

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATIONElizabeth Vitanza Item # M1

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To: Srinivasan, Indhubala (Indhu)
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Sample Public Comments: This Board should not take any action which will create a loss revenue for cities, counties, and schools. That means full rejection of options listed under working groups 3 and 4 and choosing to do nothing to maintain the status quo. I am a public school parent, and we are currently facing cuts of up to 15% of our budget for the 2020-2021 school year. This equates to a cut of nearly \$1600 per student in our district. "Fairness and equity are the core mandate of the BOE." How are we supposed to educate California's future business leaders - our children, our public college and university students - on such tiny budgets if you choose to siphon off money in order to provide a short-term benefit to today's businesses? These commercial property owners HAVE ALREADY secured huge breaks in the form of tax cuts and relief from the CARES Act. In addition, the call for across-the-Board reductions in commercial property values is illogical. A broad lowering of values makes no sense in a world where base year values are already vastly under-assessed. Declaring properties to be damaged and in need of disaster relief to lower values is a cynical attempt by commercial property owners to capitalize on the crisis. It is an abuse of the public trust and does nothing to benefit the greater good. At a time when we are having serious discussions of how and why we spend public money in our cities and state, I ask this Board to reject the options listed under working groups 3 and 4 and do right by the children - the future - of California.

From: May 29, 2020 Board Meeting-Public Comment
To: Srinivasan, Indhubala (Indhu)
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M1c. Working Group Report – 3: Section 170 Disaster Relief for COVID-19 Calamity

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Comment:

I am a parent in Glendale Unified School District, and we have just been notified by our Board that we are facing nearly 25% budget cuts next year due to decline in state revenue due to the pandemic. That our school board would have to figure out how to educate 26,000 students on less than \$7000/per student/per year. It is simply not possible. The proposal for Disaster Relief and Decline in Value Relief is unconscionable. It would essentially rob our children - the future of California - in order to prop up commercial landlords. Declaring properties to be damaged and in need of disaster relief to lower values is nothing but a short-sighted attempt by commercial property owners to capitalize on the crisis. Short-term tax relief is already provided through the income and corporation tax automatically when incomes drop. CARES provides additional huge relief to commercial property owners by allowing them to write off losses against other income and roll back their losses to get refunds from 2017 taxes. I ask that in response to Working Group Report 3 you Choose option 4: Do nothing; maintain status quo. For the response to Working Group 5, I ask that you choose option 5. Do nothing; maintain the status quo.