



September 12, 2018

The Honorable George Runner  
Chair, State Board of Equalization  
500 Capitol Mall, Suite 1750  
Sacramento, CA 94814

RE: California Board of Equalization Meeting, August 22, 2018, Agenda Item G1

Chair Runner and Honorable Members of the State Board of Equalization:

On behalf of the 7000,000 working men and women represented by the Service Employees International Union I write in opposition to the proposal currently before the State Board of Equalization (BOE) to amend rules around property tax assessment appeals.

The proposed rule changes by the BOE restrict an Assessor's ability to collect information and remove tools to effectively administer appeals hearings. These proposals will have repercussions for county revenue statewide. Counties rely on that revenue to provide municipal services and quality public education. Our members benefit from these services and their children attend public schools.

For these reasons, we oppose the proposed rule changes and urge the BOE not to impose changes that negatively impact our communities.

Sincerely,

Terry Brennand  
Budget, Revenue, and Pensions Director

cc:

The Honorable Fiona Ma, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
The Honorable Jerome Horton, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Diane Harkey, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Betty Yee, Controller  
Dean Kinnee, BOE Executive Director  
David Yeung, Property Tax Division