

2017 TRACKED BILLS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

AB 1180 (Holden) Los Angeles County Flood Control District: taxes, fees and charges. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

AB 1274 (O'Donnell) Smog Check: exemption. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

AB 1408 (Calderon) Crimes. Supervised Release. SUPPORT
VETOED BY GOVERNOR

SB 1 (Beall) Transportation Funding. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB 2 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB 3 (Beall) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB 361 (Hernandez) Maintenance Districts: City of La Puente. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB 540 (Roth) Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB 541 (Allen) Stormwater Guidelines for Schools. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB 35 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: affordable housing: streamlining. **OPPOSE**
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB 649 (Hueso) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities. **OPPOSE**
VETOED BY GOVERNOR



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AB 2123 (Cervantes) District Based Elections. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

AB 2538 (Rubio) Stormwater Financial Capabilities Analysis. SUPPORT
VETOED BY GOVERNOR

AB 3162 (Friedman) Alcoholism or drug abuse treatment facilities. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB 25 (Portantino) Elections: ballot order. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB 1133 (Portantino) Los Angeles County Flood Control Act. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB 1343 (Mitchell) Employers: sexual harassment training: requirements. SUPPORT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SCORECARD BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities® (Division), representing 86 cities in the County, is the largest of the League's regional divisions and is responsible for advocacy and education specific to Los Angeles County and Southern California. Since 2011, the Division has tracked legislation affecting its member cities in areas of local control, local revenues, housing, public safety, economic development and infrastructure.

The Division's thirteen-member Board of Directors discusses legislation, ballot measures and policy issues on a monthly basis to decide which merit communication and urgent action from members. The final voting records of Los Angeles County legislators are tallied by the Division to provide city officials with a tool to assess the performance of Los Angeles County legislators relative to regional local government priorities and to provide a benchmark to establish future goals with our delegation.

2017-18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSEMBLY DELEGATION VOTE RECORD

Assembly Member	District	2017	2018	Average
Acosta	38	37%	100%	69%
Bloom	50	91%	60%	76%
Bocanegra*	39	82%	N/A	82%
Burke	62	82%	100%	91%
Calderon	57	82%	100%	91%
Carrillo**	51	N/A	100%	100%
Chau	49	91%	100%	96%
Chen	55	45%	80%	63%
Dababneh*	45	73%	N/A	73%
Friedman	43	91%	80%	86%
Gabriel**	45	N/A	100%	100%
Garcia	58	100%	60%	80%
Gipson	64	82%	100%	91%
Gomez*	51	100%	100%	100%
Holden	41	91%	100%	96%
Jones-Sawyer	59	73%	100%	87%
Kamlager-Dove**	54	N/A	100%	100%
Lackey	36	45%	100%	73%
Muratsuchi	66	91%	100%	96%
Nazarian	46	91%	100%	96%
O'Donnell	70	91%	100%	96%
Rendon	63	91%	100%	96%
Ridley-Thomas*	54	91%	N/A	91%
Rivas**	39	N/A	100%	100%
Rodriguez	52	82%	100%	91%
Rubio	48	82%	100%	91%
Santiago	53	82%	100%	91%
Total Average 2017				89%

RECORD HIGH ASSEMBLY VOTES

For the first time since the Division instituted the vote record, nineteen Assembly Members scored 100% in a single year.

The average vote in line with the Division's positions was 89%. Historically higher than in years past.

Thank you to all our Assembly Delegation for an overall productive year for Los Angeles County cities.

RECORD HIGH SENATE SCORES

For the first time since the Division instituted the vote record, twelve Senators scored 100% in a single year. Special recognition goes to Senator Portantino and Senator Stern for their outstanding record over the two-year session.

Thank you to all our Senate Delegation for an overall productive year for Los Angeles County cities.

2017-18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SENATE DELEGATION VOTE RECORD

Senator	District	2017	2018	Average
Allen	26	91%	100%	96%
Bradford	35	91%	100%	96%
Chang	29	N/A	100%	100%
de León	24	82%	100%	91%
Delgado **	32	N/A	100%	100%
Hernandez	22	82%	100%	91%
Hertzberg	18	82%	100%	91%
Lara	33	82%	100%	91%
Leyva	20	91%	100%	96%
Mendoza*	32	91%	N/A	91%
Mitchell	30	91%	100%	96%
Newman*	29	91%	N/A	91%
Nguyen	34	45%	80%	63%
Portantino	25	100%	100%	100%
Stern	27	100%	100%	100%
Wilk	21	55%	80%	68%
Total Average 2018				91%

GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN

Governor Brown	2017	2018	Average
	82%	83%	83%

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SCORECARD OBJECTIVES

- Encourage legislators to consider the Los Angeles County Division as a key constituent, referring to our positions and communicating with our members on policy when voting for important legislation.
- Influence policy-making in Sacramento.
- Educate and inform our legislators of the important issues facing cities, and provide a clear frame of reference for legislators in crafting and voting on legislation affecting our common constituencies.
- Provide city officials in Los Angeles County with a tool to assess their Legislator's vote record on matters related to local government priorities.

