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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-09157

Eaton Vance California Municipal Income Trust  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109  
(Address of principal executive offices)

02109  
(Zip code)

Alan R. Dynner  
The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 482-8260

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: November 30, 2005

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**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders**

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Annual Report November 30, 2005

EATON VANCE  
MUNICIPAL  
INCOME  
TRUSTS

CLOSED-END FUNDS:

California

Florida

Massachusetts

Michigan

New Jersey

New York

Ohio

Pennsylvania

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PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS AND PROXY VOTING**

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**Proxy Voting.** From time to time, funds are required to vote proxies related to the securities held by the funds. The Eaton Vance Funds or their underlying Portfolios (if applicable) vote proxies according to a set of policies and procedures approved by the Funds' and Portfolios' Boards. You may obtain a description of these policies and procedures and information on how the Funds or Portfolios voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12 month period ended June 30, without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-262-1122. This description is also available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

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**Eaton Vance Municipal Income Trusts as of November 30, 2005**

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**Eaton Vance Municipal Income Trusts as of November of 30, 2005**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

Eaton Vance Municipal Income Trusts (the Trusts) are designed to provide current income exempt from regular federal income tax and state personal income taxes. This income is earned by investing primarily in investment grade state municipal securities.

**Economic and Market Conditions**

The economy expanded at a 4.3% pace in the third quarter of 2005, up from the 3.3% growth rate of the second quarter. Despite high energy prices, rising mortgage rates and a persistent tightening by the Federal Reserve, the economy continued to expand and to create jobs 200,000 in November 2005 alone. Recent economic data suggest that the hurricanes that pummeled the Gulf Coast region in late summer and early fall did not have a significant effect on the nation's overall economy. The economy appeared to be performing much the way it was prior to the hurricanes in both the manufacturing and service sectors with little evidence of inflationary pressures. Moreover, worries about a pickup in inflation appear to have waned recently, as prices for crude oil, gasoline and jet fuel have backed off their previous highs.

Investor sentiment regarding the Fed's monetary policy appears to have shifted in recent months as investors have begun to anticipate the end of the Fed's series of interest rate hikes (which began in June 2004). The improved investor sentiment has likely accounted, in part, for the improved performance of the financial markets in the fourth quarter of 2005.

The municipal market continued to be adversely affected by strong primary market supply. Municipal issuers are collectively in the midst of their characteristic year-end rush to bring issues to market. As a result, the municipal market may see a record supply of new issuance for 2006. Combined with lackluster retail demand, the large supply pressures pushed tax-exempt yields to more attractive levels. At November 30, 2005, long-term AAA-rated insured municipal bonds yielded 98% of U.S. Treasury bonds with similar maturities.\*

For the year ended November 30, 2005, the Lehman Brothers Municipal Bond Index (the Index) posted a modest gain of 3.88%. The Index is an unmanaged index commonly used as a broad measure of municipal bond performance. While offering some insights into the overall performance of the municipal market, the Index is broadly based and is not necessarily reflective of the performance of a fund that invests primarily in municipal bonds issued by a particular state. For information about each Trust's performance and the performance of funds in the same Lipper classification as the Trust, see the Performance Information and Portfolio Composition pages that follow.

Management Discussion

The Trusts invest primarily in bonds with maturities of 20 years or longer, as longer-maturity bonds historically have provided greater tax-exempt income for investors than shorter-maturity bonds. Given the flattening of the yield curve over the past 18 months with shorter-maturity yields rising as longer-maturity yields declined slightly the long end of the curve was an attractive place to be positioned. However, given the leveraged nature of the Trusts, the flattening yield curve has negatively affected the borrowing costs associated with the leverage. As borrowing costs have risen, the income generated by the Trusts has declined. Please see the Performance Information and Portfolio Composition pages that follow for a description of each Trust's leverage as of November 30, 2005.

