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**STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Andrea Zak-Lee \_\_\_\_\_ Item # \_\_\_\_\_



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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Comment:

My name is Andrea Zak-Lee and I have attended Oakland Public Schools all of my life and am now going into my sophomore year of college. Both of my parents work in affordable housing and are based in Oakland. We are homeowners here in Oakland. I support Proposition 15 for numerous reasons, including that it will provide much-needed funding for public education, including K-12 and community colleges, and will also provide necessary services such as removing carcinogenic soil and water contamination in parks and city pipes. These issues are important to me as I am a former student whose former school in Oakland has lead in its drinking water. Additionally, I lost multiple teachers in the middle of the school year without replacements. These teachers were no longer able to live in Oakland because they were not being paid enough. In 2018 500 OUSD teachers quit. Proposition 15 would reclaim \$12 billion every year for our schools and local services by closing corporate property tax loopholes -- all while protecting homeowners and renters, small businesses, and agriculture. The Board of Equalization has an important role to play in ensuring that Prop 15 is implemented effectively and that it is fully enforced. We call on the Board of Equalization to rise to the occasion and implement a change that Californians, like me and my family, have needed for a very long time. I am asking you to support Prop. 15 — a fair and balanced reform to put our Schools & Communities First. Sincerely, Andrea Zak-Lee Oakland Student