

C/CAG LEGISLATIVE POLICIES FOR 2017

Policy #1 -

Protect against the diversion of local revenues and promote equitable distribution of state/regional resources and revenues.

- 1.1 Support League, CSAC, and other initiatives to protect local revenues.
- 1.2 Provide incentives and tools to local government to promote economic vitality and to alleviate blighted conditions.
- 1.3 Support the reinstatement of state funding for economic development and affordable housing.
- 1.4 Pursue and support efforts that direct state and regional funds equitably to ensure a return to source.

Policy #2 -

Protect against increased local costs resulting from State action without 100% State reimbursement for the resulting costs.

- 2.1 Support State actions that take into consideration the fiscal impact to local jurisdictions, by ensuring that adequate funding is made available by the State, for delegated re-alignment responsibilities and by ensuring that all State mandates are 100% reimbursed.
- 2.2 Oppose State actions that delegate responsibilities to local jurisdictions without full reimbursement for resulting costs.

Policy #3 -

Support actions that help to meet municipal stormwater permit requirements and secure stable funding to pay for current and future regulatory mandates.

- 3.1 Primary focus on securing additional revenue sources for both C/CAG and its member agencies for funding state- and federally mandated stormwater compliance efforts.
 - a. Support additional efforts to exempt storm sewers from the voting requirements imposed by Proposition 218, similar to water, sewer, and refuse services; or efforts to reduce the voter approval threshold for special taxes related to stormwater management.
 - b. Advocate for inclusion of water quality and stormwater management as a priority for funding in new sources of revenues (e.g. water bonds) and protect against a geographically unbalanced North-South allocation of resources.
 - c. Track and advocate for resources for stormwater management in State and Federal grant and loan programs.

- d. Support efforts to identify regulatory requirements that are unfunded state mandates and ensure provision of state funding for such requirements.
 - e. Pursue and support efforts that address stormwater issues at statewide or regional levels and thereby reduce the cost share for C/CAG and its member agencies and limit the need to implement such efforts locally.
- 3.2 Support efforts to secure statewide legislation mandating abatement of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in building materials prior to demolition of relevant structures, in accordance with requirements in the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's Municipal Regional Permit.
 - 3.3 Pursue and support efforts that control pollutants at the source and extend producer responsibility, especially in regard to trash and litter control.
 - 3.4 Support efforts to place the burden/ accountability of reporting, managing, and meeting municipal stormwater requirements on the responsible source rather than the cities or county, such as properties that are known pollutant hot spots and third party utility purveyors.
 - 3.5 Advocate for integrated, prioritized, and achievable stormwater regulations that protect water quality and beneficial uses and account for limitations on municipal funding.
 - 3.6 Pursue and support pesticide regulations that protect water quality and reduce pesticide toxicity.

***Policy #4 -
Advocate and support an integrated approach to funding.***

- 4.1 Advocate for an integrated approach to both funding and project types for statewide and regional infrastructure efforts including stormwater management, transportation, and affordable housing.
- 4.2 Advocate for efforts that breakdown funding silos and provide flexibility in funding sources to enable a holistic approach to fund programs and projects.

***Policy #5 -
Support lowering the 2/3rd super majority vote for local special purpose taxes and fees.***

- 5.1 Support constitutional amendments that reduce the vote requirements for special taxes and fees.
- 5.2 Oppose bills that impose restrictions on the expenditures, thereby reducing flexibility, for special tax category.
- 5.3 Support modification or elimination of the Proposition 26 two-thirds requirements.

***Policy #6-
Protect and support transportation funding.***

- 6.1 Oppose the transfer of additional State transportation funds to the State General Fund and support the redirection of truck weight fees to the State Highway Account
- 6.2 Support stabilizing and indexing the STIP and new revenues for transportation across all modes.
- 6.3 Protect existing funding and support additional funding for maintenance of streets and roads and oppose the any negative adjustments by the Board of Equalization to the excise tax on gasoline.
- 6.4 Monitor and engage in the implementation of the “Road User Charge.”
- 6.5 Protect existing funding and support new funding for the State of California SHOPP program, which provides resources for maintenance of State highways. Proposed new funding for the SHOPP program should not be proposed at the expense of the STIP.
- 6.6 Support revisions in the Peninsula Joint Powers Agreement that provide equitable funding among the Caltrain partners.
- 6.7 Support a dedicated funding source for the operation of Caltrain and monitor the implementation of High Speed Rail.
- 6.8 Support efforts to secure the appropriation and allocation of “cap and trade” revenues to support San Mateo County needs.
- 6.9 Support or sponsor efforts that finance and/ or facilitate operational improvements on the US 101 corridor.
- 6.10 Support the development of an expenditure plan for a potential countywide sales tax measure to fund transportation in San Mateo County.
- 6.11 Support the development of a new bridge toll program (Regional Measure 3) and ensure an appropriate share of new revenues is available for projects in San Mateo County.

***Policy #7 -
Advocate for revenue solutions to address State budget issues that are also beneficial to Cities/
Counties***

- 7.1 Support measures to ensure that local governments receive appropriate revenues to service local communities.
- 7.1 Support measures and policies that encourage and facilitate public private partnerships.

Policy #8 -

Support reasonable climate protection action, Greenhouse Gas reduction, and energy conservation legislation

- 8.1 Support incentive approaches toward implementing AB32 and SB 32.
- 8.2 Oppose climate legislation that would conflict with or override projects approved by the voters.
- 8.3 Support funding for both transportation and housing investments, which support the implementation of SB 375, so that housing funds are not competing with transportation funds.
- 8.4 Monitor the regulatory process for implementing SB 743 and impacts the new regulations may have on congestion management plans.
- 8.5 Alert the Board on legislation that would require recording of vehicle miles of travel (VMT) as part of vehicle registration.
- 8.6 Support local government partnerships to foster energy conservation, as well as the generation and use of renewable and/ or clean energy sources (wind, solar, etc.).
- 8.7 Support efforts to improve the disadvantage community screening tools used by the state on the allocation of “cap and trade” and other state funding programs to ensure that San Mateo county needs are reflected.

Policy #9 -

Protection of water user rights

- 9.1 Support the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Association (BAWSCA) efforts in the protection of water user rights for San Mateo County users.

Policy #10 –

Other

- 10.1 Support/sponsor legislation that identifies revenue to fund airport/land use compatibility plans.
- 10.2 Support efforts that will engage the business community in mitigating industry impacts associated with stormwater, transportation congestion, affordable housing, greenhouse gas emissions, and energy consumption.