During the year ended November 30, 2005, the Federal Reserve has raised short-term interest rates at regular intervals, commodities prices have raised significantly, and yet the economy has grown at a solid pace with low to moderate inflation. In this environment, we continued to maintain a somewhat cautious outlook on interest rates and adjusted the Trusts' durations accordingly. Duration measures a bond fund's sensitivity to changes in interest rates.

During the past year, credit spreads, which measure the difference in yield between higher-risk bonds and lower risk bonds, have narrowed. As a result, the lower-rated bonds owned by the Trusts have performed well and made an important contribution to performance. Where prudent, we have taken advantage of the narrow credit spreads in an effort to lower the Trusts' exposure to credit risk.

We continued to focus on finding relative value within the marketplace in issuer names, coupons, maturities, and sectors. Relative value trading, which seeks to capitalize on undervalued securities that may have been overlooked, has enhanced the returns of the Trusts during the past year.

Finally, we continued to closely monitor call protection in the Trusts. Call protection remains an important strategic consideration for municipal bond investors, especially since refinancing activity has increased over the past 12 months.

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\* Source: Bloomberg L.P. Yields are a compilation of a representative variety of general obligations and are not necessarily representative of a Trust's yield.

It is not possible to invest directly in an Index. The Index's total return does not reflect expenses that would have been incurred if an investor individually purchased or sold the securities represented in the Index. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

**Trust shares are not insured by the FDIC and are not deposits or other obligations of, or guaranteed by, any depository institution. Shares are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of principal invested.**

*The views expressed throughout this report are those of the portfolio managers and are current only through the end of the period of the report as stated on the cover. These views are subject to change at any time based upon market or other conditions, and the investment adviser disclaims any responsibility to update such views. These views may not be relied on as investment advice and, because investment decisions for a fund are based on many factors, may not be relied on as an indication of trading intent on behalf of any Eaton Vance fund.*

Eaton Vance California Municipal Income Trust as of November 30, 2005

**PERFORMANCE INFORMATION AND PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**

Trust Performance as of 11/30/05(1)

Average Annual Total Return (by share price, American Stock Exchange)

One Year	-4.34%
Five Years	9.93
Life of Trust (1/29/99)	4.88

Average Annual Total Return (by net asset value)

One Year	8.72%
Five Years	9.92
Life of Trust (1/29/99)	6.77

Index Performance(2)

Lehman Brothers Municipal Bond Index

One Year	3.88%
Five Years	5.92
Life of Trust (1/31/99)	5.12

Lipper Averages(3)

Lipper California Municipal Debt Funds Classification

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One Year	7.43%
Five Years	7.23
Life of Trust (1/31/99)	5.68

### Market Yields

Market Yield(4)	5.90%
Taxable Equivalent Market Yield(5)	10.01%

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### Rating Distribution(6),(7)

By total investments

### Fund Statistics(7)

Number of Issues:	88
Average Maturity:	23.2 years
Effective Maturity:	10.5 years
Average Rating:	AA-
Average Call:	9.5 years

Average Dollar Price:	\$94.05
Leverage:*	34%

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\* The leverage amount is a percentage of the Trust's total assets. The Trust uses leverage through the issuance of preferred shares. Use of financial leverage creates an opportunity for increased income, but, at the same time, creates special risks (including the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of common shares).

