



California Death Tax Voter Guide Election 2010

Death Tax Repeal matters for California

In just a few short weeks the death tax (aka, federal estate tax) comes roaring back to life at the rate of 55% on all estates above \$1 million.

Former Congressional Budget Office Director Douglass Holtz-Eakin has calculated that reinstating the death tax will cost the country 1.4 million small-business jobs.¹ On the other hand, California alone stands to gain over 179,000 jobs if the Death Tax is repealed.² Despite the catastrophic consequences of the death tax, many in Congress support reinstating it.

The voter guide indicates whether candidates have committed to supporting permanent death tax repeal by signing the *Death Tax Repeal Pledge*. The guide also provides the legislative voting record for incumbent members of the U.S. Senate and House.

Please review the guide before voting and share with your friends, family members, and colleagues. PDF copies of the guide are available at www.nodeathtax.org/election2010. Don't forget to vote!

U.S. Senate Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4213 (2010)	Amend. 873 Bud. Res 13 (2009)	H.R. 8 (2006)	H.R. 1836 (2001)	H.R. 8 (2000)
Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)	NOT SIGNED	NO	NO	NO	NOT VOTING	NO
Carly Fiorina (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE					
Ed Noonan (I)	NOT SIGNED					
Jerry Leon Carroll (I)	NOT SIGNED					

Vote Key:

¹ See Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Cameron T. Smith, "Growth Consequences of Estate Tax Reform: Impacts on Small and Family Businesses," *American Family Business Foundation*, September 2010.

² Based on research published by the Pacific Research Institute on July 6, 2009.

H.R. 4213 (2010): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8 (2006): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 8: (2002): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

H.R. 8 (2000): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

Amendment 873 Bud. Res 13 (2009): Would have set aside room in the budget to make the death tax permanent at the rate of 35% with a \$5 million individual exemption.

Blue represents a vote for repeal or reform of the estate tax. Red represents a vote to maintain the death tax status quo.

Candidates who were not in office at the time of the vote are listed blank for the relevant vote. Candidates who were in office but chose not to vote for the legislation are listed as "not voting."

U.S. House Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4154 (2009)	H.R. 3056 (2007)	H.R. 8 (2002)	H.R. 1836 (2001)
District 1					
Rep. Mike Thompson (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Loren Hanks (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Mike Rodrigues (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 2					
Rep. Wally Herger (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	YES
Jim Reed (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 3					
Rep. Dan Lungren (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES		
Ami Bera (D)	NOT SIGNED				
D.A. "Art" Tuma (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 4					
Rep. Tom McClintock (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO			
Clint Curtis (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 5					
Rep. Doris Matsui (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Paul Smith (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 6					

Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Jim Judd (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Joel Smolen (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 7					
Rep. George Miller (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Rick Tubbs (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 8					
Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D)	NOT SIGNED		NO	NO	NO
John Dennis (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Philip Berg (L)	NOT SIGNED				
Cindy Sheehan (I)	NOT SIGNED				
District 9					
Rep. Barbara Lee (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Gerald Hashimoto (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Jim Eyer (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 10					
Rep. John Garamendi (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES			
Gary Clift (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 11					
Rep. Jerry McNerney (D)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES		
David Harmer (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 12					
Rep. Jackie Speier (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES			
Mike Maloney (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Mark Williams (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 13					
Rep. Fortney "Pete"	NOT SIGNED	NO	NO	NO	NO

Stark (D)					
Forest Baker (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 14					
Rep. Anna Eshoo (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Dave Chapman (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Paul Lazaga (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 15					
Rep. Mike Honda (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NOT VOTING
Scott Kirkland (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 16					
Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Edward Gonzalez (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 17					
Rep. Sam Farr (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	NO
Jeff Taylor (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Mary Larkin (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 18					
Rep. Dennis Cardoza (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	
Mike Berryhill (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 19					
Jeff Denham (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Loraine Goodwin (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 20					
Rep. Jim Costa (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	
Andy Vidak (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 21					
Rep. Devin Nunes (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	NOT VOTING	YES	
District 22					

Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO	YES		
District 23					
Rep. Lois Capps (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	YES
Tom Watson (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Darrell Stafford (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 24					
Rep. Elton Gallegly (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	YES
Tim Allison (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 25					
Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	YES
Jackie Conaway (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 26					
Rep. David Dreier (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	YES
Russ Warner (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Randall Weissbuch (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 27					
Rep. Brad Sherman (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Mark Reed (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 28					
Rep. Howard Berman (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Merlin Froyd (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Carlos Rodriguez (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 29					
Rep. Adam Schiff (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	YES

John Colbert (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Bill Cushing (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 30					
Rep. Henry Waxman (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NOT VOTING
Chuck Wilkerson (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Erich Miller (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 31					
Rep. Xavier Becerra (D)	NOT SIGNED	NO	NO	NO	NOT VOTING
Stephen Smith (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 32					
Rep. Judy Chu (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES			
Ed Schmerling (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 33					
Karen Bass (D)	NOT SIGNED				
James Andion (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Ben DeGroot (I)	NOT SIGNED				
District 34					
Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Wayne Miller (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 35					
Maxine Waters (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	
K. Bruce Brown (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 36					
Rep. Jane Harman (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Mattie Fein (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Herb Peters (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 37					
Rep. Laura Richardson (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO		

Star Parker (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Nick Dibs (I)	NOT SIGNED				
District 38					
Rep. Grace Napolitano (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Robert Vaughn (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 39					
Rep. Linda Sanchez (D)	NOT SIGNED	NO	NO	NO	
Larry Andre (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 40					
Rep. Ed Royce (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	YES
Christina Avalos (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 41					
Rep. Jerry Lewis (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	YES
Pat Meagher (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 42					
Rep. Gary Miller (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO	NOT VOTING	YES	YES
Michael Williamson (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Mark Lambert (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 43					
Rep. Joe Baca (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NOT VOTING
Scott Folkens (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 44					
Rep. Ken Calvert (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	NOT VOTING	YES	YES
Bill Hedrick (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 45					
Rep. Mary Bono Mack (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	YES
Steve Pougnet (D)	NOT SIGNED				

District 46					
Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	YES
Ken Arnold (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 47					
Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	NO
Van Tran (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Ceci Iglesias (I)	NOT SIGNED				
Gary "Jet" Schank (I)	NOT SIGNED				
District 48					
Rep. John Campbell (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES		
Beth Krom (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Mike Binkley (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 49					
Rep. Darrell Issa (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	YES
Howard Katz (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Mike Paster (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 50					
Rep. Brian Bilbray (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES		
Francine Busby (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Lars Grossmith (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 51					
Rep. Bob Filner (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	NO
Nick Popaditch (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 52					
Rep. Duncan D. Hunter (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO			
Ray Lutz (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Michael Benoit (L)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 53					

Rep. Susan Davis (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Michael Crimmins (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Paul Dekker (L)	NOT SIGNED				

Vote Key:

H.R. 4154 (2009): Would have cancelled the 2010 death tax repeal and made the tax permanent at 45% with a \$3.5 million exemption.

H.R. 3056 (2007): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8: (2005): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

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