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**To:** [CMO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Cc:** [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [Dave Pine](#); [David Canepa](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 7: I urge the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution in support of Prop 15  
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Dear San Mateo County Supervisors,

I support Prop 15 because it's insane that one of the richest states in the union can't properly fund its public services!

Prop 15 will bring in \$169M per year to the San Mateo County general fund and \$405M to the county as a whole. We need an equitable recovery for all of California. We need resources to fund things like schools, public transit and affordable housing.

Prop 15 also provides protections for small businesses so they can continue to grow and thrive, and levels the playing field so all corporations are paying their fair share. It specifically provides up front resources & adequate timing for County Assessors to staff up & prepare.

**Prop 15 is crucial to our children's future, and I urge the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution in support of Prop 15.**

Best regards,  
Karen Tuzman  
San Carlos

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If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate.

**From:** [Mike Dunham](#)  
**To:** [CMO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Subject:** Please Vote to Support Prop 15  
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Dear Supervisors,

As you well know, schools in San Mateo County have been under-funded for decades, which is compounded by a housing shortage that makes it extremely difficult for teachers to afford to live in the communities where they teach.

By closing the loopholes giving unnecessary property tax breaks to large corporations, Prop 15 will help close the funding gap that serves local children so poorly, to say nothing of the additional money for local governments that is desperately needed in a pandemic and beyond.

Please vote to support Prop 15 when the item comes before you. Future generations of San Mateo County children will thank you.

Best,  
Mike Dunham  
Burlingame

**From:** [Auros Harman](#)  
**To:** [CMO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Cc:** [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [Dave Pine](#); [David Canepa](#)  
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The intent of Prop 13 was, supposedly, to protect seniors on fixed incomes from being displaced by rising property values. Instead it was hijacked by giant corporations -- the average home changes hands around once a decade, while big companies have found ways to conceal their transactions behind shell companies, retaining their 1970s tax basis forever. Look up the story of One Market Plaza -- told by SF Weekly in an article entitled "[The Building-Sized Loopholes Corporations Exploit](#)". Tax evasion in that case, worth tens of millions, would never have been uncovered if the perpetrators had been a little more careful about who signed which checks, and there are surely numerous other cases, all over the Bay Area, that have never been noticed.

Prop 15 puts an end to these abuses. The opposition campaign seeks to spread misinformation, to scare people into letting rich corporate interests continue to benefit from a tax break intended for seniors. Prop 15 will close a loophole that California voters never intended to open, and will provide much-needed funds for our schools, hospitals, and public safety agencies. It's arguably the most important item on the state ballot this year. The county should officially support it.

Regards,  
Auros Harman  
San Bruno, CA

**From:** [Charlie Drechsler](#)  
**To:** [CMO BoardFeedback](#)  
**Cc:** [David Canepa](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [Dave Pine](#)  
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**Dear members of our San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,**

**My name is Charlie Drechsler, writing to you as a local SEIU union leader, on behalf of thousands of our voting members. I am a resident of San Mateo, a parent, tax payer, community volunteer, and a concerned citizen.**

**I urge the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution in support of Prop 15.**

I support Prop 15 because it will restore necessary funding for our schools, local health care programs, and related essential services, while creating a level playing field for honest and competitive businesses. It will not harm the fragile position of our elderly home owners, currently enjoying the protections of a much earlier proposition 13, and seeks to respect the spirit and intent of that original initiative.

Prop 15 will bring over \$169m every year to the County of San Mateo general fund and \$405m to the county as a whole. These additional funds will enable our county agencies to continue and develop robust programs, that are now struggling and under threat of elimination. We need an equitable recovery for all of California, including our county.

Additionally, Prop 15 also gives tax incentives to small businesses so they can continue to grow and thrive, and levels the playing field so every commercial business is paying their fair share.

The measure explicitly provides upfront resources and adequate timing for County Assessors to staff up and prepare for reassessments.

**Prop 15 is critical to our children's future and I urge the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution in support of Prop 15.**

With great respect for your years of service,  
**Charlie Drechsler**

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**From:** [Carol Cook](#)  
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I support Prop 15 because passage will ensure that schools have adequate funding, and enable San Mateo County to invest in essential public services and address homelessness.

Prop 15 will bring in \$169M per year to the San Mateo County general fund and \$405M to the county as a whole. We need an equitable recovery for all of California. We need resources to fund things like public transit, affordable housing, and public health.

Prop 15 also provides protections for small businesses so they can continue to grow and thrive, and levels the playing field so all corporations are paying their fair share. It specifically provides up front resources and adequate timing for County Assessors to staff up and prepare.

**Prop 15 is crucial to our children's future, and I urge the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution in support of Prop 15.**

Thank you,  
Carol Cook  
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