

The Arizona Tax Research Association (ATRA) strongly encourages Maricopa County taxpayers to vote NO on Proposition 480, which proposes a \$1.4 billion (principle and interest) property tax increase on Maricopa County citizens, one of the largest bond proposals in Arizona history. This tax increase will cost the owner of a \$200,000 home \$865 and hit a small business with \$1,000,000 in taxable value with \$7,800 **IN NEW TAXES** over the life of the bond.

In 2003, Maricopa County taxpayers agreed to create a countywide special taxing district primarily for providing subsidized health care services for the poor. Now this relatively new governmental entity wants to dramatically expand its mission despite the historic uncertainty now surrounding the delivery of health care in the United States. Publicly funded health care is exploding nationwide. In 2013, Arizona agreed to participate in Medicaid expansion, a critical feature of the Affordable Care Act that will be paid for with your federal and state tax dollars.

More Arizonans than ever have access to health insurance they can exercise at a variety of clinics and hospitals. These private hospitals are prepared to meet this demand under existing delivery systems. These private hospitals should not be forced to compete unnecessarily with a publicly funded health care system looking to increase its market share.

Prop 480 comes with surprisingly few details and gives the district wide discretion on how the money is ultimately spent. Taxpayers should reject this blank check and force MIHS to develop a business plan in conjunction with taxpayers, businesses, and private health care providers. At a minimum, such a plan should not require Maricopa County taxpayers to shoulder additional costs for services already built into extraordinarily expensive federal and state health care programs.

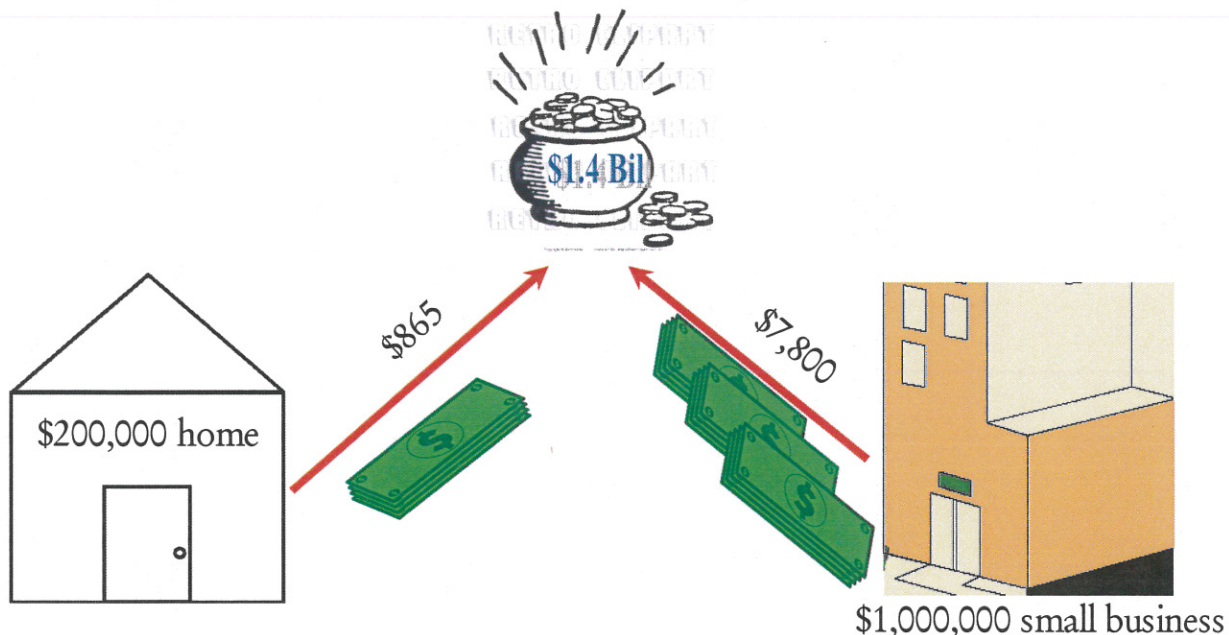
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ATRA Encourages Maricopa County to Vote NO on Prop 480

- ***Prop 480 is Bad Timing for Taxpayers***
 - AZ businesses struggled through recession BUT did not see property valuations decrease as homeowners did
 - Result: huge swing in tax liability to businesses: from FY10 to FY14, 30% increase in property tax rate for businesses
 - \$1.4 Billion in NEW taxes is bad for businesses trying to recover
- ***Prop 480 is Bad Timing in the Healthcare Industry***
 - Unprecedented uncertainty in healthcare nationwide due to ACA
 - Arizona expanded access to Medicaid, implemented 1 Jan '14
- ***Prop 480 Uses Tax Dollars to Compete Against Private Hospitals***
 - Clinic expansion will compete against private hospitals, clinics
 - Privates are prepared to meet vast majority of medical needs
- ***Prop 480 Asks Tax Payers to Pay Three Times***
 - County taxpayers already pay ~\$62.5 million/year for MIHS
 - Arizonans will pay to expand Medicaid (insurance for the poor)



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