

PREPARING A VETO MESSAGE

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The veto message is to be prepared on plain white paper in the following format. **See *Sample Proposed Veto Message* ([see exhibit](#)).**

Title

PROPOSED VETO MESSAGE, bill number, and the author's name.

Address

"To the members of the California Assembly **or** Senate (house of bill's origin)."

First Paragraph

"I am returning (bill number) without my signature."

Bill Summary

One or more sentences briefly summarizing what the bill does.

Veto Statement

Information necessary for explaining the reason for the veto.

Closing Sentence

Usually a neutralizing statement that also states that the Governor cannot justify signing the bill for the reasons discussed.

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