

1 [Request Full Reimbursement by the State for Statewide Special Election.]

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3 **Resolution urging the State of California to fully reimburse all California counties for**  
4 **the associated costs of the special election in November 2005.**

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6 WHEREAS, In the 2003 recall election the cost to counties statewide was nearly  
7 \$55 million; San Francisco alone spent over \$3 million for the 2003 election; and,

8 WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has issued a resolution declaring a  
9 special election for the November 8<sup>th</sup> election; thus, imposing another un-funded mandate  
10 upon counties by the state of California; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Ventura County Board of Supervisors, the California State Association  
12 of Counties, and the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials have formally  
13 requested the State of California for full reimbursement for the November 2005 special  
14 election; and,

15 WHEREAS, As Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long said, “The issues of another  
16 special election can be debated endlessly, but all taxpayers should soundly reject passing the  
17 cost of a statewide election onto local government as a basic principle of equity;” and,

18 WHEREAS, According to a survey of counties conducted by the Secretary of State’s  
19 office, the proposed November 2005 special statewide election will cost counties between \$53  
20 million and \$69.7 million; and,

21 WHEREAS, Projections for the cost of the proposed November 2005 Special Election  
22 for San Francisco are \$1.2 million; and,

23 WHEREAS, In the governor’s resolution on the special election, he directs, but does  
24 not bind, the State government to reimbursing local governments for the costs associated with  
25 the special election during Fiscal Year 2006-2007; and,

1           WHEREAS, In order to bind the state government to reimbursing local governments in  
2 Fiscal Year 2005-2006, urgency legislation must be passed authorizing such reimbursement;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the State of California to fully  
5 reimburse all California counties for the associated costs of the special election in November  
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