



# LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION

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The Honorable Bob Wieckowski  
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## RE: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 448 (WIECKOWSKI)

Joshua LaFarga

Chad Mayes  
*Assemblymember*

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

Don Perata

Bill Quirk  
*Assemblymember*

The Little Hoover Commission supports Senate Bill 448, the measure you authored to provide Local Area Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) the statutory authority to conduct reviews of inactive special districts and to dissolve them without the action being subject to protest and a costly election process.

Richard Roth  
*Senator*

Janna Sidley

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Carole D'Elia  
*Executive Director*

On Thursday, August 24, 2017, the Little Hoover Commission adopted recommendations after completing a year-long study on special districts. In its review, the Commission found numerous barriers that make it difficult for LAFCOs to initiate dissolutions or consolidations of special districts when deemed necessary and appropriate.

The Commission found that there has been no formal review to determine the number of inactive special districts – those that hold no meetings and conduct no public business. Rough estimates gauge the number to be in the dozens. Simplifying the LAFCOs' legal dissolution process would represent a significant step toward trimming district rolls in California. The Commission recommended that the Legislature enact and the Governor sign SB 448.

Because SB 448 gives LAFCOs the authority to efficiently eliminate inactive special districts, the Commission supports the measure. If I or the Commission can provide any further assistance or expertise, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carole D'Elia".

Carole D'Elia  
Executive Director

c: Commissioners, Little Hoover Commission