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Election 2016: Registration, Early Voting Both Massive

The 2016 General Election is just days away now, and counties up and down the state are reporting higher than average early voting and expanded voter rolls due to a combination of factors that has made this election cycle unlike any other. Presidential election years normally have higher turnout but the addition of 17 statewide ballot measures plus local races make for a usually large ballot and high voter interest.

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County Governance Examined by Joint Senate Committee Hearing

County governance was the topic of a [joint hearing](#) of the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee and the Senate Governance and Finance Committee last week. Specifically, the Committee discussed whether large population counties should have additional supervisorial districts and also if counties should have an elected CAO/CEO position, with the ultimate goal of improving representation and services for constituents.

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Self-Help Measures Vital to Filling Transportation Funding Shortfall

While CSAC continues to push for a funding and reform solution during the Legislature's ongoing special session on transportation, local governments across the state have already stepped up with local measures that at least partially fill the gap left by state and federal inaction. CSAC [reported on the release](#) of the biennial update of the [2016 Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment](#) last week.

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Mandates Meeting Highlights Reimbursement Opportunities

The CSAC Mandate Services Committee recently met to discuss a hefty list of funding opportunities. The group discussed new mandates and several legal cases that may broaden mandate eligibility. While the mandate landscape can be challenging, these developments are good news for local governments.

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OPR: Got Your Expedited Solar Permitting Process?

The Governor's Office of Planning & Research (OPR) is requesting information on the progress that cities and counties are making in implementing AB 2188, the Expedited Solar Permitting Act, Government Code Section 65850.5(g).

Please share your experience with OPR by filling out an Information Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AB2188survey>

The Survey closes Friday, November 18, 2016.

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CSAC Finance Corp. Announces New Purchasing Contract with Experian & Supplier Summits

The U.S. Communities purchasing program has 40 contracts currently available to help local governments purchase what they need. However, the average California county only uses two contracts, potentially leaving significant savings on the table. Counties can realize more savings if they take advantage of more of the supplier contracts. This no-cost program is available to all counties, cities, special districts, and non-profits and offers the lowest local government pricing on all contract items.

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BSCC to Meet Re: Financing for Adult Criminal Justice Facilities

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is holding its next SB 844 Financing for Adult Criminal Justice Facilities Executive Steering Committee meeting on Thursday, November

10, at the BSCC headquarters starting at 9:00 am.

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Judicial Council Acts on Trial Court Funding, Judgeship Needs

During its most recent public meeting, the Judicial Council heard, considered, or took action on a variety of issues relative to the administration of justice. Many of them have direct impact on counties.

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Comments Requested – New Reporting Requirements for Debt Issuance

The California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC) is asking for stakeholder comments on a [proposed approach to collecting debt issuance information](#). [Senate Bill 1029 \(Hertzberg\)](#), signed into law this year, requires state and local agencies to submit annual reports to CDIAC detailing debt issuance, outstanding debt, and use of bond proceeds over the reporting period. These newly required reports are in addition to existing reports currently required for the State Controller's Office and CDIAC.

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CESA Honors Jerry Quinn

Jerry Quinn (Consultant, Gerard J Quinn & Associates), a long-time friend and technical resource for CSAC, was the recent recipient of the California Emergency Services Association's (CESA) President's Award. Jerry was honored for three decades of service and dedication to emergency management.

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From Our Blog: I Hope to See You in Riverside County!

By Richard Forster

One of the best things about being the President of CSAC is hosting our Annual Meeting coming up in Palm Springs in Riverside County. CSAC's leadership and staff have put a lot of thought and effort into making this a great meeting and the only thing I can think of that would make it any better is for you to decide to attend, if you haven't already done so. It runs the week after Thanksgiving, from November 29 through December 1.

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CSAC Webinar: The Future of First 5-Expanding Early Childhood Systems

How can counties plan together with their First 5 partners to reduce duplication, focus on the highest risk families, and expand access to essential supports? What are the prospects for other funding to sustain and expand our early childhood systems?

[Register for CSAC's next webinar](#) to join our expert presenter as she answers these questions and gives an update on changes to the programs the future may hold.

Date: November 16, 2016

Time: 1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

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Click [here](#) to see the latest county and local government job postings.



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