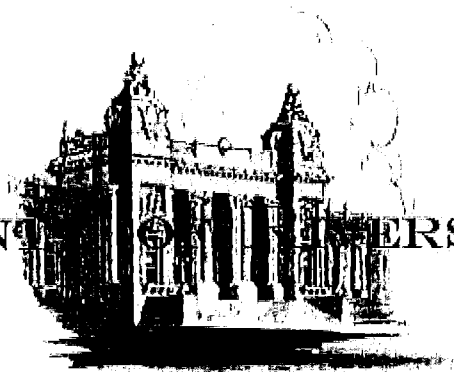


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The Honorable Jim Cooper, Chair
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The Honorable Richard Roth, Chair
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Re: State Supplementation for County Assessors' Offices - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Cooper:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for the Governor's budget proposal to provide funding to county assessors' office to assist in the maintenance and equalization of property tax rolls. Much like previous efforts to provide such funding to county assessors, the Administration's proposal offers \$5 million annually for three years to assist county assessors in enhancing specified activities in administration of the property tax roll, including assessing and enrolling new construction, reassessments, and processing supplemental assessments, among other activities.

The proposed State Supplementation for County Assessors' Offices is similar to the previous State-County Assessors' Partnership Agreement Program that operated from 2013-14 through 2016-17. Specifically, the proposal would authorize counties to apply for funding, with successful counties required to put up a \$1 match for every \$2 provided by the state, as well as annual reporting requirements on use of grant funds to the Department of Finance. As with previous iterations of these types of programs, we are convinced that additional state investment in the property tax administration system provides a direct and meaningful benefit to the state and local taxing entities. Of course, we also believe that additional investment beyond the proposed \$5 million would be well-advised; previous statewide grant programs were funded at up to \$60 million with wildly positive results.

We appreciate the Administration's acknowledgement of our joint interest in ensuring fair and equitable maintenance and equalization of the property tax rolls and strongly support the proposal to provide funding to county assessors' offices.

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If you have any questions or concerns about Riverside County's support for the State Supplementation for County Assessors' Offices, please do not hesitate to contact please do not hesitate to contact Brian Nestande, Deputy County Executive, at bnestande@rivco.org.

Sincerely,



Chuck Washington
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisor

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