



TO: SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RE: UPDATE FOR MEETING ON APRIL 23, 2020 (prepared 4/14/2020)

COVID-19/Coronavirus Resources for Cities: The League has been communicating with the Newsom Administration, CalOES and the California Department of Public Health on a daily basis to get the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak. City Council Members & City Managers have been receiving near daily updates from me and regular updates are being added to www.cacities.org/coronavirus. The League has also been conducting webinars a few times a week to help share information amongst our members about how to continue to provide services in this new environment.

The League continues to urge the Newsom Administration to set up a system to provide some of the nearly \$8 billion in CARES Act funding that wasn't pre-allocated to local governments with a population of 500k or above. Following the Governor's announcement to defer sales tax revenue for small businesses, the League surveyed our members on their city's fiscal outlook. Once that information is compiled, we will be bringing that information to the Governor to help secure funding for cities to weather this crisis. At the same time, the League is also advocating for Congress to move forward with a 4th round of emergency funding directly to cities under 500k.

Legislative Uncertainty: The State Legislature continues to be in recess due to the threat of COVID-19 and has already extended their recess until May 4th. That date may also prove to be too early for the legislature's return to Sacramento and legislative leaders are already focusing on the Constitutionally prescribed deadlines that cannot be waived, like the June 15th deadline to pass a State Budget.

The Assembly Budget Committee [has indicated](#) that the June 15th budget would be a baseline budget that won't consider budget proposals from January and will instead focus on COVID-19 related costs, wildfire prevention & homelessness funding. Due also to the delay and deferral of tax receipts to July 15, the legislature is not likely to have a full picture of revenues until mid-August, which means the usual "May Revise" to the Budget will likely take place in August or later.

Housing Proposal: It is still unknown if the Legislature will try to take action on a comprehensive housing proposal this year, but the League's Board has approved a proposal to Legislative leaders. The League's housing proposal can be found on our website at www.CACities.org/Housing.

Census 2020: Please continue to encourage your residents to complete the 2020 Census by visiting www.2020census.gov. Response rates in LA County and California generally are lingering behind the national average. You can find the response rate in your community [HERE](#).

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

- **April 16th Legislative Briefing Webinar** – POSTPONED
- **April 22nd Legislative Action Day** – CANCELLED
- **April 30th CitiPAC Fundraising Dinner** – CANCELLED