

ADVOCATING IN SACRAMENTO AND TELLING CITY SUCCESS STORIES

Cal Cities hosted more than 350 of our members in Sacramento for the City Leaders Summit in April. This event focused on advocating the legislature on legislation and our main state budget priority that the governor and legislature find \$3 billion in ongoing, permanent funding to address homelessness and affordable housing.

To help make the case for this funding request and [to address frustrations by Californians](#) over the cost of housing, Cal Cities is developing the Real Progress Starts Local campaign. This campaign along with the hashtag #InvestInCities, will share the progress cities are making on housing affordability and homelessness in our communities. Learn more about this effort by scanning the QR code here and consider sharing your city's successes with Cal Cities.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Below is a list of bills that Cal Cities is watching and working. Next month Legislative deadlines will begin to narrow the long list of bills that we will be watching into the summer. May 19 is the deadline for fiscal bills to reach the floor and then June 2 is the deadline for all bills to cross over to the second house. Reports indicate that the deficit has grown larger than the \$22 billion that was anticipated, so expect a lot of bills to be held in appropriations and protracted negotiations over the State Budget.

Community Services

Behavioral Health

- **[SB 43 \(Eggman\) Behavioral Health. SUPPORT](#)**
Would update California's 1967 conservatorship law by expanding the definition of "gravely disabled" to include conditions that result in a substantial risk of serious harm to an individual's physical or mental health.
- **[SB 363 \(Eggman\) Facilities for Inpatient and Residential Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder: Database. SUPPORT](#)**
Would establish a real-time, internet-based dashboard to collect, aggregate, and display information about available beds in psychiatric and substance abuse facilities.

Substance Abuse

- **[AB 24 \(Haney\) Emergency Response: Opioid Antagonist Kits. SUPPORT](#)**
Would require bars, gas stations, public libraries, and hotels to acquire an opioid antagonist kit. Update: Amends exempted public entities and employees from liability, clearing the way for Cal Cities to support this bill.
- **[AB 33 \(Bains\) Fentanyl Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force.](#)**
Would establish a task force to analyze data on the extent of fentanyl use in California and evaluate approaches to increase public awareness. Update: The Assembly Public Safety Committee intends to hold all bills that increase criminal penalties on fentanyl until next year.
- **[SB 19 \(Seyarto\) Anti-Fentanyl Abuse Task Force.](#)**
Would establish a task force to analyze data on the extent of fentanyl use in California and evaluate approaches to increase public awareness. Update: The Assembly Public

Safety Committee intends to hold all bills that increase criminal penalties on fentanyl until next year.

Homelessness Accountability

- **[AB 550 \(Schiavo\) Homelessness: Public Hearings.](#)**
Would require cities and counties to annually conduct a point-in-time count and hold a public hearing to present the data gathered and discuss plans to solve issues related to homelessness in that jurisdiction. Update: Recently amended; big price tag that may kill the bill in appropriations.
- **[AB 799 \(L. Rivas\) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program. Homelessness Accountability Act.](#)**
This measure would create new accountability requirements for local governments accessing state funding through the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP). Update: This bill is expected to be significantly amended soon and we need to see those changes before we can take a position.

Homelessness

- **[AB 67 \(Muratsuchi\) Homeless Courts Pilot Program. SUPPORT](#)**
Would create a pilot program for unhoused defendants to participate diversion programs that would provide housing, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and more.
- **[AB 1215 \(Carrillo\) Pets Assistance with Support Grant Program: Homeless Shelters. Domestic Violence Shelters: Pets.](#)**
Would create a grant program for homeless and domestic violence shelters to accommodate pets.
- **[SB 7 \(Blakespear\) The Homeless Housing Obligation Act \(NEWLY ADDED\)](#)**
This measure requires, on or after January 1, 2025, local governments to provide housing fit for habitation for homeless individuals within its jurisdiction based on a jurisdiction-specific point in time (PIT) count. Requires each locality to develop a housing obligation plan to fulfill its housing obligation to be updated annually and posted to a website.
- **[SB 37 \(Caballero\) Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act.](#)**
Would create a grant program to administer housing subsidies for older adults at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Youth and Community

- **[AB 963 \(Schiavo\) The End of the Foster Care-to-Homelessness Pipeline Act.](#)**
Would establish an unfunded loan guarantee program to provide security to qualified lenders financing the development and acquisition of housing for current and former foster youth ages 18 to 25.
- **[AB 1321 \(Bonta\) California Coordinated Neighborhood and Community Services Grant Program.](#)**
Would create a competitive grant program to implement a comprehensive, integrated continuum of cradle-to-career solutions at the neighborhood level.

