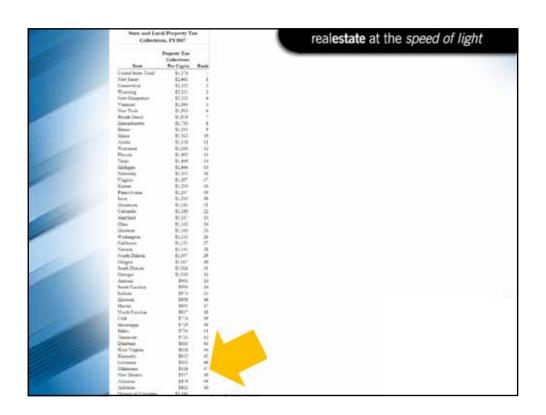




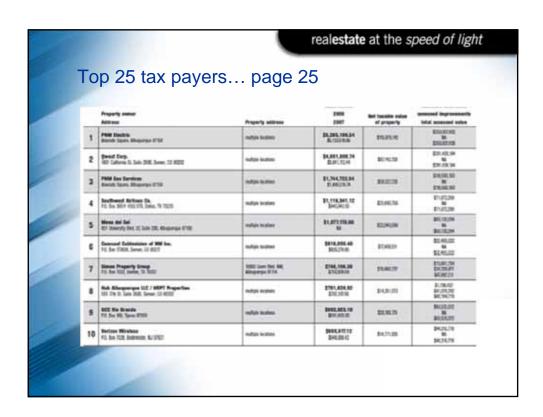


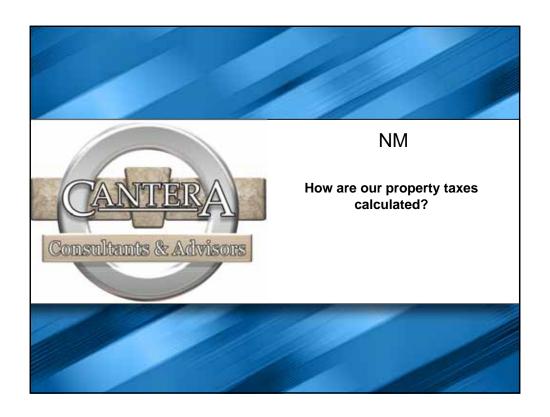


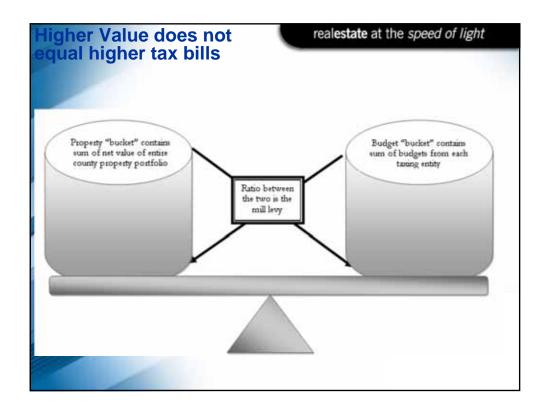
2008 County	State	Median Property Taxes Paid on Homes		Median Home Value	Taxes as % of Home Value	Rank	Median Income for Home Owners	Taxes as % of Income	Rank
United States		\$1,897	ORDER OF STREET	\$197,000	0.96%		\$85,385	2.9%	
Nagara County	New York	\$2,707	150	\$96,900	2 89%	1	\$55,770	5.0%	57
Monroe County	New York	\$3,705	77	\$130,000	2.85%	2	\$85,621	5.7%	43
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Onondaga County	New York	\$3,160	116	\$125,900	251%	7	\$68,191	4.0%	77
Erie Courty	New York	\$2,908	134	\$119,700	2.48%	8	\$62,855	4.7%	73
Oswego County	New York	\$2,155	273	\$88,900	2 42%	9	\$53,535	4.0%	147
Chemung Courts	New York	\$2,026	302	\$85,200	2.38%	10	\$50,872	4.0%	154
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Broome County	New York	\$2,271	251	\$99,100	2.29%	14	\$58,774	3.9%	164
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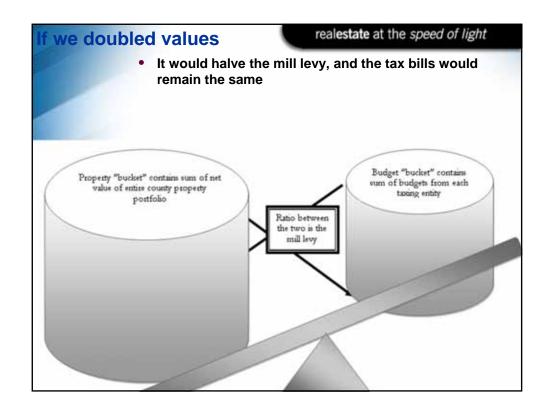


