

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The legislature completes the second year of a two-year session on August 31 and Legislators have until AUG 25 to amend bills. Amendments will become more complicated with each passing day, especially now that [Governor Newsom has proposed new environmental legislation](#) that will require many hours of negotiation before that deadline on the 25th.

Cal Cities continues to focus pressure on our priority bill list and I have updated this list below with what our lobbyist have been able to glean from any amendments taken as bills left the appropriations committees (see the full up-to-date list of priority bills [HERE](#)).

Final 2022 Legislative Webinar: Cal Cities will host a webinar on September 1 at 1:30 PM to update our members on the bills that make it to the Governor's desk after the legislative session concludes – register [HERE](#).

AB 916 (Salas) Accessory Dwelling Units – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Requires cities increase the height maximum of ADU's from 16 to 18 feet on all parcels and to 25 feet for multifamily or single-family parcel located within a half mile of transit. AB 916 also would add a provision which sets a minimum height requirement of 25 feet for ADUs that are attached to a primary single-family residence.

AB 1740 (Muratsuchi) Catalytic Converters and SB 1087 (Gonzalez) Catalytic Converters – SUPPORT

AB 2407 (O'Donnell) Vehicle Tampering: theft of catalytic converters died in appropriations.

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.

SB 1087 – Prohibits any person from purchasing a used catalytic converter from anybody other than certain specified sellers.

UPDATE: Appropriations amended SB 1087, but these do not appear to effect Cal Cities' support. AB 1740 got out without any amendments.

AB 1685 (Bryan) Parking Violations – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Requires cities and other processing agencies to forgive at least \$1,500 in parking fines and fees annually for a qualified homeless person, allowing applicants to request forgiveness at least four times a year.

UPDATE: Senate Appropriations amended the bill to exempt the State from these fines, but not cities. Cal Cities remains opposed unless amended.

(NEW) AB 1951 (Grayson) Manufacturing Sales Tax Exemption – OPPOSE

This bill expands, for a five-year period, the existing partial sales and use tax exemption for manufacturing and research and development tangible personal property by making it a full exemption including any local voter-approved transaction and use taxes. The LAO estimates this bill would cost local governments \$533 million annually.

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.

UPDATE: Passed out of Assembly Appropriations with several amendments, but these changes do not impact our concerns. Cal Cities remains opposed.

AB 2097 (Friedman) Residential and Commercial Parking – OPPOSE

Prohibits cities from enforcing minimum parking requirements for developments located within ½ mile of a major transit stop (15-minute headway during peak hours).

UPDATE: Senate Appropriations amended AB 2097, but these do not appear to impact our opposition.

SB 6 (Caballero) Local Planning: Housing: commercial zones – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Creates a new process allowing residential development on certain commercial and industrial sites, including allowing qualifying projects to use the streamlined application procedures of SB 35 (Wiener, 2017).

UPDATE: Assembly Appropriations amended this bill, but Cal Cities remains opposed unless amended.

SB 897 (Wieckowski) Accessory Dwelling Units – OPPOSE

Requires cities to allow ADUs to be constructed with a height of up to 25 feet, within 1/2 mile of a major transit stop or high-quality bus corridor, and permit constructed ADUs that are in violation of state building standards and in violation of local zoning requirements.

Location: Assembly Appropriations

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

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.

UPDATE: Assembly Appropriations amended this bill to remove the private right of action – an important step in the right direction and we are working with the author on additional technical amendments, Cal Cities remains opposed unless amended at this time.

SB 1067 (Portantino) Housing Developments: Parking Requirements – OPPOSE.

Would significantly restrict parking requirements within ½ mile of public transit. Public transit is defined as: 1) a high-quality transit corridor (includes ferry terminals, rapid transit or the intersection of bus routes with 15-minute headways).

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.

UPDATE: Assembly Amendments that includes CEQA exemptions have unfortunately made this bill worse – please call your legislators.

Eggman Behavioral Health Package: Cal Cities is recommending a support position on Senator Eggman's bills that would modernize California's behavioral health continuum. SB 1154 (Eggman) was held in Assembly Appropriations and is unfortunately dead for the year, but we are still supportive of [SB 929 \(Eggman\)](#), [SB 970 \(Eggman\)](#), [SB 1035 \(Eggman\)](#), [SB 1127 \(Eggman\)](#), and [SB 1238 \(Eggman\)](#).

- Cal Cities has proposed amendments to [SB 1338 \(Umberg\)](#), the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Court program, aka CARE Court, however these have not been accepted by the author coming out of Appropriations.

Annual Conference at the Long Beach Convention Center – SEPT 7 - 9

Registration for this event has just topped 1,900 registrants and lodging options in Long Beach are essentially sold out. Pre-registration remains open until AUG 24, but on-site registration will still be possible after that date.

Schedule:

The entire conference schedule is now available on the Cal Cities website [HERE](#).

Resolutions / By-Laws Amendments:

Please note that no annual conference resolutions were submitted by the membership for consideration at the general assembly this year, however a [petitioned resolution](#) at the conference is still possible.

Additionally, the League of California Cities Board of Directors have proposed amendments to the Cal Cities by-laws which must be approved by 2/3rds of the membership during the general assembly on Friday, September 9. The final by-laws packet is available at www.calcities.org/proposedbylawsamendments for your convenience.

Voting Delegates:

To vote during the General Assembly, your city council must designate a voting delegate during a council meeting. If your city has already made its appointment for the 2022 Annual Conference and provided your city's voting delegate information to Cal Cities, your delegate may pick up his/her credentials upon arriving at the conference. If your city has not made its appointment, please complete the Voting Delegate form located on the Cal Cities website www.calcities.org/resolutions under the "voting delegates" section, and email it to Darla Yacub at dyacub@calcities.org by **Friday, September 2**.

Division Luncheon:

The Division will host a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency on **Wednesday, September 7** during the annual conference with special guest speaker California Attorney General Rob Bonta. An additional \$50 registration fee applies which must be paid for prior to attendance. On-site registration for this event is not guaranteed. Register [HERE](#).