



CONTRA COSTA
C O U N T Y M A Y O R S ' C O N F E R E N C E

ANNOUNCING
Monthly Mayors' Conference
JANUARY 7, 2010

Hosted by the City of Pleasant Hill

Contra Costa Country Club
#801 Golf Club
Pleasant Hill

6:30 P.M. - Business Meeting -- Featured Program

Jim Wunderman
President and CEO
Bay Area Council

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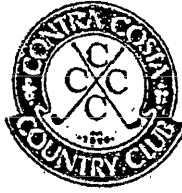
8:00 P.M. – Dinner

DINNER RESERVATIONS are made through the City of Pleasant Hill
RSVP to Lynn Boardman at (925) 671-5267
or by email to boardman@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us and include information
regarding entrée choices of either:

Poached Salmon Filet (with Pesto Cream Sauce)
Chicken Saltimbocca (Prosciutto and Fontina Cheese Stuffed & Breaded Chicken Breast with Garlic & Sage Cream)
New York Steak (10 oz. Steak with Red Wine Herb Butter, Madeira Demi)

Reservation deadline is 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 4

DINNER RESERVATIONS: Two dinners are prepaid for each City (Mayor and City Manager). Others interested in having dinner should call or e-mail the contact listed above and pay for the dinner at the door. Checks are to be made payable to the host City/Town. Individuals will be billed for reservations which are made but not cancelled by the deadline date. **Dinner Cost: \$50.**



DIRECTIONS TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB GOING SOUTH

From I-680 South, take Chilpancingo/Concord Avenue exit. Turn left at the traffic light (you will see Target on the right hand side of the street). Continue straight through the traffic light. At the next traffic light, make right on Golf Club Road (you will see a Chevron Gas Station on right hand side of the street). Continue on Golf Club Road (past DVC Community College) until the road forks to the left. Stay to the right on Golf Club Road. Continue on Golf Club Road through a residential area. Drive ahead to the Contra Costa Country Club at #801 on Golf Club Road.

DIRECTIONS TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB GOING NORTH

Take Highway 24 to I-680 North. Take Willow Pass Road exit. Turn left off freeway onto Willow Pass Road and continue to the third traffic light. Be in the right hand lane and turn right onto Contra Costa Boulevard. Continue on Contra Costa Boulevard through two traffic lights. At the second traffic light, turn left onto Golf Club Road (Citibank will be on left hand side of the street). Continue on Golf Club Road (past DVC Community College) until the road forks to the left. Stay to the right on Golf Club Road. Continue on Golf Club Road through a residential area. Drive ahead to the Contra Costa Country Club at #801 on Golf Club Road.



CONTRA COSTA
COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE

January 7, 2010
Business Meeting Agenda
6:30 P.M.

HOSTED BY THE CITY OF PLEASANT HILL
Contra Costa Country Club
801 Golf Club Drive
Pleasant Hill

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:

1. **Presentation:**

Jim Wunderman, President and CEO
Bay Area Council

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2. Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2009, meeting held in Lafayette

3. **Conference Appointments:**

(a) **Conference 2009 Chair:**

The Conference Chair for 2010 is to be selected at this meeting. Conference by-laws provide that any Mayor or the current Vice Chair of the Conference may be nominated. Hercules Vice Mayor and current Conference Vice Chair Ed Balico has been nominated. This is the only nomination received. **Action:** Apply Conference policies and elect Hercules Vice Mayor Balico as Conference Chair.

(b) **Conference 2009 Vice Chair:**

The Conference Vice Chair is to be selected at this meeting. Conference by-laws provide that any Mayor or Councilmember may be nominated. Three nominations were received for the position from:

Pleasant Hill Councilmember Michael Harris
Danville Councilmember Karen Stepper
Moraga Councilmember David Trotter

Action: Hear two-minute statements from each candidate and conduct a roll call vote for the appointment. Conference rules require a majority vote by those delegates present.

