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Comment:

BOE members are currently tasked with enforcing requirements under 2020's Proposition 19 that work against minority communities. Here are a few ways Prop 19 hurts minorities: 1) The reassessments are unaffordable for all but those with huge bank accounts. My own family will receive up to 3 property tax bills in a 16-month time span as a result of my father dying last year. Consider that the group who makes up the majority of the working class is minorities. Their wages as a group have been stagnant for the past 40 years. It's scary to think how many of these families will be forced to sell family properties as a result of the reassessments. 2) Right now the prevailing attitude seems to be that owning rental property is somehow bad and deserving of a 100% reassessment. However, if a family is determined to keep its property, the tax increase will be passed down to the renter. Not surprisingly, demographics show blacks and Hispanics are more likely to be renters than other groups. 3) The stringent requirements under Prop 19 are also a problem for minorities. Currently, you have to move into the parent's primary home within a year of their death to qualify for the approximately \$1 million tax break. If you are a child of first-generation immigrants who outdid your parents, returning to the family home probably isn't practical. The house might be too small or in a lesser neighborhood. Consequently, you are denied a tax break that will add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars over the long term. Laws that work against minorities are known as structural racism. 4) Demographic data shows that minorities are more likely to relocate farther away from home to advance in their education and careers. Granting a tax break if they return back to the family home is simply not fair to those groups. The BOE should publicly express its support for SCA-4, an amendment that will repeal parent-child transfer laws associated with Prop 19. Thank you.

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