



TO: South Bay Cities COG Board of Directors
FR: Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities
RE: Cal Cities Update for 6/24/2021 Meeting *(as prepared June 16)*

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING PORTAL IS NOW AVAILABLE

By the time of your SBCCOG Board meeting takes place the deadline to request ARPA funding will have passed (and I hope and expect that every city intends to accept the funding). Below is a table that shows the funding the South Bay Cities within the COG region will receive. Note that ½ the money will be distributed this year and ½ in 2022.

Carson	\$ 17,776,763.00
El Segundo	\$ 3,973,465.00
Gardena	\$ 15,002,061.00
Hawthorne	\$ 30,521,654.00
Hermosa Beach	\$ 4,621,755.00
Inglewood	\$ 31,755,095.00
Lawndale	\$ 7,748,137.00
Lomita	\$ 4,860,976.00
Los Angeles	\$ 1,278,900,928 .00

Manhattan Beach	\$ 8,416,521.00
Palos Verdes Estates	\$ 3,175,184.00
Rancho Palos Verdes	\$ 9,934,859.00
Redondo Beach	\$ 6,801,080.00
Rolling Hills	\$ 441,363.00
Rolling Hills Estates	\$ 1,927,645.00
Torrance	\$ 24,074,277.00
SBCCOG TOTAL (w/o Los Angeles)	\$ 171,030,835.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5 from 6 – 7:30 PM LA County Division Annual Installation Ceremony & Dinner *(in-person!)*

September 22 – 24: League of California Cities Annual Conference in Sacramento. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** Visit www.CACities.org/AC for more details.

STATE BUDGET – A WORK IN PROGRESS

On June 14, the legislature passed a budget framework that likely satisfies the constitutional requirement and allows legislators to get paid, but it doesn't actually include many specifics on how the State intends to allocate the \$267 billion in the budget bill. Without these details it is difficult to determine if the state has included any of the League of California Cities' budget priorities listed below, but what does appear certain is that our request for an additional \$2 billion for those cities that have a net loss after the distribution of the American Rescue Plan Act funds *has not been fulfilled*. Since the budget is far from fully baked we encourage cities to continue to ask for all of the priorities below and especially call out the \$2 billion in direct and flexible aid in your advocacy.

Cal Cities issued an action alert on the budget with this [SAMPLE LETTER](#) for your city's use on these budget requests:

- **\$2 billion in direct & flexible aid** for those cities that still have local budget gaps after the distribution of the American Rescue Plan Act funds;
- **\$5 billion for evidence-based homelessness and housing solutions;**
- **\$3 billion for broadband infrastructure;**
- **\$225 million to help fund the mandates to divert organic waste from landfills** (SB 1383 implementation).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By the time the COG Board meets there will be about 11 weeks of the legislative year left (including 4 weeks of scheduled recess), so please consider looking closely at the list below. While leadership negotiates with the governor on the remaining budgetary sticking points, the rest of the legislature is churning through committee hearings and working to advance legislation (especially those that have been assigned to multiple committees) before the monthlong summer recess begins on July 16.

Thank you to the COG for your positions on **SB 9 (Atkins)**, **AB 339 (Lee)** and **SB 556 (Dodd)** – I encourage the COG member cities to also advocate on these bills and to consider the other Cal Cities action alert on **SB 278 (Leyva)** as all of these bills have moved forward unabated. Additionally, although Cal Cities has not issued an action alert (*yet*), please take a closer look at AB 215 (Chiu) & AB 1401 (Friedman) – these bills haven't garnered as much attention but could have a big impact on land use.

Cal Cities lobbyists have identified these bills as priorities at our recent Legislative Action Days:

