

PROPOSITION 9

WHAT:

Allows the Legislature to exempt from property taxation \$125,000 of the market value of tangible personal property that is held or used for the production of income.

WHY:

This would provide a needed tax relief to businesses, particularly small businesses, across Texas.

PROPOSITION 10

WHAT:

Allows the Legislature to create a temporary tax exemption on a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by fire.

WHY:

Currently, there is no process to adjust a property appraisal if there is a major change in value because the property is destroyed by a fire. This leaves the property owner liable for taxes on the full value of their property even though it is uninhabitable.

PROPOSITION 11

WHAT:

Allows the Legislature to raise the homestead exemption for elderly and disabled Texans from \$110,000 up to \$200,000 (if coupled with the passage of Prop. 13).

WHY:

Everyone in Texas, but especially the elderly and disabled, needs property tax relief.

PROPOSITION 12

WHAT:

Changes the make-up and authority of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct so it can sanction judges for wrongdoing more effectively.

WHY:

The SCJC has not sufficiently protected the rights of Texas citizens who have experienced the consequences of abuses of judicial power and failures of competence. Complaints often go unresolved for extended periods of time, and judges do not face discipline for wrongdoing. The proposed amendment would institute commonsense reforms that would allow judicial misconduct to be addressed fairly and swiftly.