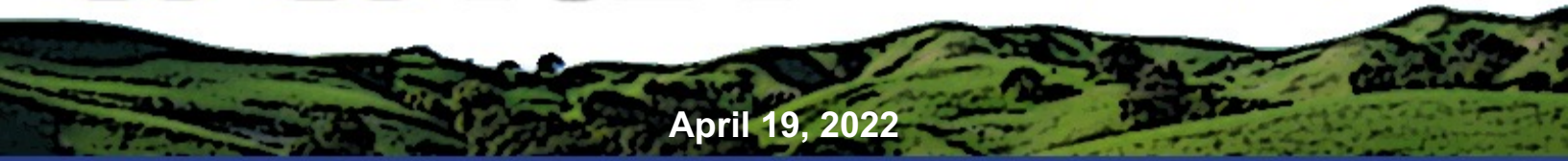




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COCOTAX MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING

April 22, 2022, 7:45 – 9 a.m. at
DENNY’S, 1313 Willow Pass Rd., Concord



Dan Buckshi
WC City Manager

Guest Speaker Walnut Creek City Manager **DAN BUCKSHI** is responsible for carrying out City Council policies and directing activities of Walnut Creek city departments and services.

The city is exploring asking voters to consider a ten-year, ½% sales tax increase (ballot measure) in November 2022. The process currently is focusing on public outreach, engagement and listening.

The City Council must take official action via resolution to place the measure on the ballot by July 2022 as the deadline to place a measure on the ballot is August 12, 2022. If approved by more than 50% of the voters, what will it pay for? Come find out!

Register online at www.cocotax.org/events \$25 members, \$30 guests.

COCOTAX FEBRUARY / MARCH BREAKFAST MEETINGS

At the February meeting the CoCoTax Board voted to support the Repeal of the Death Tax Act measure (which would repeal 2020 Proposition 19).

In March meeting, the Board reviewed the Government Accountability Act and ACA 11 which seeks to weaken Prop 13. Action will be taken at the April Board meeting. The Board voted to oppose Martinez Open Space Measure F and voted to take a Neutral position on extending the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Measure G.

Once again, live meetings are being held. It is wonderful to see familiar faces and have conversations so long delayed. Don't miss our upcoming meetings as we prepare for November elections and watching our communities return to a life beyond the coronavirus pandemic. Be sure to read the synopsis of BART Director Debbie Allen's presentation in the March Newsletter.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

RHFD Strategic Planning Committee

As we know, CoCoTax has representatives on many oversight committees – HAZMAT, Bond Oversight, etc. We have recently been invited to participate in the short-term Rodeo-Hercules Fire District Strategic Planning Committee. We are pleased and delighted to have our member **Richard Luchini** step up to the challenge of this committee representing taxpayer interests for the betterment of residents and stability of an excellent fire district.

The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act

An historic taxpayer protection co-sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and the California Business Roundtable. It would give taxpayers the right to vote on taxes approved by the Legislature and would give us accountability to ensure money is spent the way it is originally intended, so no more bait and switch taxes. Their website: <https://taxpayerprotection.com/>

Sports Betting Measures Ahead!

Characterized as two special interest groups fighting for control of online sports gambling. The native Americans currently have a contract with California and the NYC online gambling interests want to take control (e.g., firms like Fan Duel).

This is one of several other proposals on sports betting that might make the ballot in November, and if it passes it would have some serious implications for taxpayers. The California Taxpayer Protection Committee and many other taxpayer and small business organizations around the state have joined in opposition to the measure. The coalition website is <https://tasimcoalition.org/facts/>
No action has yet been taken by CoCoTax.

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