

TO: South Bay Cities COG Board of Directors
FR: Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities
RE: Cal Cities Update for 7/22/2021 Meeting *(as prepared July 14)*

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By the time the COG Board meets in July, the State Legislature will be out for their Summer recess (from July 16 – August 16). Legislators are likely to spend much of that time in their districts which is the perfect time to connect with them about all your city's advocacy priorities. For an update on all the priority bills that Cal Cities is watching, please consider joining our [Summer Recess Legislative Briefing webinar](#) or watching the recording (since that webinar is actually the morning of your meeting).

The number of days left in the legislative session is quickly dwindling and that means your advocacy is even more critical now. The deadline for bills to clear out of policy committees has passed and the only votes remaining this year are in the Appropriations committee or on the Floor of each chamber (unless the rules are waived, which can always happen with bills the leadership deems a priority, e.g. housing & homelessness bills).

For legislation in one of the appropriations committees, expect bills placed on suspense to come out in a batch closer to the fiscal deadline on August 27, there will then be a mad dash of debate and votes on the Floor of each house until the September 10 end of session deadline. Governor Newsom then has until October 10 to sign any bills in his possession (which makes the timing of the September 14 recall election particularly interesting).

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Cal Cities can't wait to see our members in person after 18 months of virtual meetings and events. The programming for this year's annual conference will feature a variety of exciting speakers and timely presentations on key topics for local leaders, plus numerous networking opportunities. You can view the program at a glance and get a feel for what opportunities await you on the [Cal Cities Annual Conference web portal](#).

Of course, there are near daily reminders that the COVID-19 pandemic is not over. Our number one priority will continue to be the health and safety of participants. We are working closely with the convention center to ensure that important protocols and cleaning procedures continue, and if necessary, are strengthened. A special webpage outlining these procedures and other important health and safety information for attendees will be available in plenty of time to prepare for the conference.

In preparation for the conference, Cal Cities will be mailing out a packet on or before August 6 that includes any general resolutions submitted before the July 24 deadline. Once available, the general resolutions packet will be available on the [Policy & Resolutions page](#) of the Cal Cities website. Your city manager & city clerk should have already received the voting delegate packet via mail, but that packet is also available [HERE](#). *Please keep in mind that per Cal Cities bylaws, assigning a voting delegate and alternates requires action by the city council and cannot be designated by the mayor or the city manager.*

UPCOMING CAL CITIES & LA COUNTY DIVISION EVENTS

- July 22 from 9 – 10:30 AM: **Summer Recess Briefing on Priority Bills**, [details & registration HERE](#).
- July 28 from 3 – 4 PM: **Solid Waste & Recycling Roundtable – Part 5**, [details & registration HERE](#).
- July 29 from 10 – 11 AM: **Cal Cities Speaker Series w/ Lenny Mendonca, former Chief Economic & Business Advisor to Gov. Newsom**, [details & registration HERE](#).
- August 3 from 1 – 2 PM: **Creating a Healthy Workplace: A Cities for Workforce Health Seminar**, [details & registration HERE](#).
- August 5 from 6 – 8:30 PM: **LA County Division Annual Installation Ceremony & Dinner** at the Calabasas Civic Center, [register HERE](#).
- August 11 from 1:30 – 2:30 PM: **Street Vending Roundtable**, [details & registration HERE](#).
- September 22 – 24: **League of California Cities Annual Conference** in Sacramento. Registration is open and many of the most sought after hotels are already selling out. Don't delay, claim your spot today! Visit the new Cal Cities website for all the [Annual Conference details](#).
 - Wednesday, September 22 from 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM: **LA County Division Annual Conference Lunch**, [register HERE](#).