



TO: SOUTH BAY CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 5/28/2026 MEETING (PREPARED ON 5/19/2026)

JOIN THE DIVISION FOR A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON JUNE 4

The Los Angeles County Division will meet on Thursday, June 4, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park. Attendees will hear from Shivaji Deshmukh, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and will receive and vote on the Division's Nominating Committee report to select our 2026–27 Division Board of Directors. [Register Now](#) and save the date for the LA County Division's Annual Installation Ceremony and Dinner on August 6.

KEEPING UP WITH THE LEGISLATURE: BILL BRIEFING FROM CAL CITIES LOBBYISTS ON JUNE 3

Legislative deadlines in the appropriations committees have now passed, shirking the number of active bills significantly, but the legislature is now working on the 2026-27 State Budget and will soon be in the home stretch as they rush to finish up their work before they adjourn on August 31.

Join Cal Cities lobbying team for a virtual briefing on June 3 at 9:30 AM to hear what to expect as bills move into their second house and find out what we need your help to support or to stop before bills reach the Governor's desk.

Register [HERE](#) by June 2, note that all registrants will receive a copy of the slide presentation and the recording when it becomes available.

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.

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 their 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: Failed, last location was Senate Appropriations

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

This bill measure would create a new pathway for cities with populations under 300,000 to access existing state homelessness funding while requiring clear accountability metrics aligned with the state's goals. Specifically, this measure would require CoCs, prior to allocating funding to other subrecipients, to accept applications for a period of 30 days only from cities in their region with populations under 300,000.

[LA County Division support letter](#)

Status: Failed, last location was Assembly Appropriations

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: Senate Floor

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

Status: Failed, last location Assembly Communications and Conveyance

***NEW* Support [AB 2492 \(Gabriel\)](#) Public Safety: Mega Sporting Events**

This bill mandates the Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to work with host counties, and others to prepare for the resourcing, management, and delivery of safety and security at and around venues and official watch parties. This bill also allows for the reimbursement of local agencies for certain costs mandated by the state.

[LA County Division support letter](#)

Status: Failed, last location was Assembly Appropriations

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](#)

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING CAL CITIES EVENTS

- [May 29 from 10 AM – 12 PM SB 827 Fiscal Training for City Officials \(see above\)](#)
- [June 3 from 9:30 – 11 AM: Bill Briefing with Cal Cities Lobbyists](#)
- [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](#)

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