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Assembly Chamber, Sacramento October 15, 2007

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 59, the following Assembly Journal for the 2007–08 Regular Session was printed while the Assembly was in Interim Recess.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was presented by the Chief Clerk, and ordered printed in the Journal:

October 4, 2007

E. Dotson Wilson Assembly Chief Clerk State Capitol, Room 3196 Sacramento, California

RE: Per Diem Rate

Dear Mr. Wilson: I understand the State Board of Control has adopted a new standard per diem rate of \$170 effective October 1, 2007. I respectfully decline the new per diem rate. Instead, please set my per diem rate at \$162, the current standard Assembly per diem rate.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 916-319-2027.

Sincerely,

JOHN LAIRD, Assembly Member Twenty-seventh District

Proposed Initiatives

The following communications were presented by the Chief Clerk from:

Toni Melton, Initiative Secretary, Department of Justice, dated October 1, 2007, transmitting copies of the title, summary and text of the following proposed initiatives pursuant to Elections Code Section 9007:

Treatment of Farm Animals. Statute. Initiative No. 07-0041

Referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Agriculture.

Toni Melton, Initiative Secretary, Department of Justice, dated October 1, 2007, transmitting copies of the title, summary and text of the following proposed initiatives pursuant to Elections Code Section 9007:

Treatment of Farm Animals. Statute. Initiative No. 07-0042

Referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Agriculture.

Toni Melton, Initiative Secretary, Department of Justice, dated October 3, 2007, transmitting copies of the title, summary and text of the following proposed initiatives pursuant to Elections Code Section 9007:

Class Action Lawsuits. Statute. Initiative No. 07-0043

Referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Judiciary.

Toni Melton, Initiative Secretary, Department of Justice, dated October 3, 2007, transmitting copies of the title, summary and text of the following proposed initiatives pursuant to Elections Code Section 9007:

Class Action Lawsuits. Non-Profit Organizations as Plaintiffs. Statute. Initiative No. 07-0044

Referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Judiciary.

Toni Melton, Initiative Secretary, Department of Justice, dated October 3, 2007, transmitting copies of the title, summary and text of the following proposed initiatives pursuant to Elections Code Section 9007:

Corporations. Shareholder Approval of Compensation. Reporting Requirements. Statute. Initiative No. 07-0045

Referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Banking and Finance.

Toni Melton, Initiative Secretary, Department of Justice, dated October 3, 2007, transmitting copies of the title, summary and text of the following proposed initiatives pursuant to Elections Code Section 9007:

Corporations. New Legal Basis to Address Corporate Fraud. Statute. Initiative No. 07-0046

Referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Judiciary.

ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT REPORTS

Assembly Chamber, September 12, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 7 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 2 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 20

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 23

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Secretary of State on the 12th day of September, 2007, at 3:15 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 13, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 87 Assembly Bill No. 483 Assembly Bill No. 89 Assembly Bill No. 485 Assembly Bill No. 106 Assembly Bill No. 546 Assembly Bill No. 174 Assembly Bill No. 597 Assembly Bill No. 187 Assembly Bill No. 641 Assembly Bill No. 238 Assembly Bill No. 702 Assembly Bill No. 752 Assembly Bill No. 438 Assembly Bill No. 475 Assembly Bill No. 797

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 13th day of September, 2007, at 1:15 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 13, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 800
Assembly Bill No. 1229
Assembly Bill No. 801
Assembly Bill No. 929
Assembly Bill No. 935
Assembly Bill No. 950
Assembly Bill No. 950
Assembly Bill No. 973
Assembly Bill No. 973
Assembly Bill No. 1512
Assembly Bill No. 986
Assembly Bill No. 1645
Assembly Bill No. 1645

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 13th day of September, 2007, at 1:15 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 13, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 1727 Assembly Bill No. 1745

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 13th day of September, 2007, at 1:15 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 14, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 62
Assembly Bill No. 122
Assembly Bill No. 125
Assembly Bill No. 126
Assembly Bill No. 126
Assembly Bill No. 183
Assembly Bill No. 188
Assembly Bill No. 188
Assembly Bill No. 216
Assembly Bill No. 249
Assembly Bill No. 249
Assembly Bill No. 249
Assembly Bill No. 288
Assembly Bill No. 504

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 14th day of September, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.

Assembly Chamber, September 14, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your	instructions, th	he Chief Clo	erk has examined:
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Assembly Bill No. 569	Assembly Bill No. 812
Assembly Bill No. 598	Assembly Bill No. 821
Assembly Bill No. 673	Assembly Bill No. 918
Assembly Bill No. 691	Assembly Bill No. 932
Assembly Bill No. 753	Assembly Bill No. 937
Assembly Bill No. 757	Assembly Bill No. 1302
Assembly Bill No. 763	

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 14th day of September, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 17, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 979	Assembly Bill No. 1135
Assembly Bill No. 1020	Assembly Bill No. 1144
Assembly Bill No. 1030	Assembly Bill No. 1151
Assembly Bill No. 1055	Assembly Bill No. 1172
Assembly Bill No. 1061	Assembly Bill No. 1224
Assembly Bill No. 1092	Assembly Bill No. 1243
Assembly Bill No. 1108	Assembly Bill No. 1260
Assembly Bill No. 1123	Assembly Bill No. 1322

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 17th day of September, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 17, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 1371	Assembly Bill No. 1515
Assembly Bill No. 1429	Assembly Bill No. 1539
Assembly Bill No. 1437	Assembly Bill No. 1568
Assembly Bill No. 1447	Assembly Bill No. 1707
Assembly Bill No. 1448	Assembly Bill No. 1747
Assembly Bill No. 1509	•

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 17th day of September, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 18, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 45	Assembly Bill No. 566
Assembly Bill No. 192	Assembly Bill No. 587
Assembly Bill No. 195	Assembly Bill No. 666
Assembly Bill No. 258	Assembly Bill No. 668
Assembly Bill No. 282	Assembly Bill No. 701
Assembly Bill No. 340	Assembly Bill No. 758
Assembly Bill No. 382	Assembly Bill No. 761
Assembly Bill No. 554	Assembly Bill No. 779

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 18th day of September, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.

Assembly Chamber, September 18, 2007

Assembly Bill No. 1192
Assembly Bill No. 1280
Assembly Bill No. 1281
Assembly Bill No. 1713
Assembly Bill No. 1729
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And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 18th day of September, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 20, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 269		Assembly Bill No. 532
Assembly Bill No. 298		Assembly Bill No. 537
Assembly Bill No. 399		Assembly Bill No. 650
Assembly Bill No. 402		Assembly Bill No. 754
Assembly Bill No. 423		Assembly Bill No. 798
Assembly Bill No. 466		Assembly Bill No. 1063
Assembly Bill No. 467		Assembly Bill No. 1080
Assembly Bill No. 508		Assembly Bill No. 1199

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 20th day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 20, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined: Assembly Bill No. 1226 Assembly Bill No. 1430

Assembly Bill No. 1269
Assembly Bill No. 1298
Assembly Bill No. 1344
Assembly Bill No. 1344
Assembly Bill No. 1642

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 20th day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 21, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 11 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 66

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 67 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 68

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 71

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 72

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Secretary of State on the 21st day of September, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 21, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 81
Assembly Bill No. 144
Assembly Bill No. 144
Assembly Bill No. 198
Assembly Bill No. 262
Assembly Bill No. 384
Assembly Bill No. 384
Assembly Bill No. 384
Assembly Bill No. 384
Assembly Bill No. 1104
Assembly Bill No. 463
Assembly Bill No. 538
Assembly Bill No. 538
Assembly Bill No. 1165
Assembly Bill No. 679
Assembly Bill No. 1168

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the $21st\ day$ of September, 2007, at $3:45\ p.m$.

Assembly Chamber, September 21, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 1460	Assembly Bill No. 1705
Assembly Bill No. 1471	Assembly Bill No. 1710
Assembly Bill No. 1559	Assembly Bill No. 1731
Assembly Bill No. 1613	Assembly Bill No. 1733
Assembly Bill No. 1618	Assembly Bill No. 1734

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 21st day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 21, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 28

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Secretary of State on the 21st day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 24, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 18	Assembly Bill No. 449
Assembly Bill No. 102	Assembly Bill No. 527
Assembly Bill No. 136	Assembly Bill No. 609
Assembly Bill No. 196	Assembly Bill No. 617
Assembly Bill No. 221	Assembly Bill No. 629
Assembly Bill No. 383	Assembly Bill No. 632
Assembly Bill No. 428	Assembly Bill No. 639
Assembly Bill No. 434	Assembly Bill No. 687

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor at the 24th day of September, 2007, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 24, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined: Assembly Bill No. 741 Assembly Bill No. 958

Assembly Bill No. 695 Assembly Bill No. 709 Assembly Bill No. 740

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 24th day of September, 2007, at 4 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 25, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 829 Assembly Bill No. 1317 Assembly Bill No. 878 Assembly Bill No. 1368 Assembly Bill No. 945 Assembly Bill No. 1477 Assembly Bill No. 959 Assembly Bill No. 1484 Assembly Bill No. 1178 Assembly Bill No. 1606 Assembly Bill No. 1212 Assembly Bill No. 1683 Assembly Bill No. 1219 Assembly Bill No. 1749

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 25th day of September, 2007, at 11 a.m.

Assembly Chamber, September 25, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 64 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 74 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 18 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 34

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Secretary of State on the 25th day of September, 2007, at 1:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 26, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:
Assembly Bill No. 7
Assembly Bill No. 12
Assembly Bill No. 14
Assembly Bill No. 15
Assembly Bill No. 15
Assembly Bill No. 34
Assembly Bill No. 34
Assembly Bill No. 35
Assembly Bill No. 35
Assembly Bill No. 48
Assembly Bill No. 48
Assembly Bill No. 57
Assembly Bill No. 176

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 26th day of September, 2007, at 1:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 26, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 295
Assembly Bill No. 373
Assembly Bill No. 610
Assembly Bill No. 765
Assembly Bill No. 765
Assembly Bill No. 785
Assembly Bill No. 785
Assembly Bill No. 1288
Assembly Bill No. 1397

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 26th day of September, 2007, at 1:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 27, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 118
Assembly Bill No. 124
Assembly Bill No. 124
Assembly Bill No. 263
Assembly Bill No. 260
Assembly Bill No. 220
Assembly Bill No. 234
Assembly Bill No. 234
Assembly Bill No. 236
Assembly Bill No. 236
Assembly Bill No. 241
Assembly Bill No. 377
Assembly Bill No. 252
Assembly Bill No. 392

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 27th day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 27, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 394
Assembly Bill No. 398
Assembly Bill No. 400
Assembly Bill No. 400
Assembly Bill No. 452
Assembly Bill No. 452
Assembly Bill No. 484
Assembly Bill No. 662
Assembly Bill No. 665
Assembly Bill No. 665
Assembly Bill No. 1148
Assembly Bill No. 773
Assembly Bill No. 1253

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 27th day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

Assembly Chamber, September 27, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to	your instructions,	the Chief	Clerk has	examined:
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Assembly Bill No. 1259	Assembly Bill No. 1379
Assembly Bill No. 1273	Assembly Bill No. 1396
Assembly Bill No. 1291	Assembly Bill No. 1404
Assembly Bill No. 1294	Assembly Bill No. 1420
Assembly Bill No. 1310	Assembly Bill No. 1488
Assembly Bill No. 1328	Assembly Bill No. 1494
Assembly Bill No. 1331	Assembly Bill No. 1616
Assembly Bill No. 1347	Assembly Bill No. 1636

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 27th day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 27, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 1663 Assembly Bill No. 1673 Assembly Bill No. 1743

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 27th day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 28, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 3	Assembly Bill No. 356
Assembly Bill No. 44	Assembly Bill No. 414
Assembly Bill No. 156	Assembly Bill No. 574
Assembly Bill No. 182	Assembly Bill No. 608
Assembly Bill No. 191	Assembly Bill No. 614
Assembly Bill No. 193	Assembly Bill No. 658
Assembly Bill No. 194	Assembly Bill No. 715
Assembly Bill No. 347	Assembly Bill No. 739

