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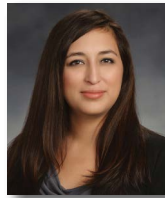
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# 10 Tips for Cities

## Lobbying the California Legislature

- 1.** Become engaged in the state level political process by appointing a legislative liaison within your city to track key legislation and work with your regional public affairs manager. You can locate contact information for your regional public affairs manager online at [www.cacities.org/publicaffairs](http://www.cacities.org/publicaffairs).
- 2.** Use the League as a resource. To access League priority bills, legislative contacts and additional information, visit [www.cacities.org/legresources](http://www.cacities.org/legresources). The League's online bill tracking tool can be found at [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch).
- 3.** Sign up to receive the League's electronic newsletter, *CA Cities Advocate*, and stay current on important legislation. Subscribe at [www.cacities.org/cacitiesadvocate](http://www.cacities.org/cacitiesadvocate).
- 4.** Develop relationships with your Senate and Assembly representatives as well as their Capitol and district office staff.
- 5.** Get to know members of your local press and educate them on legislative issues affecting your city.
- 6.** Understand how state decisions impact your city's budget.
- 7.** Build networks and collaborate with other groups in your community on key legislative issues.
- 8.** Organize an internal process within your city for developing and proposing changes to laws that will help your city.
- 9.** Adopt local policies on legislation that enable your city to react quickly to the legislative process and respond to League action alerts.
- 10.** Write letters on legislation featured in *CA Cities Advocate*. Samples can be found at [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch) by searching with the bill number or bill author.

## USEFUL LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

### Local Government

California City Finance  
[www.californiacityfinance.com](http://www.californiacityfinance.com)

League Bill Search  
[www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch)

Institute for Local Government  
[www.ca-ilg.org](http://www.ca-ilg.org)

California Municipal Law Handbook  
[www.ceb.com](http://www.ceb.com)

Western City Magazine  
[www.westerncity.com](http://www.westerncity.com)

California State Association  
of Counties  
[www.csac.counties.org](http://www.csac.counties.org)

Local Government Commission  
[www.lgc.org](http://www.lgc.org)

### State Government

Office of the Governor  
[www.gov.ca.gov](http://www.gov.ca.gov)

Secretary of State  
[www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)

Attorney General  
<http://oag.ca.gov>

California State Senate  
[www.senate.ca.gov](http://www.senate.ca.gov)

California State Assembly  
[www.assembly.ca.gov](http://www.assembly.ca.gov)

California Department of Finance  
[www.dof.ca.gov](http://www.dof.ca.gov)

Governor's Office  
of Planning and Research  
[www.opr.ca.gov](http://www.opr.ca.gov)

Legislative Analyst's Office  
[www.lao.ca.gov](http://www.lao.ca.gov)

Legislative Counsel  
[www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov)

### Federal Government

Office of the President  
[www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

U.S. Senate  
[www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

U.S. House of Representatives  
[www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

Library of Congress  
<http://thomas.loc.gov>

National League of Cities  
[www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org)