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Public Comment-Group 3

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From: Katie Nuñez <nunez.katie24@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: In support of proposition 15



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Hi, my name is Katie Nuñez. I attend San Marcos High School as a sophomore and I'm here as a supporter of schools and communities first. Throughout this year I have participated in phone banking. In addition to phone banking I also attended the schools and communities first training. What I gained from that training was that our community will be getting \$12 billion dollars. Our school district will be getting 8.4 million dollars that will benefit our schools in many incredible ways such as getting better materials for school. I remember in my physics class that I took last year our teacher had to ask my classmates and I if our parents would be able to donate money because they didn't have enough money to buy the materials we needed. If for some reason prop.15 doesn't get passed through it will affect small businesses, schools funding etc. Especially now the impact will be greater due to COVID-19. Prop 15 will benefit all those who will be affected without it. I encourage all of you to endorse school and communities first. So that the weight of my school material doesn't depend on my classmates and I.

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From: Angel Lopez <angel@futureleadersnow.org>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:14 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment in Support of Schools and Community First

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

I am writing in support of Proposition 15.

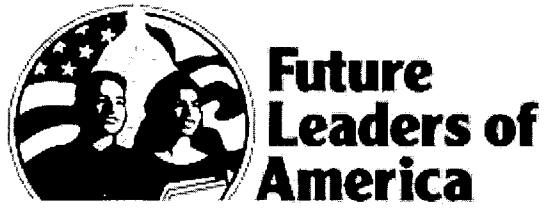
Thank you for all the work you do for our county and residents. My name is Angel Lopez and I am the Santa Maria. I am writing to encourage you to support and speak up for Proposition 15, a project sponsored by Schools and Communities First. Our schools and communities need more support and large property owners can do their part by sharing some of their wealth.

As a young professional, I have seen many of my teaching colleagues often have to purchase teaching materials from their own pockets to be able to provide to their students. With the \$6 million dollars that will be received through Schools and Communities First teachers can be relieved from the responsibility of purchasing the materials needed and our students can receive the proper materials to succeed in school.

Here are some FAQs about Prop.15:

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- Prop 15 will bring an additional
- \$6.1 million dollars to SMJUHS
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- COVID-19 has exacerbated
- inequities & much-needed services are under attack, Prop 15 can be used to close the equity gap in our schools
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- Prop 15 only affects properties
- valued over \$3 million dollars 92% from Prop 15 comes from the top 10% of California properties
- Benefits to property owners: residential properties are protected as Ag properties & Commercial property under \$3 million.
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- This is actually good for
- small businesses: measure includes a tax break for business in the amount of \$500,000 of personal property tax that they pay on their equipment
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- Local Endorsements: The
- Fund for Santa Barbara, Future Leaders of America, CAUSE.
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From: Mary Turley <sbmermaid1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:17 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Santa Barbara County Resolution in support of Prop 15

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To: Santa Barbara County Supervisors

I am in support of a resolution in support of Proposition 15: the Schools and Communities First initiative.

It's time for businesses to pay their fair share of the property taxes needed to fund schools and other local and state services.

Now is the time to equalize the payment of property taxes to the benefit of all residents.

Thank you for your vote on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Turley
Santa Barbara City Resident

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From: Yesenia Ramirez <yesi4502@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:23 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: In support of Proposition 15

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Dear School Board,

Thank you for your hard and dedicated work our city and student. I'm Yesenia Ramirez Garcia, a recent graduate from Dos Pueblos High School this year.

These past two months, I've phone banked and participated in trainings on Prop 15. This proposition is going to add \$122.6 million in funding for our school district. This additional funding could especially be used to support the recent integration of Ethnic Studies in our schools and fulfill Ethnic Studies Now's demands which are:

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- Bring
- back social dialogues as one of the ES classes students may choose to fulfill their ES requirement for graduation
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- Hire
- more experienced ES teachers and teachers for other curricula who reflect the culture and experiences of our students
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- Bring
- back the ES classes we already had in this district—Black studies, Chicano/a studies, feminist studies, Indigenous studies with an emphasis on our Chumash hosts—plus create and implement an Asian American studies course so students have maximum flexibility
- to select from a spate of ethnic studies courses
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- Reinstitute
- the district-wide ES department we used to have so our new ES teachers have a regular space to collaborate with our experienced ES educators.
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I believe there is no better time than now to ensure that our students are exposed to the history and experiences of their cultures and that of their fellow peers.

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From: John Petersen <aunegg@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Opposition to Agenda #D3 - Resolution Supporting Proposition 15

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The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020 (Prop 15) sounds like a wonderful gesture of government largess until you meet the Devil in the details. Prop 15 is the usual Orwellian “1984” doublespeak of our Sacramento legislators. The Devil wants to vaporize his nemesis, our property protection, Prop 13. “The split roll” property tax, the current Prop 15, will start with commercial and industrial properties and tax them based on their market value. This will be the start of completely disintegrating The Howard Jarvis impediment to political wastrels in our state government. The proponents of Prop 15 will eventually come after residential properties. That is their stated plan.

After all California has been burdened with this year, Covid 19, the shutdown of businesses (some that will never open again), the burning and looting of commercial properties, why would our legislative representatives write a bill that will repeal Prop 13? They might as well take a chainsaw to the limbs of the farmers, commercial property owners, tenants and customers?

Prop 13 was passed by 57 percent of voters in 1977, in order to stop the juggernaut of property taxes. This was the “Peoples Initiative To Limit Property Taxation.” Californians were losing their homes and businesses, because they could not pay their taxes. Prop 13 protected homes, businesses and farms. Once again our legislators want to send the taxpayers to the tax crematorium.

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors need to oppose Proposition 15.

Suzanne Petersen
Solvang, CA

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From: Marisol Mendoza <mendozamarisol92@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:35 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: In support of Proposition 15

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Hello, Board of Supervisors,
My name is Marisol Mendoza, a community member.

I am here in support of prop 15 Schools and Communities first. Prop 15 will bring an additional \$8.4 million dollars to SB Unified school District. That means investing in our students now! It is not fair that our schools do not have the proper resources in order for our students to succeed.

Our students deserve well qualified teachers and counselors that can guide them towards the college path. When I attended high school we were limited on resources that I think would have been needed for my success. Luckily for me I was able to find my way through high school and to the path to college. Unfortunately that is not the case for every student in high school. More counselors are needed for assistance. For example, high school counselors have a lot of students to focus on and it doesn't help the students to develop a relationship/trust between the student and counselor when they are not available. Students need readily available counselors in order to ask for help and guidance on their educational journey. Schools and communities first would help fund more counselors for our schools who are lacking in this very essential service.

Not only does Prop 15 invest in our schools but it invests in our communities. Getting the appropriate resources for our community needs is important. And is a key component to a successful and healthy community. That's why I am in favor of Prop 15!

Thank you for your time!
Best Regards,
Marisol Mendoza

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From: Marcy Winograd <winogradteach@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:41 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Supervisors, pls endorse Prop 15.

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Dear County Supervisors:

Please endorse Prop 15 tomorrow when you convene. Prop 15 will ...

- Close property tax loopholes that benefit wealthy corporations by requiring reassessment of commercial and industrial properties ONLY. Right now, they are only reassessed if the physical property changes ownership. Most corporations have held their property for a long time - longer than most homeowners or small businesses do - and if they do sell, they commonly sell the company as opposed to physical property.
- Exempts homeowners, renters, small businesses, and agriculture. Also exempts commercial and industrial properties valued at under \$3 million
- Reclaim billions of dollars that will go directly to our schools and local community services throughout the state. In Santa Barbara County info on what can be reclaimed can be found [here](#). But basically this is the summary:
 - Santa Barbara County General Fund: around \$30 million - this is around the same as our cannabis tax is generating and we have already seen how that has helped us save services during this COVID recession. We don't know how long this will last and this money will be CRITICAL to preserving services
 - Santa Barbara City: between \$5 and 6 million
 - Goleta City: a little over \$1 million
 - Carp City: around \$500,000
 - Santa Maria City: between \$3 and 4 million
 - Around \$43.5 million for Santa Barbara County schools and an additional \$10 million for our community colleges

This money is going to be absolutely critical to all cities, special districts, and school districts to prevent cuts in the difficult years to come.

Thank you,

Marcy Winograd
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From: Lizbeth Vazquez <lizbethvazquez@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:48 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: In Support of Prop 15

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Dear County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of Prop 15.

My name is Lizbeth, and I am a member of the Santa Barbara community. I recently graduated from UCSB. My studies and the time that I've spent working with Santa Barbara youth have shown me first hand the disparities in our community. Now, we are living under COVID-19 which has exacerbated existing inequalities and is widening the education gap.

Prop 15 proves to be a step in the right direction. Prop 15 closes property tax loopholes and will bring necessary funds back into our community. It is a just action that will benefit our entire community. Millions of dollars could be allocated to our schools to improve the quality of education and minimize the education gap. If you care about your community then you would do the right thing and support Prop 15 and put your Schools and Communities First.

Respectfully,

Lizbeth Vazquez
Santa Barbara Community Member

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From: Zac Smith <zacsmith54@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:12 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Yes on 15!

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Dear Board Members:

I urge you to adopt the proposed resolution of support for Prop 15, the Schools and Communities First initiative on the November 3 ballot.

Prop 15 will help alleviate inadequate funding of critical public services like public K-12-college education, public health and other public services and facilities by closing the loophole in Prop 13 that has allowed massive corporations owning billions of dollars worth of commercial real estate in California to avoid paying their fair share in property taxes.

Thank you for your leadership on the critical issue of adequate funding of our schools and services.

All the best,
Zac Smith

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From: Nancy Greep <ncgreep@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:38 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Prop 15

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I strongly support Prop 15 and hope that you will support a resolution in its favor. It is high time that businesses pay their fair share. Huge hotels, etc that have been on the same property for years pay little in taxes whereas homeowners, especially new homeowners pay considerably. That is not fair. That lost tax income is needed for public activities like schools and local community services. Thank you for your attention.

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From: Pamela Wilkinson <ppwilkinson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 7:15 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Please pass the resolution to support Prop 15

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Dear SB County Supervisors,

Proposition 15 is vital to closing long-standing loopholes in property taxes, and would bring in billions of dollars of revenue to our counties to support education and county services. I urge you to adopt the resolution proposed by 1st District Supervisor Das Williams in support of Prop 15!

County support may help voters understand the true nature of the Proposition and therefore decide to support it.

Thank you,
Pamela Wilkinson

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From: Ras Yaser <rasyasser@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:26 PM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: YES on Prop 15

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GOOD Day,

We need this proposition to pass! We know that schools across the nation will be sorely impacted in manifold ways and our local schools can help prevent further challenges to our students with the money Prop 15 can generate.

We don't need further benefits to wealthy corporations; help dump the misinformation and scaremongering operating off the scarcity myth and be on the good side of change and let billions go directly into our schools!

Thank you for your time,

Jesse Felix

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From: Ian Baucke <policy@santabarbarayoungdemocrats.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 5:53 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment for Resolution on Prop 15

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Hello,

I'd like to submit the following public comment on the Board's consideration of Supervisor Williams' resolution in support of California ballot proposition 15:

