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Comment:

My name is Bonnie Robinson. I am a member of the Central Orange County League of Women Voters and the California Teachers Association. I am a retired educator who taught for 40 years in the City of Orange. During non-pandemic times I am still a regular volunteer at a local public elementary school. I support Proposition 15 because it will provide funding for Public Education, including K-12 and Community Colleges. This is important to me because California has some of the largest class sizes and worst ratios of the number of counselors and nurses to students than most any other state in the country. I know from my many years of teaching at risk students how these large class sizes impact students' education. I also know from my vast experience of working with students at risk, how adequate critical support services can help students attain success at school and home, building a foundation for a positive future. Because of COVID-19, funding of these services will be even more critical, in addition to other costs associated with the pandemic in serving students in the next several years. 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. Members of the League of Women Voters and California Teachers Association call on the Board of Equalization to rise to the occasion of implementing a change that benefits our schools and communities. I am asking you to support Prop. 15 – a fair and balanced reform to put our Schools & Communities First. Sincerely, Bonnie Robinson Retired Educator League of Women Voters Central Orange County, California Teachers Association Orange, CA