STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Comment:

My name is Waldo Gonzalez and homeowner in unincorporated Whittier within Los Angeles County. I fully support Proposition 15 because it will provide funding to ensure: quality public schools, safe and modern public infrastructure, and provide much needed services for our seniors and children. This is important to me because as a first-generation son of working-class immigrant parents, I relied on the public K-12 and CSU system to help provide me with the tools to be a leader and attain upward mobility. We must ensure that we continue to fund the futures of our young people. 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. I 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, Waldo Gonzalez, Whittier