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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 11, 2023

To: Sally Lieber, Vice Chair

> Ted Gaines, Board Member, First District Mike Schaefer, Board Member, Fourth District

Malia M. Cohen, State Controller

From: Antonio Vazquez, Chairman

Re: April 26, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda Item: Presentation, overview, discussion, possible action on 2023 Property Tax & Related Affordable Housing Legislation.

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board with an opportunity to hear from the authors, supporters, stakeholders and County Assessors regarding various Senate and Assembly bills related to a variety of critical affordable housing, property tax assessment, change in ownership, and exemption matters. The Board may choose to vote to support, oppose, or remain neutral on the language in any bill or to request further information from any speakers or the Executive Director and managers as appropriate.

Background

The Board Members have committed themselves to be appropriately open in the way they acquire information relevant to the Board's duties and the manner in which key decisions are publicly made and disclosed. The Board Members are accountable to the Legislature and taxpayers for assessing and collecting the proper amount of taxes due, which by implication includes exploring, evaluating, and discussing legislative measures that may impact or affect such taxes, including assessment matters, change in ownership exclusions, tax exemptions and programs related to affordable housing. This is consistent with the underlying principle in California Constitution, article I, section 3, that the people have the right to instruct their representatives, petition government for redress of grievances, and assemble freely to consult for the common good, which includes engaging with the Board in open meetings to hear and discuss measures that may affect them.

Goal

In the interest of accurately understanding a number of significant legislative measures currently intended to modify the property tax system, change in ownership exclusions, exemptions, or to assist in the production of affordable housing, the following Senate and

Assembly bills listed below will be addressed by the authors, sponsors, County Assessors, stakeholders and/or other interested parties. The Board may, as stated above, decide to support, oppose, or remain neutral on any bill or to request further technical information regarding the language in any bill.

- SB 20 (Rubio) Joint Powers Agreements: Regional Housing Trusts https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20232024 0SB20
- SB 734 (Rubio) Property Tax: Possessory Interests https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20232024 0SB734
- AB 362 (Lee) Land Value Taxation Study
 https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20232024

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- SCA-4 (Seyarto) Property Taxation: Principal Residence https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20232024 OSCA4

At the conclusion of the presentations received and actions taken, the Board may wish to consider suggestions for placing other property tax related bills for consideration on the agenda at the May 23-24 Board Meeting.

ANTONIO VAZQUEZ, Chairman Board of Equalization, 3rd District

cc: Ms. Deborah Bautista-Zavala, Chief Deputy, Office of Chairman Antonio Vazquez

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