

**California Association of Clerks and Election Officials
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee**

LEGISLATIVE POLICY

A. Standing Legislative Policy.

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee will:

1. Actively sponsor or support legislation and State regulation that would streamline the operations of the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors that would enhance our ability to support our boards of supervisors or that would assist us in fulfilling our current public service mandates through appropriate methods including automation.
2. Actively oppose or seek to amend any legislation or proposed State regulation that would impair our ability to meet our responsibilities to our boards of supervisors and to the public; that would impose on our offices unfunded state mandates; or that would add unreasonable, burdensome or unnecessary costs to our operations.
3. Prepare and adopt a legislative agenda each year for approval at the New Law Workshop, or as the need arises, that addresses specific issues of concern that are appropriate either for legislation or State regulation.
4. Establish and maintain close working relationships with members of the Legislature, members of State regulatory boards and commissions, and legislative, committee and regulatory staff.
5. Establish and maintain close working relationships with organizations that have interests in common with our own and work with those organizations to further our legislative program.
6. Establish and maintain cooperative working relations with organizations that typically take positions on legislation and regulations in opposition to our own. Although we may disagree on many issues, it is desirable to have a good working relationship with opposing organizations in order to resolve as many issues as possible, either outside the legislative or regulatory arena, or early in those processes.

7. Either directly, or through our Association lobbyists, track legislation and State regulations or communicate regular status reports and other information concerning these matters to clerk of the board members of the CACEO. The subject matter issues that potentially could affect clerks of the board that will be tracked include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assessment appeals
- Assessment districts
- Board of supervisors meetings
- Brown Act
- CEQA procedures
- County boards, commissions and committee governing boards
- Claims against the county
- Closed meetings
- Conflict of interest
- County budgets meeting procedures
- County officers
- District boards
- Fees
- Fire suppression districts
- Irrigation districts
- Joint powers authorities
- Landscaping and lighting districts
- Legal advertising
- Local agencies
- Local appointments list
- Local government omnibus legislation
- Maddy Act
- Nuisance abatement
- Open meetings
- Ordinances
- Political Reform Act
- Property taxation
- Privacy
- Public Records Act
- Public agencies
- Records
- Special districts
- Subdivision Map Act
- Term limits
- Validation Acts

- Water districts
- Williamson Act

B. In accordance with Item A.3., above, during the current Legislative Session the Legislative Committee will:

1. Support legislation that would require the state to register and regulate property tax agents practicing before the county board of equalization, assessment appeals board, assessment hearing officers, or the county assessor.
2. Oppose legislation that would make violations of the public comments section of the Brown Act subject to the null and void provisions of Government Code 54954.3.
3. Oppose legislation that would make the economic disclosure portions of the Political Reform Act needlessly complicated and financially burdensome to administer at the local level, or that would create unfunded mandates with respect to administration of the Act.
4. Oppose legislation that would interfere with counties' ability to expeditiously resolve applications for changed assessments or legislation that jeopardizes the county board of equalization's or the clerk's ability to effectively deal with sudden large increases in the number of applications for appeal.

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