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## 7. Public Comment

Comment:

My name is Paola Giron-Carson and I am a lifelong Oakland public school student and now a first generation college student. My family runs a small business and we are homeowners in Oakland, California. I support Proposition 15 for numerous reasons, including that it will provide much-needed funding for public education, including K-12 and community colleges, and community necessities such as removing carcinogenic soil and water contamination in parks and city pipes. These issues are important to me as a student whose school in Oakland has lead in its drinking water and who lost multiple teachers partway through the year without replacements. These teachers were no longer able to live in Oakland because they were not being paid enough. In 2018 500 OUSD teachers quit. 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 and my family 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, Paola Giron-Carson, student, Oakland