Parks and Recreation

- **[AB 262 \(Holden\) Children's Camps: Regulation.](#)**
Would require the State Department of Social Services to establish and lead a stakeholder workgroup to gather information and provide recommendations to the Legislature regarding the development of subsequent legislation for children's camps.

Public Safety

Substance Use

- **[AB 367 \(Maienschein\) Controlled Substances: Enhancements. SUPPORT](#)**
Would add sentence enhancement of 3 to 5 years on a person who inflicts great bodily injury when they sell, furnish, administer, or give away a controlled substance and the person to whom the substance was sold, furnished, administered, or given suffers a significant or substantial physical injury from using the substance. Update: The Assembly Public Safety Committee intends to hold all bills that increase criminal penalties on fentanyl until next year.
- **[SB 44 \(Umberg\) Controlled Substances. SUPPORT](#)**
Would require a person who is convicted of crimes related to controlled substances to receive a written advisory of the danger of manufacturing or distribution of controlled substances and that, if a person dies because of that action, the manufacturer or distributor can be charged with voluntary manslaughter or murder.
- **[AB 1166 \(Bains\) Liability for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration. SUPPORT](#)**
Would provide that a person who is not trained in emergency medical services or as a health care provider and who, in good faith and not for compensation, renders treatment at the scene of an opioid overdose or suspected opioid overdose by administering naloxone hydrochloride is not liable for civil damages resulting from an act or omission.
- **[AB 1708 \(Muratsuchi\) Theft. SUPPORT/SPONSOR](#)**
Would amend Proposition 47 to increase accountability for repeat offenders as well as access to participate in rehabilitation services. Update: Failed in Assembly Public Safety on 4/18, reconsideration granted, but support is lacking in that committee.

Policing

- **[AB 642 \(Ting\) Law Enforcement Agencies: Facial Recognition Technology. SUPPORT](#)**
Would require any law enforcement agency that uses facial recognition technology (FRT) to have a written policy governing the use of that technology and would require any FRT system used to meet certain national standards and would limit the use of FRT to use as an investigative aid. Would specifically prohibit the use of any FRT-generated match from being the sole basis for probable cause in an arrest, search, or warrant and would also require an agency using FRT to post their written policy and an annual summary of FRT usage on their internet website.
- **[AB 1034 \(Wilson\) Law Enforcement: Facial Recognition and Other Biometric Surveillance. OPPOSE](#)**
Would prohibit a law enforcement agency or law enforcement officer from installing, activating, or using any biometric surveillance system in connection with an officer camera or data collected by an officer camera and would authorize a person to bring an action for equitable or declaratory relief against a law enforcement agency or officer who violates that prohibition. Would sunset on January 1, 2034.
- **[AB 742 \(Jackson\) Law Enforcement: Police Canines. OPPOSE](#)**
Would prohibit the use of an unleashed police canine by law enforcement to apprehend a person, and any use of a police canine for crowd control. Would prohibit law enforcement agencies from authorizing any use or training of a police canine that is inconsistent with this measure.
- **[SB 719 \(Becker\) Law Enforcement Agencies. Radio Communication. OPPOSE](#)**

Would require a law enforcement agency to ensure access, in real time, to the radio communications of that agency to duly authorized media representatives or organizations.

➤ **[SB 796 \(Alvarado-Gil\) Threats. SUPPORT](#)**

Would make it a crime for a person to willfully threaten to commit a crime that will result in death or great bodily injury at a particular location or event.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

➤ **[AB 40 \(Rodriguez\) Emergency Medical Services. SUPPORT](#)**

Would require the EMS authority to develop an electronic signature for use between the emergency department medical personnel at a receiving facility and the transporting emergency medical personnel that captures the points in time when the hospital receives notification of ambulance arrival and when transfer of care is executed for documentation of ambulance patient offload time and would require the authority to develop a statewide standard of 20 minutes, 90% of the time, for ambulance patient offload time.

➤ **[SB 402 \(Wahab\) Emergency Services Limiting Police Response. OPPOSE](#)**

Would require 911 or other service center calls for service relating to mental health or homelessness to be dispatched to fire district or department personnel, EMS personnel, mental health personnel, or nonsworn unarmed police personnel and not to police officers. Update: no hearing date scheduled at this time.

