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2. Overview of Proposition 15

Comment:

My name is Alejandra Leon. I am a renter in the city of South Gate. I support Proposition 15 because it is time we start moving in the direction to adequately fund our schools in the state of California. It will provide funding for possibly smaller classrooms, more teachers, mental health resources, and creative outlets such as art and dance. This is important to me because as an alum of LAUSD, the second largest school district in the nation, I witnessed the funding disparities every time I stepped onto my campuses. I had AP classes of almost 50 students, my teachers were always in danger of being pink slipped, and I wished there was more resources that supported students to become college and career ready. I loved my experience as an LAUSD student, but I have always wondered what it would have been like if my schools had all the funds they needed to reach their maximum potential. 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, Alejandra Leon, South Gate, CA