

**To:** City of Cupertino  
Legislative Review Committee

**From:** Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

**Date:** September 2, 2020

**Subject:** Discuss Ballot Proposition for 2022

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## **POTENTIAL 2022 BALLOT MEASURE**

A measure has been submitted to the Attorney General for Title and Summary, in order to be circulated for potential inclusion on the November 2022 ballot.

### **20-0002. Restoration of Local Government**

Status: Submitted for Title and Summary on July 27, 2020. Approximate date for issuance of Title and Summary to the Secretary of State: September 30, 2020.

The purpose of this proposed initiative is to return responsibility for community government from the state back to local governments by authorizing cities and counties to have authority over local legislative and executive decisions and operations. This provides for local planning, operation, control, and community-wide access for county courts, streets, parks, housing infrastructure development, county jails, and land use rules and zoning regulations in local jurisdictions. The intent of the initiative is for counties to adopt county-specific statutes and regulations in the above areas, without state preemption or reservation of any field of regulation. It is also the intent, that should the initiative be approved by voters, that the allocation of authority between state and county will be determined through utilization of intra-agency agreements or acquisitions to determined the scope of shared agency powers, funding, and limitations.

Once the Attorney General has issued Title and Summary, the Secretary of State will approve the format of petition and the proponents will be able to begin circulating the proposed initiative and gathering signatures to qualify for the ballot. The proponents will have 180 days from the official Title and Summary date to circulate petitions, collect signatures, and file petitions with county election officials. Since the proposed initiative would amend the State Constitution, proponents will need to submit at least 997,139 valid signatures.