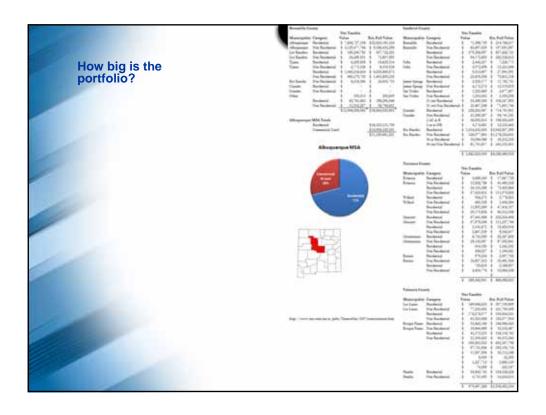
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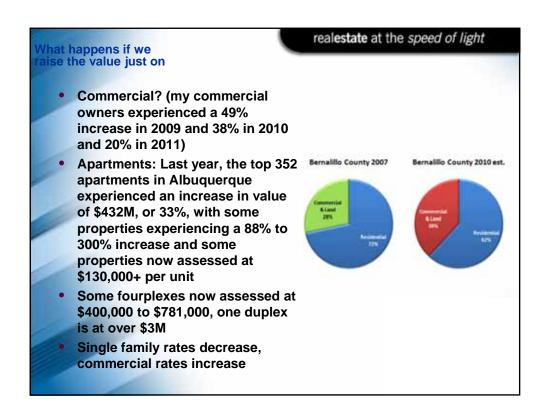


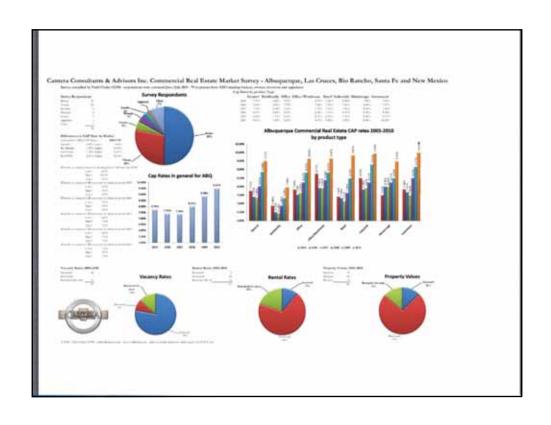
















### As California goes, the nation follows?

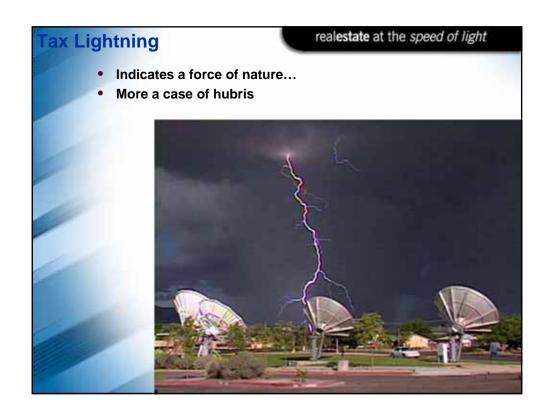
- Taxation based on value has one downside, the homeowner who has held a home for generations is taxed not on what they paid but on today's value
- In response to rapid appreciation of homes and to save "little old grannies" from being taxed out of their home, California passed Proposition 13 that:
  - limited property tax to 1% of cash value
  - limited increases to 2% a year or rate of inflation
  - unless sold, then it could be bumped to market
  - prohibited a transfer tax
  - requires 2/3 vote of each house of legislature to override