- **[AB 14 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#) Communications. Broadband Services. California Advanced Services Fund.** This measure would reform the existing California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) surcharge to help close the digital divide. Specifically, it would continue the collection of the CASF fund beyond its original 2022 sunset date, and make it easier for local governments to apply for these infrastructure grants. This would create a long-term sustainable funding source for cities for broadband deployment. Cal Cities Position: Support
- **[AB 215 \(Chiu\)](#) Housing Element: Regional Housing Need. Relative Progress Determination.** This measure would require cities to have a mid-cycle housing element consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) if housing production is below the regional average; require cities to amend their laws so as to attain HCD's "pro-housing designation" if housing production is substantially below the regional average; and allow the Attorney General to enforce violations of the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (SB 330, Skinner). Cal Cities Position: Oppose
- **[AB 339 \(Lee\)](#) Local Government. Open and Public Meetings.** This measure was significantly amended on May 4 in the Assembly Local Government Committee to only require telephonic or internet based call-in options for city councils and boards of supervisors with jurisdictions larger than 250,000 people. The prior requirements related to translation and interpretation services have been removed and the amended measure now sunsets on December 31, 2023. Cal Cities Position: Oppose w/ Action Alert.
- **[AB 989 \(Gabriel\)](#) Housing Accountability Act. Appeals. Housing Accountability Committee.** This measure would establish a housing appeals committee and would establish procedures by which an applicant who proposes a housing development project pursuant to the Housing Accountability Act may appeal a local agency's decision on the project application to the committee. Cal Cities Position: Oppose
- **[AB 1401 \(Friedman\)](#) Residential and Commercial Development. Parking Requirements.** This measure would prohibit a local government from imposing a minimum parking requirement, or enforcing a minimum parking requirement, on residential, commercial, or other development if the development is located on a parcel that is within one-half mile walking distance of public transit or located within a low-vehicle miles traveled area. Cal Cities Position: Oppose
- **[SB 2 \(Bradford\)](#) Peace Officers. Certification. Civil Rights.** This measure would set standards for peace officer decertification and eliminates qualified immunity for peace officers and custodial officers, or public entities employing peace officers or custodial officers sued under the act. Cal Cities Position: Oppose
- **[SB 4 \(Gonzalez\)](#) Communications. California Advanced Services Fund. Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program. Surcharges.** This measure would reform the existing California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) surcharge to help close the digital divide. Specifically, it would continue the collection of the CASF fund beyond its original 2022 sunset date, and make it easier for local governments to apply for these infrastructure grants. This would create a long-term sustainable funding source for cities for broadband deployment. Cal Cities Position: Support. Los Angeles County Division Position: Support.
- **[SB 9 \(Atkins\)](#) Housing and Development. Approvals.** This bill would require a local government to ministerially approve a housing development containing two residential units in single-family residential zones. Additionally,

this measure would require local governments to ministerially approve urban lot splits. Already passed over to the Assembly, see the 28-6-6 Senate vote count [HERE](#). Cal Cities Position: Oppose w/ Action Alert. Los Angeles County Division Position: Oppose.

- **[SB 16 \(Skinner\)](#) Peace Officers. Release of Records.** This measure would make every incident involving use of force, sustained findings of unlawful arrests and unlawful searches, and incidents where a peace officer or custodial officer engaged in conduct involving prejudice or discrimination on the basis of specified protected classes to be subject to disclosure. Additionally, SB 16 would require indefinite retention of all complaints and related reports or findings currently in the possession of a department or agency. Cal Cities Position: Oppose
- **[SB 278 \(Leyva\)](#) Public Employees' Retirement System. Disallowed Compensation. Benefit Adjustments.** This bill would require public agencies to directly pay retirees and/or their beneficiaries disallowed retirement benefits using their general fund dollars. Cal Cities Position: Oppose w/ Action Alert. Los Angeles County Division Position: Oppose.
- **[SB 555 \(McGuire\)](#) Local Agencies. Transient Occupancy Taxes. Short-Term Rental Facilitator. Collection.** This measure would provide an opt-in program for cities to delegate short-term rental Transient Occupancy Taxes collection authority to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended
- **[SB 556 \(Dodd\)](#) Street Light Poles, Traffic Signal Poles. Small Wireless Facilities Attachments.** This measure would directly conflict with Federal Communications Commission's adopted regulations on wireless services deployment. It would require local governments to make space available on street light poles, traffic signal poles, utility poles, and other public infrastructure to telecommunications providers. Additionally, SB 556 would create ambiguity in the fees local governments can charge for access to their infrastructure. Cal Cities Position: Oppose w/ Action Alert. Los Angeles County Division Position: Oppose.
- **[SB 619 \(Laird\)](#) Organic Waste. Reduction Regulations.** This measure would seek to help local governments implement SB 1383 (Lara, 2016), and the subsequent CalRecycle organic waste regulations. Cal Cities Position: Support

In addition to the notations on the applicable bills above, the **Los Angeles County Division** has also taken positions on these bills of significant interest:

- **[AB 818 \(Bloom\)](#) Solid waste: premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes.** Establishes standardized labeling for single-use wet wipes to provide clear and consistent consumer information about what products are not safe to flush. Division Position: Support
- **[SB 15 \(Portantino\)](#) Housing development: incentives: rezoning of idle retail sites.** A reintroduction of last year's SB 1299, this bill would enable cities that rezone, build, and certify new occupancy of idle big box retail sites or commercial shopping centers into workforce multi-family housing to receive the average of the annual amount of sales tax revenue generated by that site for the last seven (7) years. The program would be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development and requires annual appropriation by the legislature. Division Position: Co-Sponsor
- **[SB 590 \(Allen\)](#) 2022 statewide primary election: terms of office.** Resolves an issue for some local city council terms caused by the signing of SB 970 (Umberg, 2020) which moved California's statewide primary in gubernatorial years from March to June to assist in making sure all levels of government have the appropriate amount of time to engage in districting and redistricting as required by the law. Division Position: Support

Legislators are likely to be back in their districts during the summer recess, so keep this list handy and speak to them about as many of these bills as possible!