June 10, 2021

TO COUNTY ASSESSORS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

2021 TAXPAYERS' BILL OF RIGHTS HEARING

The State Board of Equalization (BOE) Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office would like to announce the annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing before the Members of the California State Board of Equalization. The public hearing provides taxpayers, County Assessors, and other local agencies the opportunity to provide comments on items discussed in the BOE's Taxpayers' Rights Advocate's Annual Report and identify means to correct any problems described in the report. Additionally, parties have the opportunity to comment on all BOE-administered programs and local property tax matters.

The hearing will be held on August 24, 2021, starting at approximately 10:00 a.m. and may be viewed via a live-streamed or archived webcast. The hearing will be noticed as part of the Board Meeting agenda for the August 24, 2021 meeting, which can be accessed 10 days prior to the meeting at http://www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/boardcomm.htm.

A copy of the most recent Annual Report (2019-20) is available on the BOE website at http://www.boe.ca.gov/tra/tra1920.pdf. The report highlights the accomplishments of the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office (TRA-Office) during the past year; contains examples of cases illustrating the services our office provides to assist taxpayers; identifies current issues that our office worked on to resolve; describes our involvement in important new projects to assist taxpayers; and identifies bill of rights provisions for tax programs under our agency's jurisdiction. The TRA-Office is committed to promoting outreach and education to help local taxpayers with understanding property tax laws, and to increase their awareness of property tax savings that may be available to them. As part of this commitment, the TRA-Office publishes educational materials written in simple, non-technical terms that are available to the public on the BOE website.

If you are interested in being scheduled as a speaker at the hearing, please refer to information about the hearing on the BOE website at http://www.boe.ca.gov/tra/. If you have any questions, you may contact the Taxpayers’ Rights Advocate Office at 1-916-274-3400.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lisa Thompson

Lisa Thompson
Chief, Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office

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Enclosure
PRESENT YOUR IDEAS AND CONCERNS ON PROPERTY TAXES AND THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX.

The Bill of Rights Hearing will start at approximately 10:00 a.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE ADVOCATE’S ANNUAL REPORT, visit www.boe.ca.gov/tra or contact the Taxpayers’ Rights Advocate Office at 1-916-274-3400.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. For assistance call 1-916-274-3540.