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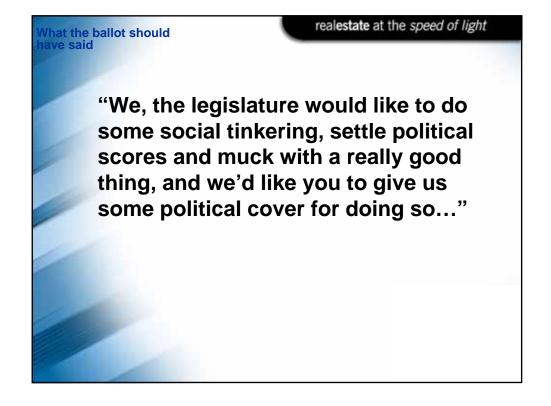
### The downsides of government meddling

- Proposition 13 has the following unattended effects:
  - it lowered the tax revenue from properties, which caused it to be made up on income and sales tax
  - two houses side by side of similar size were not taxed based on their market value, but rather, on how long they had been owned
  - unlike most cities across America, neighbors wanted uses that generated other tax (a Wal-Mart or a Wal-Greens) because they generated revenues without taking services vs.
    - more residential neighbors, who brought no real tax revenue, and "stole" services (schools, police, fire, etc.)





### 2001 - Voters voted in favor of NM Amendment 1, "Proposes to amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to limit increases in valuation of residential property for property taxation purposes" by 61%



### Tax Lightning Law

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- Written by speaker of the house and Santa Fe County assessor
- To protect "little old lady" from Hollywood crowd
- Shortly after it passes, Santa Fe county assessor admits it was a step towards passing legislation for transfer tax
- Santa Fe city has taken up transfer tax several times since then

### The downsides of government meddling

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- Law passes in 2002
- 32 counties did not raise their values to market
- 1 county did (sudden shift, Bernalillo pays more of the state budget)
- Creates two classes of tax payer
- And tax lightning situation
- Tax payers pay for 5 years, law is challenged, ruled unconstitutional, 200+ homeowners benefit in 2009
- In 2010, Bernalillo County Assessor roles back 40,000 home values

