EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-72-20

WHEREAS on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as physical distancing and other public health measures undertaken in response to it, affect individuals, businesses, and governmental agencies alike, with associated impacts on adherence to certain statutory and regulatory deadlines and requirements; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as physical distancing and other public health measures undertaken in response to it, have also had widespread impacts on state and local governments' ability to perform certain functions via in-person interactions, and such functions should be performed via other means, including conducting proceedings and operations remotely, to the extent consistent with the protection of public health and safety; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Order would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1) Notwithstanding Revenue and Taxation Code section 1604 or any other law, for any pending assessment appeal filed with a County Assessment Appeals Board on or before March 4, 2020, the deadline within which the County Assessment Appeals Board must render a decision is hereby extended until January 31, 2021.