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STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Katherine Cramer Item # C1



Item Name: Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing

Meeting Date: 8/18/20 Minutes Exhibit #: 8.7

PUBLIC COMMENT

Name: Katherine Cramer

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Agenda Item(s):

C1. Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing

Comment:

August 18, 2020 California Board of Equalization Board Meeting Subject: C Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing Prop 60: Two year time extension. I am an over 60 California homeowner seeking help with extending the two year time frame to sell my Oakland home and be able to apply for tax benefits described in Proposition 60. Due to COVID-19 I have experienced an all out stop and now slow down for being able to find contractors to prepare and remodel my home in order to bring it to market within the two years allowed. 2020 has been a very difficult year to proceed with all aspects of my home project. I understand that a constitutional change will be required to increase this time allowance. I assume that when the two-year period was originally accounted for—that amount of time may have seemed doable. Times have changed. I have lived in my 1937 era home for 28 years. It is my first home purchase and it has never been remodeled. I could not afford to remodel. With some proceeds from my parent's home that was sold in 2016 and lost out on Prop 60 benefits, I began to consider how to remodel. For today's housing market, I must update outside and inside--plus newer expectations of window compliance, sewer lateral compliance and sidewalk repairs. My home is my first home purchase. I needed to move out at the end of 2018 so that I could begin to repair my home. I am running out of time. If I had even an additional 6 months-- I think my project could be completed in time. As it is with COVID-19 and home replacement needs due to California wildfires--home repair and replacements on a large scale are absorbing normally available workers. Finding local contract workers has been very difficult during COVID-19. Thank you for considering this Constitutional change. There are so many urgent and important issues currently requiring California's attention. Yet, it is still my hope that this potential time change is not lost within the many government concerns. This time change would make a huge difference to me and my future ability to live smoothly into retirement without fears of tax burdens that could prove to be outside of my financial capabilities. Thank you for your consideration, Katherine Cramer

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K1a. Extension of Time for Official Acts

M1c. County Boards of Equalization/Assessment Appeals Boards Remote Hearings:

Discussion on Guidance and Determining if Additional Authorities

Rules

or Actions are Required

N. Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

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