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TO: Supervisor Leon L. Williams, Chairman
Fourth District

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SUBJ: **PROPOSED "BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR STATE-COUNTY SERVICES"**

Following a review of the information provided in the CSAC memo from President Willie Kennedy regarding the establishment of a Board of Governors for State-County Services, it is my opinion that such a proposal would not be in the best interests of the County of San Diego at this time. This decision was arrived upon for the reasons enumerated below.

- The Board of Governors could serve to add one more layer of bureaucratic oversight to already over-regulated county governments.
- There is no guarantee that urban counties, and San Diego County in particular, would receive adequate representation on such a Board.
- The establishment of regulations by the Board for all county services could seriously restrict the options available to local elected and appointed officials to provide services necessary to their counties.
- Using the Board of Education as an example of how this body would function does not directly apply to counties. The Board of Education has one mission within the State, to provide an education. Counties, however, provide diverse and specific regional services which necessarily change with the makeup of their population and economies.
- The Superintendent of Education is elected statewide; no similar office is proposed to forcefully articulate the suggested Board of Governors' priorities and concerns.

It would seem premature to establish a Board of Governors to address counties' past inability to influence the current Administration without knowing what the situation will be when a new Administration is in place. The time and energy expended pursuing this endeavor would be better spent solving the problems existing within CSAC regarding its representation of counties to the Administration and Legislature.

If you have questions regarding this matter, or would like to discuss it further, please call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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cc: Board of Supervisors