

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



North Bay Conference Room (Room 145)
Sunnyvale City Hall
456 W. Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

**APRIL 9, 2026
7:00 PM**

Meeting Information:

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Councilmember Ellen Kamei will attend via teleconference from Lobby, Courtyard by Marriott Paso Robles 120 S Vine St, Paso Robles, CA 93446, United States. This teleconference location is open to the public and any member of the public may address the Board of Directors members from the teleconference location.

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER – (WALIA)

ROLL CALL (SIRKAY)

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AGENDA

1. Consent Agenda (Action)

Recommendation:

Review and consider approval of minutes from March 12, 2026 Board of Directors meeting.

Attachment:

- a. Minutes from March 12, 2026 Board of Directors meeting

2. President Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from President Tina Walia.

3. Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery (Information and Discussion)

Guest Speakers:

- Dana Reed, Director of Emergency Management, Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Management
- Tom Chin, Deputy Director of Emergency Management, Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Management

Recommendation: Receive presentation from Dana Reed and Tom Chin.

Attachments:

- a. Bio: Dana Reed
- b. Bio: Tom Chin

4. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Potential Budget Adjustment (Action)

Recommendation: Receive update from Executive Director Shali Sirkay on June 11, 2026 Summer Membership Event expenses and consider increasing event budget from \$3000 to \$6000.

Attachment:

- a. Agenda Report: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Potential Budget Adjustment

5. Cities Association Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget (Action)

Recommendation: Review and consider approval of the proposed Cities Association budget for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Attachment:

- a. Agenda Report: Proposed Cities Association Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

6. Vacancy on Cities Association Executive Committee: Second Vice President/Legislative Action Committee Chair

Recommendation: Receive update on vacancy from President Tina Walia and Co-Legal Counsel Jannie Quinn and

- a. Determine whether to fill the vacant position of Second Vice-President/Legislative Action Committee Chair for the unexpired portion of the term.
- b. Determine the electoral process for the vacant position of Second Vice-President/Legislative Action Committee Chair.
- c. Elect a new Second Vice-President/Legislative Action Committee Chair.

Attachments:

- a. Agenda Report: Consider Process to Fill Vacant Position of Second Vice-President and Potential Election of Second Vice-President
- b. Letters of Interest
- c. Public Comment Received

7. Legislative Action Committee Update (Action)

Recommendation: Receive update from President Tina Walia and consider action as requested by the Legislative Action Committee on the following bills:

- a. SB 1013 (Cervantes): Automated license plate recognition systems
- b. SB 1159 (Cabaldon): Artificial intelligence: transparency and governance
- c. AB 1761 (Rogers): Electricity: calculation methodology: data disclosure
- d. AB 2517 (Calderon): Fire safety: fire hazard severity zones
- e. SB 894 (Allen): Wildfire resiliency: financial assistance
- f. SB 899 (Grove): Fire prevention: Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force: wildfire smoke
- g. SB 949 (Becker): Environmental protection: Natural Resources Agency: resource of statewide

Attachments:

Supporting documentation for the bills listed above as follows:

- a. SB 1013 (Cervantes): Bill summary

- b. SB 1159 (Cabaldon): Bill summary and CalCities* letter of support
- c. AB 1761 (Rogers): Bill summary and CalCities* letter of support
- d. AB 2517 (Calderon): Bill summary, CalCities* letter of support, and CalCities Action Alert
- e. SB 894 (Allen): Bill summary
- f. SB 899 (Grove): Bill summary and sample letter of support
- g. SB 949 (Becker): Bill summary

*"CalCities" refers to the League of California Cities

8. Santa Clara County Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from SCC Dir. of Civic & Community Engagement Steve Preminger.

9. Santa Clara County City Managers Association Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Acting City Manager Leslie Arroyo.

10. Executive Director Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Executive Director Shali Sirkay.

11. Joys and Challenges (Information)

Recommendation: Share joys and challenges with the group.

ADJOURN (WALIA)

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WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

ROLL CALL

***Vicki Veenker arrived at 8:30 PM

Board Members Present (13):

Campbell	Anne Bybee
Cupertino	Liang Chao
Gilroy	Kelly Ramirez
Los Altos	Sally Meadows
Los Altos Hills	Rajiv Bhateja
Los Gatos	Maria Ristow*
Monte Sereno	Ken Toren
Morgan Hill	Mark Turner
Mountain View	Ellen Kamei (arrived 7:07 PM)
Palo Alto	Vicki Veenker (arrived 8:30 PM)
San Jose	Rosemary Kamei (arrived 7:12 PM)
Saratoga	Tina Walia
Sunnyvale	Linda Sell*

*Alternate

Board Members Absent: (2)

Milpitas	Carmen Montano
Santa Clara	Kelly Cox

Also Present (3):

Leslie Arroyo	Acting City Manager, Saratoga
Jannie Quinn	CASCC Co-Legal Counsel, Renne Public Law Group
Shali Sirkay	Executive Director

Members of the Public Present (18):

Art3m351a	Online
Chris Constantin	City Manager, Los Gatos
David	Online
Jamie Field	Chief of Police, Los Gatos Monte Sereno Police Department
Neysa Fligor	County Assessor
J.R. Fruen	Online, Councilmember, Cupertino
Victoria Ketell	City Staff, Sunnyvale
Tim Kirby	City Manager, Sunnyvale
Gerardo Leon	Online
Austin M.	Online
Tim MacKenzie	Online

Man 1	In-person
Greg Monteverde	Assistant Assessor, SCC Assessor's Office
Adam Oberdorfer	Assistant Sheriff, SCC Sheriff's Office
Andrew Siegler	Online
Richard Taylor	Online, City Attorney, Saratoga
Woman 1	In-person
Autumn Young	Deputy Assessor, SCC Assessor's Office

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NONE

AGENDA

1. Consent Agenda (Action)

Recommendation: Review and approve minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on February 12, 2026

Attachment:

- a. Minutes: February 12, 2026 Board of Directors meeting

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented

By Turner

Second by Bhateja

AYES: 10

NAYS: 0

ABSENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 5 (Cox, E. Kamei, R. Kamei, Montano, Veenker)

Motion passes 10-0-0-5

2. President Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from President Tina Walia

3. Guest Speaker: SCC County Assessor Neysa Fligor (Information)

Recommendation: Receive presentation from County Assessor Neysa Fligor

Attachment:

- a. Bio: County Assessor Neysa Fligor

4. Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR Cameras) (Study Session)

Recommendation: The Board of Directors to discuss the Board priority on Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) and provide direction to the Executive Director as needed

Attachment:

- a. Agenda Report: Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) – Study Session

Guest Speakers:

1. Jamie Field, Chief, Los Gatos Monte Sereno Police Department
2. Adam Oberdorfer, Assistant Sheriff, Santa Clara County

Public Comment:

1. Woman 1 (in-person)
2. Man 1 (in-person)
3. Austin M. (online)
4. Gerardo Leon (online)
5. Tim MacKenzie (online)
6. David (online)

5. Draft Proposed Cities Association Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget (Action)

Recommendation: Review draft proposed Cities Association budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 and provide direction to Executive Director and Cities Association Treasurer as needed

Attachments:

- a. Agenda Report: Draft Proposed Cities Association Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget
- b. Draft Proposed Cities Association Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

Direction was given to the Executive Director to make adjustments to the draft proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 budget as per Board discussion.

