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Board of Equalization to Hold Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing

Sacramento – The annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing will be held by the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) on August 27, 2019. The hearing provides taxpayers, assessors, and other local agencies the opportunity to provide comment on any items discussed in the State Board of Equalization's 2017-18 Taxpayers' Rights Advocate's Annual Report for the purposes of correcting any problems described in the report. Taxpayers may also comment on BOE-administered programs or local property tax issues.

Individuals may also present their concerns regarding agency services or other issues related to the administration of its tax programs, including state and county property taxes, alcoholic beverage tax, and tax on insurers. With respect to the alcoholic beverage tax, individuals may present their ideas and recommendations regarding legislation which may further improve voluntary compliance and the relationship between taxpayers and government.

The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing is held in accordance with The Morgan Property Taxpayers' Bill of Rights and California Taxpayers' Bill of Rights provisions. The BOE has a Taxpayers' Rights Advocate to ensure taxpayers' rights are protected and to facilitate resolution of property tax problems. More information on the BOE's Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office (TRA Office) and the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights Hearing is available at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/tra/>

Taxpayers are invited to share their experiences with problems encountered to bring it to the attention of the BOE and TRA Office for assistance with resolution.

The Board of Equalization is the only elected tax board in the country. Its five members include four equalization district members, and the State Controller. Under its constitutional mandate, the BOE oversees the assessment practices of the state's 58 county assessors, who are charged with establishing values for approximately 12.8 million assessments each year. In addition, the BOE assesses the property of regulated railroads and specific public utilities and assesses and collects the private railroad car tax. The BOE's monthly meetings offer taxpayers and other interested parties opportunities to participate in the formulation of rules and regulations adopted by the Board. For more information on the BOE, visit www.boe.ca.gov.

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