

County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisorial District Five
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Liz Kniss
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SUBJECT: Report of the Legislative Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report from the Legislative Committee relating to meeting of April 9, 2009. (Kniss)

Possible action:

Accept Committee agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 7 as Board information only.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

On Committee agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 7, the Legislative Committee accepted the reports from staff.

Item 4 relates to a report from Intergovernmental Relations on the State Budget Update. The report included a verbal update from the State representative on which major organizations are actively supporting or opposing the May 19 Special Election ballot initiatives, and the results of recent polls. Organizations in support of the ballot measure package include the California Fire Chiefs Association, California Police Chiefs Association, California State Sheriffs' Association, California District Attorneys Association, California Teachers Association, California Farm Bureau Federation, League of California Cities, California Chamber of Commerce, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, California League of Conservation Voters, and the California State Council of Laborers. Recent polls indicate that voters are

backing each of the six propositions by varying margins, but with relatively large proportions undecided. Support is strongest for Proposition F, the Elected Officials Salary measure, and is weakest for Proposition C, the Lottery Modernization Act.

Item 5 relates to a report from Intergovernmental Relations on County projects submitted for inclusion in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Reauthorization Bill. The new bill will provide a significant funding opportunity for local transportation projects. Proposed County projects that will be submitted for funding include:

- Page Mill Road/Interstate 280 Interchange - Request: \$5,280,000
- Capitol Expressway Pedestrian Walkways - Request: \$1,440,000
- San Tomas Expressway Box Culvert - Request: \$3,520,000
- DeWitt Avenue - Request: \$2,000,000

Item 6 relates to a report from Intergovernmental Relations on Federal healthcare reform. Staff provided an overview of the process and timelines for bringing proposals through Congress, as well as of the broad policy issues to be discussed and negotiated by the Senate and House Committees of jurisdiction. Both the Senate and House have ambitious plans to begin review or “mark-up” of their bills in June and have discussion on their floors by July or August.

Item 7 relates to a report from Intergovernmental Relations on State and Federal representatives, an update on County-sponsored legislation, and an updated matrix of bills that the County has supported or opposed.

ATTACHMENTS

- Legislative Committee Agenda - April 9,2009