

TO: SOUTH BAY CITIES COG BOARD MEMBERS  
FROM: JEFF KIERNAN, REGIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES®  
RE: UPDATE FOR COG MEETING ON JANUARY 23 (prepared 1/15/2020)

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**Strategic Priorities for 2020:** In December the League adopted the following strategic priorities for 2020 (headlines here only, find more details at [www.CACities.org/strategicpriorities](http://www.CACities.org/strategicpriorities)):

1. Improve the supply and affordability of housing.
2. Advocate for increased funding and resources to prevent homelessness and assist individuals experiencing homelessness.
3. Address cities' fiscal sustainability to deliver essential services and meet pension obligations.
4. Strengthen community and disaster preparedness, public safety, and resiliency.
5. Address public safety concerns of California cities.

**SB 50 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning:** The League continues to oppose SB 50 after the January 6th amendments that include an alternative for cities who want to try to complete their own zoning plan that would accomplish the same amount of housing as required by SB 50. Unfortunately, this concept is not well defined in the legislation and adds yet another complicated and costly layer of state required planning on top of what is already required of cities.

The Los Angeles County Division created a SB 50 Task Force and prepared a white paper of recommendations that was sent to Senator Wiener and the entire delegation in early December that could make SB 50 more palatable for Southern California cities. Upon receiving it, Wiener promised to discuss our recommendations with the Task Force before he released his latest amendments, but that discussion did not happen (and still has not happened as of 1/15).

SB 50 must pass the Senate Floor by January 31 – please read our white paper at [www.LACities.org](http://www.LACities.org) and use that information to speak to your Senator to ask for a NO vote.

**Legislative Meet & Greet:** The SBCCOG, SBACC, and the League are holding our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual South Bay Legislative Meet & Greet from 8 – 10 AM on Friday, January 31 at the Nakano Theatre. Congress Member Ted Lieu, Supervisor Janice Hahn, and Senators Steven Bradford and Holly Mitchell to participate so far. Please RSVP to me and come with your questions for these officials.

**Media & Communications Training:** The LA County Division is offering a free Media & Communications training from 4 – 8 PM on Thursday, February 13 in the City of San Gabriel. City council members and any city staff who interact with the media are encouraged to participate. Please RSVP early as space for this training is limited -- additional details and registration can be found on the events tab at [www.LACities.org](http://www.LACities.org).