



MIKE SCHAEFER
MEMBER
CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 13, 2023

To: Antonio Vazquez, Chairman
Sally Lieber, Vice Chair
Ted Gaines, Board Member, First District
Mike Schaefer, Board Member, Fourth District
Malia M. Cohen, State Controller

From: Mike Schaefer, Board Member, Fourth District

Re: Limitations on Board Meeting Agenda Submissions – Governance Policy Interpretation and Possible Changes

Member Schaefer finds items having no relationship or tenuous relationship to our Mission, and that items, such as No. 9 and 10 on the May 23, 2023 agenda (See [BOE Public Agenda Notice May 23, 2023](#)) taking in excess of 90 minutes to review, are an excessive appropriation of our limited time and resources.

Our Mission is defined by law to be: "To serve Californians through fair, effective, and efficient tax administration in support of state and local governments".

The cited items included two witnesses dialoguing with the Board as to the percentage breakdown by ethnic groups of home sales in 2022. This was not a new idea of any Member but parroted a general discussion of the National Association of Realtors called "Snapshot of Race and Home Buying in America". The conclusions all addressed which groups, if any, can afford to buy the typical home. I can see financial institutions and real estate marketing groups having a legitimate interest in this topic, but we are charged with fair and equitable valuations and tax administration regardless of race considerations and must efficiently prioritize our time and resources.

I invite each of my colleagues to share opinions on this item, today or on our next agenda, and I would suggest the following:

- a. That any topic be reasonably related to our lawful "Mission", or that we expand our mission to invite matters unrelated to "fair, effective, and efficient tax administration".
- b. That on the veto of any Member, an item be stricken from the Member submissions without prejudice as to resubmission.

- c. That discussion on any single item does not exceed 20 minutes regardless of the number of persons involved.
- d. That Members be invited to submit topics within our Mission from any California taxpayer, including participation by such members in presentation, all within our time limitations.

Each of us enjoys prior elective service before coming to the Board and should join me in seeking to update and make more efficient our service to the taxpayers of California. If any of us have a published letter or opinion relating to our Board, it should be disclosed to our Executive Director who would share it with our Members, so we can be respected as a team with goals the public deserves.

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