

Express opposition to
Proposition 16:
"Taxpayers' Right to Vote Act"

Board Letter 8-8

Communications and Legislation Committee

May 11, 2010

Proposition 16

- Sponsored by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)
- On June 8, 2010 ballot
- Seeks to impose two-thirds voter approval requirement for any local government to incur debt or use public funds to establish or expand electric delivery service

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- Seeks to amend state constitution
- Supersedes existing law that allows local governments to establish and expand electrical service

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- “Local government” is defined broadly as “a municipality or municipal corporation, a municipal utility district, a public utility district, an irrigation district, a city, including a charter city, a county, a city and county, a district, a special district, an agency, or a joint powers authority that includes one or more of these entities”

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- No current effect on Metropolitan, but would apply if Metropolitan sought to serve retail electrical service in the future
- Applies to current municipal member agencies who provide electrical service or any member agencies who seek to do so in the future

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- Establishes new precedent - mandating a two-thirds voting requirement for public agencies expending funds derived from revenue-supported operations

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Partial List of Opponents

Association of California Water Agencies

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California Municipal Utilities Association

League of California Cities

Sierra Club

California Association of Realtors

Numerous cities including the cities of Pasadena,
Glendale, and Riverside

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Supporters

PG&E

California Taxpayers Association

California Chamber of Commerce

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Staff recommendation

- Option 1
 - Adopt CEQA Determination
 - Express opposition



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