- (c) **East Bay Regional Park District Advisory Committee:** The remaining portion of the two-year term of recently deceased Danville Councilmember Mike Shimansky is to be filled at this meeting. Walnut Creek Councilmember Robert Simmons is the only nomination received for this vacancy. **Action:** Apply Conference policy and appoint Councilmember Simmons to the Committee for the term ending December 31, 2010.
- (d) **Contra Costa County Elections Citizen Advisory Committee:** This position, vacated by the death of Danville Councilmember Mike Shimansky, is to be filled at this meeting. There is no defined term for this appointment; the Committee meets once annually. No nominations were received for this vacancy. **Action:** Receive nominations from the floor and make an appointment.

4. Chair's Time
5. League of California Cities Update: Eric Figueroa, Regional Representative.
 - Consideration of a Resolution in Support of Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Act—an Initiative to Provide Additional Protection of Local Funds (See attached staff report, the initiative title and summary and proposed resolution of support).
6. Mayors' Time
7. County Supervisor Time
8. Public Communications
9. Recognition of Outgoing Conference Chair
10. Welcome to Pleasant Hill by Mayor Karen Mitchoff
11. Adjourn to February 4 meeting in Richmond

Agenda deadline for February 4 meeting is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 20th

FUTURE MEETINGS:

March:	San Pablo
April:	Antioch
May:	El Cerrito

MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2009
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE
&
CONTRA COSTA CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE
Lafayette Library and Learning Center – Community Hall
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Lafayette, California, by Conference Chair Robert Taylor who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF CITY DELEGATES:

Mayor Davis, Antioch
Mayor Taylor, Brentwood
Mayor Stratford, Clayton
Mayor Hoffmeister, Concord
Mayor Doyle, Danville
Mayor Potter, El Cerrito
Mayor McDonald, Hercules
Mayor Tatzin, Lafayette
Mayor Schroder, Martinez
Mayor Trotter, Moraga
Mayor Rios, Oakley
Vice Mayor Smith, Orinda
Mayor Long, Pinole
Vice Mayor Salvatore, Pittsburg
Mayor Harris, Pleasant Hill
Mayor McLaughlin, Richmond
Mayor McNeil, San Pablo
Councilmember Perkins, San Ramon
Mayor Rainey, Walnut Creek

1. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2009, meeting held in Moraga.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2009, Conference meeting held in Moraga.

3. **APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:** There are vacancies in the following positions, both the result of the death of Danville Town Councilmember Mike Shimansky. Nominations for the two committees will be open until Wednesday, December 23 at 5:00

p.m. Nominations are to be transmitted via e-mail to the Executive Director. Appointment to both committees will be made at the January 7 Conference meeting.

(a) **East Bay Regional Park District Advisory Committee.** The position is for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2010.

(b) **Contra Costa County Elections Citizen Advisory Committee.** This committee has no specified terms.

Executive Director Blubaugh announced the above vacancies will be filled at the January 7th Conference meeting and that nominations would be accepted through December 23rd.

4. **APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: 2010 CONFERENCE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:** Selection of a new 2010 Conference Chair and Vice Chair will be made at the January 7, 2010 meeting. Nominations for both positions will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., December 23. Nominations are to be transmitted to the Executive Director via e-mail.

Executive Director Blubaugh announced that the Chair and Vice Chair positions would be filled at the January 7th Conference meeting and that nominations would be accepted through December 23rd.

2. **APPOINTMENT: Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors:**
The recent death of Danville Town Councilmember Mike Shimansky created a vacancy on this Board. This appointment is a two-year term with the current term ending on June 15, 2010. Nominations were accepted until 5 p.m., Wednesday, November 18th. Two nominations were received: One for Oakley Councilmember Jim Frazier and one for San Ramon Councilmember Dave Hudson.

Councilmember Frazier and Councilmember Hudson each addressed the Conference presenting brief statements supporting their appointment to the BAAQMD position. A roll call vote of the Conference was conducted with eleven delegates supporting the appointment of Councilmember Hudson and eight delegates supporting the appointment of Councilmember Frazier.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to appoint Dave Hudson to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors to fill the current vacant term.

