

TO: SOUTH BAY CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 4/23/2026 MEETING

LA COUNTY DIVISION LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Oppose [AB 470 \(McKinnor\)](#) Telephone Corporations: Carriers of Last Resort

As amended, AB 470 provides procedures for telephone corporations to relinquish its carrier of last resort designation for an eligible area and requires the CA Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to affirm that the requirements for a telephone corporation to have been met and that impacted communities are notified.

[LA County Division oppose letter](#)

Status: Senate Appropriations, two-Year Bill

Support [AB 1708 \(Solache\)](#) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program

Cal Cities-sponsored bill that would increase access to state homelessness funding for cities with populations under 300,000. [LA County Division support letter](#)

Status: Assembly Housing Hearing on 4/15/2026

Oppose [AB 1768 \(Bryan\)](#) Transactions and use taxes: County of Los Angeles.

This bill would, until December 31, 2031, authorize the County of Los Angeles to levy a sales and use tax that is exempted from the 2% local sales tax limit.

[LA County Division oppose letter](#)

Status: Referred to Local Gov and Rev & Tax committees

Monitor [AB 2443 \(McKinnor\)](#) Carriers of Last Resort (Spot Bill)

Status: Referred to Communications and Conveyance, no hearing set

Oppose LA County Measure ER – The Essential Services Restoration Act Sales Tax Measure

The LA County Division is opposed to the 0.5% general sales tax measure the County Board of Supervisors voted to place on the June Ballot and the legislation that would exempt this measure from the 2% sales tax cap, AB 1768 (Bryan).

[LA County Division oppose letter](#)

CAL CITIES SPONSORS AND URGES ACTION ON LEGISLATION

Each year, Cal Cities partners with lawmakers to sponsor legislation that will further Cal Cities' organizational and advocacy priorities. Cal Cities is sponsoring 13 bills again this year and our lobbyists have identified another group of bills that are important for cities to engage on. The list is too long to print here, but the list of Sponsored and HOT bills can be found [HERE](#).

CAL CITIES ADVOCATES FOR \$400 MILLION TO FULLY FUND PROP. 36

Cal Cities is asking the legislature to fully fund Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act that voters passed in 2024. Cal Cities is asking for letters in support of this funding to be sent to your legislators and Senate Budget Subcommittee #5. More information and a sample letter can be found on the Cal Cities advocacy action center: www.calcities.org/advocacy/take-action.

GET ENGAGED. JOIN CAL CITIES OR THE LA COUNTY DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Have you ever wanted more of a say in what Cal Cities is working on? Now is your chance to apply for the Cal Cities Board of Directors or stay close to home and apply for the LA County Division Board of Directors.

Cal Cities is now accepting applications for our Board of Directors for six at-large positions and the second vice president (applications from Southern California are encouraged for 2nd VP). Applications are due by April 22. Additional details, and the application can be found [HERE](#).

The Los Angeles County Division is currently seeking applicants for our regional Secretary/Treasurer position. The Secretary/Treasurer is a member of the Executive Committee and works closely with the Division's Executive Director to monitor the Division's finances, keep accurate records of the membership and business transacted. This position is for a one-year term, with the expected ascension to Division President over the course of two or three years. Any mayor or council member from a member city may submit a letter of interest for either of these positions. To be considered, please send a letter indicating your interest along with a resume no later than Friday, May 1 to:

Nominating Committee Chair
c/o League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division
jquan@calcities.org

CAL CITIES OFFERS FISCAL TRAINING REQUIRED FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS (SB 827 GONZALEZ, 2025)

In addition to ethics and harassment training already required by State law, city officials are now also required to complete a fiscal and financial training every two years. Under SB 827 (Gonzalez, 2025), elected and appointed officials, department heads, and other administrative officers must now take a minimum of two hours of fiscal and financial training.

Cal Cities will offer this fiscal training multiple times this year, beginning with a virtual training on May 29 from 10 AM – 12 PM.

City officials who began their service before Jan. 1, 2026, must complete their training by Jan. 1, 2028, unless their term ends before Jan. 9, 2028. Officials who began service on or after Jan. 1, 2026, must complete the training within six months of their start date. Priority registration for this webinar will be given to officials who began service on or after Jan. 1, 2026.

Registration is \$50 for Cal Cities members. Registration must be completed by Thursday, May 28, 2026. Registration is limited.

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING CAL CITIES EVENTS

- [May 13 – 15: City Attorneys Spring Conference \(Universal City\)](#)
- [May 29 from 10 AM – 12 PM SB 827 Fiscal Training for City Officials \(see above\)](#)
- [June 4 from 6 – 8 PM: LA County Division General Membership Meeting \(Monterey Park\)](#)
- [September 23 – 25: 2026 Annual Conference \(Anaheim Convention Center\) Save the Date](#)