



Contra Costa Taxpayers Association

“Understanding Public Employee Pensions”



Featuring award-winning columnist

Daniel Borenstein

What: Contra Costa Taxpayers Association breakfast program

Who: Daniel Borenstein: Award-winning columnist whose columns and editorials appear in the Contra Costa Times, Oakland Tribune and other East Bay newspapers of the Bay Area News Group.

For three years now, Dan has been explaining to reader how public employees' pensions work. At this meeting he will outline the inner-workings of retirement plans, delving into how they are funded and why they are leaving billions of dollars of debt for our children to pay.

This program will be of interest to leaders in business, government and individuals seeking better understanding of public employee pensions.

When: Friday, January 27, 2012
Social/Arrival 7:45am; Buffet Breakfast 8:00am; Program 8:15am

Where: Hyatt Summerfield Suites, , Pleasant Hill

Tickets: Cost is \$20 per person. Purchase tickets online at www.cocotax.org; or mail check for \$20 to: **CoCoTAX, P.O. Box 27, Martinez, CA 94553-5515.**

Questions: Contact Kris Hunt at 925-289-6900 or Krishunt@cocotax.org.



About Our Speaker

Daniel Borenstein's award-winning columns and editorials appear in the Contra Costa Times, Oakland Tribune and other East Bay newspapers of the Bay Area News Group. He has worked for the Times and its affiliated newspapers since 1980, including previous assignments as political editor, Sacramento bureau editor, projects editor and assistant metro editor.

An East Bay native and Contra Costa resident, he holds undergraduate degrees in journalism and political science and master's degrees in public policy and journalism, all from UC Berkeley.

His weekly column often focuses on public finance issues, including columns during the past three years on government employee pensions. Those pension columns won the **Northern California Society of Professional Journalists Excellence in Journalism Award** for commentary and **Freedom of Information Award** for column writing, and the **California Newspaper Publishers Association awards** for column writing and public service.

About CoCoTAX

Our Mission

The **Contra Costa Taxpayers Association** ("CoCoTAX") is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting accountable, cost-effective and efficient government and opposing unnecessary taxes and spending.

Our Role

CoCoTAX is the only countywide organization whose exclusive focus is to represent and inform taxpayers on public spending and tax issues. We are funded exclusively by dues and donations from our members. We seek to hold government accountable and ensure that taxes are fair, understood, cost-effective and good for the economy.

Founded in 1937, the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association leads the way in providing **fiscal oversight of local government**. We actively resist unwarranted taxes and fees, discriminatory regulations, ill-advised public expenditures and government secrecy, inefficiency and waste. We challenge government at all levels to be accountable, responsive, efficient, and fair and to **provide good value for every tax dollar**.