6. Local Agency Investment Fund Update (Action)

Recommendation: Receive update from Executive Director, provide direction as needed, and Adopt a Resolution Designating Authorized Signers on the Cities Association LAIF Account

Attachments:

- a. Agenda Report: Process of Updating Authorized Signers for the Cities Association LAIF
- b. Resolution # 2026-04:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITIES ASSOCIATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY JOINT POWERS AGENCY AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND

Motion to name the Executive Director, Board President and Treasurer as authorized signers on the Cities Association Local Agency Investment Fund account

By Turner

Second by Veenker

AYES: 13

NAYS: 0

ABSENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Cox, Montano)

Motion passes 13-0-0-2

7. Records Retention Policy (Action)

Recommendation: Consider Adoption of a Resolution Adopting a Records Retention Policy

Attachments:

a. Agenda Report: Records Retention Policy

b. Resolution # 2026-05:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITIES ASSOCIATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY JOINT POWERS AGENCY ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION POLICY

c. Town of Los Gatos, Records Management Program

d. SVCE Records Retention Policy

e. SVRIA Records Retention Policy and Schedule

Motion to adopt Resolution #2026-05 Records Retention Policy

By Ristow

Second by Meadows

AYES: 13

NAYS: 0

ABSENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Cox, Montano)

Motion passes 13-0-0-2

8. Legislative Action Committee Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Chair Elliot Scozzola

9. Santa Clara County Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from SCC Dir. of Civic & Community Engagement Steve Preminger

10. Santa Clara County City Managers Association Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Acting City Manager Leslie Arroyo

11. Executive Director Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Executive Director Shali Sirkay

12. Joys and Challenges (Information)

Recommendation: Share joys and challenges with the group

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted on April 9, 2026,

Vaishali Sirkay

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Executive Director

Cities Association of Santa Clara County

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Bio: Dana Reed

Dana Reed currently serves as the Director for the County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Management. His background includes having served with the City of San José Fire Department for over 29 years. As a Deputy Fire Chief his assignments included Administrative Services, Operations, EMS and Training. During his tenure he served on a Cal-Fire Incident Management Team responding to numerous wildland incidents in California. Before joining the County, he served as an Emergency Services Specialist with the NASA Ames Fire Department at the Moffett Field Federal Airfield in Mountain View for three years and was responsible for emergency operations center readiness, training and emergency management. Dana is a California State Certified Chief Officer, a California Emergency Management Specialist and holds a bachelor's degree in occupational studies and a degree in fire science along with several emergency management training certificates. He currently chairs the Santa Clara County Operational Area Signatories and sits on the Approval Authority for the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative and supports the Emergency Operational Area Council.

Bio: Tom Chin

Tom Chin currently serves as the Deputy Director for the County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Management. Prior to his current role, Tom was the Emergency Manager for the City of Cupertino and led Operations and Planning for the Department of Emergency Management in the City and County of San Francisco. Throughout his career, Tom has spearheaded key emergency management and response initiatives, including directing Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) during significant California wildfires and power outages, overseeing alert and warning systems, and managing mutual aid coordination and policy development.

Tom is a California Emergency Management Specialist and a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) through the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM). He holds a bachelor's degree in Health Services Administration from San Jose State University and a master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School in Homeland Security.



Agenda Item No: 4

Meeting Date: April 9, 2026

Cities Association of Santa Clara County Agenda Report

To: Board of Directors

Prepared by: Shali Sirkay, Executive Director

TOPIC: June 11, 2026 Summer Membership Event Budget

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Potential Budget Adjustment

RECOMMENDATION: Receive update on June 11, 2026 Summer Membership Event expenses and consider increasing event budget from \$3000 to \$6000.

BACKGROUND:

In the fiscal year 2025-2026 (FY26) budget that was approved on April 11, 2025, \$3000 was allocated from the budget to cover the expenses of the June 2026 Summer Membership Event. This figure also anticipated ticket sale revenue in the amount of \$3000. However, in 2024 and 2025, tickets were not sold for this event.

EXPLANATION OF REQUEST TO ADJUST BUDGET:

The Summer Membership Event is a working meeting of the Cities Association where the focus is one of the Board-identified priority areas. The main cost to the Cities Association is catering for this event. \$60/person is considered a reasonable catering cost. The typical number of attendees is 80-85 councilmembers and executive city staff. The request to adjust this line item by an increase of up to \$3000 additional dollars will cover the anticipated difference.

In addition, sponsors are actively being sought out to cover the \$3000 shortfall to minimize Cities Association funds for this event.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Cities Association has enough funds in both its business checking account and its reserve account to cover the additional \$3000 being requested. Therefore the impact to the Cities Association operating budget should be minimal.



Agenda Item No: ____5____

Meeting Date: April 9, 2026

Cities Association of Santa Clara County Agenda Report

To: Board of Directors

Prepared by: Shali Sirkay, Executive Director

TOPIC: Proposed 2026-27 CASCSC Budget (FY27)

SUBJECT: Consideration of Cities Association of Santa Clara County General Fund Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

Review proposed Cities Association budget for fiscal year 2026-2027, provide direction to Executive Director and Cities Association Treasurer as needed, and approve updated fiscal year 2026-2027 budget.

BACKGROUND:

As per its bylaws, the CASCSC board must approve a final budget by April 30th of each year. The Board of Directors was provided the proposed FY27 operating budget at its March 12, 2026 meeting for its review. A copy of the draft proposed FY27 budget was also provided to the city managers of each of the 15 member jurisdictions to elicit their input. Any comments or other input were to be sent to the Executive Director by April 1, 2026. The budget has been updated with comments received. The Board may consider approving the revised proposed budget at the April 9, 2026 Board of Directors meeting.

EXPLANATION OF CALCULATIONS:

The attached budget proposal was prepared as follows:

Revenue:

1. It is proposed that membership dues *not increase* in FY27, and therefore remain the same as they were in FY23, FY24, FY25 and FY26. The rationale for not increasing the dues is that the Cities Association is on track to meet its financial obligations in FY26. Since revenue continues to exceed expenses, and FY27 expenses will increase only moderately, the Cities Association can meet its financial obligations in FY27 without raising membership dues.

