

## Historic Week for Constitutional Convention Movement

Most agree that California governance is broken. The only question is just how much worse can it get? In response to the State's inaction on the crises in our education system, prisons, water, budgeting, local governments and economy, this week Repair California – led by the Bay Area Council – filed two ballot measures to call the first Constitutional Convention in California in more than 130 years. Citing a broken system of governance, the measures would call a limited Constitutional Convention to reform four areas of the constitution: the budget process; the election and initiative process; restoring the balance of power between the state and local governments; and, creating new systems to improve government effectiveness. The Convention is specifically prohibited from proposing tax increases or from considering social issues.



The immediate next step is to await title and summary from the Attorney General. Once issued, the race will be on to collect approximately 1.4 million signatures. Then, voters will decide on calling the Convention on the November 2010 ballot, the Convention would be held in 2011 and its proposed reforms would require voter approval in one of the three scheduled statewide elections in 2012.

Use these links to learn more about the proposal:

[Prop 1: Citizens' Constitutional Convention Act](#)

[Prop 2: The Call for a Citizens' Limited Constitutional Convention](#)

[Fact Sheet](#) on the Measures

[Routes](#) to become a Delegate

[Press Release](#) on the Measures

Media Coverage: [Los Angeles Times](#), [Contra Costa Times](#), [Sacramento Bee](#), [Ventura County Star](#), [San Francisco Business Times](#), [Central Valley Business Times](#)

## Article of the Week

This [opinion editorial](#) published by the Sacramento Bee expresses that while the water package proposed by Senate President Pro Tem Steinberg isn't perfect, it no doubt beats the status quo. The Bay Area Council agrees – especially since the current proposal would strengthen governance, a component of the solution that we have long advocated for. With a strong governance system in place, decisions on water could be made based on science rather than politics. Still, without major new funding to build major projects, not much can happen.