



10 REASONS TO VOTE AGAINST STATEWIDE ("UNIFORM LOCAL") PROPERTY TAX

- * The current local tax system encourages a more efficient system of public education than a largely state-funded system.
- * A statewide property tax breaks apart the close relationships between the business community and local schools, to the detriment of both.
- * State bureaucrats will take control over educational programs away from the people who use the local schools.
- * School boards and communities lose the opportunity to be meaningful partners in economic development.
- * Disrupts the ability of school districts to control their revenue.
- * A statewide property tax sends the benefit of local property value increases to Austin.
- * The state will ultimately control the process of appraising local property.
- * Optional homestead exemptions, R.I.P.
- * Tax abatements, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreements, redevelopment zones, and other local agreements involving reduction or waiver of property taxes would all be jeopardized if the state becomes the primary taxing entity.
- * Forget "Independent" – Texas will have a system of *Dependent* School Districts.

