

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND  
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**NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND (NAC)**

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## Important Notice to Fund Shareholders

OCTOBER 14, 2008

Although we recommend that you read the complete Proxy Statement, for your convenience, we have provided a brief overview of the issues to be voted on.

### Q. Why am I receiving this Proxy Statement?

- A. You are receiving this Proxy Statement as a Fund shareholder in connection with the annual shareholders meeting for the Nuveen closed-end funds listed at the top of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

You are being asked to vote on one or more important matters affecting your investment in the Fund:

- (i) Updated Investment Policies (all Municipal Funds, excluding Insured Funds). Nuveen's municipal closed-end funds are seeking to adopt a uniform, up to date set of investment policies (the New Investment Policies). In general, these funds currently have a somewhat diverse set of policies, reflecting when the funds were launched over the past 20 years as well as developments over time in the municipal market, including new types of securities as well as investment strategies.
- (ii) Elimination of certain Fundamental Investment Policies and Approval of New Fundamental Investment Policy (Insured Funds only). Insured Fund shareholders are being asked to approve the elimination of certain fundamental investment policies and to approve a new fundamental policy. These changes are designed to give the Insured Funds important flexibility to respond to on-going developments in the bond insurance market while maintaining their current focus on insured bonds backed by insurers with solid credit ratings. In addition, the Insured Funds are seeking to adopt a uniform, up to date set of investment policies.
- (iii) Approval of Fund Board Nominees (all Funds). Each year, you and other Fund shareholders must approve the election of Board members to serve on your Fund's Board. This is a requirement for all funds that list their common shares on a stock exchange. The Funds described in this proxy statement are holding their annual shareholders meetings at which Board members will be elected. The list of specific nominees is contained in the enclosed Proxy Statement.

Your Fund's Board of Trustees/Directors, including your Board's independent members, unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** each proposal.

**Your vote is very important. We encourage you as a shareholder to participate in your Fund's governance by returning your vote as soon as possible. If enough shareholders don't cast their votes, your Fund may not be able to hold its meeting or the vote on each issue, and will be required to incur additional solicitation costs in order to obtain sufficient shareholder participation.**

### Q. What are the potential benefits of the New Investment Policies for common shareholders of the Municipal Funds?

- A. The potential benefits to common shareholders are:

Enhanced ability of the Municipal Funds to generate attractive tax-free income while retaining their focus on investment grade quality municipal securities;

Increased flexibility in diversifying portfolio risks and managing duration (the sensitivity of bond prices to interest rate changes) to pursue the preservation and possible

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growth of capital, which, if successful, will help to sustain and build net asset value; and

Improved secondary market competitiveness that may lead to a higher relative market price and/or stronger premium/discount performance.

**Q. What are the potential benefits of the New Investment Policies for preferred shareholders of the Municipal Funds?**

A. The potential benefits to preferred shareholders are increased flexibility in diversifying portfolio risks and managing duration (the sensitivity of bond prices to interest rate changes) to pursue the preservation and possible growth of capital, which, if successful, will help to sustain and build net asset value and therefore asset coverage levels for preferred shares.

**Q. What actions are required in order to implement the New Investment Policies?**

A. In order to implement the New Investment Policies and obtain the potential benefits described above, each Municipal Fund must make certain changes to its existing policies, including certain fundamental policies that require approval of shareholders. In some cases, this may require shareholder approval of the elimination of an existing fundamental policy as well as the implementation of a new replacement fundamental policy. Because each Municipal Fund tends to be situated somewhat differently, the specific changes required to implement the New Investment Policies often vary from fund to fund.

