

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: August 24, 2004

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 2004-418, A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 1A, PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF LOCAL REVENUES AND TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS PROTECTION AGAINST UNFUNDED MANDATES

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution 2004-418.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the state budget process, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the League of California Cities, and the California Special Districts Association negotiated an agreement with the Governor and the Legislature to place a historic Constitutional Amendment on the ballot in November. Proposition 1A will provide the protection for local revenues we have long sought and will strengthen our protection against future unfunded mandates.

Governor Schwarzenegger has agreed to lead the campaign in support of Proposition 1A.

John F. Tavaglione, Second District Supervisor

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5 OF LOCAL REVENUES AND STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S
6 PROTECTION AGAINST UNFUNDED MANDATES

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8 **WHEREAS**, state government currently takes more than \$5.2 billion annually in local property tax
9 funds statewide from cities, counties and special districts, costing local governments more than \$40
10 billion in lost revenues over the past 12 years; and

11 **WHEREAS**, these ongoing shifts and raids by the state of local property tax funds and other
12 funding dedicated to local governments have seriously reduced resources available for local fire and
13 paramedic response, law enforcement, public health and emergency medical care, roads, parks,
14 libraries, transportation and other essential local services; and

15 **WHEREAS**, these funding raids also add pressure for local governments to increase fees and
16 taxes to maintain basic local service levels; and

17 **WHEREAS**, this drain of local resources has continued even during periods when the state's
18 budget has been overflowing with surpluses; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Proposition 1A is a historic measure that will appear on the November 2004
20 statewide ballot that would limit the State's ability to take and use local government funding; and

21 **WHEREAS**, by protecting local government funding, Prop 1A would protect local public safety,
22 healthcare and other essential local services; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Prop 1A will not raise taxes and, in fact, will help reduce pressure for local fee and
24 tax increases by limiting state raids of local government funding; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Prop 1A does not reduce funding for schools or any other state program or service,
26 and Prop 1A was carefully written to allow flexibility in the event of a state budget emergency; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, Prop 1A is supported by a bipartisan, diverse coalition including Governor
2 Schwarzenegger, Democrat and Republican legislative leaders, local government officials, special
3 districts, public safety representatives, healthcare, business, labor and community leaders; and

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF**
5 **SUPERVISORS** do hereby express strong support for Proposition 1A, the statewide ballot initiative that
6 will protect local government revenues and help prevent future unfunded state mandates; and

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we will have the Clerk of the Riverside County Board of
8 Supervisors send a copy of this resolution to "Yes on 1A" - Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers and
9 Public Safety; fax: 916-442-3510 or 1121 L Street, #803, Sacramento, CA 95814
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Roy Wilson, Chairman
Riverside County Board of Supervisors

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