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Budget Bills to Fund Housing for California’s Homeless Sent to Governor
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The Legislature on Thursday, June 30, sent Gov. Jerry Brown two budget trailer bills that will provide funding to support crisis and long-term housing for California’s homeless population. The Governor signed both bills on Friday. *For more, see Page 2.*



League Board Reviews Ballot Measures

The League board of directors at its meeting on June 24-25 carefully reviewed eight ballot measures affecting cities expected to be on the November 2016 statewide ballot, adopting formal positions on four. No position was taken on three measures and the board deferred action on one until it meets with Gov. Jerry Brown later this summer. The measures were previously reviewed by a number of League policy committees that forwarded recommendations to the board of directors for consideration. *For more, see Page 2.*



Now Accepting Proposals for the 2017 Planning Commissioners Academy
Deadline to submit is Aug. 9

Do you have an idea for a new planning commissioner’s session that will inspire and motivate attendees? Maybe you know of a colleague that would be an excellent speaker? The League of California Cities® is searching for speakers and session topics for the 2017 conference to be held March 1–3 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott. *For more, see Page 3.*

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AB 1618 (Committee on Budget) is implementing legislation for the [No Place Like Home](#) program, and AB 1622 (Committee on Budget) includes \$10 million to provide transitional housing or shelter facilities for homeless veterans and \$10 million to expand the Homeless Youth and Exploitation Program at the Office of Emergency Services.

These two measures passed Thursday are positive steps forward and cities should take the time over the next month to thank Senate pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) and the bipartisan group of legislators who supported the bills.

Last November, the League identified housing affordability and chronic homelessness as priorities in the strategic goal setting process. Although there have been multiple proposals by the Legislature related to homelessness, some of those have been unhelpful and would have negatively impacted cities' land use authority. The League appreciates the leadership of Sen. de León in taking a difficult and contentious discussion and finding a solution that local governments could support.

There remain several budget-related items that continue to be negotiated, including the Governor's [By Right](#) budget proposal. The Legislature will be on its summer break until Aug. 1 and so no action is expected until legislators return. The League will continue to monitor the situation over the next month.

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Under the League of California Cities bylaws, the board may take a position supporting or opposing a statewide ballot measure only by a two-thirds vote of those directors present. This policy assures that any position taken reflects the broad consensus of League members.

Below each of the eight measures considered is listed with a brief summary, a link to the measure's full text and position taken.

[California Legislature Transparency Act of 2016](#). This measure would prohibit the Legislature from passing legislation until it has been in print and published online for at least 72 hours prior to the vote unless it is a case of public emergency. The Legislature would be required to record all proceedings (except closed sessions) and make available online.

League position: Support.

[Referendum to Overturn Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags \(SB 270, Padilla, 2014\)](#). This referendum would repeal SB 270 (Padilla, 2014), which prohibited certain stores from distributing lightweight, single-use plastic bags and established requirements for reusable bags and prohibited stores from distributing reusable bags and recycled paper bags for less than \$0.10 per bag.

League position: Support (yes to retain plastic bag ban).

[Carry-Out Bags. Charges. Initiative Statute](#). This measure would redirect money collected by grocery stores and other specified retail stores through sale of carryout bags under any state law banning free distribution of a certain kind of free carryout bag and mandating the sale of another type of carryout bag. It also requires collected funds to go to a Wildlife Conservation Board-administered fund to be used for specified environmental projects.

League position: Oppose.

[California Public Education Facilities Bond Initiative](#). This measure would authorize \$9 billion in general obligation bonds to fund construction of school facilities for K-12 schools and community colleges.

League position: No Position.

[Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016](#). This measure: revises rules governing this disposition of juvenile offenders; allows non-violent offenders to seek parole after completing the full term of their primary offense without regard to any applicable sentencing enhancements that a

judge added to their offence; and authorizes the Department of Corrections to revise regulations governing good time credits.

League position: Action deferred until after meeting with Governor Brown, the measure's sponsor.

[Safety for All Act of 2016](#). This measure requires, starting July 1, 2017, all people to report loss or theft of a firearm to local law enforcement within five days of discovering the loss, as well as any subsequent discovery within five days. It also further regulates the possession of large-capacity magazines, regulates Internet-based sales of ammunition, and regulates those who handle, sell, or deliver ammunition.

League position: No Position.

[Revenue Bonds: Statewide Voter Approval. Constitutional Amendment.](#)

This measure would require statewide voter approval prior to the state issuing or selling any revenue bonds of \$2 billion or more for state projects that are financed, owned, operated or managed by the state or a joint agency created by or for the state.

League position: Oppose.

