RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support of Assembly Member Cogdill’s authored legislation ACA 10. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 10 will incrementally eliminate the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) shift. ACA 10 passed the Assembly Local Government Committee with bipartisan and unanimous support and will next be heard in the Assembly Committee on Elections, Reapportionment, and Constitutional Amendments. Since this bill seeks to amend the California Constitution, it will go on the ballot for a vote of the public if successful in passing both houses of the Legislature.

Assembly Member Cogdill has requested our assistance in getting this landmark bill passed, and has asked for a letter of support.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has supported legislation that will benefit the financial status of Mariposa County and ultimately the citizens of Mariposa County.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support. If ACA 10 does not receive enough support from local governments, then it may not pass the Legislature or be successful in a vote by the public. There will be no change in the current allocation of property tax revenue.

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SOURCE:

( ) 4/5ths Vote Required: $ 
A. Unanticipated Revenues: $ 
B. Reserve for Contingencies: $ 
C. Source Description: 

Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

Draft letter of support for ACA 10
Assembly Member Cogdill’s letter requesting support.

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CLERKS USE ONLY:

Res. No. 99 - 153  
Vote - Ayes: 5  
Absent:  
Approved:  
Denied:  
No Action Necessary  
The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office  
Date: 
ATTEST:  
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California  
BY:  
Deputy  

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:  
X Recommended  
Not Recommended  
For Policy Determination  
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June 5, 2001

The Honorable Dave Cogdill  
California State Assembly Member  
Post Office Box 942849  
Sacramento, California  94249-0001  

RE: ACA 10  

Dear Assembly Member Cogdill:

Mariposa County supports your authored legislation Assembly Constitutional Amendment Number 10. ACA 10 seeks to amend the California Constitution by modifying the allocation of property tax revenues. In response to a budget crisis in 1992, the Legislature reduced the amount of property taxes allocated to local governments. Simultaneously the Legislature allocated an equal amount of property tax revenue to the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) for distribution to school districts.

Since the establishment of ERAF, nearly $30 billion has been removed from local governments. This reduction in available funds has inflicted severe and on-going damage to local government services such as public safety, health, roads, parks, and libraries. ACA 10 will incrementally eliminate the ERAF shift and thereby provide a much needed recovery in discretionary revenue for local governments.

Thank you for sponsoring legislation that will help the financial status of local governments and allow us to improve on the quality and level of service that we provide to our citizens.

Sincerely,

DOUG BALMAIN  
Chairman  

DB/mbh  

cc: Senator Monteith  
California State Association of Counties  
Regional Council of Rural Counties  
Dale Wagerman, Wagerman Associates, Inc.