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Californian's Working Together Seek to Qualify Compromise Ballot Measure Over 1.2 million signatures gathered

Californian's Working Together, the coalition committee behind the compromise ballot measure that seeks to temporarily increase the sales tax by ¼ cent (5 years) and the income tax on 1-3% on those with taxable incomes over \$250,000 (7 years) have announced that they will begin turning in petitions to county registrars to qualify the ballot measure for the November 2012 election. County officials will recall that this proposed ballot measure also contains the language negotiated in the failed SCA 1X and the Governor's Initiative, which provides for a **constitutional guarantee** of funding for the 2011 realigned programs, as well as **protection against changes** to those programs that would increase county costs.

CSAC has not yet taken a position on the compromise measure, although the Board of Directors voted to support the Governor's Initiative. The Executive Committee has referred the compromise measure to the Government Finance and Operations, Administration of Justice, and Health and Human Services Policy Committees for a recommendation. Those committees will consider the measure during their meeting at the CSAC Legislative Conference, May 30-31 in Sacramento ([register here](#)). Those recommendations will be considered at a subsequent Board of Directors meeting. The California State Sheriff's Association has voted to support the compromise measure.

A second measure, supported by millionaires Molly Munger has begun turning in signatures to qualify their measure for the November ballot as well. In an editorial opinion today, the Los Angeles Times urged the Munger campaign to "stand down" and supported the compromise measure. [You can read the full editorial here.](#)

Californian's Working Together has obtained over 1.2 million signatures, which should be adequate to verify the 804,000 valid signatures needed to qualify.

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