South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 24, 2020

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – updated as of September 14, 2020

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

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

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AB 725	General plans: housing element: moderate-income and above	OPPOSE	9/1/20
(Wicks)	moderate-income housing: suburban and metropolitan	(7/23/20)	ENROLLED
	jurisdictions. The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the development		
	of more medium density housing at moderate and above-moderate	(Ltr to Governor	
	incomes, akin to the requirement for very low- and low-income	requesting veto	
	housing. COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022, requires at	9/14/20)	
	least 25% of the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need		
	for both moderate-income and above moderate-income housing be		
	allocated to sites with zoning that allows at least FOUR units of		
	housing. Such density would enable the production of medium-		
	density housing on these sites that typically are subject to more		
	restrictive zoning currently. For a typical jurisdiction, this bill would		
	increase the minimum percentage of land zoned for multi-family		
	housing from approximately 40% to 55%.		
AB 1851	AMENDED: Religious institution affiliated housing development	OPPOSE	8/31/20
(Wicks)	projects: parking requirements. Allows a religious institution to	(7/23/20)	ENROLLED
	develop an affordable housing project at a place of worship owned		
	by the religious institution even if the development requires the	(Ltr to Governor	
	religious institution to reduce the number of religious-use parking	requesting veto	
	spaces available at the place of worship. Would authorize a local	9/14/20)	
	agency to require up to one parking space per unit for a religious		
	institution affiliated housing development project.		
AB 2345	Planning and zoning: density bonuses: annual report: affordable	OPPOSE	8/31/20
(Gonzalez)	housing Revises Density Bonus Law to increase the maximum	(7/23/20)	ENROLLED
	allowable density and the number of concessions and incentives a		
	developer can seek.	(Ltr to Governor	
		requesting veto	
		9/14/20)	

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HR 530	Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Empowering	SUPPORT &	1/25/19
(Eshoo)	Local Communities Act of 2019. Overturns the FCC's September	REQUEST CO-	House Energy &
	order preempting local authority over small cell wireless	SPONSORS	Commerce Committee -
	infrastructure on January 14, the day the order took effect. Would	(2/11/19)	Subcommittee on
	not preclude future FCC or congressional preemption of cities on		Communications &
	wireless infrastructure, but it would halt the FCC's harmful		Technology
	preemption order, which ignored the input of hundreds of local	Endorsed by	
	governments. The bill also complements ongoing efforts to	NLC, NATOA,	
	overturn the FCC order in federal courts, and the investigation by	NAC	
	congressional leaders into alleged attempts by the FCC to thwart		
	that litigation.		
HR 763	Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act. Imposes a fee on the	SUPPORT	1/25/19
(Deutsch)	carbon content of fuels, including crude oil, natural gas, coal, or	(6/8/20)	House Ways & Means,
	any other product derived from those fuels that will be used so as		Energy & Commerce,
	to emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.	(Ltr to House	Foreign Affairs – referred to
	The fee is imposed on the producers or importers of the fuels and	Energy and	Subcommittee on Energy
	is equal to the greenhouse gas content of the fuel multiplied by the	Commerce	
	carbon fee rate. The rate begins at \$15 in 2019, increases by \$10	6/18/20)	
	each year, and is subject to further adjustments based on the		
	progress in meeting specified emissions reduction targets.		
	Imposes a specified fee on fluorinated greenhouse gases.		
HR 1507	The Bicycle Commuter Act of 2019. Official summary in progress.	MONITOR	3/5/19
(Blumenauer)	Would allow cyclists to deduct more than \$50 per month and write		House Ways and Means
	off bike-share memberships.		Committee
HR 7197	Restaurants Act of 2020. Temporarily establishes and provides	RECOMMEND	6/29/20
(Blumenauer)	funding for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, from which the	SUPPORT	House Financial Services &
\`& ´	Department of the Treasury shall make grants to eligible food and		Ways and Means, Budget
S 4012	beverage purveyors to cover specified costs. For the grant		Committees
(Wicker)	program's initial period, Treasury must (1) prioritize awarding		
	grants to marginalized and underrepresented communities, and (2)		
	only award grants to eligible food and beverage purveyors with		
	annual revenues of less than \$1.5 million.		

2020 Legislative Session Calendar

Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 & in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1 Oct. 1 Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2021.

Nov. 3 General Election.

Nov. 30 Adjournment sine die at midnight

Dec. 7 2021-22 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon.