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Agenda Item(s):

2. Overview of Proposition 15
3. Discussion with Proponents and Opponents

Comment:

Hello all, My name is Griffen Rizoulis Vicente Castillo, and I am from Oakland, California. A place of love, life, beauty, and joy. But this is in stark contrast to the conditions that many in my beautiful city are forced to live under. Because of historically racist policies, such as red-lining, Jim Crow Laws, and the “war on drugs”, people of color have been systematically denied opportunities to invest in their communities. Because of this, our communities are underfunded and our children are suffering for it. We have had Teacher strikes because they are not paid a fair wage, we have run out of paper for students and staff, and we have had to cut student services that give students spaces to grieve and process the trauma that they face on a daily basis. I am here today to urge you all to support the passing of Proposition 15. The money that it would bring to our education system (which currently ranks 46th in per pupil spending, while our economy alone is the 5th largest in the country), is a direct investment in our collective future! To invest in the youth is to invest in yourself and the livelihood of this country as a whole. Please support proposition 15, we are counting on you. Thank you for your time, Griffen Castillo