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**STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**



Elizabeth Gessel \_\_\_\_\_ Item # \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Elizabeth Gessel

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Comment:

My name is Elizabeth Gessel. I am a homeowner in the city and have raised two kids in the Oakland Public Schools. I support Proposition 15 because it will provide funding for local services such as parks, libraries, recreation, schools and other public services. This is important to me because we all deserve to live in a city that provides for its residents the best possible services. I was in elementary school when Proposition 13 passed and everything changed after that. The schools in California especially declined in quality. We live in one of the wealthiest regions in the nation, we should be able to provide the best quality services for everyone. Proposition 15 would reclaim \$12 billion every year for our schools and local services by closing corporate property tax loopholes -- all while protecting homeowners and renters, small businesses, and agriculture. The Board of Equalization has an important role to play in ensuring that Prop 15 is implemented effectively, and that it is fully enforced. We call on the Board of Equalization to rise to the occasion of implementing a change that Californians like me have needed for a very long time. I am asking you to support Prop. 15 — a fair and balanced reform to put our Schools & Communities First. Sincerely, Elizabeth Gessel Program Director, Museum of the African Diaspora Oakland, CA