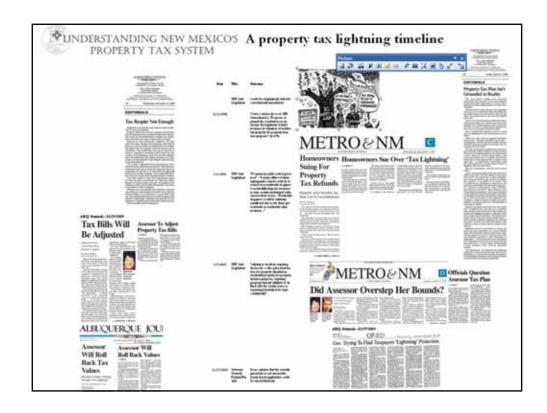


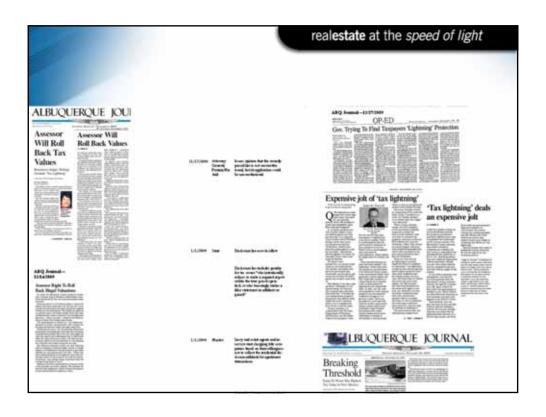
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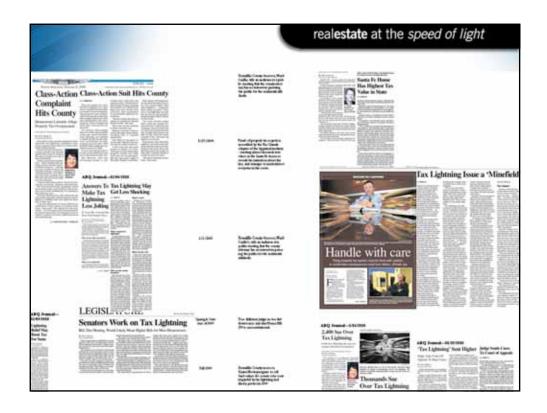
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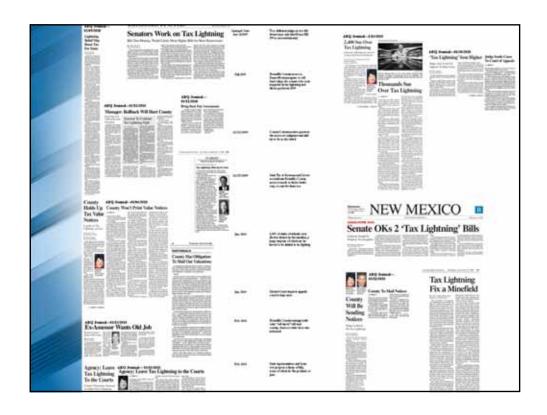
- In 2010, with only half the law ruled unconstitutional
- Bernalillo County assessor separates classification of residential – by occupancy status
- Creates two classes of NM residents both voters, those who own vs. those who rent
- Some owner's/consultants prevail at last hour (12/15)
- Others are tied up in litigation
- Waiting for district court ruling
- Delays notices of values from 4/1 to 5/1 to 6/15

