

# COMMON SENSE

"We're Mad As Hell, And We're Not Going To Take It Anymore!"

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How much did your **PROPERTY TAXES** go up this year? Did they go up by 35%, 45%, or 50%? Why are they going up so dramatically, and who is responsible for raising them? Such rapid increases in property taxes, far in excess of inflation and population growth, are caused by an insatiable appetite for spending by the **Republican-** and **Democrat-**controlled state government as it tries to satisfy demands being made by special interest groups and others with political influence. Let's face it, everyone wants government services as long as they can get someone else to pay for them. And our arrogant politicians - people that many of you vote for - are happy to oblige because not only are they all about buying votes, but they are certain that they know better than us how to spend our money.

One way Republicans and Democrats are able to confiscate our hard-earned money and property is by abusing an already devious, self-serving tax mechanism called property tax. For instance, Clark County itself is artificially inflating property values by officially requesting that the Federal Bureau of Land

Management release only small amounts of land each year. Thus, by restricting the supply of raw land, the County itself becomes the primary driver behind land value increases, and hence the property tax increases that enrich and empower government at our expense. We are defenseless to stop such abuses because there are no constitutional limits on how much our annual assessment can increase.

Coming to our rescue, many Republicans and Democrats in our legislature have proposed an annual property tax increase cap that **exceeds** inflation. To property owners faced with potential tax increases of 35% to 50%, a cap that exceeds inflation sounds great. It is **NOT!** This cap is still far higher than inflation, which generally has been less than 3% per year. Further, such a property tax increase cap will ultimately fail because Republicans and Democrats can change it according to their whims without the consent or vote of the people.

Our solution is to completely eliminate property taxes. Property taxes are inherently unjust because with them you can never truly own your own property; if

you don't pay your annual tribute, the government will confiscate your property. It's here that we should take a lesson from our Founding Fathers. They understood the importance of **private property** and its place at the very core of our **LIBERTY**. In fact, there were initially **NO property taxes** in the United States because our founders recognized that giving government the power to tax private property would also give government the power to **take** our private property. And this is a power that no government should have.

So, when will this unconstitutional assault on our property and liberties stop? It will stop only when citizens finally decide to rein in irresponsible, out-of-control Republican and Democrat spending in Carson City by **electing** independent candidates who are fiscally prudent and responsible. Remember, evil flourishes when good people do nothing. **Take action by supporting independent candidates who are pro-Liberty!**

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