



Local Government Summit on State Governance and Fiscal Reform Talking Points

- The Summit seeks to reinvigorate California’s system of governance and restore efficiency, transparency and accountability. Local government is closest to the people and that is why “Rebuilding California – From the Ground Up” begins with local governments.
- Rebuilding and reforming the state should be done by restoring a greater degree of local control over programs, taxation and spending decisions.
- Cities, counties and schools have a long history of working without regard to party lines. Local governments have retained voter trust and are an excellent starting point for the rebuilding that needs to take place in this state.
- City, county and school officials have direct contact with constituents every day – at board meetings, in grocery stores, at community events. We know what our constituents’ needs are, what services they most rely upon and the daily challenges they face.
- It took years for us to get where we are and it will take time to undo the state’s dysfunction, but the Summit is an opportunity to develop some starting points and strategies that will lead to reform and restoring a greater degree of local control over services, taxation and spending decisions.
- There has never been a California summit by and for local elected officials, aimed at creating a framework for change in the state/local relationship. This summit is an historic event and an opportunity for local government and the communities it serves to make an impact on the future of California.
- Our summit participants will represent the voices of 7,930 local elected leaders.