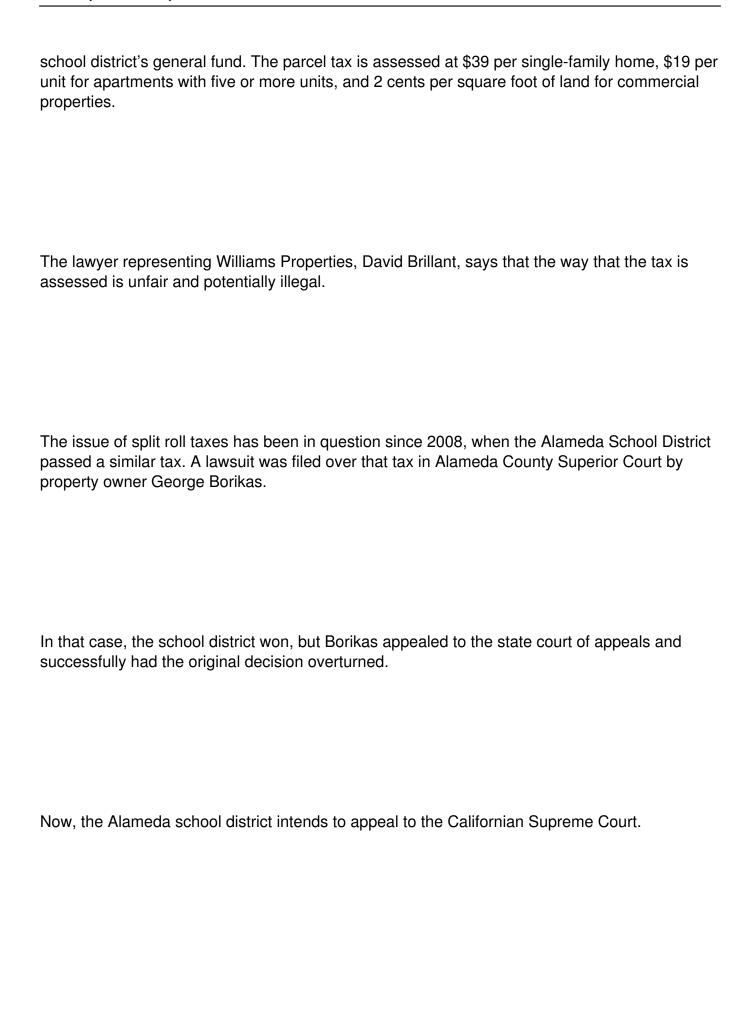
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A lawsuit has been filed against the San Leandro School District, seeking to invalidate Measure L, the parcel tax that passed in November.
Williams Properties – which owns several commercial buildings on Williams Street – filed the suit in Alameda County Superior Court, claiming the way the tax is assessed is illegal.
Measure L is a "split roll tax," which means that homes, apartments, and businesses are all taxed at different rates
Measure L passed by a margin of less than 1 percent. It will collect \$2.4 million annually for the



"The San Leandro lawsuit will be directly impacted by the decision in the Borikas case," Brillant said. "So long as Borikas remains law, the district's tax is invalid, which is why the suit was filed."
The tax has not yet been assessed, so no monetary value is on the lawsuit, though it could be added later, Brillant said.
Superintendent Cindy Cathey said the school board and its lawyers are handling the lawsuit and she didn't want to comment further.
"Right now we are just doing our best to defend Measure L," said Cathey.