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CA Local Governments' Health Assessment

- 1. Local budgets remain impaired due to pension costs, reduced revenues and lost tax-increment; yet property and sales tax coming back
- 2. Cities distracted by RDA dissolution activity, including dealing with Property Management Plans to dispose of former RDA properties
- 3. Infrastructure maintenance and replacement has been put off while Cities work to stabilize budget and maintain essential services
- 4. State Budget artificially balanced using Prop 30 revenues that expire in 3-6 years (income & sales tax)
- 5. Enterprise zones eliminated replaced by AB 93
- 6. New Economic Development Legislation for 2014:
 - AB 562 (Williams): "Economic Development Subsidies"
 - SB 470 (Wright): "Community Development: Economic Opportunity"
 - SB 440 (Gatto): "Hazardous Materials: local cleanup Polanco Act"





California's Employment Snapshot

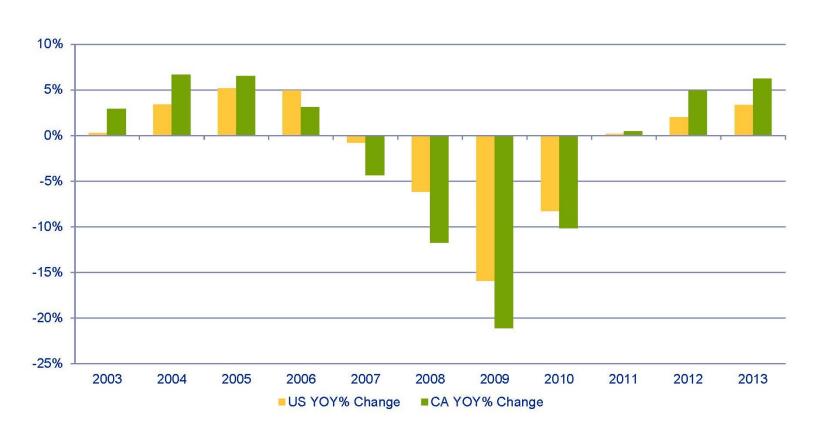
- California's job growth was 1.6% from June, 2012 to June, 2013
 - 236,200 jobs added
 - Ranks 18th in U.S.
- Major industries seeing job growth
 - Educational Services (5.2%)
 - Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation (5.1%)
 - Construction (4.9%)
 - Accommodation & Food Services (4.4%)
- Larger CA metro areas seeing single-digit unemployment rates:
 - San Francisco: 6.2%
 - Santa Ana: 6.8%
 - San Diego: 8.1%
 - Oxnard/Thousand Oaks: 8.3%
- While we see improvement, other areas in CA are still lagging:
 - Los Angeles: 10.3%
 - Fresno: 14.1%
 - Imperial County: 26.1%





California's Employment Snapshot

Construction Employment, Last 10 Years CA and USA

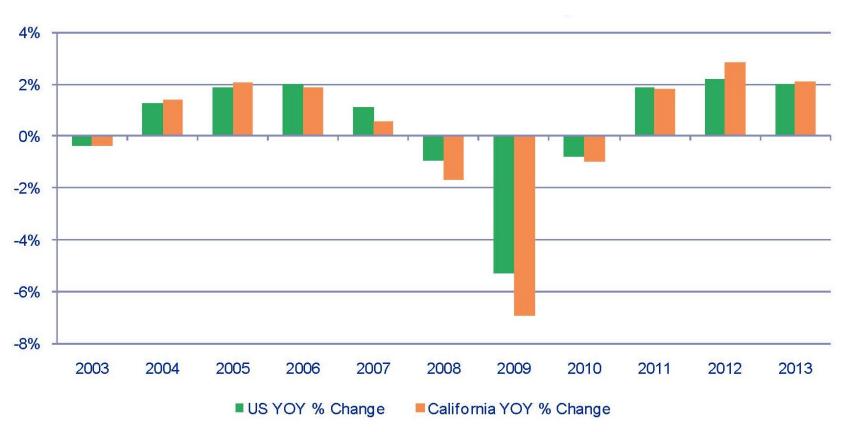






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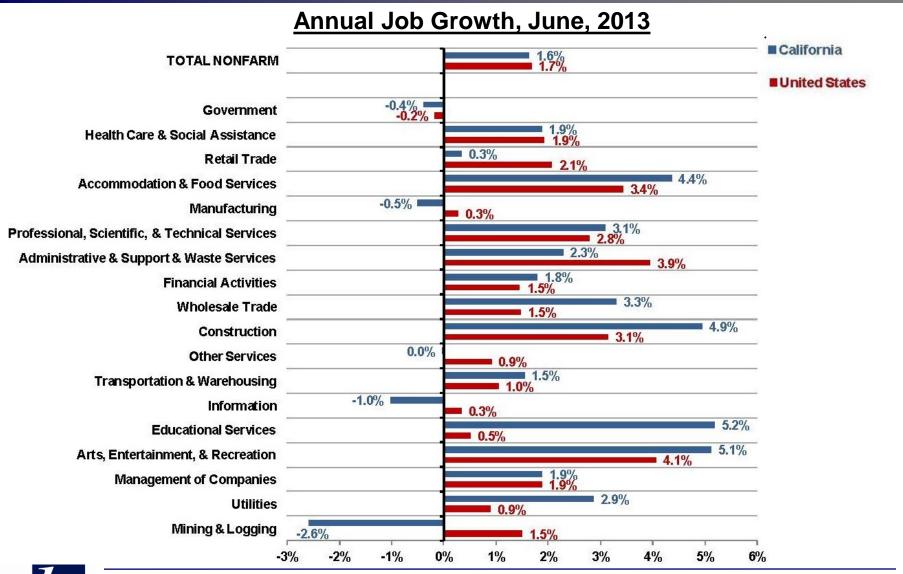
Total Private Sector Employment, Last 10 Years CA and USA







California's Economic Snapshot







How to Increase Local Revenues

Taxes vs. Economic Development

- Higher taxes are part of the "fixed cost" equation that business must control to compete favorably
 - California consistently rated least biz friendly by the CEO Roundtable
 - Without incentives, growth companies may look elsewhere
 - Over 175 cities & 32 counties at >9% unemployment, so we need jobs
- Economic Development is a solution for CA Cities:
 - ✓ Cities help themselves & State by helping companies to invest
 - ✓ Private investment = growth in real estate values and economic activity (local business spending, new wages, retail sales)
 - ✓ ED funding sources are very limited in California

Can ED projects be funded without new tax increment legislation?





Economic Development = Solution

Economic Development is "Solution A" for California:

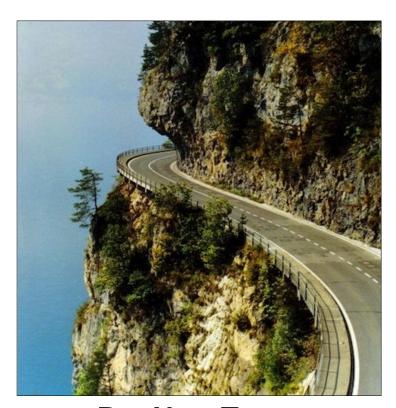
- > ED funding sources are very limited in California
 - RDAs and Enterprise Zones are gone
- > Post-RDA ED requires new and creative approaches to generate projects that yield revenues and jobs
 - Achievable BUT need well conceived strategy
 - ED & Public Finance complexities demand a skilled team
 - Key is to minimize public risk and maximize private investment
- > Components of a balanced ED Tool Kit:
 - Property, Land Use & Zoning, Financing Districts, Targeted Taxes & New Revenues
 - Can be mixed & matched; typically work best in combination
 - RDA property disposition (if handled correctly) can be an ED driver
 - Prioritize assets, projects and opportunities
 - Seek highest value & return with least cost and risk
 - Expert Peer review can help select projects, strategies & tools





Cities' Choice for Survival

Which Road to Take?



Put New Tax Measures on Ballots?



Find Ways to install **Economic Development?**

