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**STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**



Jennifer Vetter \_\_\_\_\_ Item # \_\_

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Comment:

My name is Jennifer Vetter and I am a public school parent and homeowner in Oakland. I support Proposition 15 for many reasons, including that it will provide much-needed funding for public libraries and for public education, including K-12 and community colleges. These issues are important to me as a parent who has spent countless hours over the past 17 years fundraising for our local public library and our local schools because they are so woefully underfunded. For more than a decade, I have been involved with the movement to reform the devastating Proposition 13 of 1978, and I am so happy we are finally at a point of action. 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 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, Jennifer Vetter, M.L.I.S. Librarian  
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