



Call to Action: Sign and Veto Requests

The Governor has until September 30 to sign or veto the bills on his desk. Sample sign/veto request letters will be posted to the Cal Cities website this week and letters should be emailed to leg.unit@gov.ca.gov with a copy to mcruz@calcities.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Primary Lobbyist: Caroline Grinder

RECOVERY HOUSING – SPONSORED BILLS

SB 329 (Blakespear) Alcohol and drug recovery or treatment facilities:

investigations. This measure would require the state to complete timely investigations into complaints about licensed alcohol and drug treatment facilities.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

SB 490 (Umberg) Alcohol and other drug programs. This measure would increase state and local oversight of sober living homes that have been accused of providing unlicensed treatment services.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

HOMELESSNESS

AB 1924 (Gabriel) Statewide homelessness prevention strategy.

This measure would require the California Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and publicly issue a comprehensive statewide homelessness prevention strategy.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

ABANDONED VEHICLES

AB 1153 (Bonta) Solid waste disposal and co-disposal site cleanup.

This measure would authorize CalRecycle to expend existing funds for the removal and disposal of abandoned recreational vehicles, and develop enforcement strategies, local enforcement teams, and illegal dumping enforcement officers.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

SB 692 (Arreguín) Vehicles: homelessness.

This measure would give local governments additional tools to dismantle abandoned or inoperable vehicles that pose a threat to public health and safety.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS

SB 1077 (Gonzalez) CalFresh: federal government shutdowns.

This measure would require the California Department of Social Services (DSS) to develop a benefit-issuance mechanism to continue providing nutrition benefits during federal shutdowns. SB 1077 would also require DSS to develop a communications plan to provide information about available resources, such as food banks, and to host briefings for affected recipients and stakeholders, including local governments.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

PARKS AND RECREATION

AB 2007 (Bauer-Kahan) Youth programs: identifying information.

This measure would impose new parental consent requirements on youth programs that use images of a child or other protected information in their communications or marketing materials. This measure would also authorize significant civil penalties for violations.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Primary Lobbyist: Melissa Sparks-Kranz

WILDFIRE LIABILITY – DIED

SB 492 (Becker) Wildfire.

This measure would have been the compromise deal between the Legislature and the Governor on the topic of wildfire liability. The package included:

- Establishing a statewide community wildfire strategy
- Creating a wildfire data sharing commons
- Creating a fast-pay program to get victims and survivors money faster
- Restrict billboard attorneys and limit certain cases for attorney's fees
- Outlaws investing in wildfire claims by hedge funds /private equity groups
- Limiting utility executive compensation if there is a utility-caused wildfire

Held on Assembly Floor

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

SB 1370 (Stern) Covered wildfire mitigation projects: consolidated and expedited review.

This measure would create a consolidated state review process for specified wildfire mitigation projects, require a decision within 60 days, and allow the authorization to replace certain state permits while maintaining required environmental protections.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

AB 1642 (Harabedian) Wildfires: contamination standards.

This measure would require DTSC to adopt regulations specifying the science-informed, health-based smoke standards for investigation, environmental testing, and clearance, to guide the removal of lead, asbestos, and other hazardous chemicals inside and outside of homes, schools, workplaces, and other structures in residential areas after a wildfire to ensure safe re-occupancy and prevent new cancer cases attributable to such fires.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

ENERGY

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

This measure would require the CPUC to ensure that all data relied on in any decision or ruling, or in any proposal or analysis provided by an electrical corporation, the commission's staff, or any other party, for the determination or application of a calculation methodology for any charge imposed on customers of a load-serving entity to recover the cost of contracts or resources owned by an electrical corporation or any value derived from that calculation (PCIA) is made available to load-serving entities and ratepayer advocates on behalf of customers.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

AB 1577 (Bauer-Kahan) Data centers: reporting.

This measure would require owners of data centers with at least 10 megawatts of installed information technology capacity to report specified energy-use, operational, and onsite fuel-consumption data to the CEC. Beginning in 2029, the CEC would also assess data center electrical load trends and recommend measures to address impacts on grid capacity, reliability, and greenhouse gas emissions.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

AB 2469 (Papan) Data centers: water use disclosures.

This measure would prohibit local governments from approving permits for new or expanded data centers unless applicants provide specified water supply, use, scarcity, and workforce information and assume the cost of water infrastructure improvements needed to serve the project.

CAL CITIES REQUEST: VETO

CLIMATE BOND ALLOCATION

AB 113 (Gabriel) Budget Act of 2026.

This measure would allocate the second year of Climate Bond funding, including:

- **Water: Over \$700 million** for drinking water, water conveyance, flood management, stormwater, and water recycling funding
- **Wildfire: Over \$250 million**, including:
 - \$61 million for local wildfire prevention funding

- \$19.6 million for grants to conduct fuel reduction, structure hardening, create defensible space, reforestation, or targeted acquisitions to improve forest health and fire resilience
- \$25 million for community and home hardening investments
- **Coastal Resilience: \$40 million**
- **Extreme Heat: Over \$250**
- **Clean Energy: \$10 million**

Cal Cities Request: Sign

GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND LABOR RELATIONS

Primary Lobbyist: Johnnie Pina

CalPERS

AB 1383 (McKinnor) Public employees' retirement benefits: safety members.

