



From: July 22-23, 2020 Board Meeting-Public Comment
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Agenda Item(s):

1. Opening Remarks
2. Overview of Proposition 15
3. Discussion with Proponents and Opponents
4. Impact on the State Board of Equalization
5. Impact on County Assessors
6. Impact on the Appeals Process
7. Public Comment
8. Closing Remarks

Comment:

My name is Maddie and I was born and raised in the Bay Area. I support Prop. 15 because it will provide critical funding for our schools and communities. Funding that should already exist, but doesn't because for 42 years we have prioritized tax breaks for large corporations over our kids education and our communities' well-being. We are seeing the consequences of this decision play out right now in the midst of this pandemic. We are facing massive budget cuts, we are forced to rely on poor public health services, and our schools do not have the resources they need to keep our students safe. All of which is only made worse because we don't have stable and reliable tax revenue. As a Californian, this is deeply embarrassing. Especially because nearly every other state in the country taxes their commercial property at fair market value. Prop. 15 is just commonsense. The board of equalization will play an important role in ensuring that Prop. 15 is implemented effectively, and that it is fully enforced. I am asking you to support Prop. 15 -- a fair and balanced reform that will put our schools and communities first. Sincerely, Maddie Cook, Oakland