

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 22, 2016

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – Status as of **September 14, 2016**

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay

ENVIRONMENT

<p>AB 2501 (Bloom)</p>	<p>Housing: density bonuses. This bill would require local government to adopt procedures and timelines for processing a density bonus application, provide a list of documents and information required to be submitted with the application in order for it to be deemed complete, and notify the applicant whether it is complete. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would prohibit a local government from requiring additional reports or studies to be prepared by the developer as a condition of the application. Would also require each component of any density calculation that results in fractional units to be rounded up to the next whole number.</p>	<p>OPPOSE (4/28/16) (Ltr sent to Asm Approps Comm 5/4/16 & to Sen T & H Comm 6/13/16 & to Senators & Author 7/29/16 & to Gov 9/6/16)</p> <p>LCC neutral</p>	<p>8/31/16 Enrolled – to Governor</p>
<p>AB 2693 (Dababneh)</p>	<p>Financing requirements: property improvements. This bill makes certain changes to the Property Assessed Clean Energy program, including: granting a property owner the right to cancel a contractual assessment prior to midnight on the third business day after executing the contract without penalty or obligation; requiring a financing estimate document to be completed and delivered to a property owner at least three business days before the property owner consummates a voluntary contractual assessment; and restricting the ability of public agencies and other parties to make representations to a property owner regarding the effect the financed improvements will have on the market value of the property.</p>	<p>MONITOR (6/30/16)</p> <p><i>PREVIOUSLY OPPOSE (ltr sent to Asm Com 4/13/16 and faxed 5/3/16)</i></p>	<p>8/30/16 Enrolled – to Governor</p>

SB 1069 (Wieckowski)	Land use: zoning. Would replace the term "second unit" with "accessory dwelling unit" throughout the law. The bill would add to those findings and declarations that, among other things, allowing accessory dwelling units in single-family or multifamily residential zones provides additional rental housing stock and these units are an essential component of housing supply in California.	OPPOSE (6/30/16) (Ltr to Asm Approp 7/29/16)(Ltr to Governor 8/31/16)	8/30/16 Enrolled – to Governor
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

AB 1217 (Daly)	Orange County Fire Authority: This bill would prohibit the composition of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) from including alternate members. (The OCFA is a joint powers authority.)	OPPOSE (8/8/16) (Ltr sent to Author 8/9/2016) (Ltr to Gov 8/25/16) LCC Opposed	8/26/16 Enrolled – to Governor
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TRANSPORTATION

AB 620 (Hernandez)	High-occupancy toll lanes: exemptions from tolls. This bill would require LACMTA to take additional steps, beyond the previous implementation of a low-income assistance program, to increase enrollment and participation in the low-income assistance program, as specified, through advertising and work with community organizations and social service agencies. The bill would also require LACMTA and the Department of Transportation to report to the Legislature by December 31, 2018, on efforts to improve the HOT lane program, including efforts to increase participation in the low-income assistance program.	MONITOR (2/8/16) OPPOSE (1/28/16) (Ltr to author 1/29/16)	8/30/16 Enrolled – to Governor
SBX1-1 (Beall)	Transportation Funding: environmental mitigation: oversight. This bill would create the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system and for other specified purposes. The bill would provide for the deposit of various funds for the program in the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, which the bill would create in the State Transportation Fund,	MONITOR	8/29/16 Senate Appropriations Committee

	<p>including revenues attributable to a \$0.12 per gallon increase in the motor vehicle fuel (gasoline) tax imposed by the bill and \$0.10 of a \$0.22 per gallon increase in the diesel fuel excise tax imposed by the bill, an increase of \$35 in the annual vehicle registration fee, a new \$100 annual vehicle registration fee applicable to zero-emission motor vehicles, as defined, a new annual road access charge on each vehicle, as defined, of \$35, and repayment, by June 30, 2016, of outstanding loans made in previous years from certain transportation funds to the General Fund. The bill would provide that revenues from future adjustments in the applicable portion of the fuel tax rates, the annual vehicle registration fee increase, and the road access charge would also be deposited in the account.</p>		
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NEW LAWS