Current Membership Dues:

City	Dues
Campbell	\$ 11,215
Cupertino	\$ 15,785

Gilroy	\$ 14,609
Los Altos	\$ 8,698
Los Altos Hills	\$ 6,523
Los Gatos	\$ 8,698
Milpitas	\$ 19,665
Monte Sereno	\$ 6,523
Morgan Hill	\$ 11,693
Mountain View	\$ 21,415
Palo Alto	\$ 18,314
San Jose	\$ 55,231
Santa Clara	\$ 34,044
Saratoga	\$ 8,698
Sunnyvale	\$ 40,292

2. Ticket sales for the Summer Member Event have been reduced to \$0. This event will be free for councilmembers and executive city staff from Cities Association member jurisdictions. Non-members will need to purchase tickets. Since the sales of non-member tickets cannot be predicted, this line item will remain \$0 but the line item will remain in the budget to record any revenue realized for the Summer Member Event.
3. Ticket sales for the Winter Event/Special Meeting have been increased to \$5000. This number more accurately reflects the amount of money actually collected in ticket sales for events in calendar years 2024 and 2025.
4. Line items for Sponsorships/Donations and In-Kind Support were added to capture any additional resources received in these categories at the end of FY27. At the start of FY27, these numbers are \$0 as there is no guarantee that sponsorships, donations and in-kind support will be offered/received.

Expenses:

Only changes from FY26 are explained below. Various line items were increased by 10% to take into consideration increases in the cost of living (especially costs of goods and services). These are also explained below where applicable.

Professional Services:

1. There is no change in the budgeted amount of this line item; however when the Executive Director's contract is due for renewal, the hourly rate for the Executive Director's services is proposed to increase from \$102/hour to \$105/hour. This 2.9% increase reflects a cost of living adjustment (COLA) that is in line with the federal COLA of 2.8%. There is no change in the line item because the increase in the Executive Director's pay rate is still under the \$130,000 budgeted in this line item. The Executive Director line item is calculated to pay for an average of 100 hours of work per month for 12 months (or 1200 hours per year). At a pay rate of \$105/hour and with a maximum amount of \$130,000, this calculates to an extra 38 hours of work beyond the expected 1200 hours/year, should the need arise.
2. Legal Services is increased by 10%.
3. The City of Sunnyvale started providing bookkeeping services for the Cities Association in FY26. As per the contract with Sunnyvale, the cost of this service will increase by \$500 in FY27

Website Maintenance:

The website is likely to be completed by the end of FY26. It is estimated that the cost of maintenance, including requests for dedicated assistance from the vendor, Tripepi Smith, will not exceed \$7500. These requests, that fall outside of the contract, are charged at approximately \$310/hour. For \$7500, could be roughly calculated as 24 hours of extra technical assistance should it be needed.

Office:

1. Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA), the insurance provider for the Cities Association, provided an estimate for the cost of insurance for budgeting purposes. The figure \$3952 reflects the estimated amount SDRMA provided.
2. US Bank fee was increased by 10%.
3. The line item for miscellaneous expenses was increased to \$750 to cover the cost of general office supplies, stamps, etc.
4. The line item "Conferences & Education for Exec Dir" was increased by \$500 to cover the cost of any additional training the Executive Director may need in the performance of their duties and responsibilities. This line item also covers the cost of tickets/fees to attend events that are held by Cities Association members and partners.
5. A line item for meeting space rental will be included in each fiscal year budget going forward. The host city for the Cities Association changes each January based on the Board President's city, and it is not known whether adequate facilities will be available in the new host city. Therefore it is recommended that the budget plan for meeting space rental in Sunnyvale or elsewhere that can accommodate the monthly Board and Legislative Action Committee (LAC) meetings. The figure in the budget (\$3510) has been calculated as follows: 5 hours of room rental per meeting day (includes set up and break down of meeting space) for both LAC and Board meetings for 9 meeting days (no regular LAC/Board meetings in June, July and December) at a rate of \$78/hour. The room rental rate is the off-peak nonprofit rate that Sunnyvale charges. In FY26, Sunnyvale charged \$75/hour. The rate is anticipated to increase by 4% for FY27.

Memberships:

One condition of obtaining insurance coverage from SDRMA is membership in the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). The figure provided is a 10% increase over FY26 fees.

Hospitality and Special Events:

1. The Summer and Winter Member Event line items were increased based on actual expenditures in 2024 and 2025. The calculation is based on spending \$60/person for 80-85 attendees from Cities Association member jurisdictions. 80-85 attendees is the approximate number of attendees that have participated in these events in 2024 and 2025. \$60/person is deemed a reasonable amount of funds to spend per attendee. It is anticipated that as a joint powers agency (JPA), CASCC may be able to get sponsorships, donations, and in-kind support to cover some of the costs of these events.
2. A line item for awards, recognition, entertainment and miscellaneous event expenses was added to more accurately reflect the actual expenses for both the summer and winter events. Previously these expenses were included in the more general "Summer Member Event" and "Winter Event" line items.

3. A line item for speaker honorarium was added to anticipate hosting subject matter experts and other relevant speakers at Board and LAC meetings. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find speakers who offer their services at no cost. The \$2000 figure is calculated based on airfare and one night of hotel for a speaker.

Technology and Software:

1. The Website Hosting Fee line item was increased to reflect the actual annual hosting fee charged by Tripepi Smith. Previously, the Cities Association had also been paying the hosting fee for the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Counties Airport/Community (SCSC) Roundtable website. This website has been shut down permanently and removed from the internet.
2. A line item for equipment was added to cover the cost of a brand new laptop or maintenance/upkeep of the current laptop for the Executive Director.

All other amounts in this section are copied over from FY26. These figures did not increase in FY25 or FY26, and notice has not been received that any of these fees will increase in FY27.

FISCAL IMPACT:

CASCC will have enough money to operate for another fiscal year if the membership dues remain the same as in FY26. As revenue still exceeds expenses, the proposed FY27 budget should have minimal fiscal impact on the operations of CASCC. The overage (\$27,772 from Revenue minus Expenses) will be kept in the business checking account to be used as working capital. For context, the average monthly operating expense for the Cities Association is \$21,635. It is also assumed that Cities Association will more robustly seek sponsors and donations for the Summer and Winter events; these funds are not included in the budget as they are not guaranteed funds.

CONCLUSION:

As this is a transition year where the Cities Association continues to institutionalize its operations, and some budget line item amounts have not been finalized pending further negotiations, a mid-year budget report will be provided to the Board that will give an update on actual expenses.

In addition, budget-related good and/or best practices of other joint powers authorities and similar organizations will be investigated to further refine the budget development process of the Cities Association.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed 2026-2027 CASCC Budget

Proposed Cities Association of Santa Clara County Operating Budget

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

REVENUE	Proposed FY27
Membership Dues	\$281,403
Summer Member Event Ticket Sales	\$0
Winter Event Ticket Sales	\$5000
Sponsorships and Donations	\$0
In-kind Support	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$286,403

EXPENSES	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$216,790
Executive Director	\$130,000
Clerk & Assistant to the Executive Director	\$6000
Legal Counsel	\$70,290
Bookkeeping & Auditing Services	\$10,500
WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	\$7,500
Consultant and Other Related Tools and Services	\$7,500
OFFICE	\$9,832
Insurance Package	\$3,952
US Bank Fees	\$40
Verizon (Google Voice Phone)	\$364
P.O. Box	\$216
Miscellaneous	\$750
Conferences & Education for Executive Director	\$1,000
Meeting Space Rental	\$3,510
MEMBERSHIPS	\$1,447
California Special Districts Association	\$1,447
HOSPITALITY & SPECIAL EVENTS	\$16,800
Refreshments BOD Monthly Meetings	\$1800
Summer Member Event	\$6000*
Winter Event	\$6000*
Awards, Entertainment & Misc. Event Expenses	\$1000
Speaker Honorarium	\$2000
TECHNOLOGY & SOFTWARE	\$6,262
Adobe (PDF Tools)	\$306
Canva (Graphics and templates)	\$117
Intuit (Quickbooks Online)	\$945
Microsoft	\$242
CASCC Website Hosting Fee	\$630
Zoom	\$1022
Equipment	\$3000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$258,631
REVENUE - EXPENSES	\$27,772

*Estimate using \$60/person for 100 people for catering (91 SCC councilmembers plus 9 non-member attendees)



Agenda Item No: ____6____

Meeting Date: April 9, 2026

Agenda Report Regarding Vacant Position of Second Vice-President

To: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Prepared by: Jannie L. Quinn, General Co-Counsel and
Andrew Shen, General Co-Counsel**

SUBJECT: Consider Process to Fill Vacant Position of Second Vice-President and Potential Election of Second Vice-President

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Determine whether to fill the vacant position of Second Vice-President for the unexpired portion of the term.
2. Determine the electoral process for the vacant position of Second Vice-President.
3. Elect a new Second Vice-President.

BACKGROUND:

Council member Elliot Scozzola resigned from his position as Second Vice-President for the Cities Association of Santa Clara County on March 30, 2026. Accordingly, the position of Second Vice-President is vacant. The Second Vice-President serves on the Executive Committee and is also the Chair of the Legislative Action Committee. The Second Vice-President acts in the place and stead of the President if the President and First Vice-President are both absent and/or unable to act.

When a vacancy occurs during an officer's term of office, the Board of Directors determines whether to fill this position for the unexpired portion of the term. This term will end when the next Officers are elected at the November 2026 meeting.

The position of Second Vice-President is an elected position. The Board can exercise its discretion in deciding how the election should proceed. The Board may, but is not required to, request the President establish a nominating committee for this position. There is no precedent for filling a single vacancy.

In the event the Board would like to elect a new Second Vice-President, notice was provided to all board members, alternates, Legislative Action Committee members, alternates and all eligible council members for this position by email on March 30, 2026 along with a request to submit letters of interest for this position. Letters of interest that were submitted by noon on April 6, 2026 are included as an attachment to this agenda report. Additional nominations may be accepted from the floor.

SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVES:

Board direction is sought regarding the procedure to be used to fill the vacant officer position regarding the following two alternatives.

The board may conduct an election on April 9, 2026 to fill the unexpired portion of the Second Vice-President's term. Conducting an election on April 9, 2026 permits the vacancy to be filled before the May 14, 2026 meeting.

The board can request the President appoint a nominating committee be formed for this vacancy. The nominating committee would present its nomination(s) at the May 14, 2026 board meeting and an election would be conducted. The vacancy would not be filled in time for the May board meeting but would be filled prior to the June event.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Determine whether to fill the vacant position of Second Vice-President for the unexpired portion of the term.
2. Determine the process for appointment of Second Vice-President.
3. Elect a new Second Vice-President.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letters of Interest from (in alphabetical order):
 - a. Terry Hines, Councilmember, Campbell
 - b. Rob Moore, Mayor, Los Gatos
 - c. Mark Turner, Mayor, Morgan Hill



Letters of Interest

Agenda Item 6: Vacancy on Cities Association Executive Committee: Second Vice President/Legislative Action Committee Chair

Letters of Interest included (in alphabetical order):

1. Terry Hines, Councilmember, Campbell
2. Rob Moore, Mayor, Los Gatos
3. Mark Turner, Mayor, Morgan Hill

request to be considered to be appointed to be Second Vice-President - Re: Cities Association of Santa Clara County -- Notice of Vacancy – Second Vice-President / LAC Chair

From Terry Hines <terryh@campbellca.gov>
Date Sat 4/4/2026 5:19 AM
To Tina Walia <twalia@saratoga.ca.us>
Cc Shali Sirkay <shali@citiesassociation.org>

Greetings, Ms. Walia, *Vice Mayor, City of Saratoga, President, Cities Association of Santa Clara County*

I would like to be considered to be appointed to be Second Vice-President, *Cities Association of Santa Clara County* which also would serve as the Chair of the Legislative Action Committee.

Through my participation, Campbell has seen gains in community services relationships, staff enablement and satisfaction, voice on legislation affecting Campbell, labor and collective bargaining units relations, advocacy for public safety, housing and pro-development efforts, unhoused planning, conservation steps, and ADA improvements.

I co-founded and have owned a high-tech small business since 2006 after taking early retirement from HP. With a strong team of computer techs, we focus on client relations bringing cloud computing and IT outsourcing to many and varied business clients. I bring this business perspective and relationship management to my dealings in my City Council role.

My apologies for not being able to attend the nomination meeting. My Chief of Staff/wife scheduled a dinner with our reverend quite some time ago. Were I to cancel the dinner, I'd get the evil eye from the pulpit and find the front door locks changed.

Please appoint me to be Second Vice-President, *Cities Association of Santa Clara County* which also would serve as the Chair of the Legislative Action Committee

Thank you to the *Cities Association of Santa Clara County* for your great leadership in furthering the needs of Santa Clara County cities, residents, businesses, and property owners.

Best Regards,



Terry Hines, City Council member

City of Campbell | District 1

70 N. First Street | Campbell, CA 95008

www.cityofcampbell.com | 408.606.9407

I have a broad perspective on the challenges facing our cities with my current committee assignments:

- Campbell Advisory Commissioner Appointment Interview Subcommittee
- Campbell DCBA (Downtown Campbell Business Association) Liaison
- Campbell Economic Development Subcommittee
- League of California Cities Peninsula Division Housing, Community & Economic Development Committee
- San Jose Bristol Hotel Transitional Housing Community Advisory Committee
- Santa Clara Valley Water District County Water Commission
- West Valley Solid Waste Management Authority JPA
- West Valley Stormwater Authority
- Partners in Local Governance (PILG)
- new appointments that are just starting
 - Campbell Advisory Commissioner Appointment Interview Subcommittee
 - Silicon Valley Clean Energy JPA Board of Directors
 - Santa Clara County Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee (Alt.)
 - West Valley Sanitation District (Alt.)
 - Valley Transportation Authority Policy Advisory Committee (Alt.)

In my time as Campbell City Council I've been focused on

- Financial integrity for consistent City Services
- Economic Development at the local retail to large corporation
- Housing for all with our social commitment to the unhoused
- Building housing inventory with pro development
- Filling the empty wasted spaces of long closed properties
- Conservation with actionable steps and education
- Navigation of conflicting, competing and complementary policies and programs around conservation, community and housing

From: Shali Sirkay <shali@citiesassociation.org>

Date: Monday, March 30, 2026 at 6:24 PM

To:

Cc: Tina Walia <twalia@saratoga.ca.us>

Subject: Fw: Cities Association of Santa Clara County -- Notice of Vacancy – Second Vice-President / LAC Chair

From: Tina Walia <twalia@saratoga.ca.us>

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2026 5:45 PM

To: Shali Sirkay <shali@citiesassociation.org>

Subject: Cities Association of Santa Clara County -- Notice of Vacancy – Second Vice-President / LAC Chair

Dear Board members and Alternates, Legislative Action Committee members and Alternates, and Council members,

Please be advised that the Second Vice-President Elliot Scozzola has resigned his position as Second Vice-President for the Cities Association of Santa Clara County. Accordingly, the **position of Second Vice-President is vacant**. The Second Vice-President also serves as the Chair of the Legislative Action Committee.

The Association's Bylaws require that when a vacancy occurs during an officer's term of office, the Board of Directors determines whether to fill this position for the remainder of the term. The term will end when the next Officers are elected at the November meeting.

Given the importance of this position, this letter is being sent to seek **letters of interest** from any Board members or Alternates, Legislative Action Committee members and Alternates and any eligible Council members for this position. The vacancy will be on the April 9, 2026 Cities Association Board Agenda. Any letters of interest received by **Monday April 6, 2026 by noon** will be included in the Agenda Packet.

It is also possible to express interest at the April 9, 2026 Cities Association Board meeting.

Please send your letters of interest and any questions regarding the role of Second Vice-President / Chair of the Legislative Action Committee to Shali Sirkay, Executive Director, at shali@citiesassociation.org.

Thank you.

Tina Walia

Vice Mayor, City of Saratoga

President, Cities Association of Santa Clara County

408-549-5141 (cell)

Cities Association of Santa Clara County

April 3, 2026

Dear Cities Association Selection Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as Second Vice-President of the Cities Association Executive Committee and Chair of the Legislative Action Committee (LAC).

I believe I am uniquely positioned to step into this role. As Mayor of Los Gatos and a current staff member for County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, who represents nine of Santa Clara County's fifteen cities, I work at the intersection of local and regional government every day. Before that, I served on the staff of Assemblymember Gail Pellerin and interned with three additional state legislators, giving me direct, working knowledge of the state legislative process that is central to the LAC Chair's responsibilities. I know how bills move through the legislature and how to translate legislative complexity into clear, actionable priorities for our cities.

If appointed, I would focus on three core priorities:

1. **High-impact LAC advocacy:** Identifying the state bills that matter most to our cities and then engaging in productive discussions about how and why to support or oppose them.
2. **Good governance and efficient meetings:** Ensuring our time together is productive, our processes are clear, and every city's voice is heard.
3. **Deeper regional collaboration:** Strengthening the communication and trust between cities that make collective action possible.

As city leaders, one of our most powerful tools to make change is regional partnership. I believe strongly in the Cities Association's mission to unite our cities with one voice, and that has never been more important than in these politically fraught times. Strengthening communication, both among cities and with the public, is a particular priority for me. As Mayor, I have prioritized consistent outreach through newsletters, community meetings, and direct constituent engagement, and I would bring that same commitment to strengthening our cities' collective voice as 2nd VP.

I will bring steady, collaborative leadership, a fresh perspective, and broad professional experience to the Executive Committee. The Cities Association is strongest when we elevate leaders who are not only prepared to manage complex responsibilities but also bring people together with civility and respect. I will ensure the Cities Association continues to be a constructive, solutions-focused body where every city's perspective is valued.

If selected, I will represent our interests with integrity. I respectfully ask for your support.

With gratitude,

Rob Moore
Mayor of Los Gatos

408-637-1423

[LinkedIn Profile](#)

April 2, 2026

Dear Members of the Cities Association Executive Board,

I am writing to express my interest in being appointed to serve as Second Vice-President of the Cities Association. I would welcome the opportunity to support the Association's work during this interim period and to contribute to the continued collaboration and regional advocacy of the Legislative Action Council.

I fully understand that this appointment would extend only through November, at which time new officers will be elected for the upcoming term. I am committed to serving responsibly, constructively, and with full respect for that timeline.

Thank you for considering my interest. I would be honored to assist the Cities Association in this capacity.

Sincerely,

Mark Turner
Mayor, City of Morgan Hill



Public Comment Received

Agenda Item 6: Vacancy on Cities Association Executive Committee: Second Vice President/Legislative Action Committee Chair

Document included:

1. Emailed public comment from Dennis Young



Outlook

Re: Second VP opening

From Dennis Young <dennisy@latc.com>**Date** Mon 4/6/2026 11:07 AM**To** Shali Sirkay <shali@citiesassociation.org>

OK

Public comment.

To: Board of Directors, Cities Association of Santa Clara County

I am writing this email in support of Terry Hines for the open Second Vice President position. I have known Terry for almost twenty years, both professionally and personally (his company has been my company's IT person at both my prior CPA firm and here at the Town Crier). The biggest thing about Terry is that he is responsive, follows through, remembers things and is efficient and very professional in all ways.

You would be doing yourselves a favor appointing him to this position.

Thanks

Dennis Young

Dennis Young
 CEO & Publisher
 Los Altos Town Crier
 138 Main Street
 Los Altos, CA 94022
 Cell: 650-793-0185

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From: Shali Sirkay <shali@citiesassociation.org>

Date: Monday, April 6, 2026 at 10:57AM
To: Dennis Young <dennisy@latc.com>
Subject: Re: Second VP opening

Hi Dennis,

Lete me check specifically because I am posting the meeting packet today. You could send your letter as public comment (send it to me).

Thanks!
Shali

Shali Sirkay, MPH
Executive Director
Cities Association of Santa Clara County
P.O. Box 3144
Los Altos, CA 94024
www.citiesassociation.org

From: Dennis Young <dennisy@latc.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2026 7:30 AM
To: Shali Sirkay <shali@citiesassociation.org>
Subject: Second VP opening

Good Morning Shali

Is it appropriate to send letters of recommendation/support for someone?

Thanks

Dennis

Dennis Young
CEO & Publisher
Los Altos Town Crier
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Los Altos, CA 94022
Cell: 650-793-0185

SB 1013 (Cervantes): Automated license plate recognition systems

Existing law prohibits a public agency, which includes the state, a city, a county, a city and county, or any agency or political subdivision of the state, a city, a county, or a city and county, including, but not limited to, a law enforcement agency, from selling, sharing, or transferring automated license plate recognition (ALPR) information, except to another public agency, and only as otherwise permitted by law.

Existing law defines ALPR information as information or data collected through the use of an ALPR system.

This bill would provide that “public agency” does not include a transportation agency, a public transit operator, or a local department of transportation or public works department, as specified. The bill would, beginning January 1, 2027, require new, updated, expansions of, or addendums of contractual agreements with ALPR vendors, manufacturers, or suppliers to mandate that no default access is provided to any national ALPR database and that an agency’s collected scans are by default not accessible to any other agency, and would impose new requirements on sharing between California state law enforcement agencies. The bill would authorize a law enforcement agency to use ALPR information only for purposes of locating vehicles or persons when either are reasonably suspected of being involved in the commission of a public offense.

The bill would prohibit a public agency from retaining ALPR information for more than 30 days after the date of collection if it does not match information on an authorized hot list, as defined, and as of January 1, 2027, would require a public agency to delete all ALPR information that has been held for more than 30 days and does not match information on an authorized hot list within 14 days. By imposing new requirements on public agencies, which include local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

SB 1159 (Cabaldon): Artificial intelligence: transparency and governance.

This bill **defines a person for the purposes of public processes** including the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, the Brown Act, Public Records Act, the Political Reform Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, and CEQA, as not artificial intelligence.

Summary: The California Constitution provides that people have the right of access to information concerning the conduct of the people's business. Various provisions of existing law, including the California Public Records Act, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, and the Ralph M. Brown Act, provide, with some exceptions, for public access to government records and meetings of government bodies. Among those acts, the California Public Records Act defines "person" to include any natural person, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm, or association.

This bill would specify that, for purposes of the California Public Records Act, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Political Reform Act of 1974, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), "person," "interested person," "participant," "member of the public," as applicable, and any other similar terms under each act referring to those who may engage with governmental agencies, do not include artificial intelligence, as defined, systems, autonomous agents, robots, or other nonhuman entities, whether physical or digital. The bill would make findings and declarations related to these provisions.

Supporters of SB 1159 include:

ACT Now Bay Area, Active San Gabriel Valley, Building Decarbonization Coalition, California Association of Nonprofits, California State Association of Counties (CSAC),

CalCities, California YIMBY, CFT – a Union of Educators & Classified Professionals, AFT, AFL-CIO, City of Placentia, City of San Jose, City of Stanton, Climate Action Campaign, League of California Cities, Live Oak United Church of Christ, NRDC, Physicians for Social Responsibility - San Francisco Bay, Rural County Representatives of California, Sierra Club, California Streets for All, Urban Counties of California, USGBC California.

Opponents of SB 1159 include: One individual

March 17, 2026

The Honorable Thomas Umberg
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3240
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 1159 (Cabaldon) – SUPPORT
As Introduced February 18, 2026**

Dear Chair Umberg:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Urban Counties of California (UCC), and the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) we are pleased to support Senate Bill 1159 (Cabaldon), which would put important safeguards in place to protect the ability of the public to comment on matters before local agencies in an age of quickly evolving Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology.

California's open meeting and open governance laws are intended to not only allow the public to observe deliberations about issues that will affect their communities, but to participate as well. Local agencies accept public comment on matters both on the agenda and off. Technology has been a powerful tool to make public participation more accessible than ever, as agendas and the time and location of public meetings are posted online. Those unable to comment or observe in person are able to follow along online or submit written comments via email or web portal.

However, emerging AI and Large Language Model (LLM) tools have now made it easier than ever for bad actors to misrepresent public opinion in governance decisions. According to reporting from multiple outlets, in June 2025 a political consultant used AI tools to generate twenty thousand emails to the South Coast Air Quality Management District regarding a regulatory proposal before the board.¹ The AI generated emails purported to be from members of the public in South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction, but during an audit by air district staffers many said that they were not aware of signing onto any such messages. In an interview with a trade publication, the political consultant behind the advocacy effort bragged about how the volume "left the South Coast AQMD staff reeling."

Automated engagement tools have the capacity to overwhelm government agencies, crowd out the voices of actual members of the public, and undermine the intent of California's

transparent governance laws. Clarifying how these laws apply in the context of emerging technologies, particularly distinguishing between authentic public input and activity generated at scale by artificial intelligence systems, represents an important step toward protecting meaningful public participation, open governance, and critical staff resources for local agencies. With thoughtful refinement, SB 1159 will help address these challenges in a way that is both effective and implementable as technology continues to evolve quickly.

We appreciate the author's attention to this emerging challenge and the importance of safeguarding meaningful public participation in local governance. As this proposal moves forward, we look forward to working collaboratively with the author and stakeholders to develop amendments that ensure the bill's intent is both clear and effective, while remaining workable and practical for local agencies to implement.

For these reasons, RCRC, UCC, CSAC, and Cal Cities are pleased to support SB 1159. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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Members, Senate Judiciary Committee
Members, Senate Privacy, Digital Technologies, and Consumer Protection Committee
Margie Estrada, Chief Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee
Christian Kurpiewski, Chief Consultant, Senate Privacy, Digital Technologies, and Consumer Protection Committee
Morgan Branch, Policy Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus

AB 1761 (Rogers): Electricity: calculation methodology: data disclosure.

(Energy Bills Data Transparency)

AB 1761 (Rogers) would **improve data transparency on electricity bills** by requiring the California Public Utilities Commission and Investor Owned Utilities to disclose all the data used to calculate Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) fee costs. The PCIA is paid for by Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) customers, but not all of the data used to calculate the costs are shared. Increasing transparency on this fee will help provide more eyes on the fee to make sure it is calculated correctly. This data also helps stakeholders understand the ratepayer impacts of any policy changes to the PCIA.

