

6 REASONS EBR'S SCHOOL BOARD, METRO COUNCIL & SHERIFF SHOULD REJECT EXXONMOBIL'S LATEST ITEP REQUESTS

ExxonMobil is asking the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, Metropolitan Council and Sheriff to keep \$54 million of its property off the property tax rolls for 10 years. The exemptions are for ExxonMobil's Refinery (ITEP #20161911) and Polyolefins Plant (ITEP #20162914).

These exemptions would cost EBR schools and other public bodies \$6.6 million over 10 years.

Here are 6 things to know about the exemptions ...

#1) The exemption requests are for projects already completed in 2017

Source: ExxonMobil's submissions to Louisiana Economic Development, LED:

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION # 20161911	
Exxon Mobil Corporation	PARISH PROJECT IS LOCATED
PHYSICAL ADDRESS 4045 Scenic Highway Baton Rouge, LA 70805	
MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 53 Houston, TX 77001	
OPTIONAL) Exxon Mobil Corporation-Refinery	NAICS CODE
STARTING DATE 01/01/2017	PROJECT ENDING DATE 12/31/2017

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION # 20161914	
Exxon Mobil Corporation	PARISH PROJECT IS LOCATED
PHYSICAL ADDRESS 12875 Scenic Highway Baton Rouge, LA 70807	
MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 53 Houston, TX 77001	
OPTIONAL) Exxon Mobil Corporation-Polyolefins Plant	NAICS CODE
STARTING DATE 01/01/2017	PROJECT ENDING DATE 12/31/2017

ITEP is supposed to be an **incentive** — a policy tool to attract projects that otherwise would not take place without a tax exemption. Exemptions on projects already under construction are prohibited in Texas and every other state, but continue to be allowed by the State Board of Commerce & Industry. **There is no policy rationale to approve an "incentive" for a project that already is complete.**

#2) The projects seeking exemptions did not create jobs — they cut jobs

ExxonMobil is seeking exemptions, not for a new plant or an expansion, but for mechanization — equipment and machinery investments that resulted in **19 FEWER full-time jobs** at the Refinery and Polyolefins plant (7 fewer jobs if one includes contractor positions in the count).

Source: ExxonMobil's submissions to LED:

Full-time positions as of 12/2016: 1525 (1283 at refinery / 242 at polyolefins plant)
Full-time positions as of 12/2017: 1506 (1272 at refinery / 234 at polyolefins plant)
NET CHANGE IN JOBS: - 19 JOBS

(These figures are for full-time positions. ExxonMobil's submissions including contractors show a smaller net decline of 7 jobs, from 1601 to 1594 jobs.)

#3) Since 2000, ExxonMobil has received **188 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS** in EBR Parish costing **\$600M in lost revenue**. Over that period, ExxonMobil **cut more than 1,800 jobs** in EBR Parish.

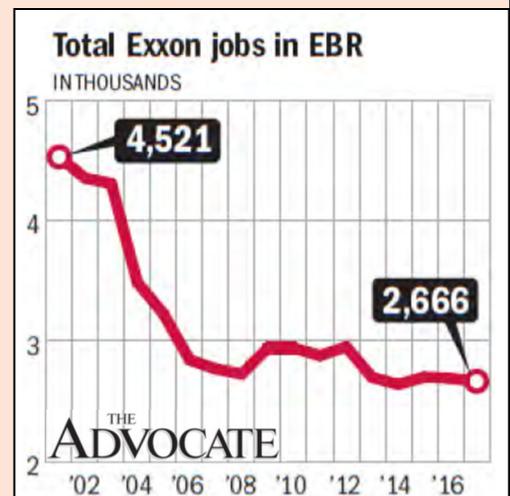
Source: Louisiana Economic Development, Baton Rouge Advocate:

of exemptions awarded to ExxonMobil properties in EBR Parish, 2000 - 2018: 188 ITEPs

Cost of exemptions in lost revenue: -\$603 M

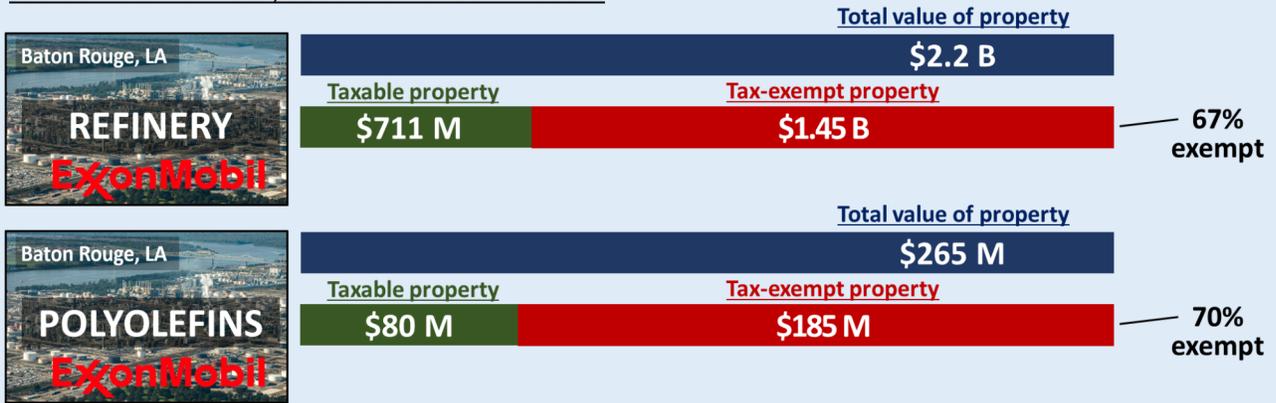
Change in jobs, 2000 - 2018: decline of 1,855 jobs

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#4) ExxonMobil currently has more than 2/3rds of its property in East Baton Rouge Parish OFF THE TAX ROLLS due to previous ITEP exemptions

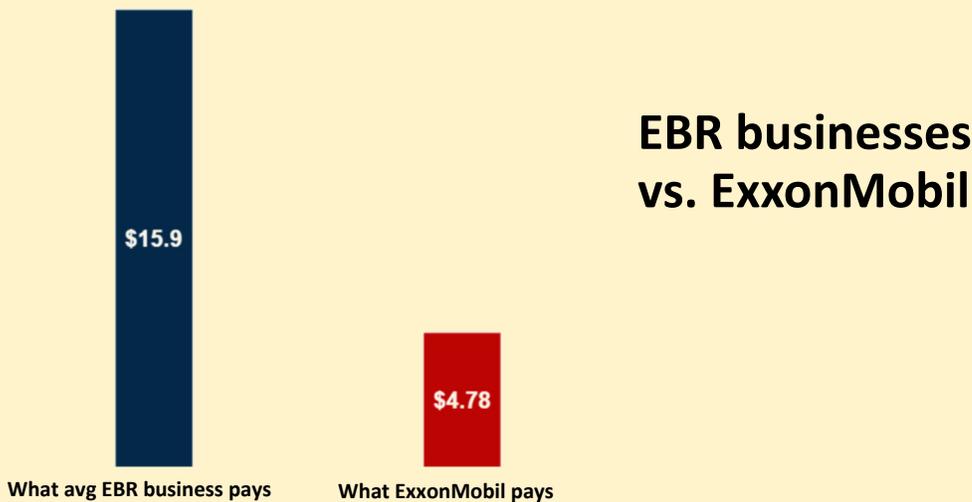
Source: data from LED, Louisiana Tax Commission:



#5) The average business in EBR Parish pays 3.3 TIMES as much in property taxes on the dollar as ExxonMobil due to the impact of ITEP exemptions

Source: data from EBR Assessor, LA Tax Commission, Louisiana Economic Development

Property taxes per \$1K property in East Baton Rouge



#6) The average EBR Parish homeowner pays 1.7 TIMES as much in property taxes on the dollar as ExxonMobil due to the impact of ITEP exemptions

Source: data from EBR Assessor, LA Tax Commission, Louisiana Economic Development

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