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### Ballot Measure – Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010

A statewide signature-gathering campaign is underway to qualify the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 for the November 2010 ballot.

The measure, supported by League of California Cities, closes loopholes to prevent the state from taking, diverting or borrowing local government, transportation, and public transit funds.

If passed, the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 would:

- Prohibit the state from borrowing local government property tax funds which are vital for public safety and other local services.
- Prohibit the state from borrowing or taking gasoline taxes which are dedicated to transportation and transit improvements and services, including the state sales tax on gasoline (Prop. 42 funds), and the Highway User Tax on gasoline (HUTA).
- Prevent the taking of locally levied taxes, including parcel taxes, sales taxes, and other locally imposed taxes that are currently dedicated to cities, counties and special districts.
- Prohibit the state from taking, borrowing or redirecting existing funding for public transit, including existing taxes on gas and “spillover” funds dedicated to the Public Transportation Account.
- Add additional constitutional protections to prevent the state from raiding redevelopment funds or shifting redevelopment funds to other state purposes.

Hundreds of local government, public safety, business, and labor leaders have signed up to assist in a massive volunteer signature gathering effort. For more information contact [www.savelocalservices.com](http://www.savelocalservices.com)