Environmental Quality

Recycling

➤ **[AB 2 \(Ward\) Recycling: Solar Photovoltaic Modules. SUPPORT in Concept](#)**

Would create end-of-life management of photovoltaic modules (or solar panels), minimization of hazardous waste, and recovery of commercially valuable materials.

➤ **[AB 573 \(E. Garcia\) Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Targets. SUPPORT](#)**

This measure intends to support rural and/or border cities with meeting SB 1383 procurement targets.

➤ **[AB 863 \(Aguiar-Curry\) Carpet Recycling: Carpet Stewardship Organizations: Fines: Succession: Procedure. SUPPORT](#)**

Would increase the per day penalty for violations of carpet stewardship laws. Would provide that if a carpet stewardship organization violates a provision of the carpet stewardship law three times, they become ineligible to act and the successor rules will apply.

➤ **[AB 1526 \(Asm. Nat Resources\) Solid Waste. SUPPORT in Concept](#)**

This measure intends to provide additional clarity on SB 54 (single use plastic law) to improve the cost recovery mechanism.

➤ **[SB 560 \(Laird\) Propane Tank Producer Responsibility. SUPPORT in Concept](#)**

Would establish end-of-life management program for covered gas cylinders, which includes propane gas cylinders under 20 pounds, helium cylinders, isobutane cylinders, and butane cylinders.

➤ **[SB 615 \(Allen\) Solid Waste: Lithium Vehicle Batteries. SUPPORT in Concept](#)**

Would require electric vehicle manufacturers, dealers and other parties to be responsible for making sure lithium-ion vehicle batteries are recycled and repurposed at the end of their useful life.

➤ **[SB 707 \(Newman\) Textile Recovery. SUPPORT in Concept](#)**

Would require textile producers to establish a stewardship program for the collection and recycling of a covered textile product.

Energy

- **[AB 50 \(Wood\) Energy Utility Communication.](#)**
This measure aims to address situation delays with connecting projects to the grid, including housing projects.
- **[AB 698 \(Essayli\) Gas Stoves. OPPOSE](#)**
Would prohibit state agencies and local governments directly or indirectly prohibiting the use of gas stoves in residential and nonresidential buildings.
- **[AB 1132 \(Freidman\) Solar Permit Fees.](#)**
Would extend to 2034 the current limit on permit fees that a city or county may charge for a residential and commercial solar energy system.

Coastal

- **[SB 272 \(Laird\) Sea Level Rise Planning.](#)**
Would require local governments in coastal areas to implement sea level rise planning and adaptation by 2034. Would also require the California Coastal Commission and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to establish guidelines for the preparation of that planning and adaptation by 2024.

Climate Bonds

- **[AB 1567 \(E. Garcia\), SB 638 \(Eggman\), and SB 867 \(Allen\)](#)**
Would collectively propose \$20 billion in bonds for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, and extreme heat mitigation.

CEQA

- **[SB 69 \(Cortese\) CEQA Document Requests. CONCERNS](#)**
Would require local agencies to provide any subsequent revised or amended copy of CEQA documents upon request by mail or email and to submit the documents to the state clearinghouse. Would toll the statutes of limitation periods for each document request.

Air Quality

- **[AB 1000 \(Reyes\) Warehouses. Sensitive Receptors.](#)**
Would intend to require minimum setbacks from sensitive receptors and additional requirements when siting logistics centers, warehouses, and related infrastructure.

Water

- **[AB 460 \(Bauer-Kahan\) State Water Board Authority.](#)**
Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to fine \$10,000 for each day in which a violation occurs and \$5,000 for each acre-foot of water diverted in violation of an interim relief order.
- **[AB 1572 \(Friedman\) Non-functional Turf.](#)**
Would prohibit the use of potable water for irrigation of nonfunctional turf on specified properties. Notably,
 - All commercial, industrial, municipal, and institutional properties by January 1, 2027.
 - All multifamily residential properties by January 1, 2028.

- All affordable multifamily housing or municipal properties in disadvantaged communities by January 1, 2029.

Housing, Community, and Economic Development

Land Use and Zoning

- **SB 4 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Higher Education Institutions and Religious Institutions. SUPPORT IF AMENDED**

Would require that a housing development project be a use by right on any land owned by an independent institution of higher education or religious institution on or before January 1, 2024. Update: Cal Cities Board approved a support if amended position on this bill due to the 100% affordability requirement. Cal Cities will support this measure if amended to restore cities authority over parking and building height.