Summary: Would require the Public Utilities Commission to ensure that all data serving as a basis for any decision or ruling issued by the commission, or in any proposal or analysis provided by commission staff, for the determination or application of a calculation methodology for any charge imposed on customers of a load-serving entity to recover costs associated with contracts, electrical corporation-owned generation, or any other resource or value included in that charge and any other charge derived from those costs, is made available to load-serving entities and ratepayer advocates on behalf of customers. The bill would require the commission to require an electrical corporation or other party, in submitting a proposal or analysis for the determination or application of a calculation methodology for any charge imposed on customers of a load-serving entity to recover costs associated with contracts, electrical corporation-owned generation, or any other resource or value included in that charge and any other charge derived from those costs, to make all data serving as a basis for that proposal or analysis available to load-serving entities and ratepayer advocates on behalf of customers. The bill would require that data to meet specified requirements, including that it is made through a public disclosure, except for market-sensitive data, as provided. (Based on 03/19/2026 text)

Supporters of AB 1761 include: California Community Choice Association (sponsor), 350 Humboldt, Alliance for Retail Energy Markets, California State Association of Counties (CSAC,) Central Coast Community Energy, City of Buellton, City of National City, City of Pinole, City of San Jose, City of Seaside, California Climate Action, California Climate Breakthrough, Elders Climate Action (ECA) Northern California (NORCAL) and Southern California (SOCAL) Chapters, City of Goleta, League of California Cities, Marin Clean Energy (MCE), Monterey County Office of Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley, Orange County Power Authority, Peninsula Clean Energy, Pioneer Community Energy, Redwood Coast Energy Authority, Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), San Diego Community Power San Jose Community Energy Advocates, Silicon Valley Clean Energy, Sonoma Clean Power, The Climate Center, The Climate Reality Project: Silicon Valley, The Office of San Diego County Supervisor Terra Lawson, and Town of Hillsborough, CalCities.

Opponents of AB 1761 include: Edison International and Affiliates, Southern California Edison, San Diego Gas and Electric Company

March 9, 2026

The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris
Chair, Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1761 (Rogers) Electricity: calculation methodology: data disclosure.
Notice of SUPPORT *(As Introduced on February 9, 2026)*

Dear Chair Petrie-Norris,

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) is pleased to **support AB 1761 (Rogers)**, which would improve the transparency in how the power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA) is calculated on energy bills.

Over 220 cities and counties throughout California are actively participating in Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) to meet the state's climate action goals and provide residents and businesses with clean energy options. Communities can join together through the formation of CCAs to pool their electricity load in order to purchase clean energy and develop local efficiency projects and programs on behalf of their residents and businesses. CCAs work in partnership with the region's existing Investor-Owned Utility (IOU), which continues to deliver power and maintain the grid, while the CCA retains local autonomy to procure clean renewable energy resources.

To help ensure customers receive energy bills that are fair and accurate, AB 1761 would increase transparency in how PCIA charges are calculated. The PCIA is a fee designed to ensure customers who leave utility generation service, like customers of a CCA, pay their portion of legacy power costs. Since the PCIA was implemented, there has been no consistent standard for what data must be made available in any California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) process or proceeding when the PCIA is set. AB 1761 would ensure that all data that is used to calculate the PCIA costs is disclosed, including cost inputs, forecasting, and assumptions, and methodologies.

Cal Cities supports the role of CCAs that increase local decision-making over the purchase and development of clean renewable energy resources, as an effective means of increasing consumer access to renewable energy at stable, competitive rates, and decreasing statewide greenhouse gas emissions. We support the need for transparency of energy procurement practices to support fair competition in statewide energy markets for CCAs and to protect CCA customers from improper cost allocation.

For these reasons, Cal Cities **support** AB 1761 (Rogers) and respectfully requests your 'AYE' vote when the bill is heard in committee. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Sparks-Kranz (Cal Cities) at msparkskranz@calcities.org.

Sincerely,



Melissa Sparks-Kranz
Legislative Advocate

cc: The Honorable Assemblymember Chris Rogers
Members, Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee

AB 2517 (Calderon) Fire safety: fire hazard severity zones

Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state that are not state responsibility areas, commonly known as local responsibility areas, as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas.

Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to periodically review and make recommendations relative to very high fire hazard severity zones within local responsibility areas. Under current law, this review is required to coincide with review of state responsibility area lands every 5 years and, when possible, fall within the timeframes for each county's general plan update. Existing law requires a local agency to designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving the recommendations from the State Fire Marshal.

Existing law authorizes a local agency to, at its discretion, include areas within its jurisdiction not identified as very high fire hazard severity zones by the State Fire Marshal as very high fire hazard severity zones and areas not identified as moderate and high fire hazard severity zones by the State Fire Marshal as moderate and high fire hazard severity zones. Under existing law, a local agency is required to transmit a copy of an adopted ordinance to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection within 30 days of adoption. Existing law provides that changes made by a local agency to the recommendations made by the State Fire Marshal are final.

This bill would require the State Fire Marshal to, no fewer than 180 days before finalizing the designation of local responsibility areas as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones, post specified information on its public internet website, conduct regional public workshops to receive oral public comments and consider those comments, host a 30-day public comment period to receive written comments from interested stakeholders and respond to all written comments by local agencies within 30 days of the end of the public comment period, and coordinate with other state agencies to help educate the public during the public workshops, as specified.

The bill would also require, on or before January 1, 2030, and every 5 years thereafter, the State Fire Marshal to review the local responsibility area lands designated as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones and to recommend changes.

The bill would no longer require this review to, when possible, fall within the timeframes for each county's general plan update. The bill would authorize a local agency to, at its discretion, increase the level of fire hazard severity applicable to a parcel in its jurisdiction if a parcel contains 2 or more designations, so that the higher level of fire hazard severity would apply to the entire parcel. The bill would require the State Fire Marshal to publish within 60 days the local ordinance transmitted to the board, as described above, on its internet website.

CalCities Sponsor

February 23, 2026

The Honorable Lisa Calderon
Member, California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 4650
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2517 (Calderon) Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
Notice of SPONSOR AND SUPPORT *(As Introduced on February 20, 2026)*

Dear Assemblymember Calderon,

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) is pleased to **sponsor** and **support** AB 2517, which would improve the Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) designation process by ensuring consistent updates to the FHSZ maps and establishing a more transparent, publicly accessible process for developing and releasing these critical designations.

Under current law, fire hazard severity zone designations are applied in both the state responsibility areas and local responsibility areas to provide the state's best available science related to what environmental conditions, such as slope, vegetation, and wind patterns, can spread a wildfire. The LRA FHSZ designations are only required to be periodically re-reviewed every five years and statute does not require a comprehensive update to the designations. Prior to the most recent release earlier in 2025, the LRA FHSZ maps had not been updated since between 2007 and 2009. With the 2025 map release, important concerns were raised to the State Fire Marshal, including the accuracy of land use information, including split parcels with multiple designations and the classification of developed areas such as parking lots and bodies of water as very high fire hazard severity zones. These issues create practical challenges for cities who are required to adopt these maps by ordinance and host public comment locally without any ability to respond to the public concerns regarding the model and data.

AB 2517 would address these concerns by clarifying how and when the FHSZ maps are updated, specifically how the public can engage meaningfully in the process. The bill would establish a five-year update cycle for the LRA FHSZ maps, require a preliminary public release of the maps, mandate disclosure of the data, models, and methodology used to develop the designations, and provide opportunities for regional workshops and public comment before maps are transmitted to the local agency for local ordinance adoption.