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 28th day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 28, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 764	Assembly Bill No. 1025
Assembly Bill No. 765	Assembly Bill No. 1049
Assembly Bill No. 771	Assembly Bill No. 1056
Assembly Bill No. 828	Assembly Bill No. 1058
Assembly Bill No. 833	Assembly Bill No. 1079
Assembly Bill No. 917	Assembly Bill No. 1164
Assembly Bill No. 962	Assembly Bill No. 1187
Assembly Bill No. 1014	Assembly Bill No. 1274

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 28th day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 28, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 1032

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 28th day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

Assembly Chamber, September 28, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 1381	Assembly Bill No. 1492
Assembly Bill No. 1382	Assembly Bill No. 1542
Assembly Bill No. 1406	Assembly Bill No. 1585
Assembly Bill No. 1426	Assembly Bill No. 1617
Assembly Bill No. 1438	Assembly Bill No. 1670
Assembly Bill No. 1450	Assembly Bill No. 1687
Assembly Bill No. 1473	Assembly Bill No. 1689
Assembly Bill No. 1481	•

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 28th day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, September 28, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 1721 Assembly Bill No. 1739

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 28th day of September, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, October 1, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 5

Assembly Bill No. 101

Assembly Bill No. 1339

Assembly Bill No. 358

Assembly Bill No. 1402

Assembly Bill No. 649

Assembly Bill No. 649

Assembly Bill No. 682

Assembly Bill No. 941

Assembly Bill No. 941

Assembly Bill No. 1427

Assembly Bill No. 1130

Assembly Bill No. 1453

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 1st day of October, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, October 1, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 1470

Assembly Bill No. 1521

Assembly Bill No. 1528

Assembly Bill No. 1528

Assembly Bill No. 1531

Assembly Bill No. 1531

Assembly Bill No. 1540

Assembly Bill No. 1571

Assembly Bill No. 1571

Assembly Bill No. 1612

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 1st day of October, 2007, at 3:45 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, October 2, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:
Assembly Bill No. 8
Assembly Bill No. 43
Assembly Bill No. 110
Assembly Bill No. 921

Assembly Bill No. 110
Assembly Bill No. 921
Assembly Bill No. 159
Assembly Bill No. 233
Assembly Bill No. 233
Assembly Bill No. 277
Assembly Bill No. 289
Assembly Bill No. 289
Assembly Bill No. 1053
Assembly Bill No. 684
Assembly Bill No. 1073

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 2nd day of October, 2007, at 10:45 a.m.

Assembly Chamber, October 2, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Bill No. 1103 Assembly Bill No. 1248 Assembly Bill No. 1113 Assembly Bill No. 1543 Assembly Bill No. 1184 Assembly Bill No. 1548 Assembly Bill No. 1220 Assembly Bill No. 1560

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 2nd day of October, 2007, at 10:45 a.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, October 2, 2007

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 55

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 56 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 70

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 73

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 75 Assembly Joint Resolution No. 27

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 28

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 32

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Secretary of State on the 2nd day of October, 2007, at 2 p.m.

E. DOTSON WILSON, Chief Clerk

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor were received and ordered printed in the Journal:

Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 1723

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1723 to modernize California's laws governing interest on lawyer trust accounts (IOLTA).

When the IOLTA concept was introduced 25 years ago, interest-bearing checking accounts were the only instruments available that were deemed appropriate for holding IOLTA funds. In the ensuing decades, banks have introduced new products that offer much higher interest rates while at the same time providing equivalent levels of safety and liquidity to the customer.

This bill also provides increased funding opportunities for legal aid programs. Expanding the reach of legal services for the poor will not only benefit those who are able to obtain legal assistance, but will also benefit the courts by alleviating some of the burdens imposed by litigants who are currently forced to represent themselves.

For these reasons, I am signing this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 159

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 159.

California continues to suffer from a severe shortage of trial court judgeships and the ramifications are serious and far-reaching. Ultimately, this shortage results in decreased access to the courts,

compromised public safety, an unstable business climate, and, in some courts, enormous backlogs that inhibit fair, timely and equitable justice. This bill will add 50 new superior court judgeships and authorize the conversion of 146 existing subordinate judicial officer positions to judgeships.

While I am signing this bill to address this critical need in our judicial system, I am doing so with the understanding that the author will fix a minor technical issue related to the agency at the State Bar responsible

for the evaluation of judicial candidates.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 617

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 617 because it will allow the state more flexibility in establishing financial protections for information technology contracts. However, the language crafted in this bill is technically incorrect, in that it requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to consult with the Department of Finance (DOF) to develop and maintain criteria for the evaluation of risk to the State that results from the acquisition of information technology by June 1, 2008. Pursuant to current law, Chapter 183, Statutes of 2007, nearly all the employees and responsibilities of the DOF's Office of Technology, Review and Oversight are to be transferred to the State Chief Information Officer (OCIO) on January 1, 2008.

Therefore, I am directing the DGS to coordinate these activities with the OCIO and DOF. I also note that the development and maintenance of risk assessment results may be delayed until a framework of information technology oversight is in place, and appropriate resources are available to address this work load at OCIO and DOF.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 1253

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California Legislature:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1253 because of the urgent need for the City of Soledad and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to address the waste water treatment issues in this area. However, I am directing the Department of General Services to enter into a long-term lease with the City of Soledad and not transfer this property until such time a CEQA exemption is provided in legislation.

This is surplus property and should typically be included in the DGS omnibus surplus property bill. As I have stated repeatedly over the past two years, there is no reason to apply CEQA to properties that are being sold. CEQA is properly applied when the use and zoning of property is changed. This transaction does neither therefore an exemption is justified.

Sincerely,

Governor's Message—Assembly Bill No. 1108

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1108, which would restrict a group of chemicals called phthalates, a type of plasticizer, from use in children's toys and child care articles.

While I believe the circumstances related to phthalates warrant taking action now, I do not believe that addressing this type of concern in the Legislature on a chemical by chemical, product by product basis is the best or most effective way to make chemical policy in California. I strongly believe there needs to be a systematic way to address these types of concerns where California's scientists can work together with experts from throughout the world to evaluate the health effect of chemicals, assess the risks they pose, and ensure that the safety of possible alternatives receives the same consideration.

I am looking forward to the recommendations being developed as part of the Green Chemistry Initiative led by my Secretary for Environmental Protection. I encourage the Legislature and all California stakeholders to participate in this important initiative so that we can develop policies that will again allow California to lead the nation and the world in health and environmental protection.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

The following veto messages from the Governor were received and ordered printed in the Journal and the bills ordered to the unfinished business file:

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 483

Governor's Office, Sacramento September 26, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 483 without my signature.

This bill would allow the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to conduct a study on the effectiveness of public contract limits as they apply to community college districts. Nothing in current law prohibits the Board of Governors from conducting such a study. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Governor's Office, Sacramento September 26, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 553 without my signature.

This bill would provide the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) with exclusive authority to determine whether public health and safety would be at risk in strike or lockout situations. Doing so would add an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy and potentially place the public at risk.

Cities and counties have common law and statutory authority over matters of public health and safety. When local governments seek injunctive relief from a strike, they are doing so because of a potential threat to the public health and safety of citizens. It is therefore imperative that local governments have access to immediate injunctive relief from superior courts during strike situations. As the courts are sufficiently suited to address matters of public health and safety, there is no reason to force decisions on injunctive relief into the slower PERB process.

For these reasons I am returning this bill without my signature. Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 26th day of September at 2:30 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 483 and 553 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Mikhael Skvarla.

LAWRENCE A. MURMAN Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 365

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 5, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 365 without my signature.

I am supportive of efforts to align state workforce needs with program development at postsecondary education institutions. However, statutory authority is not necessary for the California Postsecondary Education Commission to meet the objective of convening meetings with the relevant entities, and developing recommendations. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

For this and other reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 5th day of October at 2:45 p.m., of Assembly Bill 365 without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Mikhael Skvarla.

LAWRENCE A. MURMAN Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 174

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 174 without my signature.

This bill would authorize the State Personnel Board to award reasonable attorneys fees and costs when the Board finds that a state civil service employee has suffered discrimination.

This is the third time I have vetoed legislation containing this provision. The majority of state employees are represented by their union or excluded employee organization in matters before the State Personnel Board. In addition, employees have the option of pursuing claims in other venues that allow for the awarding of attorneys fees. For these reasons, I maintain my position that this bill is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 182

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 182 without my signature.

While I support improved quality for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers and training activities, I cannot support this bill as it is unnecessary. California can already develop training standards for IHSS providers administratively at both the state and local levels. This bill could lead to the development of dozens of different training standards across the state. I believe consistent training standards can be more effectively developed at the state level. To that end, I am directing the Department of Social Services, in consultation with consumers, counties and other key stakeholders, to establish appropriate training standards for IHSS providers administratively to the extent resources are available to accomplish this task.

For these reasons, I am returning AB 182 without my signature. Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 238

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 238 without my signature.

I strongly support the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program which provides services to low-income aged, blind or disabled persons

so they can remain safely in homes. My Administration has worked hard to secure more than 1.7 billion in federal funds to protect these important services. However, I cannot support expanding the program's scope to include reading services. This expansion would add more than one million dollars in new costs at a time of ongoing budget challenges. We must balance our need for important program services with our fiscal reality.

For these reasons, I am returning AB 238 without my signature. Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 319

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 319 without my signature.

This bill would establish a California Tsunami Steering Committee to guide tsunami hazard preparedness activities in the state and would require the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to establish a statewide tsunami hazard mitigation program to maintain consistent planning efforts regarding preparation, communication, response and mitigation in the event of a damaging tsunami.

OES has had a tsunami program in place since 1994 that addresses most of the components described in this bill. The OES currently has authority to conduct these activities. Further, this legislation could create a burden on the State General Fund when federal funds are no longer available.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 343

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 343 without my signature.

As I stated when I vetoed AB 1840 last year and AB 89 in 2005, compiling a report of California employers with more than 25 employees whose employees or their dependents are enrolled in public health insurance programs, would provide little value and fail to account for the complex and multi-faceted decision-making process that employees and employers consider when choosing health insurance. As crafted, this bill would yield incomplete information, based on data that most likely can not be verified, and include only a subset of employers, employees and their families. In addition, this bill would cost several million dollars to implement and would unnecessarily increase costs at a time of budget challenges. For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 494 without my signature.

Although I support granting greater flexibility to high-performing schools and districts, provisions of this bill are unnecessary. Current law already authorizes the State Board of Education to waive restrictive program requirements for high-performing schools. Additionally, the California Department of Education already notifies districts more than 60 days in advance if it will be conducting a review of their categorical programs.

State policymakers should have a real discussion on what kind of autonomy and flexibility, beyond simply waiving program review, high-performing districts can earn for providing quality educational delivery that leads to higher student achievement.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 665

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 665 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to produce a report regarding growth management. However, some of the criteria called for in the report would require data which would be problematic, if not impossible, to gather. Also, while the bill provides that the report is only required to the extent funding is available, the bill requires HCD to make efforts to obtain the needed funding. This provision would place unnecessary pressure on HCD's general fund programs. If HCD were successful in obtaining the necessary funds, they could be better spent on activities that would help alleviate California's affordable housing crisis.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 701

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 701 without my signature.

This bill allows for various methods for the doubling of the compensation paid to city council members. One of these methods is the simple passage of an ordinance by the very council members who will

receive the higher compensation. Our city councils are one of our society's most direct links between citizens and their government. Therefore, the citizens must be given the opportunity to decide through a vote of the people whether their city council members should be compensated at a higher rate. Under this bill, the compensation can be increased one-hundred percent without such a vote. Current law already provides reasonable flexibility for cities to increase the compensation if its citizens see fit.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 834

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 834 without my signature.

Preventing and reducing oral disease among school-age children is an important goal. Last year, I signed legislation to require that children enrolled in kindergarten have an oral health assessment to better prevent oral health problems and contribute to a child's success in school.

While I am supportive of the author's goal, I am unable to sign this bill as it creates fiscal pressure and provisions of the bill can be more effectively done administratively. Therefore, I am directing the Department of Public Health to work with stakeholders to develop and implement efforts to simplify contracting, encourage providers to improve coordination with and access to existing dental coverage, and to continue to improve the California Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 881

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 881 without my signature.

Along with every Californian, I share a genuine concern for the safety and well being of young passengers traveling in motor vehicles with their parents. Ultimately, it has to be the parents who are responsible for their children's safety.

In my veto message last year on this same subject (AB 2108), I stated my belief that the way to protect children was through efforts focused on the education and enforcement of existing laws not the addition of new ones. I have not changed my mind.

