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Date: May 29, 2018

To: Honorable Members, California State Assembly

From: Dorothy Johnson, Legislative Representative, California State Association of Counties  
Jolena Voorhis, Executive Director, Urban County of California

**RE: Assembly Bill 2558 (Brough) – County Officers  
NO VOTE REQUESTED – As Amended May 25, 2018**

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The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and Urban Counties of California (UCC), oppose Assembly Bill 2558 (Brough) and urge your NO vote. This measure undermines the county boards of supervisors (BOS) role in achieving government efficiency and is redundant to existing public engagement opportunities in county administrative decisions.

**This bill:**

- Requires a county BOS that seeks to consolidate the office of county Treasurer-Tax Collector with the county Auditor-Controller to place that matter before the voters.
- Requires that a county have voters decide if a proposed Director of Finance position should be elected or appointed at the time of that position being created through voter action.

**Existing law already provides for direct public engagement:**

- Local voters can overturn a county ordinance, including the consolidating of offices, through referendum.
- The Ralph M. Brown Act (open meetings) and California Public Records Act provides opportunities for public access and public engagement to county BOS meetings where resolutions seeking to modify county offices and their officers are considered.

**AB 2558 ignores larger governance questions:**

- AB 2558 undermines the authority of each and every county BOS and opens the door to a larger policy discussion that should consider the implications for other county offices that can be filled by elected or appointed officials.
- This is one of several attempts in recent years to shift treasurer-tax collectors and auditor-controllers to have the same authority of constitutional officers such as Sheriffs, District Attorneys, Assessors in a piecemeal fashion without taking into account local conditions.

For these reasons, **CSAC and UCC respectfully urge your NO vote on AB 2558.** Please do not hesitate to contact Dorothy Johnson (CSAC) at (916) 650-8133 or Jolena Voorhis (UCC) at (916) 327-7531 regarding any questions on this measure.