



June 9, 2009



To: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
All Senators and Assembly Members
State Constitutional Officers



From:
American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)



California Association of Park and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members



California Association of Sanitation Agencies

California Association of Code Enforcement Officers



California Contract Cities Association
California Park & Recreation Society
California Peace Officers' Association
California Police Chiefs Association
California Society of Municipal Finance Officers



California Special Districts Association
California State Association of Counties
California State Firefighters Association
California State Sheriffs Associations
Chief Probation Officers of California



City of Arcadia

City of Bellflower

City of Camarillo

City of Cerritos

City of Concord

City of Corona

City of Coronado

City of Del Mar

City of Diamond Bar

City of Elk Grove

City of Encinitas

City of Folsom

City of Glendora

City of Industry

City of Hawthorne

City of Huntington Park

City of La Mirada

City of La Puente



Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District



MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

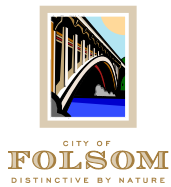


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City of Torrance
City of Vallejo
City of Victorville
City of West Covina
City of West Hollywood
County of Santa Clara
East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)
Fire Districts Association of California
Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District
Independent Cities Association
Joe A. Gonsalves & Son
League of California Cities
League of California Cities Latino Caucus
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Monterey County
Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California
Regional Council of Rural Counties
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
San Diego County Water Authority
Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District
Urban Counties Caucus



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Valley Wide



The above organizations representing local government interests wish to communicate our opposition to any proposed borrowing or taking of local government revenues by the state.



Local governments are experiencing similar revenue shortfalls as the state. We have, and have been forced to continue to make, extremely difficult cuts, layoffs, service reductions, and program realignments.



Attempting to take or borrow local revenues will only compound the difficulties being experienced at the local level, deepen the state structural deficit and is contrary to the powerful anti-borrowing message delivered by the voters in the recent special election. As difficult as it may be, the state must find a way to balance its budget in a manner that reflects the realities of its own resources.



Moreover, given the state's credit situation and fiscal outlook, we have no confidence in either the state's ability to repay a borrowing or the viability of any proposal that purports that local losses can be offset by additional borrowing and securitization methods.