This measure would make several significant changes to public employees' retirement benefits, which would ultimately lead to increased pension liability for state and local agencies.

These changes include reducing the retirement age for public safety employees and raising the pensionable compensation cap for PEPPRA employees.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

BROWN ACT

SB 1187 (Durazo) Open meetings.

This measure would remove several recently enacted language access/translation requirements from the Brown Act. The current language-access requirements impose significant administrative and fiscal burdens on local agencies, without any state funding to offset those expenses. This measure has an urgency clause.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (CPRA)

AB 1821 (Pacheco) California Public Records Act: agency response time.

This measure would clarify in law that a city's time to make an initial PRA response is in business days.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

Artificial Intelligence

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

This measure would provide that for the purposes of specified governance and transparency acts, the terms "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 (AI) systems, autonomous agents, robots, or other nonhuman entities, whether physical or digital.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

AB 2656 (Petrie-Norris) Public employees: notice: artificial intelligence performing service within scope of work.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

SB 947 (McNerney) Employment: automated decision systems.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

AB 1883 (Bryan) Workplace surveillance tools.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

Workplace Violence Protections

AB 1961 (Ahrens) Civil actions: protective orders: workplace violence.

This measure would allow employers to seek workplace violence restraining orders for threats targeting a workplace or group of employees, even when no specific employee is named.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

CA Voting Rights Act

SB 1164 (Cervantes) Elections.

This measure would make changes to the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA).

Cal Cities Position: Neutral after amendments

Tort Reform

SB 577 (Laird) Public entities.

This measure would make several changes related to childhood sexual assault claims against public entities, including increasing the standard of proof for certain claims. It would also provide that a public entity could only be held jointly liable for economic damages in certain civil lawsuits if it is found to be more than 15% at fault.

Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended – the reforms outlined in this bill do not go nearly far enough. Cal Cities will continue to push for further reforms next year.

HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Primary Lobbyist: Brady Guertin

PLANNING AND ZONING

AB 2296 (Papan) Planning and zoning: housing element: regional housing needs allocation.

This measure would improve the housing element review process by encouraging local jurisdictions to begin planning earlier. Specifically, the measure would allow cities to begin planning six months earlier than the existing law by requiring the Councils of Government to provide local governments their final Regional Housing Needs Allocation number six months sooner.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

AB 1751 (Quirk-Silva) Missing Middle Townhome Ownership Act.

This measure would require local governments to ministerially approve a subdivision map and a project application for townhomes in multifamily and underutilized single-family zones that are less than three stories. In rural and suburban areas, the projects must be an infill site while urbanized areas can be any multifamily or vacant single-family zone.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

AB 1457 (Bryan) General plan: environmental justice element: disadvantaged communities.

This measure would require cities to either update their general plans to incorporate environmental justice elements or adopt a standalone environmental justice element by June 30, 2031. Additionally, the measure specifies specific public outreach tasks that local governments must complete when updating general plans.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

DEVELOPMENT FEES

SB 1117 (Cervantes) Accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units.

This measure would further limit local governments' ability to charge impact fees for up to two ADUs with more than 750 square feet of interior livable space on a lot. Specifically, the measure would allow local agencies to charge only the proportional cost of impact fees for ADUs with more than 750 square feet.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

PLANNING AND ZONING

AB 956 (Quirk-Silva) Accessory dwelling units: ministerial approval: single-family dwellings.

This measure would require local governments to ministerially approve two detached accessory dwelling units in residential or mixed-use zones.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

PERMITTING

AB 1621 (Wilson) Planning and zoning law: post-entitlement phase permits: Housing Accountability Act.

This measure would prohibit local agencies from requiring more than two plan checks for a building permit unless the agency makes written findings based on substantial evidence that additional review is necessary to address a specific adverse impact on public health or safety.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

HOUSING FINANCE

AB 2166 (Carrillo) Multifamily housing development: offsite housing factories: backstop financing.

This measure would establish the Multifamily Backstop Financing Program at the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to assist with financial support for the development of offsite housing factories and the development of factory-built housing.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

PUBLIC SAFETY

Primary Lobbyist: Jolena Voorhis

METAL THEFT

AB 1941 (Gonzalez, M) Organized metal theft.

This measure would enhance enforcement against copper wire theft by targeting repeat and organized offenders who steal, or traffic prohibited metal materials.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

NITROUS OXIDE

SB 758 (Umberg) Public health: nitrous oxide.

This measure would prohibit the sale of nitrous oxide at retailers with a tobacco license except for grocery stores.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

AB 2076 (Lowenthal) The Parent's Accountability and Child Protection Act: online marketplaces: nitrous oxide.

This measure would add nitrous oxide to the list of products that it is illegal to sell online unless age verification is provided by the buyer.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

SB 936 (Blakespear) Nitrous Oxide: sales.