Parents set the example for their children and the first rule of car seat safety is to buckle up. In 2006, California achieved a seat belt use rate of 93.4 percent, and parents who use their seat belts are more likely to properly restrain their children. Vital keys to successfully protecting our children are the continuation of high visibility law enforcement campaigns such as "Click It or Ticket It" and educational campaigns designed to instruct parents on the proper use of child restraint systems and seat belts.

Rather than repeatedly passing new laws in response to the age, height or weight factors of our children and modifying legal requirements, a better strategy is to move towards full compliance with the laws we already have.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 10th day of October at 3:35 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 174, 182, 238, 319, 343, 494, 665, 701, 834 and 881 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

E. DOTSON WILSON Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 922

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 922 without my signature.

I am committed to this bill's goal of improving traffic flow on the streets of Los Angeles. I have demonstrated this through my support of the \$127 million in new Proposition 1B funds for Los Angeles local streets and roads and the recent awarding of \$150 million to the City of Los Angeles for stoplight synchronization.

Given that this bill imposes a reimbursable local mandate that must be supported by the General Fund and that much of the requested data is already available, I cannot sign this bill at this time.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 958

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 958 without my signature.

This bill contains language regarding county election officials and the operations of a marina. I am concerned that joining these two unrelated measures together in a single bill violates the single-subject rule and would provide grounds for litigation challenging the authority

of the counties to engage in the activities authorized by this bill. While I cannot sign this bill, I encourage the author to reintroduce legislation that would allow me to consider each of this measure's proposals separately.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 966

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 966 without my signature.

This bill will add costs and reduce revenues to an already stressed Motor Vehicle Account. Information on how to obtain a free senior identification card is currently made readily available by numerous senior advocacy groups and is published on the Department of Motor Vehicles website and in the official drivers' handbook. There is no need to incur further significant costs for this program as envisioned by this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 979

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 979 without my signature.

While I support maximizing federal funding and have secured more than 1.7 billion dollars in new federal funds to maintain the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, I can not support this bill as it is not necessary. The Department of Social Services can already identify and apply for any federal funds that are available to support or enhance the IHSS program.

For this reason, I am returning AB 979 without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1244

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1244 without my signature.

While this bill tries to accommodate the use of golf carts on the public streets in the City of La Verne, I believe that existing law already enables local agencies to do this through the development of a Golf Cart Transportation Plan (GCTP).

I am concerned this bill appears to try to circumvent the requirement in existing law that, in developing a GCTP a city must establish and utilize a minimum design standard for roadways where separated golf cart facilities are needed and where they are not. I am particularly concerned that AB 1244 appears to substitute a finding of the local city council, in lieu of a standard developed by a traffic engineer, in determining when a separate lane is needed.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

3484

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1281

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1281 without my signature.

This bill would unnecessarily impose additional reporting and notification requirements on charter schools. Current law already requires charter petitioners to present a sound educational program for the pupils who would enroll in the charter school and include the qualifications to be met by individuals who would be employed by the school. Furthermore, both federal and state law prohibit charter schools from discriminating against any pupil on the basis of a disability. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1339

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1339 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) to develop a problem gambling prevention program,

develop a strategic plan, and establish an advisory group.

Though I support efforts to address problem gambling, this legislation is duplicative of work being done by ADP. The Department has already established and implemented a problem gambling prevention program, developed and published a statewide strategic plan, contracted with the National Organization for Research at the University of Chicago to publish the 2006 Statewide Problem Gambling Prevalence Survey, and established an 18-member Advisory group to assist ADP with problem gambling prevention and treatment strategies.

For the reasons stated above, I cannot support AB 1339.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1379

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1379 without my signature.

Current law already required the State Board of Education (SBE), in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), to study the appropriateness of other criteria by which highly proficient

pupils who are unable to pass the California High School Exit Exam can demonstrate their competency and receive a high school diploma. The SBE determined that no other criteria are appropriate. I do not want to undermine the intent of the law that all high school graduates demonstrate satisfactory proficiency. Furthermore, nothing under current law prohibits the SPI from undertaking the provisions of this bill without statutory authorization.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1477

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 10, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1477 without my signature.

This bill imposes new continuing education requirements on individuals licensed to trap animals. Current law already requires the Department of Fish and Game (Department) to license these individuals. The proponents of this measure have not demonstrated a need for imposing a continuing education requirement. In addition, the bill is unclear as to who would provide this education and how the Department would oversee these providers. Finally, I am concerned that provisions of this bill requiring the transport of animals inadvertently trapped may conflict with existing law.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 10th day of October at 3:35 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 922, 958, 966, 979, 1244, 1281, 1339, 1379 and 1477 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

E. DOTSON WILSON Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 44

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 44 without my signature.

Recently, some absentee voters in one county received their official ballots and returned them to election officials before they received their sample ballots containing candidate statements. In order to ensure that absentee voters are able to review candidate statements before submitting their ballots, this bill would require qualified candidates' statements, which are normally mailed to voters with the sample ballots several weeks before an election, to also be distributed with absentee ballots.

This bill unnecessarily imposes additional costs on local election officials. First, the proponents have not demonstrated a widespread

problem. We should not impose additional costs on all local governments because of what thus far appears to be an isolated incident. Second, absentee voters are not forced to submit their ballot before receiving the candidate statements. Any absentee voter choosing to submit his or her ballot well before the day of the election does so knowing that all relevant information about a candidate, regardless of the source, may not be yet available. That said, the growing popularity of absentee voting warrants consideration of methods to increase efficiency in the distribution of election materials. Although I cannot support this measure, I would be open to other alternatives that do not impose unnecessary costs upon local governments.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature. Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 89

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 89 without my signature.

I strongly support the on-going effort to actively participate with local, regional, and federal agencies in the United States and Mexico to address and improve current and future transportation conditions while recognizing related security, environmental, and economic issues. Much of what is requested in this bill is currently available through a number of international, federal, and state planning and coordinating efforts. In order to avoid duplicative efforts, I am unable to sign this bill.

However, the concept of creating a better understanding of our border transportation infrastructure needs warrants further work. As such, in my capacity as the conference chairman of the 2008 Border Governors Conference, I will place this issue on the conference agenda.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 122

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 122 without my signature.

This bill requires candidates for elected office to be issued copies of the laws that prohibit voter intimidation and fraud. While this bill was introduced in response to an unacceptable case of attempted voter intimidation, I do not believe the provisions of this bill will have any actual impact on intimidation and fraud.

Candidates for office and their subordinates have a responsibility to understand applicable election laws. The recent events in Orange County were in all likelihood a result of willful misconduct rather than ignorance of the law. The appropriate response to those events is the full prosecution of those who broke the law, not passing a law to impose unnecessary requirements on election officials and law-abiding candidates.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 124

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 124 without my signature. This bill would extend the meal and rest period provisions of the California Labor Code to lifeguards and stage assistants employed by local governments.

This bill is unwarranted for two reasons. First, existing law has created confusion relative to when and how employers must provide meal periods to their employees. This confusion has resulted in countless lawsuits against employers filed under the so-called "Sue Your Boss" law, and has denied employees flexibility in determining when they will take their lunch break. Unfortunately, this bill does nothing to solve this problem but instead exacerbates it by establishing penalties for yet another group of employers.

Second, the group of employees covered by this bill are employed by public entities and covered by collective bargaining agreements. Any changes to meal period requirements for these employees should be negotiated through those agreements.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 149

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 149 without my signature.

While I strongly support efforts to improve the safety, permanency and well-being of children in California's Child Welfare Services system, I cannot support this bill. California is already a national leader in identifying relatives of children in foster care. Counties have made significant progress in more effectively identifying and locating relatives of children and youth in foster care. The state's expansion of the KinGAP program and focus on improved outcomes will support continued improvements. Given efforts to date and the Department of Social Services' existing authority to implement the activities called for in this bill administratively, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 295 without my signature.

This bill would mandate state agencies that collect demographic data regarding ethnicity to make separate classifications for specified Asian groups. I believe this bill is unnecessary and imposes additional costs on state agencies at a time the state cannot afford them.

Even as we work to move beyond divisions based on race, I recognize there are times when it is appropriate for government to sort data based on ethnicity. That is why existing law gives state agencies the flexibility to expand upon current demographic categories if necessary. Given this flexibility, this bill is unnecessary. I encourage the proponents of this measure to work with individual agencies if they believe a circumstance exists where expanding the number of ethnic categories for the purposes of data collection is warranted.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 438

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 438 without my signature.

This bill seeks to adjust the exit criteria for the II/USP and HPSGP program. School districts participate in the II/USP and HPSGP on a voluntary basis and are aware of the criteria used to determine their school's improvement and readiness to exit the program. Adjusting the exit criteria so that the average score is used will undermine the goal of achieving academic improvement for our state's struggling schools. If there are any changes to these programs, they should be made as part of a comprehensive change to align the state and federal accountability systems, not in a piecemeal approach that simply serves to lower the standards of accountability.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 484

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 484 without my signature.

I support the use of as much recycled material as possible in transportation projects and share the Legislature's intent to encourage local governments to use recycled materials in their projects. However, I believe the requirements in this bill are duplicative of current reporting requirements and would not be a prudent use of scarce transportation funds. Since 2006, the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has utilized a contract specification that requires every contractor to report on how much asphalt, concrete, and other materials are diverted from or

disposed in landfills. Caltrans will report in April 2008 on the diversion rate from its 2007 projects. As such, the report mandated by this bill is premature.

I believe it would be wasteful and unnecessary to require Caltrans to establish a duplicative system to track the disposal of concrete. These funds would be better utilized by investing in the building of transportation infrastructure.

I am instructing the appropriate agencies in my Administration to review the results of the 2007 Caltrans diversion program and recommend a future course of action based on that report.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 666

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 666 without my signature.

While I value the Home Economics Career and Technical Education Incentive program, the 2007 Budget Act did not include funding for this program. In fact, this program has not been funded since the 1998–99 budget. Therefore, this bill maintains as unfunded program and potential General Fund (Proposition 98) cost pressure annually. Without prejudice to the program, it would not be prudent to enact a sunset extension at this time.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 11th day of October at 2:50 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 44, 89, 122, 124, 149, 295, 438, 484, and 666 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

E. DOTSON WILSON Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 684

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 684 without my signature.

As I indicated last year, I appreciate and applaud the Legislature's interest in actually expanding California's economy; however, I am concerned about the impact of the particular type of expansion that is being proposed. I recognize and am proud of the fact that California is a national and world leader in the production of high-quality agricultural commodities. Our state has a rich agricultural environment and we must strive to protect and promote farming, ranching and agri-business in California, while preserving natural resources and protecting consumers.

Given these facts, I would like to support the expansion of a new agricultural commodity in this State. Unfortunately, I am very concerned that this bill would give legitimate growers a false sense of security and a belief that production of "industrial hemp" is somehow a legal activity under federal law.

Under federal law, all cannabis plants, regardless of variety or THC content, are simply considered to be "marijuana", which is a federally regulated controlled substance. Any person in the United States that wishes to grow cannabis plants for any purpose, including industrial purposes, must first obtain permission and register with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Failure to do so would be a violation of federal law and could subject an individual to criminal penalties.

In addition, California law enforcement has expressed concerns that implementation of this measure could place a drain on their resources and cause significant problems with drug enforcement activities. This is troubling given the needs in this state for the eradication and prevention of drug production.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 773

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 773 without my signature.

This bill would unnecessarily allow absentee ballots to be returned to any polling place in the state.

Absentee voters already have sufficient options for returning their ballot. If they choose not to return their ballot by mail, they can return it to any polling place in their home county. This is ample flexibility. While it may be convenient for a small number of voters to return their ballots in counties other than their county of residence, the extra costs to counties and inherent delays associated with this measure do not justify the provisions of this bill.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 945

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 945 without my signature.

The California Transportation Commission is currently required to work with Caltrans to develop the State Transportation Improvement Program, which is the state's biennial inventory of all necessary

improvement projects for the subsequent five years. Current law also requires regional transportation agencies and metropolitan planning organizations to complete a 20-year Regional Transportation Plan and periodic regional transportation improvement plans. Californians do not need another report to tell them that the state's transportation needs are great.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1030

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1030 without my signature.

