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Honorable Board members:

Please see attached comments on the above Board item related to the vacancy of the Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator. We are unable to attend the meeting on May 14. This is an important decision which could have long lasting effects.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Douglas and Donna Morris
789 Peach St



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To: Paul Teixeira, Chairperson, County Board of Supervisors
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Residents of San Luis Obispo

Date: May 9, 2013

Subject: Board Agenda Item #22, May 14, 2013
Request for Board direction related to the vacancy of the Treasurer-Tax
Collector-Public Administrator



This letter expresses our concern regarding the option of consolidating the Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator's (TTCPA) Office with the Auditor-Controller's (AC) Office. We will be out of town on the day of the Board meeting.

These departments have two separate and distinct responsibilities. The TTCPA collects and invests county revenue and the AC accounts for revenues received. The consolidation would eliminate a fair and impartial collection, investment, and accounting process for revenues.

By giving one person the responsibility for both departments' duties, the County loses its well-established financial and procedural controls. Potential losses from compromising the system of checks and balances could far outweigh the relatively small estimated savings.

The submittal before your Board appears to be heavily weighted for option 2, with several pages of consolidation discussion. However, option 1, has only a few sentences of discussion. This has the appearance that the decision has already been made prior to this Board item.

With the option of consolidation, the public loses their voting right to establish qualified department heads for these departments. How can your Board make a decision to eliminate this public right without the public's input via a referendum process?

Please consider maintaining the individual departments and appointing Art Bacon to complete the term vacated by the previous Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator. At a minimum, more analysis should be completed and exposed to the public before direction is given to amend County code.

Thank you for your consideration.

c Dan Buckshi, County Administrative Officer
James Erb, County Auditor-Controller
Art Bacon, County Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator