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Staff should draft and Council should adopt a resolution supporting the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act of 2024.

Los Altos residents are already horribly overtaxed. In addition to high property taxes, there is a long list of "parcel taxes" tacked onto our local tax bill. Furthermore, over the last several elections, voters in Santa Clara County have passed multiple tax and fee increases including gas taxes, the Caltrain Measure RR tax, two bridge toll increases, three VTA sales taxes, Santa Clara County's Measure A 1/8 cent sales tax, the state prop 30 1/4 cent sales tax and the 2010 Measure B Vehicle Registration Fee of \$10. Additionally, we're on the hook to pay back numerous state bond issues including high speed rail, the Proposition 1 water bond and the infrastructure bonds of 2006.

All this nickel and diming contributes into making the Bay Area a horribly expensive place to live, especially for people of modest means, who must pay the greatest percentage of their income in these regressive taxes and fees. Each increase by itself does not amount to much, but the cumulative effect is to add to the unaffordability of the region.

The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act of 2024 is a step in the right direction.

Bill Hough
overtaxed resident