

# Community Services Policy Committee

April 2, 2020

# Policy Committee Agenda

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  - Chair Olsen and Vice Chair Messner
- Public Comment
- General Briefing Overview
  - Derek Dolfie, Legislative Representative
- COVID-19 Update
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# Housekeeping Items

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# Welcomes and Introductions

Chair Oley Olsen and Vice Chair Heidi Messner

# Public Comment

# General Briefing Overview

Derek Dolfie, Legislative Representative, League of  
California Cities

# COVID-19 Update

Derek Dolfie, Legislative Representative, League of California Cities



# Overview

- COVID-19 League Resources
- Legislative Deadlines and Priorities
- 2020 California State Budget Outlook
- Federal Relief and Stimulus Bills

# COVID-19 League Resources and Advocacy

## League Efforts and Resources for Cities:

- COVID-19 dedicated webpage and email
  - [www.cacities.org/coronavirus](http://www.cacities.org/coronavirus)
  - [covid-19@cacities.org](mailto:covid-19@cacities.org)
- Daily COVID-19 updates via email
- Webinar series on the impacts of COVID-19
  - [www.cacities.org/Education-Events/Webinars](http://www.cacities.org/Education-Events/Webinars)

## Statewide and Federal Partnerships:

- Collaborating with Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and Governor's Office
  - Statutory and regulatory waivers and relief
  - Funding needs
- Working with National League of Cities and League's federal lobbying team on federal legislation and resource needs

# Legislative Deadline and Priorities

- California State Legislature on recess from March 20 until April 13
  - Likely to extend through April or longer
- Legislative Deadlines:
  - June 15 – State Budget must be passed by Legislature at midnight
  - July 1 – Governor must sign or veto the State Budget
  - August 31 – End of regular session
  - Sept 30 – Legislation must be signed or vetoed by Governor
  - Nov 30 – Regular session sine die
- Potential Legislative Priorities:
  - COVID-19 response and recovery
  - Homelessness and housing
  - Wildfires/PG&E bankruptcy

# 2020 California State Budget Outlook

State budget process will be significantly altered:

- Asm. Budget Chair told legislators to lower their expectations on budget outlook to reflect the new reality.
- Budget committee hearings are on hold; most likely have a streamlined budget process this year.
- Budget likely to be barebones - maintaining current levels of State funding, but with little to no additional spending.
- \$1.1 billion in [SB 89](#) funds to support the State's COVID-19 response.
- \$1.3 billion from the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties for COVID-19 response.

# Federal Relief and Stimulus Bills

## Federal Bills:

- Bill #1 - [Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020](#)
  - \$7.8 billion package, plus a \$500 million authorization to enhance telehealth services, will give resources to prepare, prevent and respond to the crisis, including vaccine development, support for state and local governments' prevention and response efforts, and the purchase of critical medical supplies to protect public health and safety.
- Bill #2 – [H.R. 6201 Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#)
  - Guarantees free coronavirus testing, establishes paid leave, enhances Unemployment Insurance, expands food security initiatives, and increases federal Medicaid funding.
- Bill #3 - [The CARES Act](#)
  - \$2 trillion emergency package intended to stave off total economic collapse in the wake of the coronavirus crisis.
  - \$139 billion is reserved to be distributed between states and units of local government.
- Potential 4<sup>th</sup> Stimulus Bill
  - Talked about in the House of Representatives.
  - League working with federal team on potential requests.
  - Details forthcoming.



# Questions?

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Email: [covid-19@cacities.org](mailto:covid-19@cacities.org)

# Legislative Update

Derek Dolfie, Legislative Representative, League of California Cities

# Legislative Update – Child Care and Youth Programs

- **[AB 2112](#) (Ramos) Youth Suicide Prevention.**
  - League Position: Watch
- **[SB 955](#) (Portantino) Recreation and Organization Camps.**
  - League Position: Watch
- **[SB 1003](#) (Jones) Skateboard Parks: Other Wheeled Recreational Devices: Safety and Liability.**
  - League Position: Watch



# Legislative Update – Disaster Preparedness and Community Resiliency, Part 1

- **[AB 1855](#) (Frazier) Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly: Emergency and Disaster Plan.**
  - League Position: Watch
- **[AB 2054](#) (Kamlager) Emergency Services: Community Response: Grant Program.**
  - League Position: Watch

# Legislative Update – Disaster Preparedness and Community Resiliency, Part 2

- **AB 1936 (Rodriguez) Price Gouging: Public Safety Power Shutoffs.**

- Expand the current prohibition on public emergency price gouging to include a proclamation or declaration of an emergency for a utility initiated power shutoff or an announcement that such a shutoff will occur.
- Make it unlawful to sell or offer certain goods for sale at a price 10 percent greater than the price charged for those goods or services immediately prior to the utility initiated power shutoff. The restrictions on price gouging in these circumstances will apply for a period lasting 72 hours after the restoration of power.
  - **League Position:** Pending

# Legislative Update – Disaster Preparedness and Community Resiliency, Part 3

Both bills would codify recommendations made by the State Auditor's Office to help protect vulnerable populations, such as access and functional needs populations, during an emergency or natural disaster.

- **AB 2064 (Patterson) Emergency Preparedness: Access and Functional Needs.**

- Require Cal OES to review all local government emergency plans
- Upon request, provide feedback and technical assistance to update plans
- **League Position:** Pending

- **AB 2428 (Fong) Emergency Services: Emergency and Natural Disaster Preparedness: Access and Functional Needs.**

- Requires Cal OES to work with AFN groups when updating the state emergency plan
- Requires Cal OES, to develop and post on its website best practices for use by local governments
- **League Position:** Pending

# Legislative Update – Tobacco, Vaping, and E-Cigarettes

- **[AB 1639](#) (Gray) Tobacco Products.**
  - League Position: Watch
- **[AB 3227](#) (Gray) Sale of Tobacco by Mail.**
  - League Position: Watch
- **[SB 793](#) (Hill) Flavored Tobacco Products.**
  - League Position: Watch

# Legislative Update – Work Plan

## 2020 Community Services Adopted Work Plan:

- Libraries;
- Natural disasters and community resiliency;
- Parks and open space;
- Senior issues and adults with disabilities; and
- Mental and physical health, wellness, and wellbeing for children and at risk young adults.

# Questions?

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Thank you and stay safe!

Next CS Policy Committee Meeting:  
Thursday, June 4, South San Francisco\*

*\*(Subject to Change)*