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**CACEO SUPPORTS
LOCAL TAXPAYER, PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION ACT**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The California Association of Code Enforcement Officers’ Board of Directors unanimously voted to support the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act during its January 22, 2010 Board of Directors’ meeting.

The state Legislature recently passed a budget that requires the state to borrow approximately \$5 billion from local governments, even though California voters passed several measures to prevent the state from shifting local funds dedicated to essential local services.

Emergency services, healthcare services for seniors, children and the disabled, road maintenance, safety improvements, public transit, parks, libraries, community development, and job creation projects are jeopardized by these state raids.

The Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act will prohibit the state from borrowing local taxpayer funds dedicated to vital public services, prevent the state from taking sales tax and Highway User Tax on gasoline that is dedicated to transportation, keep local taxes local, reduce pressure for local fee increases, and stop the state from borrowing special funds that need to be repaid with interest thereby further increasing California’s debt.

As an association, CACEO opposes these raids and supports protecting local taxpayers. “We believe community health and safety are more important than the state balancing its budget,” said Melissa Dixon, CACEO’s executive director.

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