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UPCOMING CAL CITIES AND LA COUNTY DIVISION EVENTS

August 3 from 6 - 8:30 PM: Los Angeles County Division's Installation Ceremony & Dinner (Hotel Maya, Long Beach). Rolling Hills Council Member Bea Dieringer will be sworn in as the President of the Los Angeles County Division along with the rest of the executive committee of the Division's Board of Directors. See *flyer at end of this report for additional details*.

September 20-22: Annual Conference and Expo (Sacramento) – Registration now open! Register before July 26 for a special early bird rate. *Please book soon, hotels near the convention center are already selling out.*

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Below is a list of bills that Cal Cities is watching and working (note that this report was created before the June 2 deadline for all bills to cross over to the second house). After June 2, legislators will be busy crafting the main State Budget bill, which must be passed by June 15, but budget trailer bills – those bills which implement state spending – have no such deadline.

The LAO and others have expressed concern that the slowing of the economy and a possible recession could further expand the expected budget deficit which is currently estimated at ~\$31.5 billion.

The Governor's 2023-24 May Revision upholds funding for homelessness programs committed in last year's budget. However, it does not include any new, ongoing funding for cities to increase the supply of affordable housing and reduce homelessness. Cal Cities is calling on lawmakers to find a permanent home in the budget for \$3 billion in ongoing funding to prevent and reduce homelessness and boost affordable housing. Call your Assembly Member and Senator TODAY and urge them to support \$3 billion in ongoing funding to cities for homelessness and housing! Details on Cal Cities effort to seek appropriate funding to housing and homelessness can be found [HERE](#).

Division Board Creates Subcommittee to Respond to LA County Board of Supervisors Motion to Depopulate and Decarcerate County Jails. The new working group will draft a set of principles and recommendations as a response to Supervisor Solis's intent to gather input from all stakeholders to address jail overcrowding and obligations to meet federal consent decrees.

Community Services

Support [SB 43 \(Eggman\)](#) Behavioral Health.

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.

Location: Assembly Health

Support [SB 363 \(Eggman\)](#) Facilities for Inpatient and Residential Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder: Database.

Would establish a real-time, internet-based dashboard to collect, aggregate, and display information about available beds in psychiatric and substance use facilities.

Location: Assembly Health

Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations

Oppose [SB 251 \(Newman\)](#) Political Reform Act of 1974: elected officers: conflicts of interest, as amended 3/8/23. Prohibits 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 elected officer with the same constituency on or before December 31, 2023. The bill would not apply to statewide elected officers.

Location: 2-year bill. Failed in Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments, reconsideration granted.

Support/Sponsor [SB 329 \(Dodd\)](#) Cities: City Council Members: Compensation.

Would allow general law cities to increase the council member salaries to reflect inflation.

Location: Assembly Floor

Support if Amended [SB 411 \(Portantino\)](#) Open meetings: teleconferences: neighborhood councils, as amended 4/24/23. Currently limits teleconference capability to Neighborhood Councils in the City of Los Angeles and should be amended back to its introduced language allowing appointed bodies to teleconference meetings without having to notice and make publicly accessible each teleconference location.

Location: Assembly Local Government

Oppose [AB 504 \(Reyes\)](#) State And Local Public Employees: Labor Relations: Disputes.

Would make sympathy striking a human right. It would also 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.

Location: Senate Rules

Support if Amended [SB 537 \(Becker\)](#) Open Meetings: multijurisdictional, cross-county agencies: teleconferences, as amended 4/24/23. Currently limits members of multijurisdictional bodies to participate remotely only if the meeting location is more than 40 miles (one-way) from their home, among other limitations. The bill should be amended back to its original language to allow appointed bodies of a multijurisdictional agency to teleconference meetings without having to notice and make publicly accessible each teleconference location.

Location: Assembly Desk

Support [AB 557 \(Hart\)](#) Open Meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

Eliminates the January 1, 2024, sunset on the provisions of the Brown Act that provided additional flexibility for local agencies looking to meet remotely during an emergency while still maintaining public access and transparency under AB 361 (R. Rivas, 2021). The bill would also extend the renewal period for resolutions declaring the use of AB 361 to 45 days (up from 30 days). By doing so AB 557 would provide accommodation for those agencies regularly meeting on a fixed date every month.

Location: Senate Gov & Finance, hearing scheduled for June 7

Oppose Unless Amended [AB 764 \(Bryan\)](#) Local Redistricting.

Would update the procedures local agencies must follow when adjusting the boundaries of the districts used to elect members of their governing bodies and establishes a procedure for legal challenges when a local jurisdiction does not comply with redistricting requirements.

