

Proposal for an Oakland City Income Tax to Balance the \$58 M Deficit

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Proposed Temporary Oakland Income Tax				
Income Range	Tax	Est. Avg. Tax	Households	Est. Revenue
50k - 75k	.04%	\$25	23,355	\$.58M
75k - 100k	.075%	\$66	15,157	\$1.00M
100k - 150k	.15%	\$188	16,955	\$3.19M
150k - 200k	.25%	\$438	6,837	\$2.99M
200k - 300k	1%	\$2,500	2,863	\$7.15M
300k - 400k	1.5%	\$5,250	2,863	\$15.03M
400k +	2%	\$10,000	2,863	\$28.60M
totals			70,893	\$58.54M

There are 8,589 households earning over \$200k a year. Earners in this bracket have had 30 years of progressively decreased taxes and this tax holiday needs to come to an end. When majority rule is restored at the state level corporate taxation should also be restored. The top 20% of Americans owns 93% of financial wealth. It's high time that corporations and the rich share their immense accumulation of wealth with those that have made it possible for them to become wealthy!

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