SCORECARD GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Shall be non-partisan.
- Be clear, concise, well-defined and understandable.
- Use information that is relevant, stable, and reliable.
- Be viewed as one part of a larger accountability system.

SCORECARD CRITERIA

Lawmakers are tracked on final substantive floor votes. Committee votes are only included in cases where urgent local government-related bills died in committee. The scorecard is intended to be an objective enterprise and is reported without party designation.

STRATEGIC GOALS AND LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Division's 2018 Strategic Priorities provide a policy framework for the Division to respond to legislation in a timely and effective manner. The 2018 Division Priorities are:

- Protect local control of and funding for regional infrastructure projects including transportation, telecommunications, and sustainable water management systems.
- Support policies and additional funding for criminal justice reform efforts that enhance public safety and mitigate the impacts of AB 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57.
- Encourage adoption of best practices and policies for sexual harassment prevention and reporting.
- Influence housing policies to address the affordability and homelessness crisis in the Los Angeles County region.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

The Division's position letters are sent to all Los Angeles County legislators' capitol offices. Every letter notifies legislative members that the Division is tracking votes for consideration in its annual scorecard. Additionally, Division leadership meets with or directly contacts area legislators throughout the year to communicate urgent priorities.

KEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES IN THE 2017-18 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

During the 2017-18 legislative session, the Division tracked a total of thirty-four bills with eleven reaching the Governor's desk in 2017 and six in 2018. The state budget remains balanced with a healthy reserve that allowed legislators and city officials to focus on how to fund critical infrastructure needs like housing and transportation. On average, Los Angeles County legislators voted at about 90% with the Division in the 2017-18 session because of more opportunities to

support infrastructure needs, increase programs and grants for housing growth, expand local control on election issues, and increase resources for stormwater management. Nevertheless, cities continued to play defense on legislative attempts to undermine local control, particularly in areas of land-use and local control of telecommunications infrastructure. The Division's scope of legislative efforts this session focused on the following strategic priorities:

PROTECTING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Historic Transportation Package Passed by Legislature; Protected by Voters

In 2017, the Legislature bravely passed SB 1, an historic \$52 billion investment in California's statewide and local transportation infrastructure. The measure provides over \$4.4 billion to the Los Angeles County region and every city is now utilizing the funds for road, bridge and traffic safety projects. Thankfully, in June of 2018 voters approved Proposition 69 to solidify protections for these revenues. The Division's members are committed to working with the Legislature to stop a devastating attempt to repeal funding which provides safe roads and bridges for every community.

Not So Small "Small Cell" Towers

Division members strongly opposed the swift advancement of SB 649 (Hueso, 2017, vetoed) which represented a major shift in telecommunications policy and law by requiring local governments to lease out public property, capping how much cities can lease this public space for, prohibiting the ability for cities to negotiate public benefits, and eliminating the public's input and full discretionary review for the installation of "small cell" wireless equipment. The Division recognizes the many benefits of wireless technology in our growing economy, but a balance with community impacts must also be preserved. We look forward to robust discussions on the how best to achieve this balance in the new legislative session.

Stormwater- Sustainable Water Management Solutions

Under the 2012 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (MS-4), cities in Los Angeles County must meet the strongest water quality guidelines in the country which are estimated by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to exceed \$20 billion to upgrade infrastructure and implement stormwater capture technology. The Division's efforts over the 2017-18 session to create "tools" to help cities meet these currently unfunded requirements include:

- Sponsoring SB 541 (Allen, 2017, chaptered) to create best practices for water capture design standards for all new school construction and reconstruction.
- Sponsoring SB 589 (Hernandez, 2017) establishing a financial capability assessment pilot project to assist local governments in setting achievable schedules for water quality control plans.
- Sponsoring AB 1180 (Holden, 2017), as introduced, to place a \$1.50 per-tire fee to address zinc oxide contaminants in stormwater and urban runoff.
- Supporting AB 1189 (Holden, 2017, chaptered) as amended June 26, 2017, creating authority for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to levee a voter approved tax for stormwater projects and programs.
- Supporting AB 2523 (Rubio, 2018, vetoed) establishing a financial capability analysis to assist local governments in setting achievable schedules for water quality plans.
- Supporting SB 1133 (Portantino, 2018, chaptered) allowing Regional Water Quality Control Boards to accept funds from permittees to update basin plans.
- Opposing AB 3014 (Quirk, 2018) exempting high performance vehicles and brake friction materials from copper reduction requirements.
- Supporting Measure W, a countywide proposal to generate approximately \$300 million for stormwater management programs and projects.

