



TO: SOUTH BAY CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 10/23/2025 MEETING

CAL CITIES ANNUAL MEMBER SURVEY NOW OPEN

Help drive Cal Cities' 2026 Advocacy agenda by completing our [annual membership survey](https://tinycloud.com/CalCitiesMembershipSurvey2025). The survey takes 3 – 5 minutes to complete and will be used to help inform our goals and priorities for the coming year. The [survey](https://tinycloud.com/CalCitiesMembershipSurvey2025) will be open until **October 31, 2025**.

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE ALL-CITIES HOLIDAY RECEPTION

The Los Angeles County Division will be co-hosting the All-Cities Holiday Reception with the California Contract Cities Association and the Independent Cities Association at the California Club in DTLA on Wednesday, **December 10**.

Join your local government colleagues from all over the County to spread some holiday cheer! Register [HERE](#).

GOVERNOR'S SIGN/VETO ACTIONS OFFICIALLY END THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

October 13 was the Governor's deadline to sign or veto the 917 bills that were sent to his desk in the final days of the 2025 legislative session. Of those 917, the Governor signed 794 and vetoed 123, for a veto rate of 13% slightly less than the historical average veto rate of 16%.

Veto [AB 339 \(Ortega\)](#) Local public employee organizations: notice requirements - **SIGNED**
Veto [SB 79 \(Wiener\)](#) Transit-oriented Development - **SIGNED**
Veto [SB 707 \(Durazo\)](#) Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements - **SIGNED**

Sign [AB 1 \(Connolly\)](#) Residential property insurance: wildfire risk – **SIGNED**
Sign [AB 424 \(Davies\)](#) Alcohol and other drug programs: complaints – **SIGNED**
Sign [AB 476 \(Gonzalez\)](#) Metal Theft – **SIGNED**
Sign [AB 492 \(Valencia\)](#) Alcohol and drug programs: licensing – **SIGNED**
Sign [AB 620 \(Jackson\)](#) Zero Emission Vehicles: Rentals – **VETOED**
Sign [AB 650 \(Papan\)](#) Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: RHNA – **VETOED**
Sign [AB 986 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) States of Emergency: Landslides – **VETOED**
Sign [SB 346 \(Durazo\)](#) Transient Occupancy Taxes: Short-term Rental Facilitator – **SIGNED**
Sign [SB 454 \(McNerney\)](#) PFAS mitigation fund – **VETOED**
Sign [SB 456 \(Ashby\)](#) Community Beautification Act – **SIGNED**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION ADVOCACY UPDATE

The Los Angeles County Division supported [AB 1](#) and [AB 888](#). These bills are focused on wildfire resilience and insurance affordability. AB 1 and AB 888 were both signed into law by the Governor.

UPDATE ON CAL CITIES ACTION ALERTS

1. **SB 364 (Strickland) Billboards: maintenance: permits – NEUTRAL**

SB 364 expands the definitions of “customary maintenance provisions” of an outdoor advertising display under the Outdoor Advertising Act to include replacing or eliminating structural members, posts, and internal bracing of billboards.

UPDATE: SIGNED

2. **Cap and Trade Reauthorization – SUPPORT**

Cap and Trade has generated roughly \$30 billion over the last decade, resulting in grants to cities and others for transit, rail, transportation, air quality, affordable housing, safe drinking water, and organic waste programs.

UPDATE: SIGNED. More on the Cap & Trade reauthorization can be found [HERE](#).

3. **AB 339 (Ortega) Local public employee organizations: notice requirements – OPPOSE**

Requires the governing body of a public agency, board, or commission to give a recognized employee organization written notice of at least 60 days regarding contracts to perform services that are within the scope of work of the job classifications represented by the recognized employee organization.

Status: SIGNED

4. **SB 79 (Wiener) Transit Orientated Development - OPPOSE**

This measure would require cities to approve higher-density residential projects up to 7 stories near public transit stops ministerially regardless of local zoning codes, limit the use of local development standards on the proposed project, and allow transit agencies full land authority over residential and commercial development on property they own or lease with no requirement for affordable housing built in.

Status: SIGNED

5. **AB 650 (Papan) Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: RHNA – SPONSOR / SUPPORT**

This bill would allow local governments to begin the housing element update process six months earlier, provide greater certainty and reduce ambiguity in the housing element review process, and ensure that local governments have adequate time to respond to the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) review letters.

Status: VETOED

CAL CITIES 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE WRAP UP

The 2025 Annual Conference is now completed, and it may end up being the largest conference Cal Cities has hosted in 20 years. Although no resolutions were brought forward for the General Assembly, approximately 3,000 city officials and vendors gathered to network and learn from one another over three packed days.

Congratulations to our new Cal Cities Board of Directors and to all of the award winners announced at the conference. This year Cal Cities announced three Legislator of the Year Awards, including our own Senator Ben Allen. Congratulations to Senator Allen and our other award winners, Assembly Members Diane Papan and Laurie Davies.