While I support the California Library Literacy and English Acquisition Services Program, the changes proposed in this bill are unnecessary. Current law already authorizes the provision of English language literacy service to adults and youth who are not enrolled in school. This bill would simply authorize the provision of such services to a specific subgroup of the same youth population.

In addition, I do not support repealing the requirement that, as a condition of funding, a local jurisdiction maintain the prior year's level of private support. Eliminating the requirement for this private support will result in either a decrease in services and/or create cost pressure on the General Fund to backfill any loss of such funds.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1142

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1142 without my signature.

While I support the author's goal of identifying innovative ideas and approaches to end-of-life and palliative care, I cannot support this bill as it would increase costs at a time of continuing budget challenges. In addition, the activities mandated by this bill can be accomplished administratively. For this reason, I am directing the Health and Human Services Agency to convene stakeholders to identify barriers and strategies to improve end-of-life and palliative care in our state.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

3492

I am returning Assembly Bill 1151 without my signature.

This bill would require elections officials to establish a website or toll-free telephone number to allow voters to confirm their registration status.

Counties are already required to send a notification card to voters upon registration, and voters can phone their local elections officials to verify registration status. Further, counties can voluntarily implement the requirements of this bill if they so desire. In fact, several counties already have online verification systems.

Given the requirements of existing law and the ability of counties to voluntarily implement the provisions of this bill, a statewide mandate is unnecessary. I encourage counties to consider implementing the provisions of this bill if their resources allow, but I cannot support mandating them to do so.

For these reasons I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1167

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1167 without my signature.

Last year, more than 40 percent of voters voted absentee. With the growth in absentee voting comes a responsibility on both government and voters to ensure that absentee ballots are returned to election officials and properly processed.

This bill would require election officials to notify absentee voters if a ballot will require more than one stamp to return in the mail. This is a common sense proposal that appropriately places shared responsibility on all parties.

Unfortunately, I cannot support the provision of this bill that requires local election officials to negotiate with the United States Postal Service to ensure all absentee ballots are delivered even if they have insufficient postage. While some election officials have held such negotiations in cases where voters may have been unaware that extra postage was required, this should remain an option, not a mandate, for local officials. Mandating election officials to negotiate with the USPS is unnecessary and fails to appropriately recognize the responsibility of absentee voters to use sufficient postage when returning their ballot.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1393 without my signature.

Ensuring access to public information is one of my Administration's top priorities. That is why last year I issued Executive Order S-03-06 (Order), requiring all state agencies to review their guidelines governing access to public information. In addition, the Order required that every agency identify and train staff to be responsible for ensuring compliance with the California Public Records Act.

As I noted in my veto of similar legislation last year, I believe the steps that were taken as a result of the Order, combined with the ongoing efforts of agencies to comply with the law, are working to ensure the needs of the public are met. This bill imposes an unnecessary one-size-fits-all mandate on state agencies. In addition, this bill would require the formation of a task force to consider even more statutory standards to govern the disclosure of public records. Such a task force and such additional statutory changes are also unnecessary. My Administration's commitment to the Public Records Act is unwavering and I am confident future Administrations will share this attitude.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1618

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 11, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1618 without my signature.

Proponents of this measure claim that it is intended to codify a seven-year old Supreme Court decision relative to how corporations determine their net income for tax purposes. Unfortunately, this bill does not codify the Court's decision, which dealt with facts specific to companies based outside of California. Rather, this bill would impact California-based companies that are not impacted by the Court's decision. As the Franchise Tax Board has correctly implemented the Court's decision for seven years without the need for a legislative change, I cannot support a bill that far exceeds the Court's ruling and disadvantages California businesses.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 11th day of October at 2:50 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 684, 773, 945, 1030, 1142, 1151, 1167, 1393, and 1618 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

E. DOTSON WILSON Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 12, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 183 without my signature.

I believe it is important to encourage young Californians to register to vote. Current law already requires the Secretary of State to provide voter registration forms to schools for disbursement to students. Moreover, throughout the year, registrars of voters are provided the opportunity to meet with high school students through bi-annual campus visits during high school voter weeks.

In contrast, this bill will not likely induce more students to vote. Instead, it will likely result in significant reimbursable state-mandates to school districts and unnecessarily add administrative burdens to schools while taking time and resources away from schools' educational mission.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 466

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 12, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 466 without my signature.

I vetoed substantively similar bills in prior years. This bill would allow schools to receive funding for times when students are volunteering as elections precinct board members through independent study programs. While civic and other volunteer activities can offer many educational opportunities to students, these activities should be in addition to, and not in place of, valuable classroom learning time with a teacher. Independent study programs are intended to help schools address the needs of students who are unable to attend school in a traditional classroom setting for an extended period of time—not to be used as means to circumvent the fulfillment of criteria for instruction required in order to receive school funding.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1413

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 12, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1413 without my signature.

California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees' meetings are already open to the public and therefore, it is unnecessary to statutorily authorize a staff person to attend in a member's absence. Executive compensation contracts are currently approved in open meetings and last year CSU adopted changes to their transition pay program that are addressed in this bill. I do not believe that we should be micromanaging the hiring practices at University of California or the California

State University system, in ways that may hamper their ability to hire quality instructors and administrators. However, when appropriate, I do believe that there should be transparency in our educational systems so that the public has confidence in our institutions, which is why I am signing Senate Bill 190 that provides some additional openness and accessibility for the public on matters of executive compensation.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this measure.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 12th day of October at 12:52 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 183, 466, and 1413 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

ELIZABETH SALMON Executive Secretary

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1091

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 12, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1091 without my signature.

This bill would modify the existing Proposition 1C Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program by changing the maximum distance between a proposed project and a transit station from one-quarter mile to one-half mile.

The program was created to provide high density affordable housing in close proximity to transit stations to encourage public transit ridership and vehicle emissions reduction. This bill could substantially reduce the effectiveness of this program by allowing for developments one-half mile in distance from a transit station. This half-mile measurement could be taken from the outer edge of the development, and could result in a walking distance substantially greater than one-half mile, which could discourage many residents from utilizing public transit. This bill is inconsistent with the State's goals to reduce vehicle emissions and encourage alternative methods of transportation.

In addition, I believe this bill is unnecessary since the Department of Housing and Community Development is preparing program guidelines that will be adopted later this year to provide enough flexibility to allow critical projects to be funded, while at the same time preserving the important goals of this program.

It is for these reasons that I cannot sign this legislation into law.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 12th day of October at 1:30 p.m., of Assembly Bill 1091 without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Mikhael Skvarla.

ELIZABETH SALMON Acting Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 12, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 8 without my signature.

While I appreciate the Legislature's efforts to reform our broken health care system and applaud the hard work that has gone into AB 8, I cannot sign this bill. AB 8 would put more pressure on an already broken system.

AB 8 does not achieve coverage for all, a critical step needed to reduce health care costs for everyone. Comprehensive reform cannot leave Californians vulnerable to loss or denial of coverage when they need it most. Finally, to be sustainable, comprehensive reform cannot place the majority of the financial burden on any one segment of our economy. Unfortunately, AB 8 falls short on all three accounts.

California needs a financially sustainable health care reform plan that shares responsibility, covers all Californians and keeps our emergency rooms open and operating. I cannot support reform efforts that fall short of these goals and threaten to weaken our already broken system.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 435

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 12, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 435 without my signature.

This bill would extend the statute of limitations on specified civil actions against an employer to recover wages. This bill is intended, like others I have vetoed before, to eradicate the historical trend of women earning less than men for doing the same work. While I support this intent, I still do not believe the provisions of this bill or previous years' legislation are necessary in order to achieve this goal. I maintain my concern that measures like this bill will encourage frivolous litigation against employers and have little impact on the fight against gender pay inequity.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 504

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 12, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 504 without my signature.

This measure would add additional penalties against an employer found to have engaged in fraud, misrepresentation, or misconduct during a lockout. As I noted in my veto of a similar measure last year, I am concerned that the failure to define fraud, misrepresentation, and misconduct in this bill creates potential ambiguity over the bill's application.

Furthermore, I maintain my position that employees presently have sufficient remedies against employers that engage in fraud or misconduct during a labor dispute. The proponents of this measure have failed to justify a need to expand upon these remedies.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1636

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 12, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1636 without my signature.

This bill attempts to address a legitimate problem in the workers' compensation system. Ensuring that injured workers have access to supplemental job displacement benefit vouchers in a timely manner is an essential component of our comp system.

Unfortunately, rather than addressing existing problems this bill will create more problems. The procedures proposed by this bill for the issuance of vouchers are vague and will encourage litigation over when the vouchers are to be issued and in what amount. We have worked too hard to remove unnecessary litigation from the work comp system to now let it back in.

I encourage the proponents of this measure to work with employers, insurers, and the Division of Workers' Compensation to find a more appropriate solution to the problems with current law.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 12th day of October at 4:15 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 8, 435, 504, and 1636 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

LAWRENCE A. MURMAN Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 43

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 12, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 43 without my signature.

As I stated in vetoing similar legislation in 2005, I am proud California is a leader in recognizing and respecting domestic partnerships. I believe that all Californians are entitled to full protection

under the law and should not be discriminated against based upon their sexual orientation. I support current domestic partnership rights and will continue to vigorously defend and enforce these rights.

In 2000, the voters approved Proposition 22, a challenge to which is currently pending before the California Supreme Court. I maintain my position that the appropriate resolution to this issue is to allow the Court to rule on Proposition 22.

Sincerely,

3498

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 277

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 12, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 277 without my signature.

While I strongly support efforts to improve the safety, permanency and well-being of children in California's Child Welfare Services system, I can not support this bill as it would increase costs at a time of continuing budget challenges. Further, this bill would establish a one size fits all approach and focus on only one component of foster parent preparation and evaluation. Counties already provide foster parent training beyond what is required by the State and do so in a manner that reflects local priorities and needs.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature. Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1494

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 12, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1494 without my signature.

While I support efforts to expand placement options for children and youth in foster care, I cannot support this bill as it would increase state costs at a time of ongoing budget challenges. In addition, I am concerned that a piecemeal, facility-by-facility, county-by-county approach is not the appropriate way to revisit California's group home licensing and rate setting policy. I am directing the Department of Social Services to work with the author and relevant stakeholders to address this policy in a more comprehensive way.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature. Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 12, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1542 without my signature.

I am greatly concerned about housing affordability and homeownership for all Californians. I understand the sanctity of the home and the importance of having stability in your living situation. This need for stability was eloquently expressed by the many seniors throughout California who have written to me on both sides of this bill.

I also recognize that compared to other housing issues there is a uniqueness regarding mobilehomes and all the varied manners of ownership, leasing, affordability, and opportunity. It is because of this uniqueness that laws were enacted to create statewide standards for mobilehome parks.

The intent of current state law is to provide an opportunity for home ownership to those mobilehome owners who desire to own both their home and the land it rests on. The law also offers protections for low-income individuals against unwarranted rent increases.

While the bill's intent is to preserve low-income housing, it also extends rent control in certain circumstances to mobilehome owners in much of the state no matter what their income level. It is unclear what state interest is served by the extension of rent control for those who do not have an economic disadvantage. In addition, establishing two statewide standards for rent control seems confusing and unnecessary.

It is clear that mobilehome issues require a comprehensive approach to ensure that low income individuals and families are protected, homeownership opportunities are afforded to those who choose them, and stability of the home and property is preserved.

I urge the Legislature over the coming year to find a solution that provides true balance for all the stakeholders involved in mobilehome issues.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 12th day of October at 4:55 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 43, 277, 1494, and 1542 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

LAWRENCE A. MURMAN Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 45

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 45 without my signature.

I support returning local governance to the Oakland Unified School District when it is appropriate to do so. To date, the emergency loan to Oakland Unified has been the largest to a school district in the state and has been under the control of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). While the reports produced by the Fiscal Crisis

Management and Assistance Team are valuable tools, they provide only a snapshot of the district at a particular point in time. Furthermore, I am concerned that the Office of Administrative Hearings will not be in a position to make decisions related to the day to day management of the school district, as these matters are generally not a matter of law, but a matter of overall educational benefit.

As such, I am concerned with the process for determining return of local control, as proposed in this bill. The pace at which it seeks to restore the authority of the school board may surpass the pace at which the state administrator can imbed sustainable reforms. Current law contemplates the return of the district to local control once the SPI has a level of confidence that the improvements in the district are sustainable. In the interest of the educational well being of the students, it is well worth investing the time to allow the SPI to finish the work that has already begun.