- **SB 423 (Wiener) Streamlined Housing Approvals: Multifamily Housing Developments. OPPOSE**

Would modify and expand SB 35 provisions that allow certain multifamily housing developments to take advantage of a streamlined, ministerial approval process. Specifically, this measure would:

- Remove the 2026 sunset and makes the statutes permanent.
- Apply SB 35 provisions to the Coastal Zone.
- Allow the state to approve housing developments on property they own or lease.
- Prohibit a city from enforcing its inclusionary housing ordinance if the income limits are higher than those in SB 35.

- **AB 1490 (Lee) Affordable Housing Development Projects: Adaptive Reuse. OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**

Would require a city or county to provide, to a 100% affordable housing project, the following:

- Approving all entitlements and permits within 30 days or less.
- Waiving local building and permit fees.
- Low-income utility rates shall be available.
- No minimum floor area ratio.
- No additional parking requirements.
- Local affordable housing funds shall include adaptive reuse as an eligible project.

- **AB 1532 (Haney) Office Conversion Projects. OPPOSE**

Would make an office conversion project a use by right in all areas of a city regardless of zoning. Would exempt these projects from impact fees that are not directly related to the conversion of an office building into residential dwelling units. Additionally, a city would be required to allow the developer to pay applicable impact fees over a 10-year period. Update: not currently scheduled for a committee hearing.

- **AB 1630 (Garcia) Housing Development Approvals: Student Housing Projects.**

This measure would:

- Prohibit a city or county from prohibiting a dormitory on any real property located within 1000' of a university campus.
- Require a city or county to classify student housing as a permitted use on all real property within 1000' of a university campus for zoning purposes.
- Require a proposed student housing project to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or a hearing.

Update: not currently scheduled for a committee hearing.

Affordable Housing Funding

- **[AB 519 \(Schiavo\) Affordable Housing: Consolidated Funding Application Process. SUPPORT](#)**
Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development, by July 1, 2024, to establish a workgroup to develop a consolidated application for the purposes of obtaining grants, loans, tax credits, credit enhancement, and other types of financing for building affordable housing, and developing a coordinated review process for the application.
- **[AB 1657 \(Wicks\) The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2024.](#)**
Would enact The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2024, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of \$10 billion in bonds pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds would be used to finance programs to fund affordable rental housing and homeownership programs.
- **[SB 834 \(Portantino\) Housing: California Family Home Construction and Homeownership Bond Act of 2023.](#)**
Would enact the California Family Home Construction and Homeownership Bond Act of 2023, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$25 billion pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance the California Family Home Construction and Homeownership Program.
- **[ACA 1 \(Aguiar-Curry\) Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure: Voter Approval.](#)**
Would authorize a local government to impose, extend, or increase a sales and use tax or transactions and use tax for the purposes of funding the construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of its voters voting on the proposition.

Access to Housing

- **[ACA 10 \(Haney\) Fundamental Human Right to Housing.](#)**
Would declare that the state recognizes the fundamental human right to adequate housing for everyone in California. Would make it the shared obligation of state and local jurisdictions to respect, protect, and fulfill this right by all appropriate means.
Update: not currently scheduled for a committee hearing.

Transportation, Communications, and Public Works

Transportation

- **[AB 6 and AB 7 \(Friedman\) Transportation Planning.](#)**
Would prioritize transportation funding that significantly contribute towards the goals outlined in a region's sustainable communities' strategy.
- **[AB 744 \(Carrillo\) Transportation Planning.](#)**
Would authorize the California Transportation Commission to establish best practices for use of data in transportation planning and to identify data elements that should be made available to state and local agencies for transportation planning.
- **[AB 241 \(Reyes\) and SB 84 \(Gonzalez\) Clean Transportation Program.](#)**
Would develop eligibility requirements and allocation of the program. The Clean Transportation Program (also known as Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program) invests up to \$100 million annually in a broad portfolio of transportation and fuel transportation projects throughout the state.
- **[AB 316 \(Aguiar-Curry\) Transportation: Autonomous Vehicles. SUPPORT](#)**

Would prohibit the operation of an autonomous vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more on public roads for testing purposes, transporting goods, or transporting passengers without a human safety operator physically present in the autonomous vehicle at the time of operation.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

- **SB 30 (Umberg) Transportation: Zero-Emission Vehicle Signage.**
Would develop and design light-duty zero-emission vehicle charging and fueling station signage to be placed along state highways based on charger or fueling type and vehicle compatibility.
 - **AB 1504 (McCarthy) Planning: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. OPPOSE**
Would provide that "electric vehicle charging station" includes electric vehicle charging stations installed in the public right-of-way and electric vehicle charging stations installed with a battery storage system.
- Broadband
- **AB 415 (Rodriguez) Emergency Fairgrounds Communications. SUPPORT**
Would establish a grant program to provide fairgrounds with grant funding for the purpose of building and upgrading communication and internet infrastructure on fairgrounds.

Information Technology

- **AB 1637 (Irwin) Website Domains. OPPOSE Unless Amended**
Would state the intent to require a local jurisdiction to adopt a ".gov" domain by 2025.

Public Works

- **AB 400 (Rubio) Public Contracts: Design Build. SUPPORT/SPONSOR**
Would remove the January 1, 2025 sunset for local agencies to use design build on specified projects thereby making the authority permanent.
- **SB 706 (Caballero) Public Contracts. Progressive Design Build. SUPPORT/SPONSOR**
Would authorize all cities, counties, city and counties, or special districts to use the progressive design-build process for other projects in addition to water-related projects, and would remove the project cap.
- **AB 735 (Berman) Workforce Development: Utility Careers. SUPPORT**
Would establish the High Road Utility Careers program, to be administered by the California Workforce Development Board, to connect existing resources with young individuals interested in careers in the utility sector and ensure a continued reliable workforce for California utilities.

Revenue and Taxation

Sales & Use Tax Exemptions

- **AB 52 (Grayson) Sales and Use Tax Law: Manufacturing Equipment: Research and Development Equipment.**
This measure states the intent of the Legislature to expand the sales and use tax exemption for manufacturing and research and development equipment.
- **AB 1203 (Bains) Sales and Use Taxes: Exemptions: Breast Pumps and Related Supplies.**
Would exempt from the California sales and use tax the gross receipts for the sale of breast pumps, breast pump collection and storage supplies, breast pump kits, and breast pads. This exemption would apply on or after January 1, 2024, and ends January 1, 2029.

- **[AB 1249 \(Ta\) Sales and Use Taxes: Exemption: Tax Holiday: School Supplies.](#)**
Would exempt from sales and use taxes the gross receipts from the sale of qualified school supplies for the two-day period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the third Saturday of July annually and ending at 11:59 p.m. on the following day. This exemption would apply on or after January 1, 2024, and ends January 1, 2029.

Property Tax Exemptions

- **[AB 84 \(Ward\) Property Tax: Welfare Exemption: Affordable Housing.](#)**
Would expand eligibility for exemptions from property taxes for affordable rental housing (e.g., “welfare exemptions”). Specifically, would expand this partial exemption to property acquired, rehabilitated, developed, or operated, or any combination of these factors, with financing from qualified 501(c)(3) bonds.
- **[AB 1492 \(Alvarez\) Taxation: Welfare Exemption.](#)**
This measure states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would expand the welfare tax exemption for housing developments.
- **[SB 653 \(Archuleta\) Property Taxation: Exemptions.](#)**
This measure states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would allow individuals to claim both the homeowners’ property tax exemption and the veterans’ exemption.

Property Taxes

- **[AB 362 \(Lee\) Real Property Taxation: Land Value Taxation Study.](#)**
Would require the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to conduct or commission a study on the efficacy of a statewide land value taxation system as an alternative to the current appraisal methods utilized for real property taxation. Would require the study to be provided to the Legislature by January 1, 2025.

Local Ballot Measures

- **[SB 532 \(Wiener\) Ballot Measures: Local Taxes.](#)**
Would change the requirements for statements included on local ballots regarding the purpose of the measures that are being voted on. For measures that increase a tax with more than one rate or authorizes bonds, this measure would require that local ballots include the statement “see voter guide for measure information statement.”

Vacant Property Parcel Taxes

- **[SB 721 \(Becker\) Special Taxes: Vacant Land.](#)**
Would amend the California Government Code to specify that taxes levied on vacant sites by a city, county, or special district are a special tax, for parcels identified in a city’s housing element inventory.