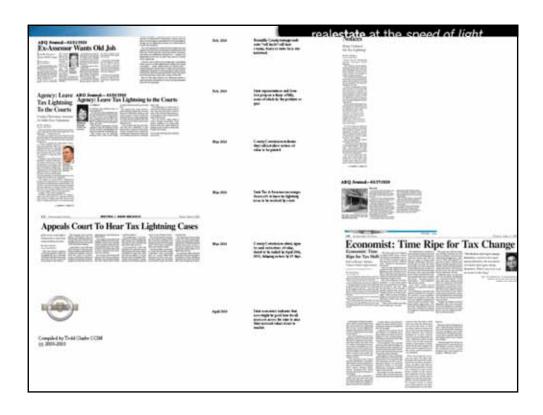




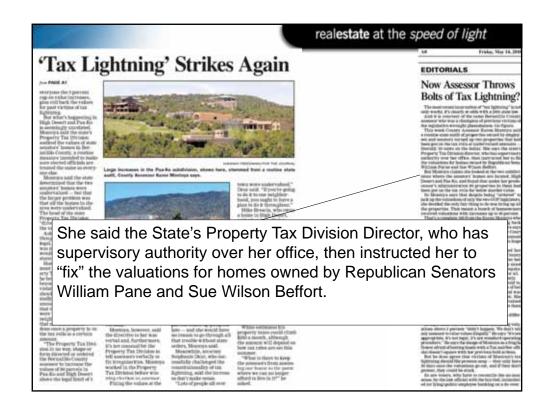


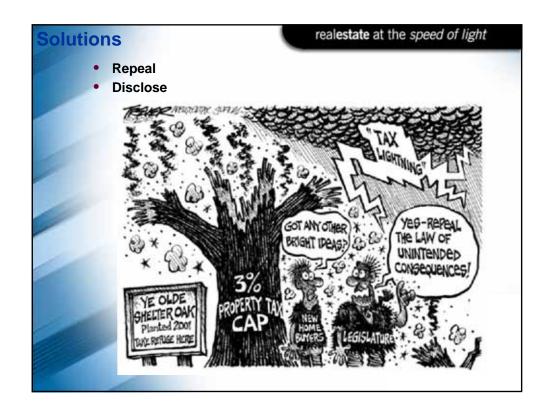












### **Issues from property tax lightning:**

- Not equitable favors one type of property
- Poor legislation (parts have been ruled unconstitutional)
- Uncertainty in forecasting future tax bills, causes cash flow disruptions, creates investor anxiety (they will just move on to AZ, or NV, or CA, or TX) and could lead to substantial increases in rents for many residents
- Not Transparent what is the legislature up to? How are the assessor's to interpret these poorly written laws?

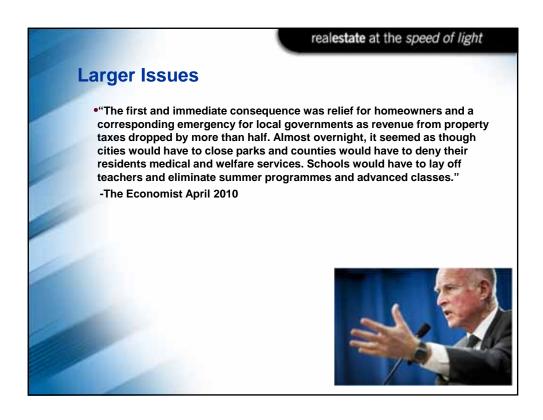
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### **Issues** from property tax lightning:

- It doesn't stop here look what Proposition 13 has done to the state of California
- Economist this week story about Proposition 13 and "Moonbeam Brown's bookending of this legislation

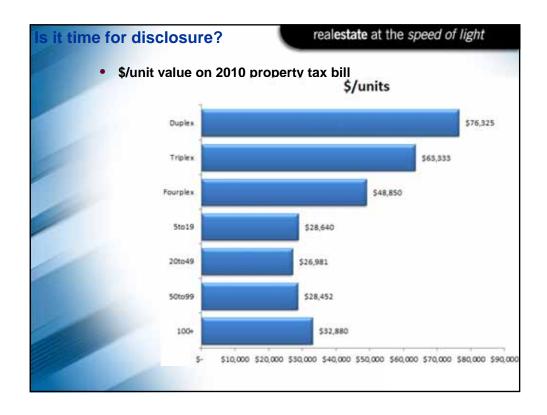
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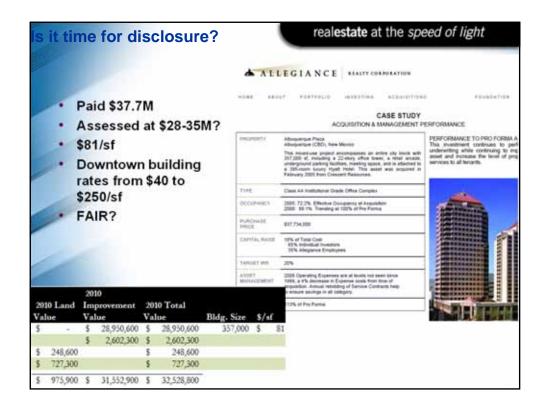














## Proactive - band aids Retroactive - Repeal Proactive - disclosure with no transfer tax Out of the box - proportional rate - SB 310 "The value of each residential property for the current year is found by multiplying the area of the residence in square feet by a factor expressing the value in dollars per square foot of residential property in the county or portion of the county. The factor is derived by the prior year's assessed value of all residential property" (including multifamily properties).

# Prisoner's Dilemma... Can you act in the benefit for your community? At your own expense? What if everyone agreed to do so?

### "We need to remove politics and return certainty in the property tax system, or run the risk losing more employers and investor to states with a more transparent property tax system" --Todd Clarke CCIM "To do so, will require engagement with those we elect ... senators, representatives and judges" To our clients and our legislature, we are the real estate industry and we must not be divided residential vs. commercial