Therefore, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

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ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 48

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 48 without my signature.

This bill exponentially expands the scope of electrical and electronic equipment subject to the Restriction on the use of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) provisions under the California Waste Recycling Act. Unfortunately, the approach taken in this bill is largely unworkable and instead of the benefits it seeks to accomplish, could ultimately result in unintended and potentially more harmful consequences.

This bill purports to impose restrictions similar to those already in place in the European Union, but the deviations it takes from the European Union approach are fatally flawed. For example, the exemption language for spare parts and refurbished products, as currently written in this bill, will make many electronic products prematurely obsolete and force their retirement years earlier than necessary. The European Union RoHS Directive includes a specific exemption for spare and refurbished products to promote and extend the lives of electronic products and keep them out of the waste stream.

Additionally, this bill significantly expands the list of products subject to California's restriction on the use of specified hazardous metals. Existing law covers nine categories of video display devices. This bill is overly broad in its scope because it would prohibit the sale of potentially tens of thousands of electrical and electronic products for California's consumers and businesses.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 72 without my signature.

I strongly support the author's intent to recognize the contributions of the Filipinos during World War II. Accordingly, through the years I have taken administrative actions to publicly acknowledge the efforts through proclamations and other means.

However, I have vetoed nearly identical bills over the last three years and I continue to believe that current law already provides the necessary flexibility for schools to incorporate this topic in their social science instruction. Because school districts may provide instruction on any topic not expressly prohibited by the Education Code, the authorization provided by this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 81

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 81 without my signature.

California's Safe Surrender Law already provides an emergency alternative for a woman in crisis who may otherwise abandon, abuse, or kill her baby. California's law was carefully crafted to balance the creation of a safe surrender option while preserving the rights of children. The current 72-hour period contained in law allows for a no-questions-asked safe surrender of a newborn, and is supported by research and statistics which indicate that most neonaticide occurs within the first day. Experts have raised concerns that instead of improving child safety, increasing the time that a baby may be surrendered from 72 hours will put newborns in greater risk by keeping them in an unsafe environment without proper care and supervision.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 249 without my signature.

I have previously vetoed similar legislation because of the negative effect it would have had on the California economy. This bill erodes the ability to do business in California by creating more uncertainty regarding litigation. It prohibits any licensee or professional overseen by the Department of Consumer Affairs from including in a civil settlement agreement a provision that prohibits the other party from contacting or filing a complaint with the regulatory agency. When parties who are in dispute agree to settle, there should be some assurances that the dispute has been resolved in a satisfactory and final manner for both parties.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 252

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 252 without my signature.

English-speaking pupils who have voluntarily enrolled in dual language immersion programs are currently required to take the California Standards Test in English. Therefore, another assessment is not needed to measure their mastery of state-adopted academic content standards in another language. Furthermore, I am concerned that this bill creates significant General Fund cost pressures for the state to develop standards-aligned primary language tests in other languages. Given the state's current fiscal climate it is not prudent for me to enact this measure.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 377 without my signature.

Last year, I vetoed similar legislation intended to help provide farmworkers with better information about the companies with which farm labor contractors are contracting. While I maintain my support for the concept of helping farmworkers secure all wages owed to them, I am still concerned that this bill does nothing to bring unlicensed farm labor contractors and others who flaunt the law into compliance. Those who have not bothered to obtain the necessary licensure required by the state or otherwise comply with labor laws are highly unlikely to comply with this new requirement. As such, the only practical effect of this bill is to impose a new liability on farmers and growers who have lawfully contracted with licensed contractors. I cannot support such a measure.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 385

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 385 without my signature.

This bill would unnecessarily mandate a compensation survey be jointly conducted between the State and the bargaining unit that represents scientists. This is redundant of existing law which requires the State to survey prevailing wages in occupations comparable to those in state service. The bill is also redundant of provisions in the negotiated collective bargaining agreement with the unit in question.

If the State of California is to have good faith collective bargaining, then employee wages, hours, and terms and conditions must not be legislated. However, I value the dedication and work of the State's scientists, and I am concerned that salaries for this group may have fallen behind those of comparable workers. So, I am directing my Department of Personnel Administration to work together with the scientists during the next round of bargaining to ensure that survey results for this group are looked at seriously and that the State is moving in the direction of achieving fair and equitable compensation for the scientists.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 414 without my signature.

As California's population grows, it is becoming more difficult for cities and counties to identify sites to accommodate all of the housing need. This bill would unnecessarily limit the flexibility that local governments currently have to identify sites zoned for nonresidential uses that could accommodate a portion of their share of the regional housing need. The current practices utilized by the Department of Housing and Community Development during the review of housing elements provides for a case-by-case evaluation of sites as to their realistic potential for the development of housing.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 448

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 448 without my signature. This measure would allow employees to recover liquidated damages in minimum wage complaints brought before the Labor Commissioner. I am concerned that allowing liquidated damages on administrative claims will be especially harmful to small business. While workers who make administrative claims have their claims prosecuted at no cost to them by the State, employers must expend time and resources to respond to claims, even though the violation of law may be inadvertent. I see no reason to expose employers to additional liabilities when other legal avenues already exist for employees and attorneys intent on seeking liquidated damages.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 13th day of October at 11:44 a.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 45, 48, 72, 81, 249, 252, 377, 385, 414, and 448 without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

LAWRENCE A. MURMAN Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 449

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 449 without my signature.

I support the intent of this measure, which is to ensure that legally trapped animals are euthanized in the most humane way possible.

However, it is inappropriate to codify a specific standard in this area and thus limit the ability of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) to adopt future regulations on the subject. Currently, methods of take for trapped animals are appropriately listed in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. Any suggested changes to those methods should be presented to the Commission and adopted through the regulatory process. I encourage the proponents of this bill to work with the Commission to ensure that Title 14 appropriately reflects the most current and humane standards for euthanizing animals in a manner that can be readily complied with by impacted individuals.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 527

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 527 without my signature.

Increasing investments in energy efficient technologies for state buildings is an important and laudable goal. Indeed, in 2004, I signed Executive Order S-20-04 which committed the state to reduce state building electricity usage by encouraging the implementation of cost-effective measures for facilities owned, funded or leased by the state.

This measure attempts to provide funding for state investment in emerging energy efficient technologies in state buildings by creating a new fund in which all state agencies would be required to deposit three percent of their annual utility budget, as determined by the Department of Finance.

Statutory auto-pilot budgeting removes our ability to make responsible fiscal decisions as we work together to craft the state budget each year. Just like all programs across state government, we must decide where General Fund dollars should be spent based on the state's fiscal outlook for each budget year.

Although for a worthwhile cause, this bill would automatically redirect a cumulative average of \$23 million each year away from state agencies. I cannot support such a circumvention of the deliberative budget process.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 598

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 598 without my signature.

While I support improving access to Career Technical Education (CTE) courses for all high school students, I do not believe that this bill is necessary or clear in its intent. Current law already allows for high school students to attend community college CTE courses for high school or college credit, and does not prohibit the use of guest lecturers on high school campuses.

Instead, I am signing both Senate Bill 859 and Senate Bill 52; both of which will improve access to qualified CTE teachers for our high schools. SB 859 authorizes current and former postsecondary teachers, including community college CTE teachers, to receive a visiting faculty permit to teach in K-12 schools. SB 52 streamlines the current credentialing process for CTE teachers, allowing the flexibility for schools to assign qualified CTE teachers in the classroom.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 608

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 608 without my signature.

I strongly support small business participation in State contracting. In March 2006, I issued Executive Order S-02-06, reaffirming the State's historic commitment to 25 percent small business participation in State contracting and ordering a series of measures to expand participation. In July 2006, I built on those steps by issuing Executive Order S-11-06, additional actions by Caltrans and the Transportation, and Housing Agency to assist small business and disadvantaged business enterprises in participating in federally funded highway and transit projects.

However, I am concerned that this bill, by increasing the existing small business bid preference on State contracts from 5 percent to 10 percent, would result in increased costs to the State. According to the Department of Finance, if this increased preference had been in place in 2005-06, the additional costs to the State could have been up to \$85 million. Given the current fiscal climate, I do not think it is prudent to enact a measure that increases liability for additional costs.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 614

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 614 without my signature.

Current law requires elected officials to provide language assistance to voters with limited English proficiency. This bill would require local elected officials to report on their compliance with current law on a standard form to be developed by the Secretary of State. Such a report would be of limited value and would place an unnecessary strain on the state's limited resources.

For this reason and others, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 709 without my signature.

This bill would require public agencies to accept bids for appraisal projects from any appraiser with five years of experience and who is a member of an appraisal organization affiliated with the Appraisal Foundation.

Proponents of this bill believe current statutes are ambiguous in the definition of appraisers who have eligibility to perform work under state contracts. This bill addresses this perceived problem in an overly broad manner. By creating a specific cause of action, this bill could result in significant litigation costs for public agencies. It would be more appropriate to eliminate any discriminatory or obsolete references directly from the statutes.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 741

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 741 without my signature.

While I strongly support the provision of prenatal care and family planning services and have secured a waiver to access hundreds of millions in federal funds to protect these important services, I cannot sign this bill as it would increase General Fund costs at a time of continuing budget challenges. This bill highlights a very important issue—the high incidence of low birth weight babies in the African American community and proposes an innovative, community based approach to address this public health challenge. While I cannot support this bill, I share the author's concern and am directing the California Department of Public Health to evaluate the effectiveness of the Black Infant Health Program and develop options, within existing resources, to strengthen state and local efforts, including expanding the focus on interpregnancy care, by March 31, 2008.

For the reasons mentioned above, I am unable to support this measure at this time. I believe this policy can be more appropriately addressed during the budget process.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 764

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 764 without my signature.

This bill would extend the sunset date for the California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP) and Statewide Education Technology Services (SETS) programs from January 1, 2009 to January 1, 2014.

While I am supportive of these projects and their reauthorization, I have concerns about the additional requirements this bill would impose on the CTAP regions. Increasing the responsibilities of regional agencies to include prescribed reporting and other duties may be unduly prescriptive and could inadvertently take away from direct technology assistance in schools. Furthermore, I also have concerns about extending the time of the grant awards from three to six years. Specifically, I fear that extending the time of these awards may lock regions into unnecessarily long contracts which might prohibit them from making future necessary programmatic changes that would benefit our schools and our children.

Since these programs do not sunset until January 1, 2009, it is not imperative that they be reauthorized at this time, particularly with provisions that could hinder their ability to incorporate needed reforms.

I look forward to working with the author, educators, and education leaders in the upcoming year to reexamine these programs and how they can best support the needs of our education system.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 779

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 779 without my signature.

Protecting the personal information of every Californian is very important to me and I am committed to strong laws that safeguard every individual's privacy and prevent identity theft. Clearly, the need to protect personal information is increasingly critical as routine commercial transactions are more and more exclusively accomplished through electronic means.

However, this bill attempts to legislate in an area where the marketplace has already assigned responsibilities and liabilities that provide for the protection of consumers. In addition, the Payment Card Industry has already established minimum data security standards when storing, processing, or transmitting credit or debit cardholder information. This industry has the contractual ability to mandate the use of these standards, and is in a superior position to ensure that these standards keep up with changes in technology and the marketplace. This measure creates the potential for California law to be in conflict with private sector data security standards.

While I support many of the provisions of this bill, it fails to provide clear definition of which business or agency "owns" or "licenses" data, and when that business or agency relinquishes legal responsibility as the owner or licensee. This issue and the data security requirements found in this bill will drive up the costs of compliance, particularly for small

I encourage the author and the industry to work together on a more balanced legislative approach that addresses the concerns outlined above.

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 828 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Fish and Game (Department) to produce a variety of habitat corridor and vegetation mapping products in coordination with federal, state and local agencies and the public.

This bill is redundant. The Wildlife Conservation Board voted at its August 2007 meeting to approve funding for a mapping effort by the Department which will accomplish most of the goals of AB 828 and lay the ground work for an on-going, state-of-the-art mapping program.

In addition, the Department was tasked with, and agreed to, several mandates contained in the 2007 Budget Act that relate to mapping. The Department is already working on these products. Consequently, additional statutory mandates at this point are unnecessary and unwarranted.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 13th day of October at 11:45 a.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 449, 527, 598, 608, 614, 709, 741, 764, 779, 828, without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

LAWRENCE A. MURMAN Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 843

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 843 without my signature.

