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2016 So Far



TOP PRIORITY PROPOSALS



CACCTC Legislative Platform

Revamped process this year Ranked priorities 2 high priorities, 2 lower priorities



Priority 1-1

- The qualifications required to participate in the PTP Program require further tightening. The proposal includes potential and undetermined age increases and value limits on applicants.
- The Leg Comm has maintained support of the bill's Controller-sponsored clean up legislation but are seeking to add language that would phase in a higher eligibility age. (AB 1952)



Proposal 1-2

 AB 2738 would ensure that school bond proceeds remain in the County Treasury and cannot be declared surplus for purposes of removing the funds and investing elsewhere.



Level 2 Priorities



Priority 2-1

California Revenue and Taxation (R&T) Code § 4143 allows a county to accept partial payments (for example, monthly payments) from taxpayers that can be applied to delinguent secured property taxes (redemption) but does not explicitly authorize a County to recover the actual costs of implementing or managing such a program. This proposal would allow any County accepting partial payments under this section to recover their costs.



Priority 2-2

Clarifies the residency requirement regarding appointments made to an elective office.

This measure was introduced but held. The committee view was that the bill was unnecessary and the law was already clear that anyone appointed to an elective-office must be eligible to stand for election.



Other key bills of interest



- SB 1102 McGuire was held in Senate Appropriations. It would have established a program at the Controller's office to collect TOT from and audit hosting platforms.
- Tax Collectors should expect a new vehicle to emerge later this year to establish a statewide construct on TOT collection for online hosting platforms.



- AB 2693 will establish new disclosures for PACE providers.
- CACTTC had initially taken an oppose unless amended position on the bill due to the author's proposal to change the lien status. The bill was amended to leave the lien in place but increase transparency and disclosure. There was an informational hearing held on June 10 on this matter as well.



- AB 2691 (Holden) will allow a board of supervisors to institute monthly property tax payments to be administered by the tax collector. CACTTC is opposed to this bill.
- It will next be heard in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee.



 SB 1029 (Hertzberg) creates a new additional set of transparency tools related to the issuance of local debt, including detailed reports to CDIAC on the status of debt issued on an annual basis. This bill is sponsored by the State Treasurer. It will also require that local agencies adopt a debt policy.



Proposed 2016-17 State Budget



- The Governor remains concerned about future deficits.
- The trend line for historical recessions indicates we are overdue.
- As a result, the 2016-17 budget does not seek to lay out major new programs – with a few exceptions...



- The Governor proposed to securitize Prop. 63 revenues to do a one-time bond to build housing for mentally-ill persons in need of housing.
- Great concern among counties about the impact that would have on current resources for mental health programming.



Major Policy Initiatives Being Pursued by Legislators in 2016

- Minimum Wage it's going up!!!! It will be \$15 an hour by 2023, phased in slowly over the next 6 years.
- Affordable Housing / Housing Bond.
- Transportation package.
- Cap and Trade.
- Continuing to expand health care.
- Groundwater policy.



What is the Governor working on?



- Twin Tunnels.
- High Speed Rail.
- GHG Reductions.
- Ongoing drought management.
- Leaving a balanced budget with less structural debt.



Looking Ahead to November 2016!





First national election with new requirement that major voter initiatives appear on November ballot, along with horrible turnout from last election means easy-to-qualify initiatives.

Likely a 200-plus page voter information guide for the November 2016 ballot.



The Initiative Extravaganza

- Current as of 5/31:
- 4 initiatives will be on the November ballot;
- 10 more are pending signature verification;
- 46 are still in circulation for signature.



Qualified Initiatives

- 1. No blank checks initiative.
- 2. Price controls on prescription medications.
- 3. Condoms to be worn in adult films.
- 4. School bond (\$9 billion).
- 5. *the minimum wage increase initiative qualified and the legislature moved swiftly on an alternate version of that.



What looks like it is going to Qualify?

- Death Penalty repeal.
- Large capacity magazine sale ban/background checks to buy ammo (competing with state legislation in a Gov proxy fight).
- Marijuana legalization for recreational purposes.
- 72 Hour rule for legislation.
- Hospital executive salary not to exceed POTUS salary.
- Prop. 30 PIT extension for 12 years.
- Tobacco Tax increase.
- And more maybe up to 18 total.



Between now and 2018

- Potential US Senate seat vacancy for Governor to fill.
- Scrum for the Governor's seat.
- Domino effect on other constitutional offices State Treasurer especially.



- We will begin drafting the 2017 Legislative Platform starting next month!
- Please look for more information coming soon.



Questions?