PUBLIC SAFETY KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE

The Division supports efforts to mitigate the unintended consequences of legislative and voter-approved initiatives like AB 109, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57. Feedback from our membership about public safety concerns in their communities continues to escalate. While some may argue

this is anecdotal, the Division continues to pursue solutions to create safe communities for residents, first responders, and those needing the best resources for successful rehabilitation. We support the Keeping California Safe Initiative slated for the November 2020 statewide ballot.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION PROTECTING OUR EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITIES

The Division Board took this goal seriously by developing a resolution for cities to adopt, reinforcing best practices and policies for sexual harassment prevention and reporting. Additionally the Division held an Interactive Training for elected officials and city staff exploring cultural shifts since the #MeToo Movement and effective tools for officials

to support sexual harassment prevention, diversity, and inclusion in the workplace. And we supported SB 1343 (Mitchell, 2018, chaptered) to expand the universe of employees that receive sexual harassment training to nearly all employees of employers with five employees or more.

HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOCAL FLEXIBILITY IS VITAL

Housing and the homelessness crisis are still priority for the state and Los Angeles County cities. Since the adoption of Measure H, which the Division supported and Los Angeles County voters approved to infuse approximately \$355 million annually to aggressively prevent and combat homelessness, the number of individuals in the county experiencing homelessness has declined by 3%. Forty cities with city-specific homelessness plans will be eligible to receive \$9 million this fall with another \$3 million from the State Emergency Homeless Emergency Aid Program.

The dissolution of redevelopment agencies has left a void for tools and resources to spur housing growth and ease affordability. The Division continues to believe that a strong and flexible tax-increment tool must be recreated to alleviate the housing crisis. In the meantime, the Division supports measures to infuse funding to help cities update general plans and spur housing growth, including: SB 2 (Atkins, 2017, chaptered) The Building Homes and Jobs Act; SB 3 (Beall, 2017, chaptered)/Proposition 1, The Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018; and SB 540 (Roth, 2017, chaptered) to streamline housing approvals while continuing to protect public engagement.

Unfortunately, proposals focused on eroding public input from local land-use decision-making have dominated the housing dialogue. Since cities do not build housing removing community participation from discussion about how a developer shapes a community can be counterproductive to addressing the housing crisis. We were disappointed in the passage of SB 35 (Wiener, 2017, chaptered) to remove local discretion, eliminate public input, and prohibit CEQA review in order to "streamline" multi-family housing production. Widening that preemption to as far as ½ mile around transit stops as SB 827 (Wiener, 2018) proposed is even more concerning to our members. We appreciate those Senate Transportation and Housing members who opposed or abstained from moving the bill forward. The Division will remain engaged with our legislators in a real dialogue to develop a cooperative action plan to spur housing growth, but we will remain steadfast on maintaining local authority to protect the health and safety of our communities.

LOOKING AHEAD- PRIORITIES FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIES

The 2017-18 Legislative Session was historic in terms of strengthening state and local infrastructure investment. The Los Angeles County Division is committed to protecting that critical funding by actively Opposing Proposition 6. Additionally, the Division supports Propositions 1 and 2 to infuse more funds into programs to help solve our housing and homelessness crisis.

We know however, that even if voters pass those important housing measures, the state's crisis will not be solved. Legislators and local government officials must continue to have critical discussions on how to increase supply and affordability while remaining sensitive to community needs, fiscal capability and infrastructure capacities. We offer a few suggestions on how to start the 2019-20 legislative session:

1. Meet with our Executive Board in your district before the new session begins. Contact our staff at kguerrero@cacities.org.
2. Tour your district cities and discuss the unique solutions they are implementing and challenges they experience. Ask how particular legislative proposals might affect the community.
3. Consider introducing tax-increment funding legislation that offers local and state tax shares. Prior to 2011, Redevelopment was the primary affordable housing and infrastructure tool. The state fell into a housing crisis without the ability for cities to utilize tax-increment to address the problem directly.
4. Keep in touch with the Los Angeles County Division by attending our Membership Meetings, joining our mailing list, following us on Facebook, Twitter, and communicating with our staff.