

HBRA Press Release on the State of Emergency

This is an appeal to our City and County governments:

California law allows the governor to declare a state of emergency and assume extraordinary powers only when normal constitutional government is inadequate to meet the emergency condition.

It also requires the governor to terminate the state of emergency at the earliest possible date. This he refuses to do.

The conditions justifying the current state of emergency never existed. They were based on models and projection which have long since been proven wrong and which bear no resemblance to the current situation. Normal governmental resources and procedures are well able to cope with present and foreseeable conditions. The state of emergency should be terminated and lawful, Constitutional government restored in California without delay.

Even under a state of emergency, the governor's power is limited to state agencies and state police. He is granted no power over local government or local police. County and City governments do not need the governor's permission to enact local policies and direct local police as they see fit and lawful.

It is proper for local government to cooperate with the governor's reasonable actions to coordinate the statewide response to an emergency, but it is a dereliction of their duty to meekly comply with his unreasonable and unlawful usurpation of arbitrary power.

HBRA urges our City and County governments to cooperate with the governor where reasonable and lawful but to resist his unreasonable and unlawful power grab. Submitting to a dubious declaration of a permanent State of Emergency will only mean a de-facto dictatorship. And where will that leave the ordinary citizen?

"If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3

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