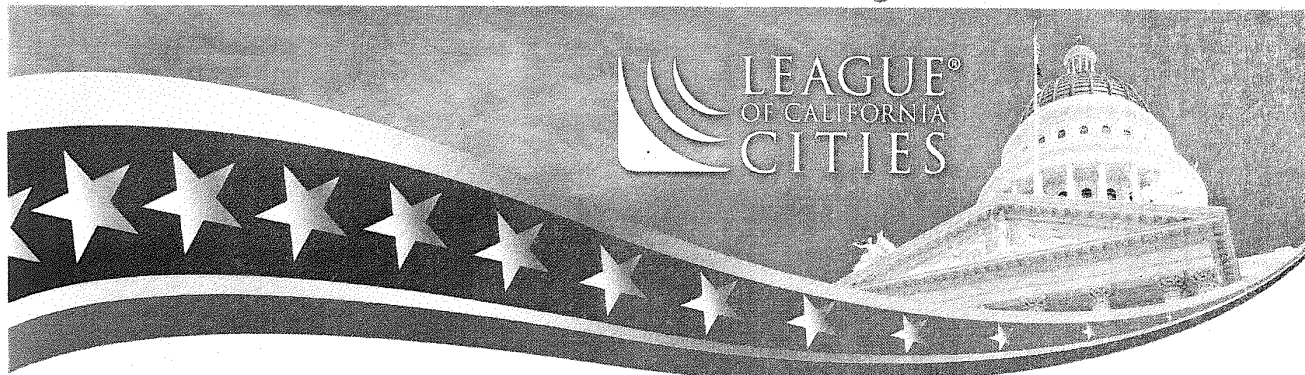


2016 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE



Candidate Name: Bill Halldin Position You Are Running For: Assembly Dist. 6
Political Party Affiliation: Republican Are You an Incumbent: Yes No

INTRODUCTION: Candidates for the state legislature in 2016 are respectfully requested to answer these questions relevant to the respective and often complementary roles of the state and city governments in California. While the League does not itself endorse candidates, the responses to this questionnaire will be shared with elected city officials in each legislative district for consideration in their own endorsement decisions as well as posted on the League website. Thank you for your participation. Please email your response to Bismarck@cacities.org or by fax to 916-658-8240 by no later than March 31. If you have any questions, please contact: League Public Affairs Director Bismarck Obando at Bismarck@cacities.org or 916-658-8273.

LOCAL CONTROL. The relationship between the state and cities functions best as a partnership where major policy issues are approached by the state with careful consideration of the varied conditions among the state's 482 cities and an appreciation of the importance of retaining local flexibility to tailor policies to reflect local needs and circumstances. Still, at times, cities have to respond to state legislation they believe undermines the principle of "local control" over important issues such as land use, housing, finance, infrastructure, elections, labor relations and other issues directly affecting cities. What is your perspective on local control and state preemption of local control? *(Please explain).*

As a general principle, I favor local control over the matters outlined below. Too often, the only time local governments are given control is when the state abrogates its responsibilities and leaves them for local governments to handle. In recent years, I think this has been manifested through AB109 and a misprioritization of transportation funds -- leaving local governments with the financial responsibility that should more appropriately be funded by state government.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING. Cities and counties are struggling with a \$78 billion, 10-year maintenance funding deficit for the local streets and roads system. This amount is needed simply to maintain existing infrastructure; delaying these repairs by just 10 years would increase the deficit to \$99 billion. Meanwhile, millions of cars, trucks, busses and other vehicles have been added in California, utilizing our already over-burdened transportation network. At the same time, gas tax revenues (that benefit both the state and local system) have not been raised since 1994; they have been eroded by inflation, expanded use of electric and more efficient vehicles, and more recently declined 26% since Fiscal Year 2013-14. How would you support addressing this infrastructure funding deficit?

- Additional state gas or other vehicle taxes: Yes No
- Additional state user fees (similar to the vehicle registration fee): Yes No
- Expanded local authority to raise taxes and fees locally: Yes No
- Return transportation funding from General Fund (\$1 billion/yr.) and reform CalTRANS: Yes No
- Combination of approaches: Yes No
- Other approaches? *(Please explain)*

Transportation funding should be a core priority of state government. Particularly in times of surpluses, the state should make significant investments in necessary infrastructure like roads and bridges. We should not assume we are limited to only gas tax funds.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING. With the loss of \$1 billion in redevelopment funding that previously went to affordable housing and the exhaustion of past state affordable housing bond funds, California has virtually no resources to construct affordable housing. Affordable units often require additional public subsidy so that rents and/or purchase prices can be made affordable to low and moderate income households. What is your solution to the affordable housing crisis?

- Allocate a portion of state general fund dollars for affordable housing: Yes No
- Establish a new permanent source of affordable housing funding from a new revenue source such as a recently contemplated \$75 state tax or fee on various real estate instruments: Yes No
- Establish a local-state matching program, where local funding commitments to affordable housing are matched dollar-for-dollar with a state contribution: Yes No
- Reduce the regulatory burden on housing production imposed by CEQA and other regulations: Yes No

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- * Combination of these approaches: Yes No
- * Other approaches? *(Please explain)*

We need to look at all the impediments that slow and restrict affordable housing.

WATER CONSERVATION AND STORMWATER. Faced with the ongoing drought and increasing federal and state clean water regulations, local governments have struggled to enforce water conservation requirements and remove contaminants from stormwater and urban water runoff without reducing funding for public safety and other general fund commitments. How should the state assist cities with this challenge?

- * Providing increased grants through state bonds financed from the state General Fund: Yes No
- * Providing cities and other water agencies with increased flexibility to implement water conservation rate pricing and raise funds locally: Yes No
- * Combination of these approaches: Yes No
- * Some other approaches? *(Please explain)*

The state's one-size-fits-all approach to water conservation fails to take into account the investments that cities and water agencies have made in preparing for droughts. The governor's emergency order last year ignored huge investments -- sometimes billions of dollars -- that were made. We need better water management efforts and to steer clear of these emergency measures that impose unnecessary burdens on local agencies -- and their residents.

Candidate Signature: _____

Bill Halder