



## REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

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Governance in the Public Interest Task Force  
The State Bar of California  
180 Howard Street  
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Dear Task Force Subcommittee:

On March 25, 2011, the Governance in the Public Interest Task Force will be meeting in Sacramento to discuss possible changes to the Board of Governors governance model. As you are well aware, the Sections play a critical role in advancing the State Bar's mission to ensure superior continuing legal education and networking opportunities for our members; all of which in turn serves to protect the public interest. It is therefore important that the Section's position with respect to State Bar governance be taken into consideration. This letter offers the Real Property Law Section Executive Committee's position with respect to the Task Force Subcommittee proposals for modifying the governance model as follows:

1. The Ex Com supports a reduction in the size of the Board of Governors so long as the composition or ratio of attorney members to public members remains the same.
2. The Ex Com supports a member selection process where the Supreme Court appoints the attorney members through a Merit Screening Committee that serves at the pleasure of the Supreme Court.
3. The Ex Com supports a merit screening process that prioritizes applicants who understand the Bar's protection mission.
4. The Ex Com supports the Task Force Subcommittee's proposed member terms for attorney and public members.
5. The Ex Com supports the proposed statutory change to the Bar's charge to heighten public protection.
6. The Ex Com recommends that the Task Force Subcommittee present a unified, single proposal to the Legislature for consideration.

The Ex Com respectfully requests that the Real Property Law Section's position with respect to the Task Force Subcommittee recommendations be taken into consideration. Thank you in advance for your consideration of the Section's concerns.

Sincerely,

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