



May 26, 2009



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



From: California Association of Sanitation Agencies
California Association of Code Enforcement Officers
California Peace Officers' Association
California Police Chiefs Association
California Special Districts Association
California State Association of Counties
California State Sheriffs Associations
California Society of Municipal Finance Officers
Chief Probation Officers of California
City of Corona
City of Coronado
City of Santa Cruz
County of Santa Clara
Fire Districts Association of California
Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District
Joe A. Gonsalves & Son
League of California Cities
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



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.

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