

8TH ANNUAL SOUTH BAY LEGISLATIVE MEET & GREET SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10

Presented by the Los Angeles County Division in conjunction with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce, this annual event will take place on March 10, from 8 – 10 AM (program begins at 8:30 AM) at the [Innovation & Instruction Building on the CSU Dominguez Hills campus](#). Scan this QR code for details and to register.



BILL INTRODUCTION DEADLINE ON FEB 17, MOST BILLS STILL LACK DETAILS

By the time of the COG's Board meeting the FEB 17 deadline to introduce legislation will have passed, but at this point in the first year of a two-year legislative session, most bills are still devoid of details and only a sentence or two of intent language. Legislative policy committees must wait until bills have been in print for 30 days before they can hold hearings, so even the most ambitious legislators will still have to wait until mid-March to begin this process in earnest.

Cal Cities is sponsoring new pieces of legislation for our members including:

- [AB 817](#) by former Division President and Downey Mayor, Blanca Pacheco which is seeking some modest changes to the Brown Act to allow virtual participation for non-legislative committees, i.e. commissions, COGs, and neighborhood councils. Unfortunately, legislators do not seem willing to consider allowing non-emergency use of virtual meeting technology by city council members at this time.
- [SB 329 \(Dodd\)](#), this bill would update the compensation pay schedule for council members in general law cities to the CA CPI average in 2022.

SOUTH BAY CITY OFFICIALS ENGAGED AT CAL CITIES

The Los Angeles County Division staff worked diligently to help successfully navigate city officials into 72 positions on Cal Cities policy committees, plus 6 who serve on the Statewide Board of Directors. Here is a list of the South Bay officials representing you on our committees --

- Community Services: Carson City Attorneys Department **Benjamin Jones**; Hermosa Beach City Clerk **Myra Maravilla**; Lomita Mayor Pro Tem **William Uphoff**.
- Environmental Quality: Rolling Hills Estates Mayor **Britt Huff**; Hermosa Beach Mayor Pro Tem **Justin Massey**; Rolling Hills Estates Council Member **Debby Stegura**.
- Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations: no South Bay City Officials.
- Housing, Community, and Economic Development: Manhattan Beach Council Mayor Pro Tem **Richard Montgomery**.
- Public Safety: Rolling Hills Council Member Beatriz Dieringer. Revenue and Taxation: El Segundo Mayor Pro Tem **Chris Pimentel**.
- Transportation, Communications, and Public Works: Rolling Hills City Manager **Elaine Jeng**; Lomita Council Member **Mark Waronek**.

DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE 2023 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Division's Board of Directors meet every fall to review the previous year's accomplishments and adopt strategic goals for the following year.

The Board of Directors identified these Division Strategic Priorities for 2023:

- Support legislation, policies, funding and other resources that would improve public safety and address law enforcement challenges.
- Support adequate funding and other resources to increase the supply of affordable housing and its required infrastructure.
- Advocate for direct funding and other resources to address homelessness.
- Support legislation and policies that protect and preserve local decision-making authority over land use, housing, and other matters traditionally reserved for cities. Oppose unfunded mandates and seek funding for prior unfunded mandates.

The Board of Directors also identified Long Range Strategic Priorities:

- Outreach to federal, state and county representatives, specifically newly elected and those officials in leadership.
- Encourage Los Angeles County Division city officials to apply for Cal Cities' leadership positions and other related committee appointments to reflect the region's population and influence.
- Provide educational and training opportunities for Los Angeles County Division city officials on effective legislative outreach and advocacy.
- Communicate and share value of Cal Cities and Division resources.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Below are additional events and opportunities for Cal Cities members to learn, network and advocate. Please consider saving the date for the City Leaders Summit (our rebranded legislative action day) on April 12 - 14:

- [March 2 from 6 - 8:30 PM: Los Angeles County Division General Membership Meeting \(Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Los Angeles\)](#) – This meeting will feature Tommy Newman, VP with United Way LA that sponsored legislation that created a new countywide JPA called the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAUSA) that will be called upon to create affordable housing opportunities throughout the region.
- [March 8 - 10: Public Works Officers Institute \(Universal City Hilton\)](#)
- [March 29 - 31: Planning Commissioners Academy \(Hyatt Regency Orange County\)](#)
- [April 12 - 14: City Leaders Summit \(Sacramento\)](#) – Save the date and join hundreds of local leaders at the Capitol to lobby for cities' interests!