



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

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July 6, 2015

Senator Bob Huff
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SCA 7 – As amended May 28, 2015 – **SUPPORT**

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support Senate Constitutional Amendment 7, which would prohibit the Legislature from borrowing revenues from fees and taxes imposed by the state on vehicles or their use or operation, and from using those revenues other than as specifically permitted. The measure would also provide that none of those revenues may be pledged or used for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other indebtedness.

California faces a daunting maintenance backlog, and deferring that maintenance means significantly higher costs in the future, while roads and bridges continue to deteriorate, harming economic growth and imposing additional costs in excess of \$800 per year on motorists for damage and increased wear on their vehicles.

The public broadly supports funding for transportation, as seen by the passage of Proposition 42 in 2002 and Proposition 1B in 2006. Our voters in San Bernardino County overwhelmingly renewed a half-cent sales tax for 30 years to fund transportation projects, making us one of 20 California “self-help” counties. However, we also rely on our state and federal partners for the construction and maintenance of projects, both major and routine. Given the crumbling nature of our transportation infrastructure and long lead times for constructing major transportation projects, State transportation funding needs to be assured and should not be vulnerable to being diverted.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SCA 7. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ramos".

JAMES RAMOS
Board of Supervisors Chairman
Third District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

c: Honorable Jim Beall, Chair, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
Honorable Members and Consultants, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation

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