(1) Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in share price or net asset value with all distributions reinvested. The Trust's performance at market share price will differ from its results at NAV. Although share price performance generally reflects investment results over time, during shorter periods, returns at share price can also be affected by factors such as changing perceptions about the Trust, market conditions, fluctuations in supply and demand for the Trust's shares, or changes in Trust distributions. Performance results reflect the effect of leverage resulting from the Trust's issuance of Auction Preferred Shares. (2) It is not possible to invest directly in an Index. The Index's total return does not reflect the expenses that would have been incurred if an investor individually purchased or sold the securities represented in the Index. Index performance is available as of month-end only. (3) The Lipper Average is the average total return of the funds that are in the same Lipper Classification as the Trust. It is not possible to invest in a Lipper Classification. Lipper Classifications may include insured and average total return of the funds that are in the same Lipper Classification as the Trust. It is not possible to invest in a Lipper Classification. Lipper Classifications may include insured and uninsured funds, as well as leveraged and unleveraged funds. The Lipper California Municipal Debt Funds Classification contained 26, 15, and 14 funds for the 1-year, 5-year, and Life-Of-Trust time periods, respectively. Lipper Averages are available as of month-end only. (4) The Trust's market yield is calculated by dividing the last dividend per share of the fiscal year by the Of share price at the end of the period and annualizing the result. (5) Taxable-equivalent figure assumes a maximum 41.05% combined federal and state income tax rate. A lower tax rate would result in lower tax-equivalent figures (6) As of 11/30/05. Rating Distribution is determined by dividing the total market value of the issues by the total investments of the Trust. (7) Portfolio information may not be representative of the Trust's current or future investments and may change due to active management.

**Eaton Vance Florida Municipal Income Trust as of November 30, 2005**

**PERFORMANCE INFORMATION AND PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**

Trust Performance as of 11/30/05(1)

Average Annual Total Return (by share price, American Stock Exchange)

One Year	-1.25%
Five Years	13.23
Life of Trust (1/29/99)	5.52

Average Annual Total Return (by net asset value)

One Year	6.98%
Five Years	9.82
Life of Trust (1/29/99)	6.54

Index Performance(2)

Lehman Brothers Municipal Bond Index

One Year	3.88%
Five Years	5.92
Life of Trust (1/31/99)	5.12

Lipper Averages(3)

Lipper Florida Municipal Debt Funds Classification Average

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One Year	5.55%
Five Years	7.18
Life of Trust (1/31/99)	5.41

Market Yields

Market Yield(4)	5.75%
Taxable Equivalent Market Yield(5)	8.85%

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Rating Distribution(6),(7)

By total investments

Fund Statistics(7)

Number of Issues:	81
Average Maturity:	24.0 years
Effective Maturity:	8.3 years
Average Rating:	AA
Average Call:	5.8 years

Average Dollar Price:	\$ 100.82
Leverage:*	35%

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price at the end of the period and annualizing the result. (5) Taxable-equivalent figure assumes a maximum 35.00% federal tax rate. A lower tax rate would result in lower tax-equivalent figures. (6) As of 11/30/05. Rating Distribution is determined by dividing the total market value of the issues by the total investments of the Trust. (7) Portfolio information may not be representative of the Trust's current or future investments and may change due to active management.

**Eaton Vance Massachusetts Municipal Income Trust as of November 30, 2005**

**PERFORMANCE INFORMATION AND PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**

Trust Performance as of 11/30/05(1)

Average Annual Total Return (by share price, American Stock Exchange)

One Year	-6.89%
Five Years	13.25
Life of Trust (1/29/99)	5.98

Average Annual Total Return (by net asset value)

One Year	7.02%
Five Years	10.65
Life of Trust (1/29/99)	6.46

Index Performance(2)

Lehman Brothers Municipal Bond Index

One Year	3.88%
Five Years	5.92
Life of Trust (1/31/99)	5.12

Lipper Averages(3)

Lipper Other States Municipal Debt Funds Classification Average

One Year	5.49%
Five Years	7.76

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Life of Trust (1/31/99)	5.82
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### Market Yields

Market Yield(4)	5.33%
Taxable Equivalent Market Yield(5)	8.66%

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### Rating Distribution (6)(7)

By total investments

### Fund Statistics(7)

Number of Issues:	61
Average Maturity:	26.2 years

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Effective Maturity:	12.5 years
Average Rating:	AA
Average Call:	10.7 years
Average Dollar Price:	\$105.15
Leverage:*	34%

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