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June 16, 1993

Richard Ramirez, Paso Robles City Manager
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Dear Mr. Ramirez:

Thank you for writing to me to express your concerns regarding the Governor's recent budget proposal, which would severely diminish local governments' ability to generate revenue.

Similarly, there is another proposal supported by the Democrats which includes a shift of \$2.6 billion in property tax revenue from cities, counties and special districts to school and community college districts. I believe this proposal is inequitable and unacceptable. It, too, will cause severe implications: Mainly, cities and counties will be compelled to implement other programs to augment their loss of revenue, further increasing fees and taxes on individual citizens.

You can be assured that I share your concerns. For that reason, during last year's budget negotiations, I did not support Assembly Bill 3214, which sought to transfer property tax funds (\$347 million) from special district enterprise activities to school districts.

On Wednesday, May 19, my Republican colleagues and I offered a number of suggested amendments to the Budget which would have begun the process of reducing state spending and streamlining government. There were twenty amendments presented, and all were soundly defeated strictly on a partisan vote. During the same Floor Session, I voted against two budget measures (AB 2382 and AB 2383) which would shift the \$2.6 billion. My vote of opposition is further confirmation of my firm commitment to preserve city and county autonomy.

I believe local government can be most effective when left alone, to do what it does best -- provide local services at a local level. Unfortunately, the efficiency of such services has become burdened by obstructive state mandates and costly revenue shifts such as the recent \$2.6 billion proposal.

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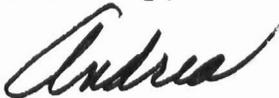
As Assistant Republican Leader, I have worked to place a heightened sense of urgency on the issue of economic recovery and several other areas of vital concern to all Californians. I have, therefore, organized seven Assembly Republican Caucus Task Forces.

In response to the needs of local governments and their constituents, I have specifically created the Mandate Relief and Regulatory Streamlining Task Force. The purpose of this task force is to assist local governments in effectively combating state mandates and regulations. In order to do so, the task force has been conducting a series of hearings throughout California in which its members have examined and/or implemented proposals from local residents and administrators. In addition, the task force has introduced ACA 26 to offset unfair mandates. It would provide that no local government may be required to implement a new program or higher level of service mandated by the Legislature or any state agency unless and until the state provides a subvention of funds to the local government for the costs of the new program or increased level of service.

So, as you can see, I have already begun to address the problem of tax shifts and state mandates, but the problem does not stop there -- I need your continued support and input. Enclosed you will find a copy of California Focus, a publication of the Assembly Republican Caucus, which will give you further insight as to the course of action I have begun to implement a "California Comeback".

You can be assured that I will continue to fight, as I always have, for the interests of local governments. It is very important that you continue your involvement with this issue; so thank you for taking the time to apprise me of your views.

Sincerely,



ANDREA SEASTRAND

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Enclosure