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USA GENERAL

What history has to say about the fairness of tax sales

This article considers the history of tax sales, focussing on fairness, in the light of the recent case of Pung v. Isabella County. The article explains how the concept of fairness has been interpreted over time and suggests that the latest case has left that question open.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://pacificlegal.org/what-history-has-to-say-about-the-fairness-of-tax-sales/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=07+06+2026&utm_campaign=Daily+NAPTA+Update+7+3+2026

Office Vacancy Falls In More Than Half Of Major U.S. Cities

This article reports that the US office market is slowly recovering with vacancies falling. The article looks at the statistics and reasons.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.bisnow.com/national/news/office/office-recovery-spreads-outward-as-vacancy-declines-in-more-than-half-the-us-135367?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=07+14+2026&utm_campaign=Daily+NAPTA+Update+7+13+2026

CALIFORNIA

What a ‘mansion tax’ did to Los Angeles

This article provides the view of a professor of urban planning on the effectiveness of Measure ULA (the mansion tax) in respect of its aims to redistribute real estate wealth to fund affordable housing, and why it is failing.

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2026/06/29/measure-ulas-mansion-tax-makes-los-angeles-housing-shortage-worse/>

Ventura County Assessor certifies 2026-27 Annual Assessment Roll at \$194.4 Billion

This article reports that the revaluation that has taken place in Ventura County represents a 3.95% increase in the net assessed value. The article hears from the local assessor who puts the increase down to reassessments due to a Change in Ownership and the California CPI Proposition 13 Indexing for properties that have not changed ownership.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.edhat.com/ventura/news/ventura-county-assessor-certifies-2026-27-annual-assessment-roll-at-194-4-billion/#google_vignette

High Desert Property Values Jump 8.5%, Adding \$1 Billion to San Bernardino County Assessment Roll

This article looks at the recent reappraisal of San Bernadino County and provides statistical data and analyses relating to areas of high growth.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[High Desert Property Values Jump 8.5%, Adding \\$1 Billion to San Bernardino County Assessment Roll - Victor Valley News](#)

FLORIDA

Disney Cast Members and Orange County Classroom Teachers to Present 5,000 Petitions Opposing Disney Property Tax Lawsuits

This article reports that Disney is being pressed to give up its property tax lawsuits by both cast members and local teachers in order to provide funding for teachers' raises.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Disney Cast Members and Orange County Classroom Teachers to Present 5,000 Petitions Opposing Disney Property Tax Lawsuits - WDW News Today](#)

Disney Wins Another Property Tax Challenge as Art of Animation Value Reduced by Millions

This article reports that Disney have successfully challenged the Orange County Property Appraiser in respect of two lawsuits relating to the Art of Animation Resort. The article provides details of the decisions.

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GEORGIA

Press Release Announcing a Proposed Property Tax Increase

This article reports on an announcement by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners that it will increase the property taxes it will levy this year by 4.07% above the rollback millage rate (or amount that would have produced the same revenue as the previous year). There are to be three public hearings on the subject.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Press Release Announcing a Proposed Property Tax Increase | Cobb County Georgia](#)

Chief appraiser explains assessments

This article reports on large increases in property taxes for some homeowners in Candler County. The article hears from the assessor who provides information about the increases, reminds taxpayers that it is the assessment that has been notified, not the actual tax bill, and provides information on appeals.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Chief appraiser explains assessments - Metter Advertiser](#)

MAINE

The time for property tax reform in Maine is now | Opinion

This article provides the view of an Augusta resident and former city manager on the large increases in property tax assessments that have just been notified. The author explains what he considers to be the three factors causing Maine state government's negative impact on local property taxes.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[The time for property tax reform in Maine is now | Opinion](#)

MASSACHUSETTS

Mayor Michelle Wu Signs City Order to Expand Property Tax Relief For Older Homeowners

This article reports that the Boston mayor has signed a city order that lets Boston adjust the senior property tax break each year by increasing the income and assets limits for the senior exemption annually, based on the federal Consumer Price Index.

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[Mayor Michelle Wu Signs City Order to Expand Property Tax Relief For Older Homeowners | Boston.gov](#)

MINNESOTA

What's behind the plunging assessed value of Best Buy's campus?

This article examines a press release from the City of Richfield which announced that the property tax assessment of the Best Buy office campus will drop from \$63m to \$32m in 2027. The article looks at the minimum assessment agreement on the campus, how this will affect the City's commercial tax base etc.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[What's behind the plunging assessed value of Best Buy's campus?](#)

NEW YORK

Mamdani's new pied-à-terre tax leaves wealthy with few loopholes

This article looks at New York's pied-à-terre tax - a surcharge which applies to second homes in New York City over certain values. The article examines the search for loopholes to allow reduced/non-payment of the tax and concludes that there are few loopholes and penalties for avoidance.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Mamdani's new pied-à-terre tax leaves wealthy with few loopholes](#)

Mall owner files new assessment challenge

This article reports that the owners of Chautauqua Mall are, again, challenging its tax assessment. The article considers the history of appeals on this property and looks at the financial implications.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.observertoday.com/news/business/2026/07/mall-owner-files-new-assessment-challenge/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=07+08+2026&utm_campaign=Daily+NAPTA+Update+7+8+2026

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OHIO

Butler County Home Values Soar 19 Percent, Tax Jitters Follow

This article looks at the recent revaluation in Butler County which pegs the median residential appraisal about 19% higher than before. The article considers that the increases may not correspond to similar increases in the tax bill and advises taxpayers how to appeal.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

https://hoodline.com/2026/07/butler-county-home-values-soar-19-percent-tax-jitters-follow/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=07+06+2026&utm_campaign=Daily+NAPTA+Update+7+3+2026

PENNSYLVANIA

City of Philadelphia to Mail 2027 Property Assessments and Launch Expanded Outreach to Connect Homeowners to Tax Relief

This article announces that property tax assessment notices for 2027 will be shortly mailed out. The article looks at the measures being taken by the Department of Revenue to ensure awareness of property relief programmes. The article provides a list of property tax reliefs and advises how to appeal an assessment.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[City of Philadelphia to Mail 2027 Property Assessments and Launch Expanded Outreach to Connect Homeowners to Tax Relief | Department of Revenue | City of Philadelphia](#)

RHODE ISLAND

"Taylor Swift tax" takes effect

This article reports that legislation for the new property tax on high value second homes has been given effect. The article looks at the inherited family properties falling into the tax bracket and the possibility of a constitutional lawsuit on behalf of the homeowners.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.jpost.com/business-and-innovation/banking-and-finance/article-901185>

VERMONT

In statewide reappraisal, your house is worth whatever Vermont says it is

This article looks at a report which estimates that taxable property statewide is currently assessed at only about 70% of its fair market value. The article suggests that reappraisals will now become more frequent and provides information about what this will mean for property taxpayers.

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The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://vermontdailychronicle.com/your-house-is-worth-whatever-vermont-says-it-is/>

WASHINGTON DC

Making tax assessment process transparent, realistic for D.C. Properties

This article examines comments from the DC Policy Center who support reforms to the tax assessment process for income generating properties but consider that the current bill does not address two main issues that distort assessments. The article looks at these issues.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.dcpolicycenter.org/publications/making-assessments-transparent-realistic-for-businesses/>

WYOMING

Data Centers Test Wyoming's Promise Not To 'Piss Away' The Next Boom

This article looks at the boom in data centres in the state and considers exactly what residents of the state are willing to give away in order to satisfy the demand.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Data Centers Test Wyoming's Promise Not To 'Piss Away' The Next Boom | Cowboy State Daily](#)

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