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Board of Equalization Convenes the Second Statewide Informational Hearing, Focusing on Property Tax Administration While Protecting Taxpayers

Sacramento – The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) will hold the second of four statewide informational hearings on December 6, 2019 in Santa Clara to gather information from industry experts and the public on Modernizing California's Property Tax System. In partnership with Santa Clara County Assessor Lawrence Stone, this hearing provides the opportunity for County Assessors, taxpayers, taxpayer advocates, the business community, and other interested parties to participate and provide comments.

“The BOE is the only statewide agency tasked with overseeing property tax administration and it is our responsibility to ensure California's complex billion-dollar property tax system is operating smoothly and efficiently and is updated appropriately with the times,” said California State Board of Equalization Chair Malia M. Cohen. “It's vital we find more effective ways of administering our property tax system while making sure our taxpayers don't get lost in the process,” she continued.

What: Statewide Informational Hearing – Modernizing California's Property Tax System
Part II: Opportunities, Challenges & Emerging Issues

When: December 6, 2019

Time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom
5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

The December 6th meeting will focus on emerging issues that may affect the administration of property taxes and bring to light the challenges facing California's property tax system. A panel of industry experts will discuss the strengths, challenges, and opportunities of California's assessment appeals board system, assessment of personal property and fixtures, and opportunity zones.

For more information about the Santa Clara hearing and to see the agenda, visit the BOE website at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/pdf/2019/120619-PAN-Dec.pdf>.

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The Board of Equalization is the only elected tax board in the country. Its five members include four equalization district members, and the State Controller. Under its constitutional mandate, the BOE oversees the assessment practices of the state's 58 county assessors, who are charged with establishing values for approximately 12.8 million assessments each year. In addition, the BOE assesses the property of regulated railroads and specific public utilities and assesses and collects the private railroad car tax. The BOE's monthly meetings offer taxpayers and other interested parties opportunities to participate in the formulation of rules and regulations adopted by the Board. For more information on the BOE, visit www.boe.ca.gov.

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