

Major Reform Proposals

Name	<i>California Forward</i>	Repair California	Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers & Vital Services	CCS Partnership
Website	www.caforward.org	www.repaircalifornia.org	www.savelocalservices.com	www.ccspartnership.org
Who they are	Bi-partisan, foundation funded, public-interest group initiated	The Bay Area Council (a business-funded group), their partners and supporters	Primarily League of Cities, CA Alliance for Jobs, and CA Transit Assn	CSAC, League of Cities, CSBA
What they want	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Filed two initiatives that do the following - State that “the proceeds of any tax or assessment levied or imposed” by a local agency “belong exclusively to the entity that enacted [it]” - Protect redevelopment property taxes from state redirection - Remove authority to suspend Prop. 42 - Require new statutes and initiatives that expand programs and increase state costs by \$25 million to provide sufficient new revenue or specific savings (doesn’t apply to GO bonds, one-time expenditures, restored cuts, or growth from work load increases) - Authorize Gov to reduce or eliminate any budget appropriation up to amount necessary to restore budget balance if the Legislature fails to address a fiscal emergency within 45 days of a Gov’s proclamation (Prop. 58); Legislature can overturn all or some cuts with 2/3 vote - Require Governor’s proposed budgets to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposals for budget year and following yr - Projection of anticipated expenditures and revenues for the 3 years after that (5 total) - Performance standards for state agencies and programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pursuing two initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allow citizens to call a Convention - Call a Convention - Convention would convene by 6/3/11 and conclude by 3/1/12 or 7/1/12 - Vote on proposals by 11/6/12 - Appoints FPPC as administrator - Funds Convention with \$1.75/CA resident from state’s General Fund (\$65-70 million) - 3 types of delegates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 from Indian Tribe - 240 from Assembly districts (3/district), jury pool-style - ~250 delegates chosen jointly by counties, cities, & schools, by population - Delegate qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Citizen, resident, 18 y.o., non-felon - County delegates cannot since 2005 have been: - Elected or appointed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protects from any kind of diversion all taxes “imposed or levied” by a local government for that government’s purposes - Prohibits suspension of Prop. 1A - Prohibits property tax transfers to pay for new local mandates - Prohibits paying for new local mandates by allocating 0.65 percent VLF rate to others besides cities, counties, and the Local Revenue Fund - Specifies that all net revenues from state taxes on motor vehicle fuels be deposited in HUTA, which is declared a trust fund to be used solely for public transit infrastructure and for streets and roads costs - Requires 2/3 legislative vote to reallocate HUTA from 6/30/9 levels - Any HUTA allocation to 	<p>545 local officials voted at the CCS Summit to support the following reforms:</p> <p><i>Protect Local Revenue</i> (the overwhelming favorite)</p> <p><i>Reform Term Limits</i> (a distant second)</p> <p><i>Change Requirements for Approval of Local Taxes</i></p> <p><i>Require New Funding Sources for Statewide Ballot Measures that Impose New Obligations</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5-year capital plan - Require updated revenue and spending projections on May 15 and Oct 15 - Require each house to refer budget bills to a joint committee by May 1 and conference report back to each house by June 20 - Require budget passage by June 25, or legislators forfeit salary and reimbursement until budget is passed - Lower threshold for budget bill appropriations to majority; retains 2/3 for all other appropriations and strengthens 2/3 requirement for taxes - Require “nonrecurring revenue” to be spent on one-time expenditures - Require legislative oversight of every program run by the state or by a local agency on behalf of the state at least every 10 years, to result in bills that improve or end programs - Implement performance-oriented budgeting based on state agencies’ missions and performance metrics - Authorize “Countywide Strategic Action Plan” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiation requires majority of BOS - Adoption allows BOS to ask for sales tax hike by majority vote (up to 1 cent) - Must contain: declaration of goals and outcomes, inventory and assessment of existing public programs, improvement plan including progress measurement and annual reporting, resource allocation plan, a school element determined by school districts, a city element determined by each city - Schools get half of any tax increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> government officials - State or local lobbyists - State employees - Formally involved with a party or candidate committee - Convention may propose a revision or series of separate amendments, as well as necessary statutory changes - May not raise taxes, change frequency of property assessment, change definition of “change in ownership,” or affect marriage or abortion rights, gambling or casinos, affirmative action, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, or the death penalty - Limits Convention to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Effectiveness (performance review) - Elections and Influence (initiatives, candidates, campaign finance, term limits, “legislative responsiveness”) - Spending and Budgeting (budget process and term, vote threshold, accountability, efficiency) - Governance (state-local relationship, structure of state government) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> locals may not be borrowed, deferred, delayed, etc - Limits HUTA use for bonds to 1/4 of revenues plus 1/4 of any local allocation - Restores traditional (pre-2001) Public Transit Account allocations and declares it a trust fund - Prohibits any allocation of Bradley-Burns sales tax to local transportation funds from being reduced below 2008 allocation percentage - Requires Prop. 42 sales tax on gas to go quarterly to a Transportation Investment Fund (declared a trust fund) - Protects redevelopment property taxes from state redirection 	