MOTION was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve that the appointment cover the period through June 15, 2010 as well as the upcoming term of June 16, 2010 through June 15, 2012.

7. County Supervisor's Time

County Supervisor Gayle Uilkema welcomed the Conference to Supervisorial District 2. She updated the Conference on the Board of Supervisors' recent decision to use \$1.7 million in County reserves to fund District Attorney Office services so prosecution of misdemeanors would not be eliminated.

5. Chair's Time

On behalf of the entire Conference, Chair Taylor recognized and presented a proclamation to Robert McCleary upon the occasion of his retirement following 20 years of service as Executive Director of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

6. Mayors' Time

San Ramon Councilmember Perkins requested that the Conference adjourn the meeting in memory of the passing of Byron Athan who recently retired as San Ramon's City Attorney at the age of 91.

El Cerrito Mayor Potter recognized Martinez Mayor Rob Schroder for his recent appointment to the Bay Area Water Quality Control Board of Directors.

7. Public Communications: No Speakers

8. Welcome to Lafayette by Mayor Don Tatzin

Lafayette Mayor Tatzin welcomed the Conference to the recently-dedicated Lafayette Library and Learning Center and he introduced current and former Lafayette Mayors and Councilmembers and City staff.

9. Adjourn to January 7, 2010, meeting in Pleasant Hill

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. to the next Conference meeting to be held in Pleasant Hill on January 7, 2010, in memory and recognition of the longtime community service of Byron Athan.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Blubaugh
Executive Director



CITY OF HERCULES

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PHONE: 510 • 799 • 8200

December 2, 2009

Mr. Don Blubaugh
Executive Director
Contra Costa Mayor's Conference
1839 Ygnacio Valley Road #370
Walnut Creek, California 94598

RE: Nomination for Chair for Mayor's Conference

Dear Mr. Blubaugh;


I consider it a privilege to nominate Council Member Ed Balico for the position of Chair for the Contra Costa Mayor's Conference. He has been very involved as Vice – Chair this past year and would be would be an ideal candidate for this position.

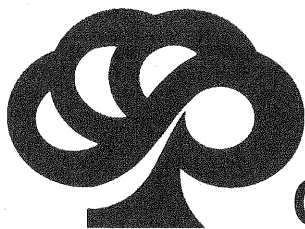
Member Balico has been active in dealing with issues that impact communities in Contra Costa County since his election to public office in 2000. Prior to being elected he served on the City of Hercules Planning Commission. He has also been involved with a number of agencies at a local, county, regional, state and federal level.

He has or currently serves on regional transportation agencies, the East Bay Division of the League of California Cities, and the National Congress. He has been an important political architect of the Hercules Intermodal Transit Center and the recent swap of property owned by the Redevelopment Agency and BART for the development of a new BART parking lot. His insight and stewardship of the development of quality affordable housing in the City of Hercules has assisted the community in exceeding its local and county goals of delivery of housing units.

I am convinced that his exposure to various sensitive issues and understanding of the many issues facing our region are and will be of value to serving in the recommended position. I would hope you would give Council Member Ed Balico your outmost consideration in the appointment to this very important position.

Sincerely;


Joe Eddy McDonald
Mayor
City of Hercules



City of Pleasant Hill

December 9, 2009

Contra Costa Mayors' Conference
c/o Mr. Donald Blubaugh, Executive Director

Dear Mayors:

I nominate Michael Harris for Vice Chair of the Mayors' Conference for 2010.

As you know, the purpose of the Mayors' Conference is to be "an educational forum for elected officials and a place to network and exchange information. Additionally, the Conference takes positions on issues facing member agencies." Michael is an ideal person to carry out this mission as the Conference Vice Chair. He has over 11 years of experience as a Councilmember, serving on both the Moraga Town Council and the Pleasant Hill City Council.

In Moraga, he served as a Councilmember and Vice Mayor. He had the opportunity to work with neighboring cities, and he understands the issues that are important to the Lamorinda community.

