Prop. 13 shortchanges communities

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A recent Field poll of Californians indicated substantial majorities had a positive view of Proposition 13, the law that severely limits property tax increases except when real estate changes hands. This poll was like asking people if they would like to see their taxes increase, without pointing out what the additional government revenue might be used for, or what the unintended consequences of Proposition 13 have been.

No mention was made that...