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The Honorable George Runner
Chair, State Board of Equalization
500 Capitol Mall, Suite 1750
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County-Assessed Properties Division
State Board of Equalization

RE: California Board of Equalization Meeting, August 22, 2018, Agenda Item G1

Chair Runner and Honorable Members of the State Board of Equalization:

On behalf of the 7000,000 working men and women represented by the Service Employees International Union I write in opposition to the proposal currently before the State Board of Equalization (BOE) to amend rules around property tax assessment appeals.

The proposed rule changes by the BOE restrict an Assessor's ability to collect information and remove tools to effectively administer appeals hearings. These proposals will have repercussions for county revenue statewide. Counties rely on that revenue to provide municipal services and quality public education. Our members benefit from these services and their children attend public schools.

For these reasons, we oppose the proposed rule changes and urge the BOE not to impose changes that negatively impact our communities.

Sincerely,

Terry Brennand
Budget, Revenue, and Pensions Director

cc:

The Honorable Fiona Ma, 2nd District
The Honorable Jerome Horton, 3rd District
The Honorable Diane Harkey, 4th District
The Honorable Betty Yee, Controller
Dean Kinnee, BOE Executive Director
David Yeung, Property Tax Division