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As a California resident and voter, I think we should throw this commission's ideas and start over again. Regressive taxes will only make this disastrous situation catastrophic. **NO FLAT TAX!** We don't need offshore oil drilling which would take a long lead time to do anything at all. I'm sure there is no provision for the oil companies to give anything back in return, like say, an oil severance tax. Everyplace else in the world has one. Why don't we? **NO OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING!** And finally, corporations need to pay their fair share to provide all the societal support they get so they can do business in this state. If the roads, courts, police and fire departments, schools, hospitals, etc. don't work because of underfunding and malign neglect, then businesses will pack up and move to some place where they do. **MAKE CORPORATIONS PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE IN TAXES! DON'T ABOLISH CORPORATE TAXES, RAISE THEM!** One more item, the state minimum wage should be increased to something approaching a 'living' wage. Even Henry Ford figured out that workers couldn't buy his cars if they couldn't afford them. **A MINIMUM WAGE THAT'S A 'LIVING' WAGE IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF A TRUE 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY!**

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