

TO: SOUTH BAY CITIES COG BOARD MEMBERS  
FROM: JEFF KIERNAN, REGIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES®  
RE: UPDATE FOR COG MEETING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2020 (prepared 2/18/2020)

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**Los Angeles County Division Strategic Priorities for 2020:**

1. Influence legislation and policies to address homelessness, the housing shortage and housing affordability, while preserving local control.
2. Secure financial and other resources to ensure resiliency, preparation and recovery from natural and man-made disasters, and the effects of climate change.
3. Enhance public safety by supporting legislation, policies and additional funding for criminal justice reform efforts, including the mitigation of impacts of AB 109, Proposition 47, Proposition 57 and other criminal justice laws.
4. Support policies to correct the increasing imbalance between state and local revenues and expenses, address the inequities imposed by unfunded state mandates, and initiate discussion to diversify the tax structure to reflect today's digital and service economy.

**Legislative Update**

**SB 50 (Wiener) is Dead – What Will Rise in Its Place?** The Los Angeles County Division under the leadership of Bellflower Mayor Juan Garza convened a SB 50 Task Force last year that met for many hours and compiled a white paper with recommendations on how SB 50 could be improved. After delivering that document to Senator Wiener and the LA County Senate Delegation in December, Senator Wiener promised to meet with the Division to discuss our proposal. Unfortunately, that meeting never took place nor were our amendments considered by Senator Wiener. Although the League Board is meet last week to come up with an alternative proposal to SB 50, the Division has been a leader on this issue and I would encourage you to read the white paper on our Advocacy tab under SB 50 at [www.LACities.org](http://www.LACities.org).

Ultimately, SB 50 was defeated with only LA County Senators Lena Gonzalez (Long Beach) and Connie Leyva (Pomona/Chino) voting for the measure. Please consider calling your State Senator to thank them for their difficult votes on SB 50.

**NOTE: Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** was the deadline to introduce new legislation (however many bills are introduced as placeholders without detailed language).

**Upcoming Meetings (Details and Registration can be found on the Events Tab at [www.LACities.org](http://www.LACities.org)):**

- **March 5<sup>th</sup> Division General Membership Meeting** on from 6:00 – 8:30 PM at the First 5 LA Headquarters located at 750 N Alameda St, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Our speaker will be Kim Pattillo Brownson, VP of Policy & Strategy for First 5 LA who will speak to why early care and early education is important to the well-being of a city and your community. She will also discuss tools cities can use to be intentional in making early education a part of your city's infrastructure.
- **April 30<sup>th</sup> CitiPAC Fundraising Dinner** from 6 – 8:30 PM at the California Club in downtown LA
- **June 4<sup>th</sup> Newly Elected Official Governance Training** from 3 – 6 PM at the Sportsman's Lodge in Los Angeles
- **June 4<sup>th</sup> Division General Membership Meeting** from 6 – 8:30 PM at the Sportsman's Lodge in Los Angeles
- **August 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation Ceremony & Dinner** from 6 – 8:30 PM. Location TBD.