

September 9, 2004

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of
September 14, 2004

**PROPOSITION 1A – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE PROTECTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

Recommendation:

That the City Council support Proposition 1A which will prevent the state legislature from taking local government revenues to fund state programs.

Background:

Proposition 1A is a constitutional amendment that will prevent the legislature from using local government revenue to balance of state budget. This proposition is the result of negotiations between the governor, local governments and the legislature in setting up a reliable system of funding for local government without the fear that the legislature will take funds from local government to solve state level problems.

This is similar to the constitutional amendment that was qualified by local governments for the November ballot. The City Council had expressed its support for that effort. Proposition 1A has such strong bipartisan support that it will have the best chance of passing. The League of California Cities has endorsed Proposition 1A.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager