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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 10, 2023

To: Sally Lieber, Vice Chair
Ted Gaines, Board Member, First District
Mike Schaefer, Board Member, Fourth District
Malia M. Cohen, State Controller

From: Antonio Vazquez, Chairman

Re: **March 22, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda Item L.1.b. presentation, overview, discussion, and possible action on 2023 Affordable Housing Legislation.**

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board Members with an opportunity to hear from the authors, supporters, stakeholders and County Assessors regarding various Senate and Assembly bills related to affordable housing and/or related property assessment or exemption issues. The Board Members may choose to vote to support, oppose, or remain neutral on the language in any bill or to seek further information from any speakers or the Executive Director as appropriate.

Background

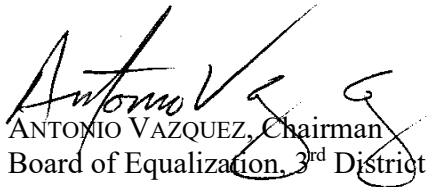
The Board Members have committed themselves to be appropriately open in the way they acquire information relevant to the Board's duties and the manner in which key decisions are publicly made and disclosed. The Board Members are accountable to the Legislature and taxpayers for assessing and collecting the proper amount of taxes due, which by implication includes exploring, evaluating, and discussing legislative measures that may impact or affect such taxes, including taxes and/or exemptions related to affordable housing. This is consistent with the underlying principle in California Constitution, article I, section 3, that the people have the right to instruct their representatives, petition government for redress of grievances, and assemble freely to consult for the common good, which includes engaging with the Board in open meetings to hear and discuss measures that may affect them.

Goal

In the interest of accurately understanding a number of significant legislative measures currently intended to promote, increase, and/or assist in the production of affordable housing, the following Senate and Assembly bills listed below will be addressed by the authors, sponsors, stakeholders and/or other interested parties. The Board Members may, as stated above, decide to support, oppose, or remain neutral on any bill, or to seek further technical information regarding the language in any bill.

- SB 4 (Wiener), Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB4
- SB 423 (Wiener), Land use: streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB423
- SB 320 (Skinner) Possessory Interests Housing Projects
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB320
- SB 20 (Rubio) Joint Powers Agreements: Regional Housing Trusts
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB20
- SB 734 (Rubio) Property Tax: Possessory Interests
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB734
- SB 588 (Allen) Property Taxation: Exemption
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB588
- AB 84 (Ward) Property Taxation: Welfare Exemption
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB84
- AB 1532 (Haney) Office conversion projects
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1532

At the conclusion of the presentations received and actions taken, the Board Members may wish to consider suggestions for placing other affordable housing bills on the agenda for presentation, discussion and possible action at the April Board Meeting.



ANTONIO VAZQUEZ, Chairman
Board of Equalization, 3rd District

cc: Ms. Deborah Bautista-Zavala, Chief Deputy, Office of Chairman Antonio Vazquez
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