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**STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Robert Miller \_\_\_\_\_ Item # C1

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Comment:

I am a 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. Before COVID-19, retaining contractors was already more challenging due to them being booked for rebuilding after the wildfires that decimated parts of the Bay Area. With COVID-19 on top of that, it has been exceedingly difficult to engage contractors to prepare and remodel my home in order to bring it to market within the two years timeframe. 2020 has been a challenging year to proceed with work on my home project. I am aware that a constitutional change will be required to extend this window between buying a home and selling the prior home. While the two-year period is adequate under normal conditions, clearly 2020 is not normal times. In order to be competitive under current market conditions, both exterior and interior renovations are necessary, along with other mandates from the City of Oakland and Alameda County. I much appreciate your consideration for this Constitutional change. While there are issues currently requiring California's attention, I am hopeful that this potential revision to the Constitution could be addressed, and would help address housing affordability for me and other Californian's in a similar situation. Thank you.