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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

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RE: SB 33 (Wolk): Infrastructure Financing Districts

Background

Senate Bill 33 (Wolk) — which is almost identical to a bill Senator Wolk carried in 2012 (SB 214, which MTC supported) — seeks to make it easier for local governments to create infrastructure financing districts (IFDs) and issue bonds by eliminating the voter approval requirement. SB 214 was vetoed by the Governor on the grounds that it was “premature” as it “would likely cause cities to focus their efforts on using the new tools provided by the measure instead of winding down redevelopment.”

Recommendation: Support

Discussion

SB 33 takes a comprehensive approach to reforming IFD law as follows:

- Removes the voter approval requirement for formation of an IFD and for the issuance of bonds.
- Expands type of projects an IFD may fund to include *any* project that implements a transit priority project, regional transportation plan, or other projects that are consistent with an adopted sustainable communities strategy (SCS).
- Allows an IFD to contribute to the cost of *maintaining* facilities, not just facility construction.
- Expands the life of an IFD from 30 to 40 years.
- Requires annual reports on an IFD’s progress and expenditures.
- Authorizes funds to be used for open space, watershed lands, flood management, and habitat restoration in addition to other existing eligible uses (such as, libraries, parks, childcare facilities, sewage treatment facilities, solid waste, etc.).

Governor Brown has indicated his support for additional funding tools to help local agencies pay for infrastructure improvements needed to help implement sustainable communities strategies. We recommend a support position on SB 33 to indicate our support for making IFD’s more readily available for such purpose.

Known Positions (See Attachment 1)



Steve Heminger

**Senate Bill 33 (Wolk)
Known Positions**

Support	Opposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ League of California Cities ▪ San Francisco Chamber of Commerce ▪ Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce ▪ Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers ▪ San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership ▪ Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce ▪ Orange County Business Council ▪ East Bay Economic Development Alliance ▪ Southwest California Legislative Council ▪ North Bay Leadership Council ▪ San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation ▪ Inland Empire Economic Partnership ▪ Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation ▪ Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ▪ San Diego Housing Federation ▪ Sacramento Area Council of Governments ▪ Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce ▪ Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce ▪ Emeryville Chamber of Commerce ▪ Town of Atherton ▪ League of California Cities, Los Angeles Division ▪ Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce ▪ MuniServices, LLC ▪ Tuolumne County Business Council ▪ Cities of Benicia, Blue Lake, Ceres, Chowchilla, Cloverdale, Del Mar, El Centro, Emeryville, Fairfield, Goleta, Grass Valley, Lakewood, La Mirada, Livingston, Lodi, Madera, Moorpark, Oakland, Palmdale, Pasadena, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Tracy, Vacaville, Visalia, West Sacramento, and Whittier ▪ Counties of Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Yolo ▪ Economic Vitality Corporation of San Luis Obispo ▪ Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce ▪ Yosemite Chamber of Commerce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association ▪ California Federation of Republican Women ▪ California Taxpayers Association ▪ Individual letters ▪ California Alliance to Protect Private Property Rights