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## **Committee Releases New Edition of What's So Special About Special Districts?**

The Senate Local Government Committee has released a new fourth edition of "*What's So Special About Special Districts? A Citizen's Guide to Special Districts in California.*" This revised version contains fresh material on the number of districts, more local examples, and better coverage of recent controversies.

Celebrated as the best example of democracy, cursed as the worst form of fragmented government, and generally misunderstood even by the experts, special districts are California's unique contribution to local government. This new edition of the Committee's guide introduces and explains the special district form of government. It's a helpful primer for voters, reporters, and public officials.

The new edition debunks the popular notion of government growth. In fact, the number of special districts has dropped over the last 30 years. These facts and other emerging trends appear in the Fourth Edition, along with more "frequently asked questions" and an expanded list of information sources. Order copies of *What's So Special About Special Districts?* directly from:

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