

Letter to the Editor: New arrival astonished at 'financial masochism'

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I'm a new arrival in California, but I've already learned how a small minority in this state is stymieing economic growth and job creation for everyone else.

For example, I was astonished to read in *The Daily Transcript* Oct. 7 that the executive manager of a contractors association based in San Diego is advocating for easier ways to raise taxes on individuals and businesses ("[California needs revenue sources for new programs](#)").

People warned me about the strange tendency of many business groups in California to practice financial masochism with their public policy stances. (It seems to be related to a fear of offending politically powerful Big Labor bosses.)

Do the contractors in this association truly believe that higher taxes create a more desirable business environment? Were February's income tax increases, sales tax increases, vehicle license fee increases, and dependent exemption reductions not enough for them?

Are people in California still too stingy with their own money?

I've also been tipped off that Californians will know that the budget deficit is being taken seriously in Sacramento when state taxpayers are no longer providing millions of dollars every year to a phony propaganda mill and Big Labor training institute called the University of California Miguel Contreras Labor Program.

Perhaps the generous contractors who want to raise taxes would be willing to donate \$4 million to this politically-biased program so the rest of us don't have to pay for it this year.

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