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County of Orange Statement Regarding VLF Lawsuit

The County of Orange is only seeking to be treated the same as all other counties on the issue of property tax allocation. The County was supportive of a legislative solution to avoid any disputes regarding the reallocation of Orange County's Vehicle License Fees for State purposes; however, that legislation was not approved before the close of the last Legislative Session in September 2011. The County has loaned over \$25 million to local schools to mitigate the financial impact of the State's decision to reallocate the County's Vehicle License Fee revenue. While the County has been proactive in discussing this issue with Legislators and school officials, the Department of Finance and Attorney General's office have made no contact with the County regarding this matter. The County is disappointed the State has now resorted to filing a lawsuit. We are evaluating the merits of their suit and cannot comment on its specifics at this time until we have had time to completely review their claims. At a future time, we will respond to the State's lawsuit.

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