



Earlier this month, I invited constituents to share their views with me on Governor Jerry Brown's proposed increases in the state sales tax and income tax on high income earners. This survey was intended to engage the community and allow me to hear directly from my constituents regarding issues facing California and the Inland Empire. For those who responded, thank you for sharing your opinion with me. As your representative in the State Senate I value your input.

My survey reached over 16,000 taxpayers across San Bernardino and Riverside counties. When asked if they supported the Governor's plan to increase California's sales and income tax rates through 2016:

- **85.2% of those who responded did not support a tax increase**
- **13.3% supported the proposed tax increase**
- **1.5% were undecided**

When asked if the Governor's tax hikes would help or hinder California's economic recovery:

- **85.6% said it would hinder California's economic recovery**
- **11.9% said tax increases would help California's economic recovery**
- **2.4% were undecided**

It is always beneficial to hear your views on the issues facing our state and the Inland Empire. Next month I will be presenting another survey on California's High Speed Rail system which has become a contentious project due to its increasing cost of implementation.

If you have any questions or concerns on this or any other state issue, please don't hesitate to contact me at (909) 466-4180. It is people like you who make the difference by sharing your thoughts and opinions with me.

As always, it is an honor and privilege to represent you in the State Senate.

Sincerely,

Bob Dutton
Senator, 31st District