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CSAC Statement on Release of Governor's 2012-13 Budget

(Sacramento) – Hours before releasing his proposed 2012-13 budget, the Governor reaffirmed his commitment to counties to constitutionally protect funding for 2011 Realignment. Both at CSAC's Board of Directors' meeting this morning and again during his budget release news conference, Governor Brown emphasized his view that counties can deliver services more efficiently and effectively than the State. CSAC is gratified by the Governor's unwavering commitment to our partnership and his shared goal of ensuring that realignment is successfully implemented.

Counties also agree that decimation of safety net programs is not in the best interest of the State. Unfortunately, the budget, as proposed, will make significant reductions to many vital services, and CSAC is concerned about the effects these cuts will have on vulnerable Californians. We trust that our ongoing relationship will allow us to continue a dialogue with the Governor and Legislature in search of solutions that achieve a balanced approach to the state's continuing budget problems.

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