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ADVOCACY UPDATE + NEW LEGISLATIVE WEBINAR

Legislators passed the main budget bill on Friday, June 13 without having reached an agreement with the Governor. This means that although they met their constitutional requirement to pass a budget by June 15, there is still work to be done and legislative watchers will keep focused on budget trailer bills that will implement the spending in the main budget bill. Cal Cities has an analysis of the legislature's budget [HERE](#) for your review and you can find a lengthy list of the Cal Cities HOT, sponsored, and priority bills [HERE](#).

With just four weeks of legislative action left after the summer recess, Cal Cities is hosting another webinar to maximize your advocacy during and after the summer recess. That webinar will be on **Tuesday, July 29 from 1:30 – 3 PM** and you can register for that event [HERE](#).

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION ADVOCACY UPDATE

The Los Angeles County Division has directly engaged on 4 bills this year. Two of the bills we are supporting—**AB 1** and **AB 888**—are focused on wildfire resilience and insurance affordability.

- [AB 1](#) would require the Department of Insurance to regularly update the *Safer from Wildfire* regulations, with the goal of helping stabilize—and ultimately reduce—the cost of fire insurance.
- [AB 888](#) would establish the *California Safe Homes Grant Program*, offering funding to property owners to harden their homes against wildfire threats.

The Division is also opposing [AB 470](#), Assembly Member McKinnor's second attempt to allow AT&T and other telecom companies to relinquish their responsibility as the carrier of last resort. In our opposition letter, we emphasized the need for greater investment in landline infrastructure, particularly in fire-prone communities that rely on landlines for emergency communications during power outages.

The Division is closely monitoring [SB 220 \(Allen\)](#), a bill proposing to expand the LA County Metro Transit Board in response to the expansion of the LA County Board of Supervisors under Measure G. Senator Allen has made this a two-year bill in order to assess the implications of an expanded Board of Supervisors and Metro Board. The Division is engaged with the Senator to ensure that city voices are not diluted in whatever form the expanded Metro Board takes.

The Division has also requested meetings with each of the LA County Board of Supervisors to discuss the closure of the LA Central Men's Jail facility and advocate for a replacement of that facility to take the form of a modern Care First Treatment Campus.

UPDATE ON CAL CITIES ACTION ALERTS

Cal Cities issued Action Alerts requesting urgent action from our members on several pieces of legislation, including:

1. **[AB 339 \(Ortega\)](#) Local public employee organizations: notice requirements.**

Requires the governing body of a public agency, board, or commission to give a recognized employee organization written notice of at least 120 days regarding contracts to perform services that are within the scope of work of the job classifications represented by the recognized employee organization.

Status: [Senate Labor, Professions, and Economic Development](#)

2. **[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: Assembly Housing & Community Development; also referred to Assembly Local Gov, and Natural Resources. SB 79 passed off the Senate Floor on June 2 – you can see how your senator voted [HERE](#). Please now shift your advocacy to your assembly member and seek a commitment from them to vote NO. Note that Assembly Member Muratsuchi is a member of [Nat Resources committee](#).

3. **[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: Senate Housing

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Registration is now open for the **Cal Cities 2025 Annual Conference and Expo at the Long Beach Convention Center this October 8 – 10**. There will also be an opportunity to start off the conference by connecting with your regional colleagues at the Los Angeles County Division meeting luncheon on October 8 from 11:30 AM – 1 PM (registration for that lunch will open soon).

If you plan to stay in Long Beach for the Conference, I highly recommend you register now to gain access to our discounted lodging block, WHICH WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY.

[Registration and Details HERE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [July 29 from 1:30 – 3 PM: Crunch Time at the Capitol: Key Bills for Cities After Summer Recess](#)
- [August 7 from 6 – 8:30 PM: Los Angeles County Division Installation & Dinner \(Palos Verdes Estates\)](#). Join the LA County Division as we install and celebrate our Los Angeles County Division Board of Directors. The nominating committee has recommended Britt Huff from Rolling Hills Estates to be installed as President, Ana Maria Quintana from Bell as Vice President, Bill Uphoff from Lomita as Secretary/Treasurer, and James Bozajian from Calabasas as State Director. South Bay Cities COG representative Barry Waite from Lomita and our other COG representatives will also be installed.
- **[Registration Now Open! October 8 – 10 in Long Beach: The League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo. \(Long Beach Convention Center\)](#)**