For the past seven years, he has served on the Pleasant Hill City Council, including two terms as Mayor. He has brought active and innovative leadership to Pleasant Hill and the entire Central Contra Costa County area. We are particularly proud of Michael's strategies around engaging the community in senior issues and living a healthy lifestyle.

He is the Past President of the East Bay Division of the League of California Cities, the organization that represents all cities in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. He has worked with elected officials at the local and regional level and understands the issues of concern to Contra Costa cities and our residents.

As a member and past chair of both the Contra Costa County Medi-Cal Advisory Planning Commission and the Contra Costa County Managed Care Commission, he knows the health care issues faced by all Contra Costa residents.

He has been an active participant in the Mayors' Conference, even when not serving as Mayor. He brings dedication and intelligent leadership to the Conference. His 45 years as a University Professor and his leadership roles in numerous organizations will help make the Mayors' Conference the premiere educational forum we all want it to be. He will use his experience to bring innovative speakers and topics to our meetings.

I am very pleased to place his name before you for consideration and respectfully request you to elect Michael as the Conference's next Vice Chair.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Mitchoff".

Karen Mitchoff
Mayor, City of Pleasant Hill

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE

*Karen Stepper, Council Member, Town of Danville
Mayor 2006, Past Mayor's Conference CCTA Commissioner
Currently serving Danville Council on CCCTA, Solid Waste Authority,
Meas. J Traffic Chair, Regional disaster council
925-275-2412 Danville, councilstepper@yahoo.com*

November 3, 2009

With respect for the growing importance of the Mayors' Conference to the cities of Contra Costa,

I would be honored to receive your vote for Vice Chair for 2009.

I would be pleased to serve as vice-chair of the Mayors' Conference in the year in which I would hope to serve as Vice-Mayor of Danville. I have attended the monthly meetings continuously since 2002 and have gained invaluable knowledge of the facilities, policies, and city leadership throughout the county.

If you are not continuing as the Mayor of your city at the January meeting, I would especially appreciate it if you would encourage your successor to support my appointment.

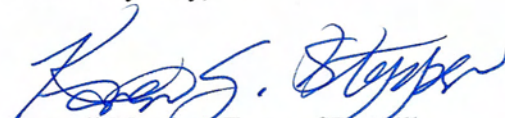
I very much enjoyed my position as your Mayors' Conference representative on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority through 2008.

I hope that I have earned your trust by demonstrating my ability to represent the diverse needs of all regions of our county as I served, and reported back to you in monthly written reports, as your representative to CCTA for 2 years. As the Mayor of Danville in 2006 (5 year rotating position), I was pleased to be recognized by our newspaper for achieving my goals to expand Danville's circle of accomplishment of regional goals—specifically in legislation, transportation, and business improvement.

My goals continue to include increased dialogue amount the cities in he Mayor's Conference as well as careful consideration of statewide financial issues, based on my continuing practice as a CPA and my continuing service on Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee for the California League of Cities..

I would appreciate the opportunity to help the Mayor's Conference develop the follow-up actions that can assure our regional leadership and strengthen our cohesiveness as we seek budget and regulatory changes. Thank you all for making California government responsive to our cities.

Yours very truly,


Council Member, Town of Danville



CITY COUNCIL

Brandt Andersson, Mayor
Carl Anduri, Vice Mayor
Mike Anderson, Council Member
Carol Federighi, Council Member
Don Tatzin, Council Member

December 22, 2009

Don Blubaugh, Executive Director
Contra Costa Mayors' Conference
1839 Ygnacio Valley Road, Suite 370
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Re: Nomination of Dave Trotter – Vice Chair of the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference

Honorable Mayors:

It is my honor and privilege to nominate Moraga Town Councilmember Dave Trotter to serve as the Vice Chair of the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference in 2010.

