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Dear Fiscal Officer:

Subject: Price and Population Information

Appropriations Limit

The California Revenue and Taxation Code, Section 2227, mandates the Department of Finance (Finance) to transmit an estimate of the percentage change in population to local governments. Each local jurisdiction must use their percentage change in population factor for January 1, 2009, in conjunction with a change in the cost of living, or price factor, to calculate their appropriations limit for fiscal year 2009-2010. Enclosure I provides the change in California's per capita personal income and an example for utilizing the price factor and population percentage change factor to calculate the 2009-2010 appropriations limit. Enclosure II provides city and unincorporated county population percentage changes, and Enclosure IIA provides county and incorporated areas summed population percentage changes. The population percentage change data excludes federal and state institutionalized populations and military populations.

Population Percent Change for Special Districts

Some special districts must establish an annual appropriations limit. Consult the Revenue and Taxation Code, Section 2228, for further information regarding the appropriation limit. You can access the Code from the following website: "<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>" check box: "Revenue and Taxation Code" and enter 2228 for the search term to learn more about the various population change factors available to special districts to calculate their appropriations limit. Article XIII B, Section 9(C), of the State Constitution exempts certain special districts from the appropriations limit calculation mandate. Consult the following website: "http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/const/article_13B" for additional information. Special districts required by law to calculate their appropriations limit must present the calculation as part of their annual audit. Any questions special districts have on this issue should be referred to their respective county for clarification, or to their legal representation, or to the law itself. No state agency reviews the local appropriations limits.

Population Certification

The population certification program applies only to cities and counties. Revenue and Taxation Code Section 11005.6 mandates Finance to automatically certify any population estimate that exceeds the current certified population with the State Controller's Office. **Finance will certify the higher estimate to the State Controller by June 1, 2009.**

Please Note: Prior year's city population estimates may be revised.

If you have any questions regarding this data, please contact the Demographic Research Unit at (916) 323-4086.

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Enclosure

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Enclosure I

- A. **Price Factor:** Article XIII B specifies that local jurisdictions select their cost-of-living factor to compute their appropriation limit by a vote of their governing body. The cost-of-living factor provided here is per capita personal income. If the percentage change in per capita personal income is selected, the percentage change to be used in setting the 2009-2010 appropriation limit is:

Per Capita Personal Income

Fiscal Year (FY)	Percentage change over prior year
2009-2010	0.62

- B. Following is an example using sample population change and the change in California per capita personal income as growth factors in computing a 2009-2010 appropriation limit.

2009-2010:

Per Capita Cost of Living Change = 0.62 percent
 Population Change = 1.11 percent

Per Capita Cost of Living converted to a ratio: $\frac{0.62 + 100}{100} = 1.0062$

Population converted to a ratio: $\frac{1.11 + 100}{100} = 1.0111$

Calculation of factor for FY 2009-2010: $1.0062 \times 1.0111 = 1.0174$

Enclosure II
Annual Percent Change in Population Minus Exclusions
January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2009 and Total Population, January 1, 2009

County City	<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>--- Population Minus Exclusions ---</u>		<u>Total Population</u>
	2008-2009	1-1-08	1-1-09	1-1-2009
Contra Costa				
Antioch	0.96	99,994	100,957	100,957
Brentwood	2.62	50,584	51,908	51,908
Clayton	0.80	10,778	10,864	10,864
Concord	0.73	123,700	124,599	124,599
Danville	1.04	42,602	43,043	43,043
El Cerrito	0.57	23,306	23,440	23,440
Hercules	0.70	24,309	24,480	24,480
Lafayette	0.58	23,948	24,087	24,087
Martinez	0.63	36,020	36,246	36,348
Moraga	0.47	16,128	16,204	16,204
Oakley	3.85	33,189	34,468	34,468
Orinda	0.80	17,529	17,669	17,669
Pinole	0.64	19,260	19,383	19,383
Pittsburg	0.66	63,352	63,771	63,771
Pleasant Hill	0.57	33,357	33,547	33,547
Richmond	0.59	103,899	104,513	104,513
San Pablo	2.04	31,172	31,808	31,808
San Ramon	3.25	61,187	63,176	63,176
Walnut Creek	0.91	65,266	65,860	65,860
Unincorporated	1.04	168,560	170,310	170,310
County Total	1.16	1,048,140	1,060,333	1,060,435

(*) Exclusions include residents on federal military installations and group quarters residents in state mental institutions, state and federal correctional institutions and veteran homes.