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AA1. AAB Remote Hearings: Non-consensus Items

Comment:

The California Taxpayers Association thanks the Board of Equalization for taking the lead on the issue of providing the option of remote hearings for assessment appeals, and we appreciate all of the work done by the working group. In addition to the short-term benefits during the pandemic, remote hearings could be a good long-term option for the convenience of taxpayers, and could help assessment appeals boards with workload issues. As with all things, the details are important, and the due process rights of taxpayers must be protected, first and foremost. We appreciate the working group's attention to these details, and the board's deliberative process to anticipate and address challenges associated with providing a remote hearing option.