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## CC-HSR Is Back In Court

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CC-HSR has gone back to court, to prevent the California High-Speed Rail Authority from misusing Proposition 1A Bond Funds. [Click right here](#) for a copy of the complaint filed by CC-HSR, the Town of Atherton, and other plaintiffs.

Proposition 1A was passed by California voters in November 2008. The Bond Act allocates about \$9 billion to advance high-speed rail in California, but this bond measure contained lots of protections for the taxpayers. For one thing, the funds are legally restricted, and can only go to a project that will create a segment of the overall statewide system that will be “suitable and ready” for high-speed rail service. Furthermore, according to the Bond Act, no bond funds can be used for any project that will require an operating subsidy.

In previous litigation, the court has said that these provisions in the Bond Act will be taken seriously, and that the Bond Act is a kind of “financial straightjacket.” In other words, the voters who passed the High-Speed Rail Bond Act in 2008 were supposed to be protected from a financial “boondoggle,” but that is exactly what this ill-planned and mismanaged project has become.

At the end of last year, in its latest effort to avoid the rigorous financial requirements of the Bond Act, the State Legislature adopted AB 1889. That bill, signed into law by Governor Brown, and effective on January 1, 2017, attempts to authorize expenditures that do not conform to the requirements of Proposition 1A.

In short, the Legislature is attempting to amend a voter-approved measure, without going back to the voters to get their approval. Not only is this kind of action “sneaky,” it is also unconstitutional. The California Constitution makes clear that when the voters take action, the Legislature can’t overturn what the voters have done, unless the voters agree.

CC-HSR expects this case will go to trial very quickly, because there isn’t any “factual” dispute. The facts are clear: The Legislature says it can disregard the will of the voters, and CC-HSR says it can’t.

Stand by for more news! CC-HSR will definitely keep you posted on this critically important lawsuit.

## **AND.... Thank you for your continuing support for CC-HSR!**

CC-HSR is an all-volunteer organization that has been fighting the mismanagement of the proposed California High-Speed Rail project since 2008. We have gone to court, lobbied in Sacramento, and held public meetings and rallies, and we are deeply grateful for the financial support we have received. Recently, we put out an urgent request for funding, and got a wonderful response. Thank you so much, if you contributed. We almost, but didn't quite, make the fundraising goal we need to hit, to keep us going for the year ahead, so if you can contribute now, please do! As ever, your contributions are deeply appreciated!

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