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STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION



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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Comment:

Dear Board, My name is Daniel Barsky. I am an Oakland resident, a parent of two children in Oakland's public schools in which we fully participate, and a veteran teacher at several local universities and colleges. Our family fully supports Oakland's public schools, which from our perspective serves a crucial role in societal equity. The elementary school that our children have attended serves primarily socio-economically disadvantaged children. We stand with our neighbors and local educators in the view that the best way to address the inequities in our public education system (including systemic/de facto racism) is to address the root causes of under-funding of our public schools. We support Proposition 15, because it would restore tax revenue by closing long-abused corporate tax loopholes, restoring billions of dollars annually to funding our public schools. The current funding of our public schools is a national disgrace, and we are missing the most ethical--not to mention affordable way--to invest in the future of our great state. Therefore we stand with our neighbors and educators, in demanding that the Board of Equalization support Proposition 15, the Schools and Communities First initiative. Sincerely yours, Daniel Barsky, Ph.D. Oakland, California