This bill would raise the cap on the penalty for non-willful failures to file a Change in Ownership Statement (Statement) with the county assessor. While this measure's provisions are an improvement over AB 926, which I vetoed last year, I am still concerned that the notification procedures in this measure do not adequately ensure that property owners actually receive requests from county assessors in a timely manner. Slightly different from AB 926, this bill merely provides for an additional 15 days to respond to requests and expands the number of addresses where a request may be sent. Thus, this bill continues to assume that new property owners actually receive such requests from county assessors in a timely manner.

I encourage the proponents of this bill and property owners to develop procedures to ensure requests are appropriately delivered and received before penalties for failure to respond are levied.

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 864 without my signature.

While I share the goals of this bill, the solution is targeted at the wrong party in these real estate transactions by placing the burden of compliance on the buyer, not the seller. The bill, in essence, makes the buyer responsible for the sins of the previous owner.

In addition, the bill creates a compliance mechanism that is virtually unworkable and violates the privacy of perspective buyers. If enacted into law, this bill would most likely stymie the goal of restoring the habitability of these substandard dwellings by suppressing the sale of these properties to new owners who are willing to rehabilitate these buildings. The bill also contains drafting errors that make any attempt at compliance unfeasible.

I urge the Legislature to consider legislation next year that more judiciously addresses the serious problem of bringing substandard buildings into compliance.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1025

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1025 without my signature.

This bill could jeopardize the public health, safety, and welfare in a well-intentioned but flawed attempt to permit individuals convicted of crimes to work in a regulated profession. I am concerned that this bill goes too far in taking away a licensing entity's discretion to deny a license or take other licensing actions, even if it is in the best interest of the state's consumers. The State of California licenses various professions in order to protect consumers from unqualified, dangerous, or unscrupulous individuals. All statutes establishing licensing programs mandate that the protection of the public is the highest priority and that "whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount."

AB 1025 creates a presumption of rehabilitation based on an expungement of a conviction. This is problematic for two reasons. First, expungement is not intended to be indicative of rehabilitation. Second, this provision places the burden of proof on state licensing bodies to show than an individual is not rehabilitated, which would result in increased litigation and extensive investigations.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this measure.

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1032 without my signature.

The purpose of this bill is to protect fish and wildlife from the potential deleterious effects of suction dredge mining. Although I appreciate the author's intent and the need to protect our fish, wildlife, and water resources, this bill is unnecessary.

Current law gives the Department of Fish and Game (Department) the necessary authority to protect fish and wildlife resources from suction dredge mining. It has promulgated regulations and issues permits for this activity. Permits for suction dredge mining must ensure that these operations are not deleterious to fish and allow the Department to specify the type and size of equipment to be used. In its regulations, the Department may also designate specific waters or areas that are closed to dredging.

It is unclear why this bill specifically targets a number of specific waterways for closure or further restrictions. The listed waterways represent only a small fraction of the waters in our State where suction dredging is occurring. The benefit or protection from such a minor closure is negligible and supports the notion that scientific environmental review should precede such decisions.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1043

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1043 without my signature.

This bill appears to create a solution in search of a problem. California law currently ensures that employees can not be subjected to unconscionable contract provisions that would force them to forego the protections of California law or litigate their claims in an inappropriate out-of-state forum. Moreover, this bill creates unnecessary and unhelpful uncertainties for the employers and employees concerning issues of federal preemption. Lastly, I strongly support the right of parties to freely contract for the terms of their employment relationship. This bill fundamentally conflicts with that policy.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1045 without my signature.

Two years ago, my Administration worked with the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) to adopt the nation's first outdoor heat regulations. Those regulations require employers to provide anyone working outdoors with appropriate training, provide sufficient quantities of water, and ensure access to shade. When the Board adopted those regulations it also said it would commence a review of indoor worksites.

The Board has conducted its review and is now considering the appropriate means of protecting indoor workers from excessive heat. This legislation, which proscribes specific requirements upon any regulation adopted by the Board, unnecessarily circumvents the Board's established rulemaking process. Just as the outdoor heat standards were adopted via the regulatory process and free of legislative interference, so too should any indoor heat standard be adopted.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1113

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1113 without my signature.

While I strongly support the California 250 Percent Working Disabled Program and appreciate its role in promoting work among persons who are aged and disabled, I cannot support this bill. This bill contains a drafting error that would result in unequal treatment of similarly situated aged persons, in direct conflict with federal Medicaid law. Given my strong support of services for persons with disabilities to allow them to safely remain at home and lead productive and independent lives, I am directing the Department of Health Care Services to pursue legislation to continue and improve this important program.

For this reason, I am returning AB 1113 without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1135

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1135 without my signature.

This bill requires written reports submitted to the Legislature to include a signed statement by the head of the agency or department that the contents of the report are true, accurate, and complete.

As I stated when I vetoed similar legislation last year, I agree that the Legislature should base their decisions on sound information that is

true, accurate and complete. To that end, I noted that state law already makes it a misdemeanor for a state or local official to submit a written report containing false information to the State Controller. Further, the Legislature already has the authority to question the accuracy of any information presented to it.

Finally, this bill would create an inconsistent system in which some of the information submitted by the Administration is subject to declarations of truth while all other information used in the legislature's deliberative process is not.

For these reasons, I am again returning this bill without my signature. Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1148

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 13, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1148 without my signature.

I have vetoed similar legislation (Assembly Bill 388, 2005) because statutory authority is not required for the Superintendent of Public Instruction to consider processes or make recommendations to the Legislature on any subject.

Furthermore, requiring the California Department of Education to provide an estimate of the net cost to purchase a complete set of instructional materials in each subject and grade level provides no additional utility, since current law already provides adequate safeguards to prevent California from paying higher prices than any other state or school district in the entire country. I am concerned that the focus on the procedural elements contained in this bill may take away from concentrating on the State's overall duty of ensuring that California students have access to the highest *quality*, standards aligned instructional materials for their education.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 13th day of October at 11:46 a.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 843, 864, 1025, 1032, 1043, 1045, 1113, 1135 and 1148 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

LAWRENCE A. MURMAN Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1184

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1184 without my signature.

Protecting the health and safety of consumers living in the Agnews Developmental Center (Agnews) as they transition to the community is a top priority. The Department of Developmental Services has been working with Regional Centers, families and providers to accomplish this goal for years. Structures, such as the Bay Area Quality Management System, are already in place to support the safe transition of each consumer leaving Agnews. State and local planning efforts were strengthened further through trailer bill legislation and funding for critical health care resources.

This bill would simply duplicate existing efforts and mandate activities that can be done administratively. For this reason, I am returning this bill without my signature and directing the Health and Human Services Agency to continue to carefully monitor this transition and take action to protect the health and safety of these consumers.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1192

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1192 without my signature.

Ensuring the health and safety of California's vulnerable populations is one of my top priorities. To that end, my Administration has increased support for licensing programs, strengthened oversight and sponsored legislation to ensure that potentially dangerous caregivers would be unable to move from one facility to another and continue to have access to children, elderly or disabled individuals in facilities licensed by the State.

While well intended, I am concerned this bill will not provide effective health and safety protections for persons with developmental disabilities and will increase state costs by millions of dollars during a time of budget challenges. This bill does not require that all incidents of substantiated abuse actually be reported to the proposed registry. Second, the bill does not require service providers to actually use the registry. Current law already requires staff of Regional Centers and persons working at community care facilities to report suspected abuse to Adult Protective Services, who in turn is required to investigate these allegations. Given the flaws in the bill and the fact that developing the proposed registry would require significant financial resources at a time of ongoing budget challenges, I cannot support it. I am directing the Health and Human Services Agency to convene interested stakeholders to identify potential areas where the State can enhance protections for persons with developmental disabilities and improve ongoing efforts to enhance the sharing of information about service providers.

For these reasons, I am unable to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1219 without my signature.

This bill would allow the State to sell or lease certain real property. However, it does not contain an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Department of General Services is required by law to submit a bill to the Legislature to dispose of any surplus land by sale, lease, or exchange. This process has worked well for over a decade. Over the years, the State has been authorized to sell or exchange dozens of properties, generating millions of dollars for the State of California, and these transactions contained legislatively authorized exemptions from CEOA.

However, beginning in 2005, the Legislature has selectively chosen to add millions of dollars in potential costs to this process by applying CEQA requirements prior to the sale of the State property. Under the provisions of voter approved Proposition 60A, revenues generated from the sale of surplus property are to be used to reduce the debt from the Economic Recovery Bonds approved in March 2004. Instead of generating revenue for the State to pay down debt, the Legislature has effectively placed properties like these at risk of incurring additional cost of administration and potential litigation—costs that are eventually passed on to the taxpayer. As I have stated repeatedly over the past two years, there is no reason to apply CEQA to properties that are being sold. CEQA is properly applied when the use and zoning of real property is changed not when it is simply sold.

I would be willing to consider this bill in the future, should it contain the CEQA exemption. Until that time, I am unable to sign this measure. Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1282

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1282 without my signature.

This bill would make it illegal for a floral business to list or advertise a local telephone number if the phone calls are routinely routed to a location that is different than the geographical location of the number advertised. It would also make it illegal to list or advertise a business name if the name misrepresents the business' geographical location.

In today's global economy, it is unreasonable to limit out-of-area businesses from using local names and telephone numbers. In virtually every aspect of the economy, consumers are accustomed to purchasing products from around the world via many methods.

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1450 without my signature.

While I recognize some merit to the intent of this bill, it contains several provisions that are of significant concern. For instance, it deletes the current requirement that the increase in pupil capacity on the site will be maximized by the multi-story replacement building. As such, the bill would create a building replacement program whereas a district could qualify for funding to replace a possibly adequate facility with a brand new building, but only have to demonstrate housing one additional pupil, for example. Current regulations require that in order to qualify for grant funding, pupil capacity of the school needs to be increased by at least 20 percent of the existing permanent building capacity, or 200 additional students, whichever is greater.

Furthermore, this bill does not contain language specifying the possible future use or disposal of land that the State may have helped the district acquire, but that may be unused if the district decides to replace a demolished building at another site. Clearly, this measure needs further refinement and could be discussed within the context of a future education bond negotiation.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1673

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1673 without my signature.

In prior years, I have vetoed legislation that addressed the issue of consumer rebates because I did not want them to lead to fewer rebate options for California consumers. I have always believed in the balance between consumer protection and limited regulation over business operations. While the author of this bill has put forth an interesting proposal relating to the advertisement of pre-rebate prices and post-rebate prices, there are still outstanding issues related to practical consequences that still need to be resolved. For instance, a California retailer should not have to be held to the responsibilities triggered in this bill, if it does not have control over the manner in which a manufacturer's national rebate advertising campaign is structured. Furthermore, I would like to further examine the anomalies that may exist from industry to industry before I can consider enacting a measure such as this.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 14th day of October at 5:15 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 1184, 1192, 1219, 1282, 1450, and 1673 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

JACQUELYN KIRWAN Assistant Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1707

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1707 without my signature.

This bill attempts to clarify existing law relative to employees' access to personnel records kept by their employer. While I support the intent of this measure, especially as it relates to non-English speakers and others that may need help in understanding the contents of their personnel records, this bill is too broad and exposes employers to unfair and unnecessary liabilities. I encourage the proponents of this bill to work with the Labor Commissioner to adopt regulations that help ensure that all employees can appropriately avail themselves of their rights under current law.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1710

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1710 without my signature.

Although I support the intent of this bill to clarify the manner in which temporary service employers must pay wages, I cannot support the provision of this bill which expands liability regarding workers' compensation coverage.

As written, this bill imposes joint and severe liability relative for workers' compensation coverage on employers that contract with staffing agencies. This would be a significant departure from the exclusive remedy of current law, which provides that an injured worker cannot sue their employer in civil court. Exclusive remedy is one of the most fundamental principles of the California workers' compensation system. I cannot support a measure that deviates from this principle.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1743 without my signature.

This bill would delay the provision of adequate housing, program, support and treatment space for the condemned inmates housed at San Quentin State Prison, which may create an unnecessary \$20 million General Fund cost.