SB1229 – Home-generated pharmaceutical waste: secure drug take-back bins. SBCCOG supported this bill

SB 32 - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit. SBCCOG was neutral on this bill

FEDERAL

<p>HR 935 (Hahn)</p>	<p>National Freight Network Trust Fund Act of 2015. Amends the Internal Revenue Code to establish the National Freight Network Trust Fund, from which expenditures shall be made to fund awards under the National Freight Network Grant Program. Appropriates to the Fund amounts equivalent to 5% of the import duties imposed under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. Establishes such Program in the Department of Transportation, under which the Secretary of Transportation shall make grants to states, regional or local transportation organizations, or port authorities to assist projects that improve the performance of the national freight network. Directs the Secretary to evaluate and select projects on a competitive basis by considering their potential to generate national economic benefits, improve the performance of key corridors and gateways, reduce congestion, improve transportation safety, and enhance the network. Requires the Secretary to update the</p>	<p>MONITOR</p>	<p>2/13/15 House Transportation & Infrastructure & Ways and Means Committees Sub-committee on Railroads, Pipelines & Hazardous Materials</p>
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	national freight network every five years.		
HR 1697 (Hahn)	Electric Charging and Refueling Act. Amends the Internal Revenue Code to replace the tax credit for qualified alternative fuel vehicle refueling property expenditures with a tax credit for 50% of the cost of any qualified electric vehicle recharging or refueling property that is: (1) installed on property used as the principal residence of the taxpayer, and (2) for the recharging or refueling of motor vehicles propelled by electricity.	MONITOR	3/26/15 House Committee on Ways and Means
HR 4888 (Waters)	End Homelessness Act of 2016. Amends the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to make additional FY2017-FY2021 appropriations available for: (1) emergency relief grants to address the unmet needs of homeless populations in jurisdictions with the highest need, (2) rental assistance under the United States Housing Act of 1937 for persons and households who are homeless, and (3) homeless outreach and coordination services. Beginning in FY2017, the bill also provides annual additional funds for: (1) the Housing Trust Fund to provide grants to states for use to increase homeownership and the supply of rental housing for extremely low- and very low-income families, including homeless families; and (2) incremental project-based voucher or rental assistance under the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992. When the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocates grants to states from the Housing Trust Fund for rental housing, the dwelling units must be subject to legally binding commitments to ensure that the residing family's contribution toward rent does not exceed 30% of the family's adjusted income. The bill provides funding to HUD to expand the Healthcare and Housing (H2) Systems Integration Initiative by assisting states and localities in coordinating policies among Medicaid programs, behavioral health providers, housing providers, and finance support services for homeless persons. The bill also makes permanent: (1) certain housing assistance programs under the Homeless	MONITOR	3/23/16 Referred to House Budget Committee

	Assistance Act, and (2) the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.		
S 2680 (Alexander)	<p>Mental Health Reform Act of 2016. Reforms mental health funding to increase patient access to effective and evidence-based care particularly focused to those with serious mental illness (SMI).</p> <p>Notable provisions of this legislation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) meet its mission by establishing a new Inter-Departmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee, and by promoting research and subsequent implementation of evidence-based practices to improve the prevention, diagnosis, treatment of and recovery from mental illness and substance use disorders. • Authorizing major mental health and substance abuse grant programs for individuals with SMI or serious emotional disturbance, and significantly improving the incentive grant program promoting integration of primary and behavioral health care. • Reauthorizing the Garrett Lee Smith youth suicide prevention grant program, and authorizing the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline program. • Clarifying appropriate use and disclosure of protected health information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and providing resources and training on requirements for communication between providers, patients and families. 	MONITOR	4/26/2016 Passed Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions