



COUNTY OF SHASTA
OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR-RECORDER

LESLIE MORGAN
ASSESSOR-RECORDER

July 23, 2018

The Honorable George Runner, Chairman
State Board of Equalization
240 N Street
Sacramento, CA 94814

RE: State Board of Equalization Meeting, July 24, 2018; Agenda Item L1

Dear Chairman Runner:

As the Assessor-Recorder of Shasta County, I am writing with concerns in regard to Agenda Item L1. The proposals before the Board would limit the Assessor's ability to successfully request and exchange information with our taxpayers. Our county has a large percentage of appeals that are either withdrawn or stipulated to after the exchange process. In my opinion, these changes to the exchange of information process will have a negative impact on the communication efforts between the county and taxpayer which ultimately save time, energy, and cost to both parties.

In addition, Shasta County has faced challenges getting a seated board for appeals. Imposing a 10 day limit on continuances, for a board that schedules one 3-day hearing each year, will be problematic for this county as well as others. Scheduling notice requirements will also be problematic for our Clerk.

Lastly, I want to thank you for engaging in the interested parties' process regarding this matter. While that may take more time to reach resolution, it is likely to have a more collaborative outcome overall.

Sincerely,

Leslie Morgan
Shasta County Assessor-Recorder

Cc: Members, California State Board of Equalization
Dean R. Kinnee, Executive Director, California State Board of Equalization
Joann Richmond-Smith, California State Board of Equalization Proceedings
Charles Leonhardt, CAA President, Plumas County Assessor