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## 2016 Report: Local Roads Continue to Crumble

CSAC and several partners released the 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Report (2016 Report) this week and it confirms that the local backbone of the statewide transportation system continues to decline. The report also indicates that waiting any longer to begin addressing the revenue shortfall will only add to the long-term costs. The full assessment can be found at [www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org](http://www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org).

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## CSAC Advocacy Spotlight Video: Transportation Funding

Check out this video to see how CSAC has been working to obtain more funding for transportation Infrastructure.

[Video Here](#)

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## CSAC's Guide to Ballot Measures

Now that mail ballots have been mailed, voting begins in earnest. And while many counties have local measures that could change the way the county is run, the state ballot features 17 measures that could change things for everyone.

The CSAC Board of Directors has taken positions on six of this November's measures due to their effects on county programs or finances. Without further ado:

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## A Tool Kit To Close California's Housing Gap

As California continues to grapple with an acute affordable housing crisis, all levels of government are looking at ways to rethink affordable housing financing and also the regulatory environment which can either help or hinder housing production. Affordable housing was one of the main topics during the 2016 legislative session and while some progress was made on issues like density bonus, accessory dwelling units, and unlocking the potential for housing on existing properties with existing uses, larger issues remain unresolved.

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## California Housing Supply at Historic Low

Remember musical chairs, that staple of childhood birthday parties? All the kids walk around a bunch of chairs and when the adult stops the music everybody sits down. Except that there aren't enough chairs and whoever is left standing is out. Then another chair is taken away and the whole thing starts over until only one kid is left.

It turns out our parents were teaching us an important lesson about the California housing market.

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## Recent Ruling Clarifies Mello-Roos Issue

A [recent appellate court ruling](#) is full of good news for local governments: Mello-Roos districts formed by a landowner vote may be used to support increased demand for previously existing services. Additionally, the ruling found that Mello-Roos taxes can support multiple governmental services and still maintain "special tax" status, so long as the money is not available for general purposes.

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## Data: Not Just a Star Trek Android Anymore

### *CSAC Releases New Data Tool for Counties*

As data becomes more available, it also becomes a more important resource for counties in making major policy and budget decisions. The problem is that county-related data is scattered. A few datasets are on this state agency's website, another somewhere else. Some of it is available as a spreadsheet, but some is only in pdf.

The [DataPile](#) is CSAC's new collection of up-to-date, county-by-county data sets, gathered

from a wide variety of publicly available sources.

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## **Behavioral Health 2014-15 Growth Funding Sent to Counties**

Counties are receiving their portion of \$117 million in 2014–15 Behavioral Health growth funding this week.

The one-year growth allocation formula for 2014–15 revenues is based on actual claims from the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) and Drug Medi-Cal programs through June 2016.

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## **DHCS Releases Analysis of Final CMS Managed Care Rule**

The Department of Health Care Services has released a list of [background documents](#) on the controversial Final Rule on Managed Care approved earlier this year by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

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## **Administration of Justice News Briefs**

**BSCC Holds Two Upcoming Executive Steering Committee Meetings**

**Upcoming Webinar on Human Trafficking and Victimization**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance Launches Police–Mental Health Collaboration Toolkit**

**California Budget and Policy Center: State and County Spending on Incarceration and Crime**

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## **Keynote Speaker Invites You to Attend Upcoming CSAC Annual Meeting**

Chris Gardner, best-selling author of “The Pursuit of Happiness,” will help kick off the [122nd CSAC Annual Meeting](#) next month in Palm Springs, Riverside County.

In this [short video](#), he invites county officials to join him at the conference.

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## **CSAC Institute’s November Course Schedule**

The CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government has a terrific slate of courses planned for November. Course topics range from leadership and managing conflict to evidence-based results and the New Supervisors Institute. These classes will fill quickly! Read on for details.

[Download the Course Schedule](#) for more details on all the classes offered by CSAC Institute and Register Now. Classes open to all county staff and elected officials. Classes are an affordable \$129 each and include class materials and lunch. Discounts for multiple registrations.

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# From Our Blog: Extending Laura's Law

By Helen Thomson

I spent most of my adult life in public service and I can tell you that the work we do is not always permanent. As a Yolo County Supervisor and a member of the State Legislature, I helped set public policy on many different issues; but many laws or ordinances are designed with a “sunset.” Putting an automatic expiration date on a new idea makes some people feel better about their vote because there’s a fail-safe if there are unintended consequences.

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## Job Openings

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

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