When the current project was funded in 2003 the relevant fiscal, public safety, correctional officer and inmate safety, legal rights, and civil liberty considerations were discussed during the budget deliberation process and it was determined that San Quentin State Prison is the most appropriate place to house the condemned inmates. The only substantial change since that time is increased construction costs because of inflation in the construction industry. Every month this project is delayed results in approximately \$1 million of increased construction costs because of inflation pressures. Further delaying the project will only exacerbate this problem.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 14th day of October at 5:15 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 1707, 1710, and 1743 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

> JACQUELYN KIRWAN Assistant Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1427

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1427 without my signature.

While I support the intent of the measure to increase staff training, improve services and reduce staff turnover in programs serving persons with developmental disabilities, I cannot support this bill. California's continued budget challenges have required system-wide temporary cost containment measures that maintained rates for many service providers at their current level for five consecutive years. The pilot program established by this bill would provide rate increases to a select group of providers during a time when continued fiscal constraints require that we continue important statewide cost containment measures.

Our state budget challenges cannot allow for the significant resources needed to implement this pilot program. For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1429 without my signature.

While I support increased access to preventive services, I cannot support this bill as it may contribute to rising premiums. Further, a mandate is not necessary as this vaccine is already routinely provided by health plans and insurers. Mandating its coverage is unnecessary, restrictive and may increase costs.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature. Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1438

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1438 without my signature.

This bill would allow the State to sell or lease certain real property. However, it does not contain an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Department of General Services is required by law to submit a bill to the Legislature to dispose of any surplus land by sale, lease, or exchange. This process has worked well for over a decade. Over the years, the State has been authorized to sell or exchange dozens of properties, generating millions of dollars for the State of California, and these transactions contained legislatively authorized exemptions from CEQA.

However, beginning in 2005, the Legislature has selectively chosen to add millions of dollars in potential costs to this process by applying CEQA requirements prior to the sale of the State property. Under the provisions of voter approved Proposition 60A, revenues generated from the sale of surplus property are to be used to reduce the debt from the Economic Recovery Bonds approved in March 2004. Instead of generating revenue for the State to pay down debt, the Legislature has effectively placed properties like these at risk of incurring additional cost of administration and potential litigation—costs that are eventually passed on to the taxpayer. As I have stated repeatedly over the past two years, there is no reason to apply CEQA to properties that are being sold. CEQA is properly applied when the use and zoning of real property is changed not when it is simply sold.

I would be willing to consider this bill in the future, should it contain the CEQA exemption. Until that time, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1467 without my signature.

This bill would remove a limited number of exemptions found in current law that permit smoking in specified bars, warehouses, hotel lobbies, meeting and banquet rooms, and businesses without employees.

California has led the nation in effective smoking control activities, achieving the second lowest rate of smoking among adults in the nation. The cessation of smoking is a component of my plan to encourage Californian's to lead a healthy lifestyle and thereby reduce health care costs. While more needs to be done to reduce smoking rates, I do not agree that placing further restrictions on business owners is the correct approach. Instead, California can further reduce smoking rates in other ways, such as increasing access to cessation services offered through the highly effective California Smokers' Helpline.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1483

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1483 without my signature.

While I am generally supportive of consumer protection laws, the provisions of this bill are duplicative of existing law and therefore unnecessary. In fact, these provisions may lead to increased expenses and decreased efficiency at automotive repair dealers, which could result in reduced customer service and higher costs passed onto the consumer.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1521

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1521 without my signature.

This bill requires water bottlers to submit an annual consumer confidence report to the California Department of Public Health and requires vended water retailers to identify their water source to consumers.

While I support consumer access to information, state and federal water quality and safety regulations appropriately require rigorous testing of bottled water sold in California. I am concerned that this bill

establishes labeling requirements on bottled water that are inconsistent with how this product is regulated. Further, this bill would result in hundreds of thousands of dollars in new costs for the Department of Public Health at a time of continuing budget challenges.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1543

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1543 without my signature.

This bill would enact the Treasure Island Transportation Management Act providing a transportation plan for Treasure and Yerba Buena Islands. The bill provides an exemption to existing law that prohibits local agencies from imposing new taxes, permit fees, or other charges for the privilege of using its streets and roads. This exemption would allow the imposition of automobile congestion fees, on- and off-street parking fees, and transit pass fees on both residents and other users.

While such an exemption may be appropriate for the islands, any new fees proposed as a result of this exemption should be approved by a vote of the people. On numerous bills attempting to raise fees for local purposes, I have held that such fees should be approved by a vote of the people. This measure does not include such a provision.

For this reason, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1606

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1606 without my signature.

As I have said since the first days of my Administration, I am committed to fostering a healthy business environment in California. While this bill attempts to aid in that crucial effort, California needs a new overall strategy for its role in promoting economic development, not a piecemeal approach.

I am instructing members of my Administration to build on their work and prepare new recommendations on how, and in what manner, state government can assist economic development in California. I look forward to working with the Legislature on this vital issue.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1617 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit cigarette sales via the Internet to individual California consumers and only permit shipping of cigarettes via the Internet to certain licensed businesses.

This bill is intended to help curb smoking by minors and also help the state collect all applicable taxes on tobacco. In vetoing nearly identical legislation last year, I noted that the federal Jenkins Act, which requires the sale of tobacco across state lines to be reported to the Board of Equalization, is already in place to help identify taxable sales of tobacco. Further, existing law reduces youth access to cigarettes over the Internet by requiring Internet sellers and shippers to verify the age of the purchaser. Proponents should address any perceived deficiencies in these laws rather than seeking an outright prohibition that will be difficult to enforce.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1669

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1669 without my signature.

In my signing message for AB 50 in 2006, I stated that the use of Restitution Funds for the San Francisco Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) should be considered a one-time appropriation. This appropriation was granted in order to provide time to identify alternate sources of funding for the TRC and other similar programs. The use of the Restitution Fund to replicate and fund programs of this type presents a significant concern to its ongoing ability to support the compensation of crime victims for which it was established.

While the model of service supported by this bill has proven effective at the TRC, the Restitution Fund is an inappropriate ongoing source of funding for this type of program. The Restitution Fund is the funding source of the Victim Compensation Program, which was designated to pay for certain out-of-pocket expenses to specific victims of crime. In contrast, the trauma centers that would be supported by this bill provide comprehensive services, which exceed out-of-pocket expenses, to individuals that are not restricted to victims of crime.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 14th day of October at 5:15 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 1427, 1429, 1438, 1467, 1483, 1521, 1543, 1606, 1617, and 1669 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

JACQUELYN KIRWAN
Assistant Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 546

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 546 without my signature.

This bill would require a retail seller of covered electronic devices (CEDs) to provide customers, at the point of sale, with the Internet address of the web site of the California Integrated Waste Management Board (IWMB), which describes where and how to return, recycle, and dispose of a covered electronic device and locations for the collection or return of the device.

This bill is redundant of existing law and, therefore, is unnecessary. Current law already requires CED manufacturers to provide consumers with information that describes where and how to return, recycle, and properly dispose of CEDs. Moreover, this information may take the form of a toll-free telephone number, Internet web site, information labeled on the device, information included in the packaging, or information accompanying the sale of the CED.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 548

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 548 without my signature.

This bill would require owners of multifamily dwellings to arrange for recycling services for residents consistent with state and local laws.

This is the third time I have vetoed legislation on this topic. I support efforts to reduce the amount of solid waste going to the state's landfills, but this bill places requirements directly on the owner/operators of multifamily dwellings causing significant cost for the private owners of these properties. Additionally, local governments already have the authority to mandate the action envisioned by this bill. I encourage the Integrated Waste Management Board to continue in its efforts to provide adequate tools and resources to local jurisdictions in order to make available increased recycling opportunities for multifamily dwelling residents.

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 639 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to work collaboratively to ensure that certain inmates released from San Quentin State Prison obtain a valid California identification card.

I share the author's concern for providing tools to individuals about to be released from prison that will aid them in making a successful transition into the community. The CDCR and DMV have worked together to provide California identification cards to parolees in the past and are currently working on a similar joint pilot at various CDCR facilities.

Additionally, this bill will result in parolees receiving services that are not currently available to the general public. For example, the DMV does not perform the function of determining whether or not members of the general public have the ability to pay applicable identification card fees. These services must be applied for through other governmental or non-profit public assistance programs.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 658

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 658 without my signature.

Like all Californians, I am concerned about the violence in our communities. I strongly support local efforts aimed at reducing community violence. However, this bill would require the creation of a new program that draws away from the efforts California is already undertaking.

In May 2007, my Administration established the Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Program (CalGRIP), targeting more than \$31 million in state and federal funding toward local anti-gang and violence efforts. On September 4, 2007, my Administration released \$2.8 million in discretionary Workforce Investment Act funds to local government to expand job training for at-risk and gang-involved youth and gang members.

Given the need for California to support its existing efforts, the creation of a new program is unnecessary at this time.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 878 without my signature.

The activities funded by the current fee are laudable and I have previously signed into law legislation extending the program. I cannot support the doubling of the vehicle registration fee paid by motorists as proposed by this bill. On numerous previous bills attempting to raise registration fees, I have held that fees such as these should be approved by a vote of the people. This measure does not include such a provision.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 969

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 969 without my signature.

Although increasing use tax reporting is desirable, I have concerns that the effective date of January 1, 2008 is too soon for taxpayers to compile adequate records of their purchases that are subject to the use tax for calendar year 2007. Further, I would like to see a plan to better educate taxpayers on the use tax, as I suspect that many taxpayers have little knowledge of the tax and may unknowingly fail to pay it.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1294

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1294 without my signature.

This bill would allow cities and counties, subject to voter approval, to conduct a local election using a ranked voting system. This represents a drastic change to the way we vote. Although there are some proponents for ranked voting, which allows for so-called "instant runoff" elections, I am concerned that we don't yet know enough about how voters will react to such a dramatic change in the way they vote. For instance, charter cities and counties already have the right to hold ranked voting elections, yet only one city has done so thus far, and that was on a trial basis only.

Further, the machines necessary to implement ranked voting are not widely available nor have any been certified by the Secretary of State. As the Secretary of State recently decertified the vast majority of electronic voting machines used for traditional elections, it is premature to even contemplate moving to ranked voting tomorrow until we have resolved any issues with the machines needed for how we vote today.

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1328 without my signature.

While I strongly support providing pregnant women prenatal care and secured a waiver to access hundreds of millions in federal funds to protect these important services, I cannot support this bill. Since its inception in 1991, the Access for Infants and Mothers program has required that women be California residents for six months or more to be eligible for coverage. This bill would remove that requirement potentially increasing General Fund costs by more than \$1 million.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1334

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1334 without my signature.

This bill would enact the Inmate and Community Public Health and Safety Act, which would allow any nonprofit or health care agency to distribute sexual barrier protection devices to inmates in state prisons.

As stated in my veto of AB 1677 last year, the provisions of this bill conflict with Penal Code Sections 286 (e) and 288 (e), which make sexual activity in prison unlawful. However, condom distribution in prisons is not an unreasonable public policy and it is consistent with the need to improve our prison healthcare system and overall public health.

Local jail systems in both Los Angeles and San Francisco have already implemented condom distribution programs. Therefore, I am directing the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to determine the risk and viability of such a program by identifying one state prison facility for the purpose of allowing non-profit and health agencies to distribute sexual barrier devices.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1382

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1382 without my signature, as it provides an opportunity for increased fraud and abuse without guaranteeing increased participation in the program as intended by the legislation.

While I support efforts to increase participation in the food stamp program, including offering foods stamps to families leaving welfare to work and improving outreach and simplifying the application process, I cannot support this bill. The Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) prevents fraud by discouraging applicants from illegally obtaining duplicate benefits. Our first responsibility to taxpayers is to

take necessary steps to prevent fraud and abuse in public programs, which is why I cannot support this bills elimination of the SFIS.

For these reasons, I am returning AB 1382 without my signature. Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 14th day of October at 5:15 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 546, 548, 639, 658, 878, 969, 1294, 1328, 1334, and 1382 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

JACQUELYN KIRWAN Assistant Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 150

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 150 without my signature.

Teaching students the principles of money management is a worthy goal. However, this bill would merely authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to convene an advisory committee and make financial literacy resources and materials that are grade-level appropriate available online. Superintendent O'Connell already has the authority to do these things, if he so chooses. In addition, many financial institutions and services providers already provide an abundance of information on financial literacy that is readily available on the Internet.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 280

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 280 without my signature.

