



## **STOP THE STATE'S REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL**

### **PROTECT LOCAL JOBS AND THE ECONOMY**

### **Talking Points on the Administration's Proposal to Eliminate Redevelopment**

*Keep in mind:* It is most powerful to highlight real projects that would be impacted by the administration's proposal to eliminate redevelopment. Time will be limited for giving testimony to the committee, and your example of a local redevelopment success will have the greatest impact. Examples that include job creation are particularly helpful.

**30-second Sound Bite:** This proposal is yet another attempt by the state to raid local tax dollars and thwart the will of the voters who have repeatedly said local taxes should fund local services. It would provide little financial gain for the state, yet would cause significant financial pain in communities throughout California. Each year, redevelopment directly supports 300,000 jobs, more than \$40 billion in statewide economic activity, and \$2 billion in local tax revenues.

**The proposal to kill redevelopment represents more of the same state raids of local funds that voters have repeatedly and overwhelmingly acted to stop.**

- Last November, 61% of voters, 5.7 million voters, passed Proposition 22 to prevent state raids of local government funds, including redevelopment funding.
- The Administration's proposal flies in the face of the clear will of the voters and yet again raids local government resources to solve the State's budget problems.

**Little financial gain, huge economic pain.**

- The State's own numbers show that killing redevelopment will bring very little financial relief for the State. That's because redevelopment agencies have more than \$87 billion in bond and other contract obligations in place that must be repaid before funds are available for other purposes. *In fact, after this budget year, the State Department of Finance acknowledges zero State savings from shutting down redevelopment.*
- However, killing redevelopment will cause serious and permanent economic damage at the local level. Annually, redevelopment activities in California:
  - Support 304,000 jobs
  - Contribute over \$40 billion to California's economy
  - Generate more than \$2 billion in state and local taxes

**Proposal is bad for our environment, bad for working families.**

- Redevelopment is a valuable tool to focus housing, jobs and infrastructure in the urban areas, and to meet the land-use goals to focus development on the urban core.
- Redevelopment is also the second largest funding source of affordable housing behind the federal government. Since 1993, redevelopment has built 98,000 units of affordable housing.
- And by revitalizing downtrodden and rundown communities, redevelopment helps reduce crime and make safer, more vibrant communities for families.