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Memorandum No. 1

Subject: Argument in favor of A.C.A. No. 16.

The attached argument was prepared by Commissioner Gustafson.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary

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DRAFT OF ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION NO. _____

Until last year a person who was owed money by a city, county, school district or other local governmental agency often could not collect because of failure to comply with legal technicalities in filing his claim. These technicalities were contained in over 174 different laws concerning the filing of claims! It was difficult even for a lawyer to know exactly which law applied in any particular case.

In 1959 the Legislature repealed all these confusing laws and substituted a simple, uniform claim filing procedure which any citizen can follow to collect what is owing to him by a local governmental agency. However, the new law does not have state-wide application because a few cities and counties are not governed by state law, but by local charters.

Proposition _____ extends the benefits of the new, simple procedures to persons who have legitimate claims against these chartered cities and counties. By adopting Proposition _____, the new law regarding claims will be applicable everywhere in California including chartered cities and counties. No longer will a person seriously injured by a city be denied payment due him because of his failure in filing his claim to comply with some obscure provision in the city charter.

Proposition _____ was placed on this ballot by the unanimous vote of the 114 Senators and Assemblymen present in the Legislature when the vote was taken. Vote YES on Proposition _____!

Submitted by:
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