

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 2, 2018

via conference call (800) 867-2581 code: 7500508#

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MINUTES

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1. Roll Call

Leticia Perez, President	James Gore, Sonoma
Virginia Bass, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	Ed Scofield, Nevada
Scott Haggerty, Alameda	Lee Adams, Sierra
Buddy Mendes, Fresno	Bruce Goldstein, Co. Counsel Advisor
Mark Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles	Larry Lees, CACE Advisor
James Ramos, San Bernardino	
Carole Groom, San Mateo	
Kelly Long, Ventura	

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 5, 2018 were approved as previously mailed.

3. June/November Ballot Initiatives

***People's Initiative to Protect Proposition 13 Savings.*** Staff outlined the measure which seeks to change the parameters for base year value tax transfers by expanding the program in several ways. For counties, this could dramatically change residential property reassessments, creating annual revenue losses for counties in the tens of millions of dollars. The CSAC Government Finance and Administration Policy Committee recommended an 'Oppose' position.

Motion and second to 'Oppose' People's Initiative to Protect Proposition 13 Savings. San Bernardino County abstained. Motion carried.

***Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018.*** Staff outlined the initiative that seeks to inhibit the ability of local governments to generate new revenues through taxes and fees. It does so by amending both Proposition 26 and Proposition 218, and requiring supermajority voter approval on any new fee or tax, or the extension of an existing tax. Eric Miethke from Capitol Law and Policy Inc. spoke in favor of the initiative. Dan Carrigg from the League of California Cities spoke against it. The CSAC Government Finance and Administration Policy Committee recommended an 'Oppose' position.

Motion and second to 'Oppose' Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

***Proposition 68: Parks, Environment and Water Bond.*** Staff outlined the measure which is a \$4 billion parks, environment and water bond that will appear on the June 2018 ballot. There is a significant focus in the proposed allocations

of this bond to provide funding to “park-poor” and disadvantaged communities. The Bond defines “disadvantaged community” as a community with a median household income less than 80 percent of the statewide average. It also includes allocations for \$18 million for improvements to county fairgrounds and \$30 million for counties and regional park districts to make park improvements. Mary Creasman from Trust of Public Lands, spoke in favor of the initiative. No opponent was available. The CSAC Agriculture Environment and Natural Resources Policy committee recommended ‘No Position’. The policy committee cited lack of adequate funding for counties as a concern. Also, there is a larger water bond expected to qualify for the November ballot that would include a larger allocation of funding for water projects.

Motion and second to take ‘No Position’ on Proposition 68. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that this initiative will not move forward to the Board of Directors since no position was taken.

***SB 3: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.*** Staff outlined the measure which would provide \$3 billion to provide funding to build new affordable rental units, support infill infrastructure, build farmworker housing, provide home ownership opportunities for both veterans and the general public, and allocate matching funds to local government that generate funding to address local housing challenges. David Koenig with the California Housing Consortium spoke in favor of the initiative and David Wolfe with Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association spoke against it. The CSAC Housing, land Use and Transportation Policy Committee recommended a ‘Support’ position.

Motion and second to support the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Other Items

Staff reported that the SB 1 Repeal campaign has submitted signatures to the Secretary of State. CSAC is working with consultants to plan press conferences throughout the state in opposition of the effort.

Staff reported that Executive Committee members will receive a copy of CSAC’s IRS Form 990 for approval in the coming weeks.

Meeting adjourned.