

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Theodore (Ted) Lam _____ Item # ____

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Agenda Item(s):

1. Opening Remarks
2. Overview of Proposition 15
3. Discussion with Proponents and Opponents
4. Impact on the State Board of Equalization
5. Impact on County Assessors
6. Impact on the Appeals Process
7. Public Comment
8. Closing Remarks

Comment:

I am a parent of a fourth grader and an active volunteer in my son's elementary school. He goes to school in El Cerrito, Contra Costa County. I support Proposition 15 because it will provide funding for public education, including K-12 and community colleges. This is important to me because from kindergarten through third grade all my son's teachers have asked for class supply donations at the start of the school year and regularly through the year because the school and district do not have the funding to adequately educate all 470 students at his school. I and other parents spend much of our free time fundraising to buy cleaning supplies, copier paper, markers, and other things the students need. 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, Ted Lam Civil engineer El Cerrito