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Making California's Governments Work

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- 1. Proactively and productively engage the public
- 2. Reduce the amount of government
- 3. Realign service delivery along rational lines
- 4. Promote accountability and responsibility of government
 - > Develop and implement a strategic plan
 - > Strengthen constitutional home rule protection for local government
 - > Restore majority rule
 - > Provide greater flexibility in local administration and the use of local revenues
 - > Evaluate program effectiveness of regulatory agencies
 - > Revise reorganizational laws
 - > Reform land use policies to facilitate development
 - > Modify constitutional restrictions that create inequity, preclude accountability and block effective management of the public's resources
 - > Reform special district enterprise funding
 - > Review county roles and responsibilities
- 5. Work within available resources
 - > Maintain current funding levels
 - > Maximize pursuit of federal reimbursement of federal mandates
 - > Make mandate reimbursement laws meaningful
- 6. Provide incentives for balanced development
 - > Reduce the reliance of cities on sales tax revenues
 - > Restore the property tax share taken from cities and utilize some portion of increased personal income tax to establish incentives for further job creation.
- 7. Modify the revenue structure to reflect changes in the State's basic economy
 - > Broaden the sales tax base to include services
- 8. Strive for understandability
 - > LCC should coordinate with CSAC, School Boards Assn, etc.

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