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December 10, 2020

TO: Members of the Board of Equalization

FROM: Malia M. Cohen, Member, Second District

RE: Board of Equalization Board Meeting, December 16, 2020, L.1.e.
Establishing a Board of Equalization Advisory Group

Discussion and possible Board action to direct the Executive Director to provide the Board a report out on the value and feasibility of establishing a BOE Advisory Group to provide insight to the Executive Director and the Board from an external stakeholder perspective on the various programs and operations of the Agency.

This Item is to request that the Executive Director provide the Board a report out on the value and feasibility of establishing a BOE Advisory Group with the goal of proactively engaging stakeholders on the various programs and operations of the Agency.

Background

For many years, prior to the passage of AB 102, the Executive Director of the Board of Equalization regularly held meetings of an Advisory Group. These meetings were held so that key stakeholders who interacted often with the agency could present their views on the operations of the agency.

As a result of these meetings, the Executive Director and his/her staff became informed of issues of concern affecting stakeholders. This provided an opportunity for further examination of the issues raised at these Advisory Group meetings, with a view toward providing practical solutions that allowed the BOE to fulfill its mission to serve the public through fair, effective, and efficient tax administration.

Recommendation

To better ensure that the BOE exercises its Constitutional and statutory responsibilities, and fulfills its mission by serving the public through fair, effective, and efficient tax administration, I recommend that the Executive Director report back to the Board on the feasibility of re-establishing a formal BOE stakeholder Advisory Group.