

June 3, 2009

The Honorable Denise Ducheny
State Senator
State Capitol, Room 5035
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Ducheny:

On behalf of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and San Diego area residents, we are writing to express our opposition to the Governor's proposal to take money from local governments. To San Diego County alone, the most recent budget proposals could mean a loss of between \$70 - \$800 million dollars, which could result in devastating cuts and by no means permanently solve the State of California's deepening budget deficit.

As one of our legislators and voices in Sacramento, we urge your support to structurally balance the budget, but not on the backs of taxpayers or local governments. Collective political will is necessary to exercise the kind of fiscal discipline required to align state expenditures with revenues. To help the County better understand your position on the Governor's proposal, we respectfully request your response to the following questions:

- Do you support or oppose taking more money from local governments?
- What specific actions will you support or oppose to align State expenditures with State revenues?

We understand the difficult task that lies ahead. If there is any information the County of San Diego can provide, please do not hesitate to contact us. We urge your strong leadership to get California back on track.

Sincerely,

Dianne Jacob
Chairwoman

Pam Slater-Price
Vice Chairwoman

Greg Cox
Supervisor, District 1

Ron Roberts
Supervisor, District 4

Bill Horn
Supervisor, District 5