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STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION



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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Comment:

My name is Jason Polastri and I am a parent, homeowner, and educator in Oakland, California. I support Proposition 15 because it will finally make some headway in reversing the funding shortfalls that have been a plague on public education in our state since the 1970s. My children and the children I teach deserve quality schools. I support Proposition 15 because it will make more funding available to support the creation of affordable housing. This will help address the crises of black displacement and homelessness in Oakland and communities like it. My family, friends and neighbors deserve to live in a community that meets the needs of all its residents, not just those of a particular class. 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 hope the Board of Equalization will rise to the occasion and implement a change that will make our state more livable for ordinary Californians like me and my family. Please support Prop. 15 — a fair and balanced reform to put our Schools & Communities First. Sincerely, Jason Polastri, Teacher, Oakland