

Opinion: Prop. 22 comes with consequences

By Lou Paulson

Every time an election rolls around, we Californians face a new stack of propositions. They sound enticing to the naked ear but have a lot of hidden consequences. That fine print often carves out set-asides for special interests at the expense of taxpayers and public services.

Such is the case with Proposition 22, the latest, deeply flawed attempt by cities to keep the state from shifting local revenue to balance the budget.

On the surface, the measure sounds seductive. Protecting local tax dollars makes sense – so much sense that voters did it four years ago by passing Proposition 1A.

That measure was balanced and reasonable. Prop. 22 isn't.

Under the guise of “reform,” Proposition 22 locks a bulletproof shield around special pots of money for redevelopment agencies.

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