State Grants and Local Assistance

- **[AB 972 \(Maienschein\) Uniform Procedures for Local Assistance and Climate Resiliency Grant Programs. SUPPORT/SPONSOR](#)**
Would coordinate, align, and streamline local government assistance resources by convening a statewide, cross-agency Local Assistance and Grant Program Streamlining Workgroup no later than January 2024.

Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

CalPERS

- **[SB 252 \(Gonzalez\) Public Retirement Systems: Fossil Fuels: Divestment. OPPOSE](#)**
Would require CalPERS to divest from fossil fuels by 2030.

Employee Relations

- **[AB 1484 \(Zbur\) Temporary Public Employees. OPPOSE](#)**
Would require temporary employees to be automatically included in the same bargaining unit as the permanent employees upon the request of the recognized employee organization.
- **[SB 399 \(Wahab\) Employer Communications: Intimidation.](#)**
Would prohibit an employer from requiring its employees to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or participate in any communications with the employer, the purpose of which is to communicate the employer's opinion about religious matters, political matters.
- **[SB 751 \(Padilla\) Franchise Agreements: Labor Impasse.](#)**
Would prohibit a city, county, or city and county from entering an exclusive franchise agreement for services on or after January 1, 2024, or an agreement amended on or after that date, that contains a force majeure provision that can be triggered by a labor impasse.
- **[AB 504 \(Reyes\) State And Local Public Employees: Labor Relations: Disputes. OPPOSE](#)**
Would allow local public employees to refuse to enter property that is the site of a primary labor dispute, perform work for an employer involved in a primary labor dispute, or go through or work behind a primary picket line. Would prohibit an employer from directing an employee to take those actions.

Workers' Compensation

- **[AB 597 \(Rodriguez\) Workers' Compensation: First Responders: Post-traumatic Stress. OPPOSE](#)**
Would substantially expand California's current workers' compensation presumption for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to emergency medical technicians (EMT) and paramedics

Elections

- **[AB 453 \(Cervantes\) District-based Elections.](#)**
Would require a public hearing concerning district-based elections that is consolidated with a meeting of the governing body include other substantive agenda items, to begin at a fixed time.
- **[AB 764 \(Bryan\) Elections: City And County Redistricting.](#)**
This measures states the intent of the Legislature to add new to add new requirements to the Fair Maps Acts.
- **[AB 1248 \(Bryan\) Local Redistricting: Independent Redistricting Commissions.](#)**
Would require independent redistricting commissions for cities over 300,000 in population.

Brown Act

- **[AB 817 \(Pacheco\) Local Government: Open Meetings. SUPPORT/SPONSOR](#)**
Would allow non-decision-making legislative bodies currently governed by the Brown Act, such as advisory bodies and commissions, to participate in two-way virtual teleconferencing without posting their physical location.

- **[AB 557 \(Hart\)](#) Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences. SUPPORT/SPONSOR**
Would allow cities to meet remotely during proclaimed states of emergency under modified Brown Act requirements. Would also provide greater flexibility for agencies that meet on a fixed date every month by extending the AB 361 renewal period to 45 days.

CA Public Records Act

- **[SB 730 \(Lowenthal\)](#) California Public Records Act: Public Agency Employees: Notice Requirements: Personnel And Medical Information.**
Would require a city to promptly provide an employee with written notice of a request to disclose a record related to personnel, medical, or similar information of that employee. Would also require the agency, before disclosing, to provide not less than 21 days' written notice to the employee of its intent to disclose.

Political Reform Act of 1974

- **[SB 251 \(Newman\)](#) Political Reform Act of 1974: Elected Officers: Conflicts of Interest. OPPOSE**
Would prohibit an elected officer from employment by any other elected officer with the same constituency, except if the elected officer first began their employment by the other officer with the same constituency on or before December 31, 2023. Update: Failed in Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments committee on 4/18.
- **[AB 37 \(Bonta\)](#) Political Reform Act of 1974: Campaign Funds: Security Expenses. SUPPORT**
Would expand the ability for officials to expend campaign funds for security expenses.

Training

- **[SB 769 \(Gonzalez\)](#) Local Government: Fiscal and Financial Training.**
Would require local officials to have two hours of fiscal training every two years.

Council Member Salary

- **[SB 329 \(Dodd\)](#) Cities: City Council Members: Compensation. SUPPORT/SPONSOR**
Would allow general law cities to increase the council member salaries to reflect inflation.