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Public Comment - Group 5



From: Sarah Henderson <shenderson689@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; sbcob; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: In support of Proposition 15

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Dear County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of Proposition 15.

Covid-19 has not only revealed to us the shortfalls in America's ability to handle a pandemic but it has also exacerbated existing inequalities that reside within our cities and local school systems. Our cities have been hit hard by the economic downturn and pandemic; cities have been forced to lay off people while Counties have had to step up public health efforts to contain the Pandemic. Additionally, prior to the pandemic, California's schools were already severely underfunded; California ranks last in the nation for class size to school counselor ratios. The problem couldn't be clearer, we need more funding for our schools and communities. This November, Californians have the opportunity to right the ship and bring more funding to our communities and schools by voting YES on Proposition 15 which puts "Schools & Communities First."

Prop. 15 will level the playing field by closing the costliest corporate property tax loophole in California's history. It will ensure that the Disney's of California, among others, and other large wealthy corporations pay their fair share. Prop. 15 will generate \$12 billion dollars and create 15,000 jobs in a struggling economy. More importantly, the County of Santa Barbara will receive over \$30.4 million in general funds to address quality of life and social ills exacerbated by COVID19. This funding has the potential to hire more additional public officials, mental health services, firefighters and even increase rental assistance for families who have been disproportionately hurt by COVID19 and economic recession.

Prop. 15 closes large property tax loopholes for ultra-wealthy corporations and puts that money back into our schools. Only commercial properties valued at \$3 million, or more, will be assessed if Proposition 15 passes. 92% of Prop 15 revenue will come from the top 10% corporations in the state. Schools and Communities First protects homeowners, housing units (homes, apartment complexes) and agricultural land by exempting reassessment under Prop 15.

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