

### **Don't fall for misinformation campaign about Propositions 2, 3, and 5**

Texans have the opportunity November 3 to vote on several constitutional amendments that will help ensure fair and uniform tax appraisals for property owners. An e-mail misinformation campaign has been circulating that makes false claims about Propositions 2 and 3. The e-mail claims that passing these propositions will allow the state to start taxing homeowners. That is complete fiction. Here are brief explanations of what all three amendments will actually do:

- **Proposition 2** will require county appraisal districts to value a home as a home. Currently, appraisal districts can use the “best and highest use” method to value a residence based on its *potential* use. For example, a residence in a neighborhood zoned for mixed use could be appraised at a higher amount for its *possible use* as a commercial property.
- **Proposition 3** gives the state the ability to make sure appraisal methods are consistent throughout the 254 Texas counties.
- **Proposition 5** will make it acceptable for two adjoining appraisal districts to combine their boards of equalization if they wish—an option that rural counties may find attractive.

If you need additional background materials to share with other Texas REALTORS® and consumers, you can access a [layman's explanation](#) written by Texas Association of REALTORS® staff attorney Gabe Lopez. You can also read the [Texas Legislative Council's thorough explanation](#) on all 11 proposed constitutional amendments. Finally, feel free to [download a promotional flier for Props 2, 3 and 5](#).