While I support the attainment of literacy in foreign languages, I am concerned that this bill could create a precedent for providing special recognition for one specific subject area. Students taking four years of math or science, for example, would not receive special recognition, therefore creating a bias of value toward foreign language above other core curricula areas. Students should be encouraged to strive for, and value high achievement in all of their academic pursuits.

For this and other reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 398 without my signature. While I support consumer access to information, including information about the quality of care at licensed long-term care facilities, I cannot support this bill as it is premature, overly prescriptive and would result in increased state costs. Efforts underway by the Department of Public Health (Department) will produce a consumer website so the public can easily access facility licensing violations.

I am directing the Department to consider expanding the website under development to include data required by this bill unless doing so will substantially increase costs or delay development of the website.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 399

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 399 without my signature.

I strongly support the protection of vulnerable populations and to that end have supported increased staffing for inspection and enforcement efforts in long-term care facilities. I have also signed legislation to ensure skilled nursing facilities are in compliance with state and federal laws. With these resources, the Department of Public Health has significantly improved initiation and completion of complaint investigations. This is important progress and I believe it will provide greater protection to our state's most vulnerable elderly and disabled populations.

While I believe this bill is well-intended, it is premature to place additional investigation requirements on this program as it continues to demonstrate progress in meeting its mandated state and federal workload.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 423

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 423 without my signature.

While I share the author's interest in improving access to mental health and substance abuse services, I cannot support this bill as it would contribute to higher health care costs, potentially making coverage less affordable. California needs comprehensive health care reform that will provide coverage for all, promote shared responsibility and make health care more affordable.

I encourage the author to work with me to enact comprehensive health care reform that will provide all Californians access to health coverage, strengthen prevention efforts, increase access to mental health and substance abuse services, and promote affordability.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 467

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 467 without my signature.

While I fully support the principle that all Californians should have equal access to justice, I cannot support this measure. This bill would further burden California's overworked courts, add to the number of frivolous and marginal cases, and potentially increase fraudulent fee-waiver applications. This bill's supporters claim that its revisions would improve the processing of fee-waiver applications and, more importantly, ensure that all Californians can access justice regardless of their economic status. While this bill's objective is noble, by increasing the strain on the state's court system, this bill's impact would ultimately compromise the court's ability to provide a fair and effective administration of justice for all Californians.

For these reasons I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 502

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 502 without my signature.

A program designed to assist domestic violence victims should be available to all victims of domestic violence, not limited to those who are undocumented immigrants. In addition, services provided under this bill are duplicative of current law that provides employment services to noncitizen victims of domestic violence.

My Administration supports the needs of immigrants who come to California seeking refuge, and has consistently advocated for immigration reform to the federal government. In 2006–07, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office received \$3.4 million to support various services to victims of crime.

While I join the author in condemning domestic violence and applaud his concern for victims of crime, I cannot support a bill that would treat

undocumented immigrants preferentially.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

While I strongly support efforts to help people recover from drug addiction, I am returning Assembly Bill 508 without my signature.

The current requirement for drug-related felons to participate in a drug treatment program, or provide evidence that drug usage has ceased, remains a viable intervention prior to eligibility in the Food Stamp Program. Such an intervention increases the opportunities for successful recovery from drug addiction and provides for more individual responsibility and accountability of individuals being released from incarceration for a drug-related felony conviction.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 537

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 537 without my signature.

This bill, along with two others I am returning without my signature, would significantly expand California's workplace leave laws. While some expansion of existing law may have merit, these laws in combination are too expansive and also fail to recognize the need for reforms to current law.

California has the strongest employment leave and workplace protection laws in the country. While these laws have been enacted with the best of intentions, they have also caused much confusion for employers and employees. Unfortunately, many California-only standards in areas such as family leave, overtime, and meal and rest periods have been developed haphazardly and have resulted in needless litigation that has created a perception that California is not friendly to business.

Instead of expanding the confusing network of laws that presently exist, employers and employees should be working together to eliminate confusion and create a system of workplace laws that protects workers, provides reasonable leave requirements, and offers both employers and employees flexibility to meet their respective needs.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 543 without my signature.

While I support the intent of this legislation, I am unable to sign it as it lacks critical patient safety protections. This bill doesn't establish appropriate time limits for performing surgery under general anesthesia. Further, it inappropriately restricts administrative flexibility and creates state fiscal pressure during ongoing budget challenges.

I am directing the Department of Public Health to pursue legislation that establishes licensure standards for these facilities that are consistent with federal requirements and protect the health and safety of patients.

For these reasons, I am returning AB 543 without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 14th day of October at 5:15 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 150, 280, 398, 399, 423, 467, 502, 508, 537, and 543 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

JACQUELYN KIRWAN Assistant Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 35

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 35 without my signature.

I support the development of green building standards and share the goals of this bill. However, if implemented provisions in this bill would create a bias for certain building materials over others without a clear benefit. For instance, the use of California wood building construction materials is highly discouraged in favor of foreign grown bamboo and wheatgrass.

Additionally, building standards should not be statutory. The Building Standards Commission was created to ensure an open public adoption process allowing experts to develop standards and periodic updates to the building codes.

Allowing private entities, such as proposed in this bill, to dictate California's building standards usurps the state's authority to develop and adopt those standards and could compromise the health and safety of Californians. I encourage state agencies to review all nationally recognized programs and glean from those programs, standards that promote greener construction, energy and water conservation, and reduce Green House Emissions.

It is imperative to expedite the greening of California's building standards. As such, I am directing the California Building Standards Commission to work with specified state agencies on the adoption of green building standards for residential, commercial, and public building construction for the 2010 code adoption process.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 144

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 144 without my signature.

While I understand the Franklin-McKinley School District's desire to demonstrate the quality of its math instructional programs and motivate its students, this bill is not the correct way to do so. Using the California High School Exit Exam for this purpose in eighth grade would yield inaccurate measurements of these students' achievement when they take it again in tenth grade, thereby compromising its validity. There are other assessments, including the California Standards Tests that can appropriately be used to achieve the district's goals. Finally, there is no compelling state interest in providing the high school exit exam to one district just so that it can motivate its students.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 314

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 314 without my signature.

Since the passage of the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, California needs to increase work participation rates in the CalWORKs program. Failure to meet federal work requirements will lead to federal penalties and threatens our financial ability to retain a strong safety net for low-income children and working families. I believe comprehensive reform, not piecemeal changes are needed. It is premature to consider this proposal in the context of all other options to increase California's work participation rate.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature. Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 400 without my signature.

While I agree with the author that what the state measures in its accountability system sends a powerful message to schools and to the public about the outcomes we value, this bill still needs refinement. I respect the intention to provide schools the incentive to expand access to A-G college admission required courses, and expand course offering in Career Technical Education program. I am open to opportunities to accomplish that goal. However, I must maintain that the Academic Performance Index (API) should continue to be based on objective, reliable, valid and consistent statistical measurements.

Currently, a school's API is based solely on its students' performance on academic achievement tests. This bill, however, would require that, by no later than June 30, 2014, the weight given such tests be reduced to 50 percent with the remaining 50 percent based on high school graduation rates, the percentage of students fulfilling the requirements for admission to public postsecondary institutions, and the percentage of students who graduate prepared for entry-level employment in business or industry.

For these reasons, at this time I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 785

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 785 without my signature.

The urban heat island technical evaluation and reflective coating development provisions of this bill are duplicative of regulatory efforts already in progress at the Air Resources Board and the California Energy Commission under the authority provided by the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

The provision of the bill regarding disciplinary action for the failure of licensed contractors to comply with building energy efficiency standards has merit. I urge the Legislature to reconsider legislation on adding these new penalties next year.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 888 without my signature.

I support the development of green building standards and share the goals of this bill. However, if implemented provisions in this bill would create a bias for certain building materials over others without a clear benefit. For instance, the use of California wood building construction materials is highly discouraged in favor of foreign grown bamboo and wheatgrass.

Additionally, building standards should not be statutory. The Building Standards Commission was created to ensure an open public adoption process allowing experts to develop standards and periodic updates to the building codes.

Allowing private entities, such as proposed in this bill, to dictate California's building standards usurps the state's authority to develop and adopt those standards and could compromise the health and safety of Californians. I encourage state agencies to review all nationally recognized programs and glean from those programs, standards that promote greener construction, energy and water conservation, and reduce Green House Emissions.

It is imperative to expedite the greening of California's building standards. As such, I am directing the California Building Standards Commission to work with specified state agencies on the adoption of green building standards for residential, commercial, and public building construction for the 2010 code adoption process.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 941

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 941 without my signature. While I appreciate the efforts by the author and stakeholders to improve coordination and oversight of California's emergency medical technicians in a manner that better protects public safety, I cannot sign this bill. AB 941 would establish a statewide registry for EMTs, establish background check requirements and provide for uniform disciplinary standards. However, it falls short of what is needed to protect public safety and ensure appropriate oversight of EMTs. Specifically, I am concerned this bill lacks requirements and penalties to assure timely notice when an investigation is initiated, does not provide sufficient authority for local medical directors to independently initiate investigations, and fails to establish clear standards for background checks. In addition, I am concerned that the bill would significantly

limit public disclosure. I therefore direct the Health and Human Services Agency to work in a collaborative manner with stakeholders on legislation that builds on AB 941, and improves it to get the job done.

For these reasons, I am returning Assembly Bill 941 without my signature.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 973

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 973 without my signature.

I believe it is important for the state to encourage students who choose to participate in career technical education programs to enter into the workforce, if that is their chosen career path. However, it is unclear whether or not waiving the fees that they are required to pay is a deterrent to their entry into the job market. Furthermore, any lost revenue from waivers that are provided by this bill will either result in a decrease in service, or have to be covered by the program's other licensees, since all of the Department of Consumer Affairs' licensing programs are fully supported by licensing fees.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1049

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1049 without my signature.

While I appreciate the author's intent, this bill is unnecessary, as the recently established Juvenile Justice Community Reentry Challenge Grant Program will serve many of the same functions as proposed by this bill, and is currently being implemented. It is necessary to allow this program to proceed and gauge its effectiveness, and then determine whether it is successful enough to expand, before creating a new separate but similar program.

In addition, while this bill specifies that the pilot program shall be created only to the extent that funds are appropriated for that purpose, it provides no funding for the actual administrative costs that will be necessary for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to implement the program.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1058 without my signature.

I support the development of green building standards and share the goals of this bill. However, if implemented provisions in this bill would put the health and safety of Californians at risk by being in conflict with current safety standards. The national standards in this bill could require that wood support studs be placed twenty-four inches apart instead of the California seismic safety standard of sixteen inches, thus endangering the safety of the home. Additionally, the guidelines for planting vegetation for shade would violate California fire standards for the most dangerous areas by placing vegetation next to the house, not the 100 foot firebreak required by California law.

Additionally, building standards should not be statutory. The Building Standards Commission was created to ensure an open public adoption process allowing experts to develop standards and periodic updates to the building codes.

Allowing private entities, such as proposed in this bill, to dictate California's building standards usurps the state's authority to develop and adopt those standards and could compromise the health and safety of Californians. I encourage state agencies to review all nationally recognized programs and glean from those programs, standards that promote greener construction, energy and water conservation, and reduce Green House Emissions.

It is imperative to expedite the greening of California's building standards. As such, I am directing the California Building Standards Commission to work with specified state agencies on the adoption of green building standards for residential, commercial, and public building construction for the 2010 code adoption process.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 14th day of October at 5:15 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 35, 144, 314, 400, 785, 888, 941, 973, 1049, and 1058 without the Governor's signature, together with statements of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

JACQUELYN KIRWAN Assistant Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1164

Governor's Office, Sacramento October 14, 2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1164 without my signature.

While I support efforts to improve the quality of child care services and have provided increased state funding to expand access to subsidized child care, I can not support this bill as it has the potential to add significant fiscal pressures to the State's structural budget deficit. Family child care homes currently receive prevailing market rates for

their services. They are reimbursed for the state-subsidized families they serve at the same rate as that paid by the non-subsidized families they serve.

they serve.

Changes in the current reimbursement structure, increases in family child care provider reimbursement rates, expanded provider training efforts, or other program enhancements could come at the expense of the number of available child care slots. In light of the current structural budget deficit, it is imperative that we balance our fiscal reality and the need to provide services to working families.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Receipt of Bills

I acknowledge receipt this 14th day of October at 10:15 p.m., of Assembly Bill No. 1164 without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jacque Roberts.

JACQUELYN KIRWAN Assistant Clerk of the Assembly

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