**Q. Why are shareholders of the Insured Funds being asked to approve the elimination of certain fundamental investment policies and to approve a new fundamental investment policy?**

A. As a result of conditions facing the bond insurance market, shareholders are being asked to approve the elimination of certain fundamental investment policies that are restricting, or may be expected in the future to restrict, each Insured Fund's ability to effectively maintain its existing focus on insured bonds backed by insurers with solid credit ratings. In connection with eliminating the respective fundamental investment policies, shareholders are being asked to approve a new fundamental investment policy that will provide the Insured Funds with flexibility to respond to on-going developments in the bond insurance market, while ensuring that the Insured Funds continue to invest substantially all (at least 80%) of their investments in insured bonds backed by insurers with solid credit ratings.

**Q. What happens if shareholders don't approve the elimination of the fundamental investment policies and/or don't approve the new fundamental investment policies?**

A. A Municipal Fund or an Insured Fund will not be able to implement the new investment policies discussed above. The Municipal Fund or Insured Fund would likely incur further expenses to solicit additional shareholder participation, and may experience potential disruptions to its investment operations. The Municipal Funds and Insured Funds Boards urge you to vote without delay in order to avoid the potential for higher costs and/or disruptions to portfolio operations.

**Q. Who do I call if I have questions?**

A. If you need any assistance, or have any questions regarding the proposals or how to vote your shares, please call Computershare Fund Services, your Fund's proxy solicitor, at (866) 864-0471. Please have your proxy material available when you call.

**Q. How do I vote my shares?**

- A.** You can vote your shares by completing and signing the enclosed proxy card, and mailing it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Alternatively, you may vote by telephone by calling the toll-free number on the proxy card or by computer by going to the Internet address provided on the proxy card and following the instructions, using your proxy card as a guide.

**Q. Will anyone contact me?**

- A.** You may receive a call from Computershare Fund Services, the proxy solicitor hired by your Fund, to verify that you received your proxy materials, to answer any questions you may have about the proposals and to encourage you to vote your proxy.

We recognize the inconvenience of the proxy solicitation process and would not impose on you if we did not believe that the matters being proposed were important and in the best interests of the Funds. Once your vote has been registered with the proxy solicitor, your name will be removed from the solicitor's follow-up contact list.

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**Notice of Annual Meeting  
of Shareholders  
November 18, 2008**

**October 14, 2008**

**Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund (JFR)  
Nuveen Floating Rate Income Opportunity Fund (JRO)  
Nuveen Senior Income Fund (NSL)  
Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Floating Rate Fund (JFP)  
Nuveen Arizona Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NFZ)  
Nuveen Arizona Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NKR)  
Nuveen Arizona Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NXE)  
Nuveen Arizona Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (NAZ)  
Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NAC)  
Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NVX)  
Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NZH)  
Nuveen California Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (NQC)  
Nuveen California Municipal Market Opportunity Fund, Inc. (NCO)  
Nuveen California Municipal Value Fund, Inc. (NCA)  
Nuveen California Performance Plus Municipal Fund, Inc. (NCP)  
Nuveen California Premium Income Municipal Fund (NCU)  
Nuveen California Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (NUC)  
Nuveen California Select Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (NVC)  
Nuveen Insured California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NKL)  
Nuveen Insured California Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (NPC)  
Nuveen Insured California Premium Income Municipal Fund 2, Inc. (NCL)  
Nuveen Insured California Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (NKX)  
Nuveen Connecticut Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NFC)  
Nuveen Connecticut Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NGK)  
Nuveen Connecticut Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NGO)  
Nuveen Connecticut Premium Income Municipal Fund (NTC)  
Nuveen Florida Investment Quality Municipal Fund (NQF)  
Nuveen Florida Quality Income Municipal Fund (NUF)  
Nuveen Insured Florida Premium Income Municipal Fund (NFL)  
Nuveen Insured Florida Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (NWF)  
Nuveen Georgia Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NZX)  
Nuveen Georgia Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NKG)  
Nuveen Georgia Premium Income Municipal Fund (NPG)  
Nuveen Maryland Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NFM)  
Nuveen Maryland Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NZR)  
Nuveen Maryland Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NWI)  
Nuveen Maryland Premium Income Municipal Fund (NMY)  
Nuveen Massachusetts Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NMB)  
Nuveen Massachusetts Premium Income Municipal Fund (NMT)**

**Nuveen Insured Massachusetts Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (NGX)**

**Nuveen Michigan Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NZW)**

**Nuveen Michigan Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (NMP)**

**Nuveen Michigan Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (NUM)**

**Nuveen Missouri Premium Income Municipal Fund (NOM)**

**Nuveen New Jersey Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NXJ)**

**Nuveen New Jersey Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NUJ)**

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**Nuveen New Jersey Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (NQJ)**  
**Nuveen New Jersey Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (NNJ)**  
**Nuveen North Carolina Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NRB)**  
**Nuveen North Carolina Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NNO)**  
**Nuveen North Carolina Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NII)**  
**Nuveen North Carolina Premium Income Municipal Fund (NNC)**  
**Nuveen Ohio Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NXI)**  
**Nuveen Ohio Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NBJ)**  
**Nuveen Ohio Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NVJ)**  
**Nuveen Ohio Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (NUO)**  
**Nuveen Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NXM)**  
**Nuveen Pennsylvania Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NVY)**  
**Nuveen Pennsylvania Investment Quality Municipal Fund (NQP)**  
**Nuveen Pennsylvania Premium Income Municipal Fund 2 (NPY)**  
**Nuveen Texas Quality Income Municipal Fund (NTX)**  
**Nuveen Virginia Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NGB)**  
**Nuveen Virginia Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NNB)**  
**Nuveen Virginia Premium Income Municipal Fund (NPV)**

**To the Shareholders of the Above Funds:**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting ) of Nuveen Arizona Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. ( Arizona Premium Income ), Nuveen California Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. ( California Investment Quality ), Nuveen California Municipal Market Opportunity Fund, Inc. ( California Market Opportunity ), Nuveen California Municipal Value Fund, Inc. ( California Value ), Nuveen California Performance Plus Municipal Fund, Inc. ( California Performance Plus ), Nuveen California Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc. ( California Quality Income ), Nuveen California Select Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. ( California Select Quality ), Nuveen Insured California Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. ( Insured California Premium Income ), Nuveen Insured California Premium Income Municipal Fund 2, Inc. ( Insured California Premium Income 2 ), Nuveen Michigan Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. ( Michigan Premium Income ), Nuveen Michigan Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc. ( Michigan Quality Income ), Nuveen New Jersey Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. ( New Jersey Investment Quality ), Nuveen New Jersey Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. ( New Jersey Premium Income ) and Nuveen Ohio Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc. ( Ohio Quality Income ), **each a Minnesota corporation (collectively, the Minnesota Corporations )**, and Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund ( Floating Rate ), Nuveen Floating Rate Income Opportunity Fund ( Floating Rate Income Opportunity ), Nuveen Senior Income Fund ( Senior Income ), Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Floating Rate Fund ( Tax-Advantaged Floating Rate ), Nuveen Arizona Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund ( Arizona Dividend Advantage ), Nuveen Arizona Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 ( Arizona Dividend Advantage 2 ), Nuveen Arizona Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 ( Arizona Dividend Advantage 3 ), Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund ( California Dividend Advantage ), Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 ( California Dividend Advantage 2 ), Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 ( California Dividend Advantage 3 ), Nuveen California Premium Income Municipal Fund ( California Premium Income ), Nuveen Insured California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund ( Insured California Dividend Advantage ), Nuveen Insured California Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund ( Insured California Tax-Free Advantage ), Nuveen Connecticut Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund ( Connecticut Dividend Advantage ), Nuveen Connecticut Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 ( Connecticut Dividend Advantage 2 ), Nuveen Connecticut Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 ( Connecticut Dividend Advantage 3 ), Nuveen Connecticut Premium Income Municipal Fund

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**Matters to Be Voted on by Shareholders:**