



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: March 21, 2017

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: STANDING UP TO SACRAMENTO'S ASSAULT ON LOCAL CONTROL
(DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

The County Board of Supervisors and other locally elected councils and boards in the region have historically been willing to tackle tough issues and undertake a robust discussion on how local government represents voters and provides much needed services. Unfortunately, state and federal legislative proposals that impact local government are often introduced without any deliberation or recommendation from a local governing body, and it appears that we will be facing the same situation this State Legislative session in Sacramento.

State Assembly Bill (AB 901) from State Assemblyman Todd Gloria attempts to influence the election process of County officials. State Legislation is also expected in the form of State Assembly Bill 801 (AB 801) by State Assemblywoman Shirley Weber that would strip the redistricting process for the Board of Supervisors away from an independent panel of retired judges. State Legislation is also forthcoming this session that could significantly alter County of San Diego representation on the Board of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and potentially the County's influence on the North County Transit District Board among others public agencies. All three would only impact San Diego County, yet deliberation will take place 500 miles away in Sacramento, with most of the decision makers lacking any connection to the San Diego region.

With today's action, the Board of Supervisors will take a position in opposition to each one of these legislative proposals.

Recommendation(s)

CHAIRWOMAN DIANNE JACOB AND SUPERVISOR RON ROBERTS

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter expressing this Board of Supervisors' opposition to State Assembly Bill 801 (Weber) to San Diego County's legislative representatives in Sacramento.

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2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter expressing this Board of Supervisors’ opposition to State Assembly Bill 901 (Gloria) to San Diego County’s legislative representatives in Sacramento.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include opposition in the County’s Legislative Program to any state legislative effort that seeks to eliminate or minimize the representation level or role of the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors on the Board of Directors for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), North County Transit District (NCTD) or any other local governing agency.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact and there will be no additional staff years.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

Background

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State Assembly Bill (AB 901) from State Assemblyman Todd Gloria attempts to influence the election process of County officials. AB 901 authorizes a charter change of the County of San Diego to require that candidates for the office of County Board of Supervisors be elected at the general election. Currently if a candidate for Supervisor receives more than 50 percent of the vote during the June primary he or she would win the seat outright, eliminating the need to include the election on the November General Election ballot.

State Legislation is also expected in the form of State Assembly Bill 801 (AB 801) by State Assemblywoman Shirley Weber that would strip the redistricting process for the Board of Supervisors away from an independent panel of retired judges. In 2012, at the request of the Board of Supervisors, State Senator Christine Kehoe introduced State Senate Bill 1331 (SB 1331) that shifted the authority for redistricting San Diego County’s supervisorial districts from the County Board to an independent commission comprised of retired judges. The proposal was approved by the State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in September of 2012.

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All three legislative proposals would only impact San Diego County, yet deliberation will take place 500 miles away in Sacramento, with most of the representatives not having any connection to the San Diego region. With today's action, the Board of Supervisors will take a position in opposition to AB 801, AB 901 and any legislation that seeks to reduce the participation level or influence of the Board of Supervisors on the SANDAG Board or any other public agency.

Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, 2 District

RON ROBERTS
Supervisor, 4 District

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):

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