This measure would prohibit the sale and distribution of nitrous oxide containers that can hold more than eight grams of nitrous oxide and blocks the sale of nitrous oxide that has the taste/smell of any food.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

AB 1546 (Schultz) Vehicles: driving under the influence.

This measure would increase penalties for those with two previous DUI convictions to a wobbler and those with four or more with a felony.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

SB 907 (Archuleta) Driving under the influence: comprehensive reform.

This measure would make changes to the penalties for committing vehicular manslaughter.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

AB 1877 (Stefani) Domestic violence: protective orders.

This measure would increase penalties for violating certain criminal protective and stay-away orders.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

AB 1889 (Ramos) Protective orders.

This measure would provide that a criminal protective order issued by a court is valid for either its full length or one year after an individual's release from prison or jail, whichever is greater.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

SB 1192 (Rubio) Domestic violence: Reclaim Act.

This measure would close legal loopholes that allow domestic violence abusers to weaponize the courts to harass their victims with frivolous allegations and requests.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

FIRE INSURANCE/WILDFIRE MITIGATION

AB 2724 (Bauer-Kahan) Catastrophe Modeling.

This measure would change the definition of distressed counties for the purposes of the Catastrophe Modeling regulations.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

SB 877 (Perez) Residential property insurance: loss estimate transparency.

This measure would require insurance companies to provide all claim estimates and revisions to the policy holder.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

AB 1934 (Bennett) State Fire Marshall: home hardening.

This measure would require the Office of the State Fire Marshall to develop a certification program for home hardening by January 1, 2028.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

SB 1301 (Allen) Residential property insurance: non-renewals.

This measure would require insurance companies to provide at least 90 days notice before cancelling or non-renewal.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY BILLS

AB 2318 (Elhawary) Law enforcement: facilitating medical care.

This measure would prohibit a federal, state, or local law enforcement officer from denying or delaying access to medical care and requires law enforcement officers to document when they do deny or delay access to medical care.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

AB 1588 (Stefani) Vehicles: Sideshow Accountability and Community Safety Act.

This measure would establish new criminal penalties for engaging in an exhibition of speed when it occurred as part of a sideshow.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

BILLS THAT FAILED

SB 1013 (Cervantes) Automatic License Plate Readers.

This measure would prohibit a local agency from using ALPR unless it is tied to a HOT list and only allows data retention of this information for 60 days.

Cal Cities Request: Oppose – Held on Assembly Floor.

REVENUE AND TAXATION

Primary Lobbyist: Ben Triffo

PAYMENT ROUNDING

SB 1005 (Caballero) Local agency: payment: rounding amount. This measure would provide clarity to public agencies following the end of penny production by the federal government.

Cal Cities Position: Sign

SALES TAX SHARING AGREEMENTS

SB 1172 (Hurtado) Sales and use taxes: local agencies: administration.

This measure looks to limit the compensation that a consultant can receive for negotiating a sales tax sharing agreement between a local agency and a private retailer.

Cal Cities Position: Sign

STATE MANDATE REIMBURSEMENTS

AB 2640 (Hadwick) Commission on State Mandates: state mandates.

This measure would prevent the state from clawing back reimbursement funds from a city while still owing that same city money for other state-mandated costs

Cal Cities Position: Sign

ROAD REPAIR

SB 922 (Laird) Vehicles: local agency charges: use of streets or highways.

This measure would clarify and reaffirm local authority related to the recovery of street maintenance and repair costs associated with providing essential public services.

Cal Cities Request: Already signed by the Governor!

AB 2640 (Hadwick) Commission on State Mandates: state mandates. This measure would prevent the state from clawing back reimbursement funds from a city while still owing that same city money for other state-mandated costs.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PUBLIC WORKS

Primary Lobbyist: Damon Conklin

E-BIKES

AB 2346 (Wilson) Speedometer. The measure advances several practical and commonsense safety measures related to the growing use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) and other self-propelled mobility devices.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

SB 1167 (Blakespear) Safety limits. The measure provides important clarity and accountability in California's rapidly evolving electric micromobility landscape.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

SB 1246 (Cortese) Autonomous Vehicles.

This measure would require stricter safety and oversight rules for AV companies statewide, while also requiring remote operators to be based in the U.S. with a valid driver's license, establishing new rules for coordinating with first responders, and creating fines for blocking an emergency response.

Cal Cities Request: Sign

PUBLIC WORKS

AB 1198 (Haney) Public works: prevailing wage.

This measure would require local municipalities to apply retroactively prevailing wage rate changes to public works contracts by allowing updated rates to affect projects after bid notice or award beginning in 2026/2027.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

PERMITTING

AB 1820 (Schiavo) EVCS permitting: fee caps.

This measure would shift from a general cost-recovery standard to a prescriptive fee cap model similar to what the state has already done for solar permits.

Cal Cities Request: Veto

SB 222 (Wiener) Water heaters and HVAC.

This measure would adopt an overly prescriptive mandate over heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems that removes essential local permitting authority and threatens public safety.

Cal Cities Request: Veto