

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



**FROM:** Supervisor John Tavaglione

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** April 7, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Support of Proposition 1A on the May 19<sup>th</sup> Special Election Ballot

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors take an official "support" position of Proposition 1A ballot measure scheduled for a Special Election on May 19, 2009.

**BACKGROUND:** The 17-month budget agreement passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, includes six (6) statewide ballot measures (Prop 1A thru 1F). One of the key initiatives, Proposition 1A, reforms the state budget process to smooth out state spending and create a rainy day fund known as the Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF).

As we in local government have experienced much too often, whenever the state faces budget deficits, the legislature looks to raid, borrow or shift funds from our coffers. Prop 1A will change the state constitution to: 1) limit and stabilize state spending; 2) force the State Legislature to save more every year into an expanded rainy day fund; and 3) prohibit committing one-time spikes in revenue on long-term programs.

These reforms will stabilize state spending over the long haul and ensure that the state has money in reserves to help address future deficits without going after local government funds. Had Prop 1A been in place the last 10 years, the State of California would have had \$9 billion in the rainy day reserve fund to help deal with its huge budget deficit.

This is the first of many steps necessary to begin "real" budget reform in Sacramento. Without such "constitutional" reform, the State Legislature will continue to tax and overspend California's residents and continue to raid local government funds.

It should be noted that certain "temporary" tax increases were made as part of the "total" budget package adopted in February, which, if Proposition 1A passes, will likely be extended for either an additional one or two years (varies with each revenue source).

  
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