

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER W-60-93

WHEREAS, California has grown and changed from a rural state with sparse population to a state with large urbanized areas, now home to more than 30 million people; and

WHEREAS, local government, being the level of government closest to the people, provides essential services like public safety, clean water, land use regulation and such other services as determined to be appropriate by the taxpayers and voters of local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, growth and change in California over the past century have resulted in changes to civic and social organization, as well as to the character, function, and structure of government agencies; and

WHEREAS, local government now consists of thousands of separate governmental agencies, including but not limited to special districts, councils of governments, cities, counties, single-purpose regional boards, and boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, laws, structures and jurisdictions of local government often overlap, duplicate and conflict unnecessarily because of the incremental development of organizations over time; and

WHEREAS, Californians recognize that a careful evaluation of the relationships between units of government at the local level and between the state and all levels of local government could achieve cost savings, greater efficiency and effectiveness, and improved accountability;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETE WILSON, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue this order to become effective immediately:

1. The Governor's Local Government Policy Council is hereby created.
2. The purpose of this Council is to solicit, analyze and develop proposals for restructuring local government in California to meet the needs of communities, within the fiscal capacity of the tax base.
3. The Council will be comprised of the Director of the Department of Finance, the Secretary of State and Consumer Services, the Secretary of Health and Welfare, and the Governor's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.

4. The Local Government Policy Council shall consult with cities and counties, other levels of government, California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities, their individual members, and other organizations as deemed appropriate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of the State of
California to be affixed this 27th day of
August 1993.

Governor of California

ATTEST:

Secretary of State