



# Association Legislative Alert!

Hello Car Guys & Gals,

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The ACCC will continue to cultivate and foster relationships with legislators and regulators in Sacramento. We have found that meeting and establishing working relationships with these folks is of value to the ACCC. Whether we like it or not the Democrats are in charge with their "SuperMajority" and we must try, as hard as it seems, to work with them. Of course, that doesn't mean we roll-over...We still must remain vigilant to any and all regulations, policies, procedures, or legislation that poses a threat to the car hobby and the enjoyment of our cars.

There is a bit of good news to report...Florida has passed legislation that repeals a five-year-old statute requiring all state service stations to sell gasoline containing an established percentage (10%) of ethanol.

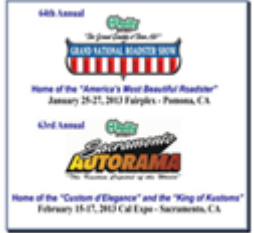
In addition, there is national legislation with two bills going before Congress relating to ethanol. One bill calling for a complete ban of E15 ethanol blended gasoline and the other bill calling for a ban on E15 pending further studies regarding the harmful effects of E15 on older vehicles and smaller gas engines, i.e. lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and weed eaters, etc. The ACCC supports these bills and the ban of ethanol in our fuel and will keep you all posted on the progress of this legislation.

The ACCC also wants to alert you all regarding threats to Prop 13 property tax law. Now that the Dems have the power they are looking at making changes to the law by introducing Senate Constitutional Amendments (SCA) and Assembly Constitutional Amendments (ACA). Please see below:

- Senate Constitutional Amendment 3 (SCA 3), Mark Leno (D—San Francisco): Lowers the threshold for school district per-parcel property taxes from two-thirds to 55%. This is a direct assault on Proposition 13 because it makes it easier to increase property taxes above Proposition 13's one percent cap.

- Senate Constitutional Amendment 4 (SCA 4), Carol Liu (D—La Canada) and Senate Constitutional Amendment 8 (SCA 8), Ellen Corbett (D—San Leandro): These two bills lower the threshold for the imposition, extension or increase of local transportation special taxes from the Proposition 13-mandated two-thirds vote to 55%. While most transportation special tax increases consist of very regressive sales tax hikes, the language of these bills could be used to impose new parcel taxes.

- Senate Constitutional Amendment 7 (SCA 7), Lois Wolk (D—Davis): Lowers the threshold from two-thirds to 55% in order to approve a bond to fund public library facilities. Lowering the threshold for school facilities to 55% has already resulted in billions of dollars of additional property tax payments that otherwise would not have been approved by voters and the lower threshold has done nothing to improve education in California. Bond "add on" taxes are like parcel taxes because only property owners have to pay.





- Senate Constitutional Amendment 9 (SCA 9), Ellen Corbett (D—San Leandro): Lowers the threshold from two-thirds to 55% to increase special taxes – including parcel taxes – to fund community and economic development projects.
- Senate Constitutional Amendment 11 (SCA 11), Loni Hancock (D—Berkeley): Lowers the threshold to 55% to allow for voters representing ANY local government entity to approve a special tax for ANY purpose. This is far and away the broadest application, and thus the most egregious, of these constitutional amendments.

The ACCC continues to oppose any legislation that looks to increase vehicle license fees, car taxes, or any other taxes imposed on California citizens. We sincerely feel that Californians are taxed enough and need some relief. Please contact your representatives in both the Assembly and the Senate and voice your opposition to any proposed tax/fee increases or Constitutional Amendments.

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Please feel free to contact us with comments, concerns, questions, or suggestions...

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