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K3b. Property Tax Deputy Director's Report - Proposition 19 Analysis and Implementation Planning

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Comment:

The Recorders' Offices across California have been closed since March, 2020 due to COVID-19 shelter in place orders. Proposition 19 is scheduled to go into effect on February 15, 2021 (which is also a holiday). The citizens of California who own property and want to evaluate the effect of Proposition 19 do not have enough time to seek advice and act on advice. Offices are closed and lawyers, accountants, and civil servants are working remotely. We have been informed that several counties are backlogged 6-8 weeks for recording documents. The elderly and vulnerable population of our citizens cannot leave the house to seek advice and act. COVID-19 has impacted citizens' abilities to make informed thoughtful decisions about their properties as the information is lacking. We request an extension of the deadline of February 15, 2021 for Proposition 19 to go into effect at least until the Summer 2021 when vaccinations have widely been available.