



TO: SOUTH BAY CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
 FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES  
 RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 6/23/2022 MEETING (as prepared June 15)

On June 13, the legislature passed a framework budget that satisfies their constitutional requirement to pass a budget document by June 15. This document included the Cal Cities request for \$180 million for cities to implement organic waste recycling, but our other budget requests, \$922.5 million for debts owed cities for implementation of state mandates and \$500 million for the creation of a Housing and Economic Development program, could still be added in one of the many budget trailer bills that still need to pass in the coming months. As a reminder, the Cal Cities budget asks for FY22-23 are:

**2022-23 State Budget Request:** Cal Cities is calling on lawmakers to draw on the state's estimated \$97 billion surplus and allocate \$1.6 billion for programs that achieve shared city and state goals, as well as reimburse cities for state unfunded mandates.

1. **\$500 million for the creation of the Housing and Economic Development Program.**
  - What California needs now is a funding commitment to housing that matches the scale of this crisis. Cities urge the Governor and lawmakers to allocate \$500 million to create a state-local partnership to help finance housing projects, incentivize development, and kick start real progress toward housing production goals.
  - This program would encourage partnerships between state and local agencies by providing matching funds to cities that adopt local tax increment financing tools to support affordable housing, upgrade essential infrastructure, and spur economic development.
  - Existing tax increment financing tools help stimulate housing production and address important infrastructure needs; however they lack sufficient financial capacity — due in part to the absence of state participation — and are underutilized.

2. **\$933.5 million for unfunded state mandates.**

- The state owes more than \$933.5 million to cities, counties, and special districts for costs related to state mandates incurred after 2004. Of that amount, \$466.6 million — not counting interest — is owed to cities.

Carson: \$445,011	Lomita: \$88,970
El Segundo: \$487,294	Manhattan Beach: \$730,092
Gardena: \$721,575	Palos Verdes Estates: \$58,195
Hawthorne: \$582,915	Rancho Palos Verdes: \$807,535
Hermosa Beach \$295,712	Redondo Beach: \$633,495
Inglewood: \$95,959	Rolling Hills Estates: \$99,092
Lawndale: \$996,469	Torrance: \$507,876

3. **\$180 million for organic waste recycling. UPDATE: this program has been included in the State Budget bill.**

- As a key player in the state's ability to achieve its solid waste management and recycling roles, cities are urging the state include \$180 million in the 2022-23 State Budget to help cities develop and implement SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) organic waste recycling programs.
- This funding will help local governments implement collection, education, outreach, edible food recovery, procurement activities, and capacity planning, and minimize the financial burden the cost of implementing these regulations could have on taxpayers.

**Action Alerts**

Cal Cities issued member action alerts on these bills (in order the alerts were issued):

**AB 2011 (Wicks) Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022 – OPPOSE.**

Requires cities to ministerially approve, without condition or discretion, certain affordable and mixed-use housing developments in areas of a city where office, retail, or parking are principally allowed regardless of any inconsistency with a local government's general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation. This bill also prohibits locally imposed parking minimums at these developments.

- Assembly Votes: Gipson – AYE; Muratsuchi – N/V; O'Donnell – N/V.

**SB 932 (Portantino) General plans: circulation element: bicycle and pedestrian plans and traffic calming plans – OPPOSE.**

Would require cities to adopt significant bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic calming elements when they develop and revise their general plans on or after June 30, 2024. Would also create a new legal liability for local governments between January 2024 and January 2028, if a local government fails to implement those plans.

- Senate Votes: Allen – AYE; Bradford – N/V.

**AB 1944 (Lee) Local government: open and public meetings – Parked.**

Unfortunately, Assembly Member Lee has informed Cal Cities that he cannot see a path forward in the State Senate for moving AB 1944 this year. Suggested amendments would make the Brown Act more restrictive, not less, so he made the difficult decision to park the bill. Cal Cities will use the rest of this year to regroup and consider a new vehicle for 2023.

