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Cheap sleeps: how to save some of your tax money when booking a hotel

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With election day looming in less than 24 hours, we've all got presidents, propositions, and something else too—taxes—on the brain. But I'm not going to get all politicky, or mavericky either, on you. Instead, I'd like to tip you off on something we all—red, blue, or in between—can get behind: a great tax relief deal offered by my very favorite hotelier in the www (whole wide world): Joie de Vivre Hospitality.

Here's the tip: Stay at any JDV hotel from now through April 15, using the code CAL TAX, and they'll waive your occupancy tax. OK, I know a 6% tax break isn't the world's biggest savings, but think of it this way: if your room costs \$300 per night and you're staying two nights, you save \$36. Use that money instead for a round of election-night drinks, if the news is good, at the Bubble Lounge in San Francisco or L Wine Lounge and Urban Kitchen in Sacramento. (Stay at the new Citizen Hotel and check out the very cool new Sactown Magazine if you're heading to Sac'to, by the way.)

And if it's bad news tomorrow night? Well, I'll leave that up to you.

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