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The fact that that San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties are arguing about Caltrain funding under a regional transit measure is disappointing. They are missing the point. We don't need another regressive transportation funding measure. Our taxes are already too high.

Why don't the wealthy high rollers at MTC suggest taxing rich tech companies and leave the little guy alone for a change? Why not a business tax?

Another regressive sales tax is a bad idea. All this nickel and diming contributes into making the Bay Area a horribly expensive place to live; especially for people of modest means, who must pay the greatest percentage of their income in these regressive taxes and fees. Each increase by itself does not amount to much, but the cumulative effect is to add to the unaffordability of the region.

Over the last several elections, voters have passed regressive multiple tax and fee increases. Before increasing taxes YET AGAIN, waste needs to be removed from transportation projects.

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