[Marijuana Legalization. Initiative Statute.](#) This measure would legalize personal cultivation as well as state licensing of the commercial cultivation and retail sale of non-medical marijuana for personal use for adults 21 and over. Local agencies would be authorized to enact local ordinances for regulating, taxing or banning the commercial cultivation and sale of non-medical marijuana within the city or county.

League position: No Position.

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This two-and-a-half-day conference is for new and experienced planning commissioners, planning directors, staff and other interested officials including elected officials and focuses on current issues and timely topics that will assist planners in their daily roles and operations within their city.

Submit complete proposals through the online [proposal form](#) by the deadline of Aug. 9 to be considered by the committee. There is a limit to the amount of words allowed within the title and description of each proposal. It is recommended that proposals are written in a word-processing program first, and then paste the final version into the online form.

Submissions from any individual, group, business or organization on any topic are welcome. The Program Planning Advisory Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information.

Additional information is available on the [League website](#).

If you have any question about this event, please contact [Caitlin Cole](#), conference program manager at (916) 658-8248.

League Joins Other Local Government Groups in Strong Opposition to Initiative that Could Jeopardize Local and Regional Infrastructure Projects

The League board of directors at its meeting on June 24-25 voted unanimously to oppose the "Cortopassi" ballot measure on the November statewide ballot because it would undermine the ability of cities, counties and other local agencies and the state to form partnerships to finance the construction of critical public infrastructure projects. By requiring a statewide vote, even on some local infrastructure projects, the measure could erode local control by allowing voters in one part of the state to block funding for needed infrastructure projects in another part of the state — even though they would not be paying for them.

"This measure would threaten the ability of cities to partner with other local governments and the state to invest in needed infrastructure priorities," said League Executive Director Chris McKenzie. "The measure gives voters in distant regions the power to block major projects in other

parts of the state that many of our city residents need. This burdensome measure is bad news for local governments and citizens who deserve responsible infrastructure investment.”

The League is joined in its opposition by other local government organizations including the California State Sheriffs’ Association, California Association of Councils of Government, the Association of California Water Agencies, Northern California Water Association, Self-Help Counties, Association of California Cities—Orange County and individual local governments.

[More than 150](#) public safety, local government, business, labor, healthcare, agriculture, water, education and other organizations have come out in opposition to the initiative.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$29.6 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing Apartments in Oxnard

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League’s co-sponsorship of the [California Statewide Communities Development Authority](#) (CSCDA).

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of issued \$29,559,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Las Cortes Apartments in Oxnard.

About Las Cortes Apartments

Las Cortes Apartments is the new construction of 144 affordable housing units by Urban Housing Communities (UHC). The benefits of the project for the city of Oxnard and Ventura County include the following:

- 100 percent of the affordable rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income tenants;
- The project will bring new economic vibrancy to the area;
- The project replaces outdated 1950s era public housing; and
- The project consists of 48 one-bedroom, 42 two-bedroom, 39 three-bedroom, and 15 four-bedroom units to house local low-income residents.

CSCDA and UHC partnered with Bank of America to provide \$29,559,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. The financing for the project requires the affordability of units for low-income tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit [CSCDA's website](#) for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

League Board Will Consider Endorsements for NLC Board and NLC Second Vice President Positions

Each year the League of California Cities® board of directors invites membership interested in running for National League of Cities (NLC) board of directors or for second vice president of the NLC board of directors to apply for endorsement from our League board of directors. Only city officials in direct member cities of NLC may apply for its board or board officer position (second

vice president). The League board will endorse all membership interested in applying for NLC board, but only one member interested in applying for NLC second vice president.

Please note that this is not an application to the NLC board, nor is it an application for NLC second vice president. This is only an *endorsement* from the League of California Cities board.

Endorsement Application Process

Submitted endorsement applications will be distributed to members of the League's 2016 Board Nominating Committee. If more than one person is interested in seeking endorsement for NLC second vice president, the committee will interview both candidates to select one prior to the League's Annual Conference scheduled for Oct. 5–7.

The recommendations will then be submitted to the League board for approval when it meets on Thursday, Oct. 6, during annual conference. Candidates receiving the board's endorsement will be announced on Oct. 7 during the closing session of the annual conference.

Endorsement applications are due to the League by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2.

Application forms are below:

- [Board of Directors Endorsement Application for NLC Board](#)
- [Second Vice President Endorsement Application for NLC Board](#)

Please submit endorsement applications via [email](#), fax (916) 658-8240 or mail to:

Attn: Mimi Sharpe
1400 K Street, 4th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Individuals who are elected to the NLC board of directors automatically obtain a seat on the League board of directors for the period of the NLC board term.

NLC Board Application Deadlines

Applications for the NLC board and second vice president will be available in late August or early September and will be due sometime in October. Please contact [Carla Smith](#), NLC senior coordinator to obtain an application for NLC board of directors or NLC second vice president and obtain pertinent deadlines.
