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## **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TO HOLD TAXPAYERS' BILL OF RIGHTS HEARING**

**Sacramento** – The annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing will be held by the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) on August 18, 2020. The hearing provides taxpayers, Assessors, and other local agencies the opportunity to provide comment on any items discussed in the *State Board of Equalization's 2018-19 Taxpayers' Rights Advocate's Annual Report*, identify means to correct any problems described in the report, and to comment on all Board-administered programs or local property tax issues.

Individuals are also invited to present their experiences or concerns regarding agency services or other issues related to the administration of its tax programs, including state and county property taxes, alcoholic beverage tax, and tax on insurers. With respect to the alcoholic beverage tax, individuals may present their ideas and recommendations regarding legislation which may further improve voluntary compliance and the relationship between taxpayers and government. The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing is held in accordance with The Morgan Property Taxpayers' Bill of Rights and California Taxpayers' Bill of Rights provisions.

The hearing will be held on August 18, 2020, starting at 10:00 a.m. and will be available via live stream on the BOE website at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov). Information about the hearing will be included in the August 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Agenda which will be published on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, and will be available at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/boardcomm.htm>.

The BOE's Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office works to ensure taxpayers' rights are protected and to facilitate resolution of taxpayer complaints and problems. More information on the BOE's Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office and the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights Hearing is available at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/tra/>.

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The Board of Equalization is the only elected tax board in the country. Its five members include four equalization district members, and the State Controller. Under its constitutional mandate, the BOE oversees the assessment practices of the state's 58 County Assessors, who are charged with establishing values for over 13 million assessments each year. In addition, the BOE assesses the property of regulated railroads and specific public utilities and assesses and collects the private railroad car tax. The BOE's monthly meetings offer taxpayers and other interested parties opportunities to participate in the formulation of rules and regulations adopted by the Board. For more information on the BOE, visit [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov).

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