**SB 1186 (Wiener) Medicinal Cannabis Patients' Right of Access Act – OPPOSE.**

Undermines the intent of the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) by eliminating a local jurisdiction's ability to prohibit medical cannabis delivery activities, regardless of the needs or conditions in the jurisdiction.

- Senate Votes: Allen – AYE; Bradford – AYE.

**AB 2237 (Friedman) Transportation planning: regional transportation improvement plan: sustainable communities strategies: climate goals – OPPOSE.**

Conditions state and local transportation funding on a project's consistency with the applicable Sustainable Communities Strategy and the state's climate goals. Would institute a zero-tolerance threshold for transportation projects that are thought to increase vehicle miles traveled, threatening many fix-it-first and safety projects. Usurps local control and restricts transportation and spending decision-making by allowing the California Air Resources Board to use unclear benchmarks to reject critical transportation projects and reallocate those funds for active transportation projects regardless of the needs of a community.

- Assembly Votes: Gipson – AYE; Muratsuchi – AYE; O'Donnell – N/V

**AB 1740 (Muratsuchi) Catalytic Converters and AB 2407 (O'Donnell) Vehicle Tampering: theft of catalytic converters – SUPPORT.**

AB 1740 – Requires a core recycler who accepts a catalytic converter for recycling to maintain a written record that contains, in addition to the vehicle identification number under existing law, the year, make, and model of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed. Also, would prohibit a core recycler from entering into a transaction to purchase or receive a catalytic converter from a person that is not a commercial enterprise or owner of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed.

- Assembly Votes: Gipson – N/V; Muratsuchi – AYE; O'Donnell – AYE.

AB 2407 – Requires a core recycler who accepts a catalytic converter for recycling to report all sale information to the chief of police or to the sheriff. Also, would prohibit a core recycler from providing payment for a catalytic converter unless they obtain a thumbprint of the seller

- Assembly Votes: Gipson – AYE; Muratsuchi – AYE; O’Donnell – AYE.

### **Other Legislation of Note**

**Housing:** Cal Cities is calling on lawmakers to **oppose** these bills which disregard local zoning and development standards, restrict local decision-making, and eliminate community input. [Also see AB 2011 above.]

- [SB 897 \(Wieckowski\) Accessory Dwelling Units](#): Requires approval of an ADU in a residential or mixed-use zone within 60 days. Detached ADUs would be allowed a 16’ height limit, a setback of 4’, and a size limit of 800 square feet.
  - Senate Votes: Allen – AYE; Bradford – AYE.
- [AB 2097 \(Friedman\) Residential and Commercial Parking](#): Prohibits cities from enforcing minimum parking requirements for developments located within ½ mile of a major transit stop (15 minute headway during peak hours).
  - Assembly Votes: Gipson – AYE; Muratsuchi – NO.

**Homelessness:** Cal Cities is calling on lawmakers to support [AB 2547 \(Nazarian\)](#), [SB 929\(Eggman\)](#), and [SB 1154 \(Eggman\)](#), which would increase data to improve access to behavioral health services — especially for unhoused residents — and provide housing subsidies for vulnerable populations who are either experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness. Cal Cities is also considering action on additional bills in this issue area and will hopefully be able to announce those in the coming week.

### **Upcoming Events**

**August 4 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM: Annual Installation Ceremony & Dinner**, honoring Calabasas Council Member and Outgoing Division President James R. Bozajian and welcoming Diamond Bar Council Member and Division President-Designate Andrew Chou. Also, Rolling Hills Council Member Bea Dieringer will be sworn in as Vice President of the Division. Event will be at the Diamond Bar Center in Diamond Bar. Register [HERE](#) or at [LACities.org](#).

**September 7 – 9: [Annual Conference & Expo](#) (Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach) – *Registration is NOW OPEN; book ASAP if you intend to get a hotel room in Long Beach.***

- September 7 at 11:30 AM: Los Angeles County Division Luncheon at the Annual Conference in Long Beach. Register [HERE](#).