



CA Fwd Community Conversation Participant Worksheet

DISCUSSION QUESTION:

An important concern related to giving more control to local governments is that it could result in significant differences in access to or quality of services designed for low-income or vulnerable populations.

The statements below embody different values and opinions about the role of state government. Use them as a starting point to have a conversation about how to address this issue.

- a. The state should set and enforce minimum standards for services, but tolerate that some counties may want to set different priorities.
- b. In addition to setting standards, the state will need to assess the impact on civil rights, economic opportunities, etc. of greater local control.
- c. In addition to setting minimum standards, the state should play an active role in assessing performance and encouraging continuous improvement in public services.
- d. The state should leave it to local voters, taxpayers, and elected leaders to set priorities and fund desired services.

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