Dave served as mayor of the Town of Moraga in 2009. Under his leadership, the Moraga Town Council set and accomplished key goals during 2009, including adoption of a balanced budget that holds the line on spending despite the difficult economic times. He has a track record and substantial experience in running public meetings in a calm, open and respectful manner that dates back almost 20 years, having served as a planning commissioner for much of the 1990's prior to his election to the Moraga Town Council. In recognition of Dave's qualities, he was selected last spring to chair the meetings of a tri-agency funding committee (consisting of representatives of the Moraga and Orinda city councils and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District).

I believe Dave will bring these same skills to a leadership role at the Mayors' Conference. Dave is a persuasive advocate and moderate voice of reason. Although he is a registered Republican, he received the endorsement of the Sierra Club when he ran for office in 2006. By all accounts, Dave succeeded in uniting and restoring civility to the Moraga Town Council after an unfortunate bumpy patch during 2008.

As an attorney, he has for many years lobbied agencies on behalf of clients at the federal, state, and local levels on a variety of matters. I believe that if chosen to serve as Vice Chair, Dave will put his advocacy experience to work to help make the Mayors' Conference a more effective voice in Sacramento on issues of common concern to all Contra Costa cities. This is an area where we can and should do more in the years to come as an organization representing more than one million Contra Costa constituents.

Both his experience and his personal qualities will serve to make Dave Trotter an outstanding and effective leader of the Mayors' Conference, and I wholeheartedly recommend that the Conference select Dave Trotter to be its next Vice Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brandt Andersson".

Brandt Andersson
Mayor, City of Lafayette



December 8, 2009

Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference
Attn: Don Blubaugh
1839 Ygnacio Valley Road, Suite 370
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Dear Mr. Blubaugh,

It is my pleasure to nominate Bob Simmons, Walnut Creek Council Member, for a position on the East Bay Regional Parks District Advisory Committee. Bob has done a number of things that demonstrate his interest and experiences that would be of value in a liaison role between the Mayor's Conference and the East Bay Regional Parks District.

With four other citizens, Bob created the Castle Rock Field Restoration Committee which has raised \$300,000 in private funds and, with support from the City of Walnut Creek, has built two soccer fields and two Little League baseball fields in a cooperative effort with the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

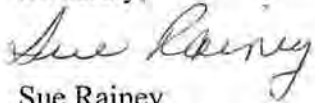
He served on Walnut Creek's Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Commission for four years before being appointed to the Planning Commission and, eventually, elected to the Walnut Creek City Council.

Bob has been active in the Walnut Creek Open Space Foundation and served as its President for two years before being elected to the City Council. The Foundation has undertaken a number of habitat restoration projects in our open space areas and has long served as an important partner to the City in advising the City on management issues in the Walnut Creek open space.

As President of the Foundation, Bob has worked with residents in both Lafayette and Walnut Creek to persuade the District to expand the language in Measure WW to enable the District to be active in the possible acquisition of property that is important to both cities.

Bob is an avid hiker and has hiked in most of the East Bay Regional Park District properties. He recently concluded a *Walk Across California*, a 350 mile walk that started at the Dumbarton Bridge in the East Bay and ended at the Antioch Bridge, using lands of the East Bay Regional Park District for most of that walk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Rainey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Sue Rainey
Mayor

STAFF REPORT

By: Eric Figueroa, Regional Representative League of California Cities
Date: December 21, 2009
Subject: Resolution in Support of Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Act.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Adopt a Resolution in support of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act.

SUMMARY:

On October 20, 2009 a coalition led by the League of California Cities, local government, transportation and public transit leaders, filed a ballot measure called the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act with the California Attorney General's office. If passed by voters, the measure, would close loopholes and prevent the state from borrowing, raiding or otherwise redirecting local government (local taxes, property taxes, redevelopment), transportation (HUTA and Prop. 42 funds) and public transit funds. The Attorney General's office completed the Title and Summary for the initiative in December of 2009.

BACKGROUND:

In 2004, California voters passed by a historic 83% margin an initiative to protect local government funding. Despite this voter mandate, State politicians in Sacramento keep finding ways to raid, borrow, transfer, shift or otherwise steal local government and transportation funding. For example, the state borrowed \$2 billion in city and county funds in this past budget, and they threatened to take billions more in gas taxes.

Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers and Vital Services is a coalition of public safety, local government and transportation leaders that filed a ballot measure to prevent any further takeaways or borrowing of funds dedicated to supporting local government and transportation projects. By preventing state raids of local government and transportation funds, this initiative would protect the vital services that Californians rely on including police and fire protection, 9-1-1 emergency response services, public transit and transportation improvements like road safety repairs and traffic congestion relief.

The ballot language is intended to protect local revenues by doing the following:

- Prohibit the state from taking, borrowing or redirecting local taxpayer funds dedicated to public safety, emergency response and other vital local government services, including redevelopment.
- Close loopholes to prevent the taking of local taxpayer funds currently dedicated to cities, counties and special districts.

- Revoke the state's authority to borrow local government property tax funds or divert local redevelopment funds.
- Protect vital, dedicated transportation and public transit funds from state raids.
- Prevent state borrowing, taking or redirecting of the state sales tax on gasoline (Prop.42 funds) and Highway User Tax on gasoline (HUTA) funds that are dedicated to transportation maintenance and improvements.
- Prevent the state from redirecting or taking public transit funds.

The proponents of the measure have until the middle of April 2010 to gather 1 million signatures from registered voters in the State of California.

Date: December 16, 2009
Initiative 09-0063 (Amdt. #1-NS.)

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

**PROHIBITS THE STATE FROM TAKING FUNDS USED FOR TRANSPORTATION
OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS AND SERVICES. INITIATIVE**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Prohibits the State from shifting, taking, borrowing, or restricting the use of tax revenues dedicated by law to fund local government services, community redevelopment projects, or transportation projects and services. Prohibits the State from delaying the distribution of tax revenues for these purposes even when the Governor deems it necessary due to a severe state fiscal hardship. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Significant constraints on state authority over city, county, special district, and redevelopment agency funds. As a result, higher and more stable local resources, potentially affecting billions of dollars in some years. Commensurate reductions in state resources, resulting in major decreases in state spending and/or increases in state revenues. (09-0063.)

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL TAXPAYER, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION ACT OF 2010**

WHEREAS, California voters have repeatedly and overwhelmingly passed separate ballot measures to stop State raids of local government funds, and to dedicate the taxes on gasoline to fund local and state transportation improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, these local government funds are critical to provide the police and fire, emergency response, parks, libraries, and other vital local services that residents rely upon every day, and gas tax funds are vital to maintain and improve local streets and roads, to make road safety improvements, relieve traffic congestion, and provide mass transit; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that voters have repeatedly passed measures to prevent the State from taking these revenues dedicated to funding local government services and transportation improvement projects, the State Legislature has seized and borrowed billions of dollars in local government and transportation funds in the past few years; and

WHEREAS, this year's borrowing and raids of local government, redevelopment and transit funds, as well as previous, ongoing raids of local government and transportation funds have lead to severe consequences, such as layoffs of police, fire and paramedic first responders, fire station closures, stalled economic development, healthcare cutbacks, delays in road safety improvements, public transit fare increases and cutbacks in public transit services; and

WHEREAS, State politicians in Sacramento have continued to ignore the will of the voters, and current law provides no penalties when state politicians take or borrow these locally-dedicated funds; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of local government, transportation and transit advocates recently filed a constitutional amendment with the California Attorney General, called the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, for potential placement on California's November 2010 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, approval of this ballot initiative would close loopholes and change the constitution to further prevent State politicians in Sacramento from seizing, diverting, shifting, borrowing, transferring, suspending or otherwise taking or interfering with tax revenues dedicated to funding local government services, including redevelopment, or dedicated to transportation improvement projects and mass transit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference formally endorses the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, a proposed constitutional amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the listing of the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference in support of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 and instruct staff to fax a copy of this resolution to campaign offices at 916.442.3510.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of January, 2009.