Location: Double referred to the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments & Gov & Finance committees

Support [AB 817 \(Pacheco\)](#) Local government: open meetings, as amended 3/16/23. Provides a narrow exemption under the Ralph M. Brown Act for non-decision-making legislative bodies currently governed by Act, such as advisory bodies and commissions, to participate in two-way virtual teleconferencing without posting physical location of members.

Location: 2-year bill

Support [AB 1379 \(Papan\)](#) Open Meetings: local agencies: teleconference, as amended 3/23/23. Requires a legislative body electing to use teleconferencing to post agendas at a singular designated physical meeting location rather than at all teleconference locations. Allows quorum to be established by remote participation, at the designated physical location, or at both the designated physical meeting location and remotely. Also requires the legislative body to have at least 2 meetings per year in which the legislative body's members are in person at a singular designated physical meeting location.

Location: 2-year bill

Oppose [AB 1484 \(Zbur\)](#) Temporary public employees, as amended 5/18/23.

Requires inclusion of temporary employees in the same bargaining unit as permanent employees and that the wages, hours, plus terms of condition of employment for both temporary and permanent employees must be bargained together in a single memorandum of understanding.

Location: Assembly third reading

Revenue and Taxation

Oppose [SB 584 \(Limón\)](#) Laborforce housing: Short-Term Rental Tax Law.

Would impose a statewide 15 percent tax on the occupancy of short-term rentals. Proceeds of the tax would be used to provide grants for the creation of "laborforce housing."

Location: Assembly Desk

Concerns [SB 588 \(Allen\)](#) Property taxation: welfare exemption: lower income households: cap.

Would eliminate the property tax welfare exemption cap of \$20 million for non-profit developers utilizing private funding, as long as 90 percent of the units are made continuously available to or are occupied by lower income households at a rent that does not exceed the rent for lower income households.

Location: Assembly Rev & Tax

Support/Sponsor [AB 972 \(Maienschein\)](#) Local Assistance and Grant Program Streamlining Workgroup.

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 2025.

Location: Senate Gov & Finance

Housing

Oppose Unless Amended [AB 309](#) (Lee) Social Housing Act 2023

Would create the California Housing authority with a mission to produce and acquire social housing developments for the purpose of eliminating the gap between housing production and regional housing needs assessment targets and to preserve affordable housing.

Location: Senate Housing

Oppose Unless Amended [AB 1490](#) (Lee) Affordable Housing Development Projects: Adaptive Reuse.

Would make 100 percent affordable housing projects that adaptively reuse existing residential buildings an allowable use, regardless of any inconsistencies between the project and any local plans, zoning, or regulations, and limits local governments from imposing maximum density or floor area ratio requirements, and any requirement to add additional parking or open space.

Location: Senate Housing, hearing on 6/20

Support [AB 1657](#) (Wicks) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2024.

Would authorize the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2024 to place a \$10 billion housing bond on the March 5, 2024 primary ballot to fund production of affordable housing and supportive housing.

- \$5.25 billion to the Multifamily Housing Program (MHP).
- \$1.75 billion to supportive housing.
- \$1.5 billion for programs to preserve or rehabilitate existing subsidized or unsubsidized rental housing.
- \$1 billion to the CalHOME Program and the My Home down payment assistance program.
- \$500 million to the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Program.

Oppose [SB 423](#) (Wiener) Land use: streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments, as amended 5/18/23. Expands [SB 35](#) (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) provisions and eliminates the January 1, 2026 sunset date, permanently requiring cities to ministerially approve certain housing projects without public input or environmental review.

Location: Senate third reading

Support if Amended [SB 4](#) (Wiener) Housing Development: Higher Education Institutions and Religious Institutions.

Would require that a housing development project be a use by right on land owned by an independent institution of higher education religious institution if the development satisfies specified criteria.

Public Safety

Support [AB 33](#) (Bains) Fentanyl Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force, as amended 5/18/23. Establishes the Fentanyl Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force, consisting of law enforcement, public health officials, and healthcare providers to coordinate an effective response to the fentanyl crisis. The task force will focus on a number of different strategies, including increasing access to overdose-reversing drugs, improving substance use disorder treatment and recovery support, and crafting strategies to reduce the availability of illicit fentanyl.

Location: Senate Rules

Support [AB 40 \(Rodriguez\)](#) Emergency medical services as amended 5/18/23. Requires procedures and standards to improve ambulance patient offload time (APOT).

Location: Senate Rules

Support [AB 367 \(Maienschein\)](#) Controlled Substances: Enhancements, as amended 3/22/23. Applies the “great bodily injury” enhancement to any person who sells, furnishes, administers, or gives away fentanyl or an analog of fentanyl when the person to whom the fentanyl was sold, furnished, administered or given suffers a significant or substantial physical injury from using the substance.

Location: 2-year bill. Assembly Public Safety

Oppose [AB 436 \(Alvarez\)](#) Vehicles. Repeals the authority given to local authorities to prohibit cruising. This bill would also remove a provision prohibiting a common modification made to cars used in cruising to have the vehicles ride low to the ground roadway.

Location: Senate Transportation.

Support [AB 474 \(Rodriguez\)](#) State Threat Assessment Center: transnational criminal organizations, as introduced. Requires the State Threat Assessment Center (STAC) and the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to prioritize cooperation with state and local efforts to illuminate, disrupt, degrade, and dismantle criminal networks trafficking opioid drugs and to support state and local interagency task forces to combat illegal opioid trafficking, including preparing and disseminating intelligence products for public safety entities.

Location: Senate Rules

Support [AB 701 \(Villapudua\)](#) Controlled substances: fentanyl, as introduced. Increases the penalty and fine for trafficking controlled substances containing heroin, cocaine base, and cocaine to fentanyl.

Location: Senate Rules

Oppose [AB 742 \(Jackson\)](#) Law enforcement: police canines, as amended 5/18/23. Prohibits the use of police canines to: arrest or apprehend a person; crowd control; bite; or train a police canine inconsistent with these prohibitions.

Location: Assembly Third Reading

Support [AB 955 \(Petrie-Norris\)](#) Controlled Substances, as amended 3/15/23 Creates a new crime for selling fentanyl on a social media platform.

Location: 2-year bill. Assembly Rules

Oppose [AB 1034 \(Wilson\)](#) Law enforcement: facial recognition and other biometric surveillance, as amended 5/1/23. Prohibits 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.

Location: Senate Public Safety

Watch [AB 1463 \(Lowenthal\)](#) Automated license plate recognition systems: retention and use of information.

Would require agencies utilizing Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Cameras to purge information that does not match a hot list in 30 days, and would prohibit ALPR information from being sold, shared, or transferred to an out-of-state or federal agency without a court order or warrant issued by a California court.

Location: Senate Rules

Support [AB 1708 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) Theft, as amended 3/12/23. With voter approval, would require a person convicted of petty theft or shoplifting, if the person has two or more prior convictions for specified retail theft-related offenses, to be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year. Additionally, this measure would offer pre-plea diversion opportunities.

Location: 2-year bill. Assembly Public Safety, reconsideration granted.

Support [SB 19 \(Seyarto\)](#) Anti-Fentanyl Abuse Task Force.

Would establish the Anti-Fentanyl Abuse Task Force to undertake various duties including collecting data on the extent of fentanyl abuse in California and increasing public awareness.

Location: Double referred to Assembly Health & Public Safety committees

Support [SB 44 \(Umberg\)](#) Controlled Substances, as amended 4/13/23. Requires a court to provide a written advisory to a person convicted of selling fentanyl notifying the person of the danger of selling or administering illicit drugs and counterfeit pills and of the potential future criminal liability if another person dies as a result of that person's actions.

Location: 2-year bill

Support [SB 602 \(Archuleta\)](#) Trespass, as amended 3/20/23. extends the effective duration of Letters of Agency from 30 days to 12 months and the operative timeframe of trespass authorization letters from 12 months to 3 years for the purpose of removing graffiti and mitigating other public nuisances on private property visible from public rights of way.

Location: Assembly Public Safety

Environmental Quality

Oppose Unless Amended [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 is advantaged communities by January 1, 2029.

Location: Senate Rules

Transportation, Communications and Public Works

Support/Sponsor [AB 400 \(B. Rubio\)](#) Public Contracts: Design Build.

Would extend the January 1, 2025 sunset to 2031.

Location: Senate Gov & Finance

Oppose [AB 1637 \(Irwin\)](#) Local government: internet websites and email addresses. As amended 5/18/23. Requires cities and counties to secure and utilize their website through a

new .gov or ca.gov domain no later than January 1, 2027. It would also require all employee email addresses to reflect the updated domain within the same time frame.

Location: Assembly Third Reading

Support/Sponsor [SB 706 \(Caballero\)](#) Public Contracts: Progressive Design Build.

Would remove the cap and 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.

Location: Assembly Local Gov

Ballot Measures

Oppose The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act Initiative No. 21-0042A1.

Limits voters' input, adopts new and stricter rules for raising taxes and fees, and makes it more difficult to hold state and local law violators accountable.



*You Are Cordially Invited to Attend
The Installation of the 2023-2024 Officers
and*

Rolling Hills Council Member

BEATRIZ (BEA) DIERINGER

*as President of the Los Angeles
County Division, League of California Cities*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023

RECEPTION - 6:00 P.M.

DINNER & PROGRAM - 6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

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Installing Officer, Steve Cooley Former
Los Angeles County District Attorney

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