

# Section 17

## **California Council on Intergovernmental Relations (CCIR)**

**(a) Policy Statement on Regional Organization**

**(b) Letter to Cities, Counties, Councils of Government:  
Comprehensive Planning Assistance (CPA) Proposals 1970-71 -  
Federal Funds (701) - announces CPA program**

**(c) Preliminary Application Procedure**

**(d) Preliminary Application for CPA**

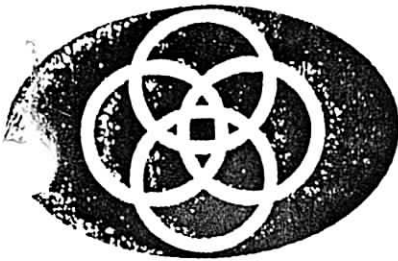
**(e) Letter to Elected Officials of Cities, Counties, and  
Regional Organizations Requesting Comments on  
Regional Planning Districts:**

**1) Regional Planning Survey**

**2) Executive Order 12372 - Intergovernmental Review of  
Federal Programs (new review process introduced)**

**3) California Senator Dunlap letter to Mrs. O'Grady  
confirming CCIR phased out (03/10/1977)**

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(1) the "umbrella" agency for any new agencies or functions established for regional purposes;

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(3) the sole basis for meeting various federal requirements for regional agencies.

(If federal or state legal requirements specify a program or function with membership in addition to local elected officials, such additional bodies can be attached to the regional organization as technical advisory bodies.)

(c) Any such regional organization boundaries shall be based on county lines and combinations of entire counties.

One of the earlier Freeman magazines carried an editorial in which one line has ever since remained with me. Paraphrased, it is: "You can always recognize a Socialist by his insatiable desire to change things." This philosophy is an organic doctrine of "Metro", at whatever level, or under whatever name you find it functioning. The justifying labels of "reform", or "progressive," or "toward greater democracy" should be viewed with a healthy skepticism and merit a second and searching look. When anyone, individually or organizationally proposes to "do" something for you (most particularly at your expense) it is well for you to determine "why".

Legislation to establish and /or implement "Metro" government in California is rampant, and will become an even greater threat during the upcoming session of the State legislature. NOW is the time to make a dedicated study for the purpose of determining what "Metro" is all about.

There are many articles available on "Metro", which may be ordered for study group use. Some are:

- 1) The Story of "1313". Don Bell Reports, P.O. Box 2223, Palm Beach, Florida. Combined Special Issue, Yr. 14, #4, Feb. 21, 1958. 10¢ each.
- 2) The Dan Smoot Report, Vol. 5, Nos. 15 & 16, Apr. 13 & 20, 1959. P.O. Box 9611, Dallas 14, Texas. 1 copy 25¢. 6 for \$1. 50 for \$5.50.
- 3) Terrible "1313" by Jo Hindman. Reprints from American Mercury, 250 West 57th St., New York 19, N.Y. 1 copy 15¢, 10 for \$1. (Original article in American Mercury, January, 1959.)
- 4) What is Metropolitan Government? Published by E.G. Grace, distributed by Committee for the Preservation of the Constitution, P.M. Seldon, Secy. P.O. Box 27103, Hollywood 27, Calif. 50¢ copy, 6 or more copies, 35¢ each.

Government Publications:

- 1) See documentation source # 7
- 2) Metropolitan Government in California. Assembly Interim Committee Reports, V. 13, #23. 1957-59. March, 1959. Pursuant to H.R. #215, 1957. Francis M. Lindsay, Chairman. (Calif. State Legislature)
- 3) (From the same committee) V. 13, #11. "Adapting Government to Metropolitan Needs- A review of Organizational Devices." Jan., 1957. Pursuant to H.R. 239. Prepared by the Bureau of Public Administration, University of California at Berkeley.
- 4) Text of H.R. 6904 ( now PL 86-380) and floor debate , Cong. Rec. Aug. 17, 1959, beginning on p. 14697.

Happy reading !

Source Identification

- 1) New Standard Encyclopedia, Funk & Wagnall, 1934 ed. V. 14, p. 248
- 2) Booklet published by "1313". Source: Closer Up, Don Bell Reports.
- 3) Reece Report, part 1.
- 4) "Rockefeller , Internationalist."
- 5) House Report # 2533, Union Cal. # 1055 85th Cong. 2nd session.

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June 5, 1969

To: Local Government Officials  
Association of Bay Area Governments

From: Frank Fargo, Executive Secretary  
Council on Intergovernmental Relations

Enclosed is a copy of a policy statement concerning regional organization recently adopted by the California Council on Intergovernmental Relations. The CIR is a state agency having a representative membership which includes city and county governments as you will note on the membership list also attached.

This position paper will be distributed statewide; however, the initial distribution is being made to members of the Association of Bay Area Governments in view of their forthcoming General Assembly on June 11.

Your comments are welcomed.

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Attachment

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To improve state-local coordination, it should be provided by inserting a provision in the State Administrative Manual that "all State agencies will, when establishing or changing boundaries for the administration of State functions; to the greatest extent possible, establish those boundaries on the basis of locally defined regional boundaries. To assist them in this work, the Council on Intergovernmental Relations should be identified as the State-local intergovernmental coordinating agency." x x

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The Council exercises an advisory overview of all problems mutually affecting California State and local government. It was created in 1963 and reports to the Governor and to the Legislature on its activities and recommendations.

It is composed of 18 members appointed by the Governor to represent cities, counties, state government, school districts, and the public at large. The city members are nominated for appointment by the League of California Cities; the county members are nominated by the County Supervisors Association of California; and the school district members are nominated by the State Board of Education.

The Council has the responsibility: (1) to review all intergovernmental problems and engage in long range planning in these areas; (2) to provide direction to the local planning assistance function and to act as the central point of contact for those bodies which deal with specific intergovernmental problems; (3) to review the allocation of governmental services and resources between state and local governments and to make recommendations for changes where necessary; and (4) to serve as a sounding board for new ideas and new programs and recommendations for implementation at the state and local level.

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