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San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers

December 14, 2009

Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers and Vital Services
1121 L Street, Suite 803
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for the Local Taxpayers, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010

The San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers, a regional consortium of local chambers representing more than half of the Valley's cities voted to **SUPPORT** the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010.

Despite mandates to protect local government funds and efforts to ensure voters that taxes paid at the pump go toward transportation improvement efforts, state politicians continue to find creative ways to redirect resources. Creative shell games threaten vital police, fire and emergency response as well as basic library, park, trash collection and other municipal services.

Continued state raids of municipal funds further threaten the health of local economies by adding pressure on the business community to account for the void of resources in support of vital services in the form of increased fees and taxes. The loss of transportation and redevelopment funds will negatively impact local job creation and regional economic growth. It is estimated that in the San Gabriel Valley alone recent proposals to raid local redevelopment funds could result in the loss of 12,000 jobs and up to \$27.9 million in property tax revenue.

Passage of The Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 will put an end to creative shell games by prohibiting the State from borrowing, redirecting or simply taking local taxpayer funds. The measure offers local taxpayers accountability as to local expenditures of their hard earned tax dollars.

For these reasons, the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers will **SUPPORT** and lend its collective strength to assure its passage in November 2010.

Sincerely,

Luis Cetina, Chair
San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers

cc: San Gabriel Valley Senators
San Gabriel Valley Assemblymembers
San Gabriel Valley City Managers
San Gabriel Valley Mayors and Council Members
Jennifer Quan, League of California Cities

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