For these reasons, Cal Cities **supports** AB 2517 (Calderon) and is pleased to **sponsor** the bill. If you have any questions, please contact Legislative Advocate Melissa Sparks-Kranz at msparkskranz@calcities.org at 916-658-8232.

Sincerely,



Melissa Sparks-Kranz
Legislative Advocate
League of California Cities

Cal Cities Action Alert

Support AB 2517 (Calderon) Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps

Action Requested: Submit a letter of **support** for AB 2517 (Calderon), a Cal Cities-sponsored bill that would improve the Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) designation process conducted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. It would do this by ensuring consistent and timely updates to the local responsibility area FHSZ maps. AB 2517 is awaiting a committee assignment and will be heard this spring.

What the Bill Does: AB 2517 would clarify that this process happens every five years and would require the State Fire Marshal to provide a preliminary release of the maps with a public comment period and regional workshops. This improved process would allow local governments and the public the opportunity to better understand the designations. Additionally, the bill would require the state to make the data and methodology for the fire hazard model publicly available, which increases transparency and understanding of the environmental conditions that may cause hazard.

Why this is Important to Cal Cities Members: Under current law, FHSZ designations in local responsibility areas must be “periodically” reviewed by the State Fire Marshal. This vague timeline often leaves local governments without the scientific data they need to fully understand which areas are at greatest risk for fires. These designations correlate with defensible space and home hardening requirements and are critical for ensuring communities can mitigate wildfires.

Additional Background: Fire hazard maps identify environmental conditions — including slope, vegetation, wind patterns, and others — that can spread wildfires. Local jurisdictions are already required under existing state law to adopt ordinances with the FHSZ designations within 120 days of receiving them from the State Fire Marshal. This bill would improve the process preceding the transmittal of the maps.

Links and Attachments: Cal Cities support [letter](#). Sample city support [letter](#).

Where to Send Letter: See sample letter for legislative portal link. Send copy to cityletters@calcities.org and **RPAM email**.

Questions? Please contact **your RPAM** or Legislative Advocate Melissa Sparks-Kranz, msparkskranz@calcities.org

SB 894 (Allen): Wildfire resiliency: financial assistance

This bill would establish the California Wildfire Resilience Loan Program and would require the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to administer the program to provide financial assistance for projects and activities to reduce wildfire-related risks and losses including home hardening and defensible space improvements, as provided, and would make related changes.

The bill is set for its first policy committee hearing on April 7.

Summary: Existing law requires the Office of Emergency Services to enter into a joint powers agreement, as specified, with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop and administer a comprehensive wildfire mitigation program, that, among other things, encourages cost-effective structure hardening and retrofitting that creates fire-resistant homes, businesses, and public buildings.

Existing law establishes the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority to provide alternative methods of financing in providing and promoting the establishment of facilities using alternative methods and sources of energy and facilities needed for the development and commercialization of advanced transportation technologies, as provided.

SB 899 (Grove): Fire prevention: Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force: wildfire smoke

This bill would require the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force to assess the health costs and impacts of wildfire smoke, and to develop a model to determine the health benefits of achieving the goals of the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan.

Summary: Existing law requires the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force to develop a comprehensive implementation strategy to track and ensure the achievement of the goals and key actions identified in the state's "Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan," as provided. Existing law requires, on or before March 1, 2026, and every 5 years thereafter, the task force to update the action plan.

This bill would require the task force, on or before July 1, 2028, and in cooperation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the State Department of Public Health, to assess the health costs and impacts of wildfire smoke using existing wildfire smoke and health data, as provided. The bill would require the task force, in developing this assessment, to, among other things, develop a model to determine the approximate health benefits of achieving the goals identified in the action plan and make recommendations on how the action plan can increase its health benefits. (Based on 03/18/2026 text)

CalCities Support

NOTE – The Legislature has a new letter submission process that requires **ALL LETTERS TO BE UPLOADED INTO A NEW ELECTRONIC PORTAL**. The portal will automatically send letters to the author's office and the committee(s) of jurisdiction. Please visit <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/advocates/> to create an account and upload this letter. If you are having difficulty accessing the portal, please contact Meg at our office mdesmond@calcities.org.

In addition to submitting the letter through the portal, please send a physical copy to your Legislator(s), and continue to send a copy by email to your Regional Public Affairs Manager, and **the League's city letter account (cityletters@cacities.org)**. Please send your letters as a text enabled document.

CITY LETTERHEAD

DATE

The Honorable Josh Becker
Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 3220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 899 (Grove) Wildfire Smoke Health Assessment.
Notice of SUPPORT (*As Amended on February 2, 2026*)

Dear Chair Becker,

The City/Town of _____ is pleased to **support** SB 899 (Grove), which would require the Governor's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force to develop a comprehensive wildfire smoke health assessment. This assessment would help address the public health impacts of wildfire smoke and better align California's public health and wildfire resilience strategies.

Over the past several years, wildfires in California have increased in both scale and intensity. While many communities have experienced the direct devastation of wildfire, cities across the state are also facing prolonged periods of hazardous air quality, as a results of wildfire smoke traveling hundreds of miles infiltrating communities outside of wildfire burn scar areas. In these events, local governments are faced with responding to their communities impacted by smoke, including providing protections for vulnerable residents, and communicating potential health risks, yet the scope of public health consequences are not fully understood.

Without a comprehensive statewide understanding of the health impacts of wildfire smoke, local governments and state policymakers lack critical information needed to guide investments in wildfire resilience and public health protection.

SB 899 would help fill this information gap by directing the state to conduct a comprehensive assessment of wildfire smoke health impacts. Improved data would

support more informed decision-making at both the state and local levels and help ensure that wildfire response and resilience strategies consider the full scope of health impacts affecting California communities.

For cities across California, including the City of [City Name], a clearer understanding of wildfire smoke's health impacts is essential to protecting residents and strengthening statewide wildfire resilience efforts.

PLEASE CITE SPECIFIC REASONS OF HOW YOUR CITY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS BILL.

For these reasons, the City/Town of _____ is pleased to support SB 899 (Grove) and urges your "Aye" vote when the bill is heard in committee.

Sincerely,

NAME

TITLE

CITY/TOWN of _____

cc. Your Senator & Assembly Member
Your League Regional Public Affairs Manager (via email)
League of California Cities, cityletters@cacities.org

SB 949 (Becker) Environmental protection: Natural Resources Agency: resource of statewide significance: Santa Cruz Mountains

Existing law establishes the Natural Resources Agency, composed of departments, boards, conservancies, and commissions responsible for the restoration, protection, and management of the state's natural and cultural resources. This bill would designate the Santa Cruz Mountains, as defined, as a resource of statewide significance that requires special protection, as defined. The bill would require the Natural Resources Agency and its boards, departments, and conservancies, to the extent that resources are available, and when appropriate, to encourage collaborative stewardship approaches that support the protection, restoration, and preservation of the Santa Cruz Mountains, among other things.