KernTax is a member-supported, 501(c) 4 non-profit corporation, with the mission to bring about more accountable, effective, efficient, reliable government. Basing its actions on common sense, innovation, and the long-term view, KernTax crafts positions based on adopted values. Founded in 1939, KernTax is the guard dog protecting the interests of Kern County taxpayers.

KernTax views any government collection of funds through any financial conduit to be taxation, be it identified as a tax, a fee for government service or a regulated rate structure. If it is excessive or not appropriate, KernTax must, by charter, act to educate and facilitate resolution and ensure fair representation and treatment. We do not seek subsidies; we merely pursue reasonable return to our local citizens from all regulatory bodies and their agent for levied taxes or fees.

**KernTax’s Principles:**

**All Taxes & Fees**
- Must be fair.
- Must be understandable.
- Must be cost effective.
- Must be good for the economy.

**All Expenditures**
- Must be fiscally responsible
- Must be economically sustainable
- Must be societally equitable.

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**June 5, 2018, Kern County Ballot Measures**

**Measures C:** West Kern Community College District Bond. $50 Million.
KernTax met with district staff on several occasions to discuss the local economic issues within the district and make sure a stable, supportable bond program was developed.

**KernTax Supports Measure C.**

**Measures D:** El Tejon Unified School District Bond. $16 Million.
KernTax met with the district staff, reviewed the district’s needs, and helped the district staff reach a measure that was prudent.

**KernTax Supports Measure D.**

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California Proposition 68, the Parks, Environment, and Water Bond

A "yes" vote supports this measure to authorize $4 billion in general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental protection projects, water infrastructure projects, and flood protection projects.

A "no" vote opposes this measure to authorize $4 billion in general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental protection projects, water infrastructure projects, and flood protection projects.

There is no organized opposition to this bond measure. As of 2017, the State of California, $73B of Bond Debt and another $31B of Bonds that have been authorized, but not issued. We must stop approving bonds that won’t or cannot be issued.

KERNTAX OPPOSES PROPOSITION 68.

California Proposition 69, the Transportation Taxes and Fees Lockbox and Appropriations Limit Exemption Amendment

A "yes" vote supports this amendment to: require that revenue from the diesel sales tax and Transportation Improvement Fee, as enacted by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), be used for transportation-related purposes; and exempt revenue generated by SB 1’s tax increases and fee schedules from the state appropriations limit.

A "no" vote opposes this amendment to: require that revenue from the diesel sales tax and Transportation Improvement Fee, as enacted by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), be used for transportation-related purposes; and exempt revenue generated by SB 1’s tax increases and fee schedules from the state appropriations limit.

There is no organized opposition to this bond measure; The State Legislature has appropriated other fuel taxes for other nonfuel related purposes. This measure only protects SB-1 Funds. While voters attempt to repeal SB-1 is very active, SB-1 is the law. We must defend these currently legal taxes for fuel purposes from re-appropriation.

KERNTAX SUPPORTS PROPOSITION 69.

California Proposition 70, the Vote Requirement to Use Cap-and-Trade Revenue Amendment

A "yes" vote supports this amendment to require a one-time two-thirds vote in each chamber of the state legislature in 2024 or after that to pass a spending plan for revenue from the state’s cap-and-trade program for greenhouse gases.

A "no" vote opposes this amendment to require a one-time two-thirds vote in each legislative chamber in 2024 or after that to pass a spending plan for revenue from the state’s cap-and-trade program.

KERNTAX SUPPORTS PROPOSITION 70.

California Proposition 71, the Effective Date of Ballot Measures Amendment

A "yes" vote supports this amendment to move the effective date of ballot propositions, including citizen initiatives and legislative referrals, from the day after election day to the fifth day after the secretary of state certifies election results.

A "no" vote opposes this amendment to move the effective date of ballot propositions from the day after election day to the fifth day after the secretary of state certifies election results.

This proposition has no opposition and makes common sense.

KERNTAX SUPPORTS PROPOSITION 71.

California Proposition 72, the Rainwater Capture Systems Excluded from Property Tax Assessments Amendment

A "yes" vote supports this amendment to allow the state legislature to exclude rainwater capture systems added after January 1, 2019, from property tax reassessments.

A "no" vote opposes this amendment to allow the state legislature to exclude rainwater capture systems added after January 1, 2019, from property tax reassessments.

KERNTAX SUPPORTS PROPOSITION 72.