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**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**From:** Alice Wissing  
**Agenda Item:** Taxpayers' Bill of Rights  
**Hearing**  
**Meeting Date:** 8/30/2022

Taxpayer would like to speak at the hearing: I do not want to speak at the hearing

Type of Tax: Property Tax

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Taxpayer's Name (if not speaker):

Organization:

Telephone Number:

Description of Issues:

Proposition 19 has created a lot of stress for my family these past two months after the death of my father in June. We have been forced to evict 3 renters due to property taxes more than quadrupling. This is because the houses will no longer turn a profit after property taxes and insurance is paid. Rents will need to double in all cases. One eviction is forcing 3 children to be uprooted from the school they are familiar with. It is also forcing a long-term renter of 30 years, a retired individual on a fixed income, to find new housing.

We also have a primary home that is currently being upgraded so we can charge maximum rent to afford the new property reassessment. What was good enough for our family for 60 years is no longer adequate for people who will be paying market-rate rent. In other words, Prop 19 homes will be targeted for high earners. Is this really what our politicians intended when they rushed to place Prop 19 on the ballot back in 2020 when we were all hiding in our homes due to Covid?

And Prop 19 is not only raising rents drastically, it's leaving families with PTSD after a parent dies. It took over a month to cremate and schedule a service for my father. We thought it

would be tacky to place a dumpster in front of his house before the funeral took place, so we delayed delving into the renovation that was desperately needed to afford keeping his house. This created tremendous stress as we emptied the contents of the house into the garage and patio so renovations could start immediately after the funeral. Then there is the fear of sentimental items getting lost in the chaos as we rush to have an estate sale. All this due to a Prop 19 bill.

We have been denied the ability to grieve. Our lives have been consumed by evicting people, as well as emptying and renovating homes as fast as possible. It's dehumanizing that moderate-income families must prioritize finances and business before grieving for parents. This is the new reality that has been created for Californians, and it WILL be undone as more and more families become wise to it.

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