

Summit on Governance Reform



- Partnership of:
 - CSAC
 - League of Cities
 - CA School Board Association

CSS Suggested Principles and Reform Options for Consideration

- **Responsive and Accountable Local Government**

Options:

- No diversion of local tax revenues
- Change voter approval of local revenue <2/3
- Allow regional or County-wide taxes for regional services

- **State Preemption of Local Control**

Option:

- Require findings and supermajority vote to preempt local control

- **Enhanced Protection from State Mandates**

Options:

- Modernize mandates claim process
- Require mandate reimbursement

CSS Suggested Principles and Reform Options for Consideration cont...

- **Personnel Policies and Pensions**

Option:

- Allow local control of employee retirement benefits

- **Focus on Outcomes in State Funding and Locally Delivered Services**

Options:

- Expand block grants
- Allow for contracting and reward innovation

- **Modernize State Budget**

Options:

- Performance based budgeting
- Require new funding for new mandates
- Require new funding sources for statewide ballot measures that impose new obligations
- Change legislative requirements for approval of state budget and tax increases <2/3

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- **Update State and Local Revenue System**

Options:

- Modernize Sales Tax
- Equalize tax inequities among property owners

- **Governance and Responsiveness**

Options:

- Require periodic legislative reauthorization of programs
- Require voter approval for reauthorization of fast growing programs

- **Organization of the State Legislature**

Options:

- Reform term limits
- Institute open primaries
- Increase legislative transparency
- Shorten legislative sessions and reward time in district