"Hello members of the Board of Supervisors, my name is Ian Baucke and I'm pleased to offer support for this resolution and Prop 15 on behalf of Santa Barbara Young Democrats. As you all know one of the major long-term issues facing this community is the continual increase in local young people who feel the need to look away from home for opportunity. By putting your support behind Prop 15 you can make a difference by emphasizing the need for us to make greater investments in the success of our future generations. By increasing funding for schools all across the county and California, Prop 15 will provide both parents and teachers the additional support they need to provide the best education possible to their students. This is an investment in the long-term vitality of our communities and the wellness of your constituents. Unfortunately, much of the well-funded opposition to Prop 15 has made misleading arguments to voters about exactly who will foot the bill for this investment in better schools. In reality, any fair-minded review of the proposition would show that it has been carefully crafted to make sure most of the burden falls on large corporations and wealthy commercial landowners to pay their fair share in property taxes like everyone else, not on small businesses, farmers, or homeowners. A sensible property tax policy would tax commercial property based on what it is actually worth today, ensuring our students and teachers in our public schools actually see the benefits of economic growth in their communities. SBYD would like to thank Supervisor Das Williams for sponsoring this resolution and would ask all supervisors to stand with us in the fight for better schools in California. Thank you for your time and service to the community, we appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this important discussion."

Sincerely,

Ian Baucke
Dir. Advocacy & Policy
Santa Barbara Young Democrats

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From: Shelby Harrington <shelby.star@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 7:29 AM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Pass Resolution in Support of Prop 15

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Good morning,

I'm writing in support of the resolution proposed in support of Proposition 15. It is time our communities stand up for our citizens and expect large industrial property owners to contribute to the health and welfare of our children and families. When we care for families, we are caring for our community. This proposition enables us to reclaim funding that we need.

I believe building owners whose properties are worth more than \$3 million should certainly be taxed on that value; the original intent of the tax exemption was to support and assist people - individuals and families - whose wages and income weren't increasing at the rate of their properties. Property ownership has become a business in itself, and the incorporated groups that own and deal in property ownership are allowed to skirt the obligations of that business by taking advantage of a law that wasn't written for them. It's ridiculous that corporations and large businesses are allowed to reap the benefits of an economy that has grown the value of their businesses without paying a share to the communities that are contributing to their growth.

I've heard concerns that the building owners will pass along the increased cost to the small businesses that rent from them. That is another issue, separate from Proposition 15, and our Board of Supervisors and community councils need to address the affordability of commercial spaces for our small business owners - especially when State Street is full of empty storefronts.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message.

Sincerely,

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From: Hazel Davalos <hazel@causenow.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:00 AM
To: sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Public comment: H-2A Health Order and Prop 15

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Hello,

Below is my public comment for today's Board of Supervisors meeting.

Thank you,

I'm here to extend my gratitude to the Public Health Department for the health officer order issued this past Friday.

This order is an urgently needed step to prevent any further farmworker deaths from COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County. We applaud Public Health, and in particular the leadership of Dr. Do-Reynoso in protecting the health of our essential workers who have been hard-hit by this pandemic.

The H-2A program presents unique challenges because of the shared housing and transportation of workers, as well as their vulnerability and isolation from crucial safety information as they are seasonal workers here in the country for only a short time.

Regular screening is a critical step to keep a case among one worker from developing into a full-blown outbreak amongst workers in close quarters. It will ensure H-2A workers who contract COVID-19 are isolated and taken care of, it will protect the rest of the workforce.

Now that Public Health has issued this health order, we'd like to help ensure that it is enforced. The best way to do this is to create an accessible channel of communication for farmworkers to report violations directly to the county. We'd like to request that the county create a farmworker hotline housed under Public Health where farmworkers can call to notify the department when COVID safety guidelines are not being followed at their workplace.

Lastly, CAUSE would also like to voice support for the Prop 15 resolution.

Prop 15 is critical for turning back the tide on generations of disinvestment in public education since over 40 years ago when we had some of the best funded schools in the nation.

Our school systems are often asked to fix the deeply rooted economic and racial inequality in our communities with very little resources. To put all students on a path to success, we need well-funded, world-class schools.

We have the money in our community for everything our students need. This community and state have incredible wealth, but some of our largest corporate landowners are exploiting massive tax breaks that were intended to keep fixed-income seniors in their homes.

We ask that you put our School and Communities First and please support passing a resolution in support of Proposition 15.

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