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DOF Releases List of 2016-17 Suspended Mandates

The Department of Finance (DOF) on June 28 issued its list of state mandates suspended in the 2016 Budget Act for FY 2016-17. This list remains unchanged from FY 2015-16.
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League-Sponsored Bill to Strengthen Community Revitalization and Investment Tool to Facilitate Economic Development Heads to the Senate Floor for Approval

AB 2492 Clean-up to Last Year's AB 2

League-sponsored AB 2492 (Alejo and E. Garcia), a bill to strengthen aspects of the community revitalization and investment tool to facilitate economic development has been approved by the Assembly and relevant Senate committees. The bill awaits final approval in the Senate, followed by a concurrence vote in the Assembly, before going to Gov. Jerry Brown. *For more, see Page 2.*



Final Payment for Triple-Flip Unwind Scheduled for July 7

The California Department of Finance (DOF) completed the calculations of final payments to cities and counties under the sales and use tax triple flip. The state will allocate funds to counties on July 7. The State Controller will transfer the scheduled amounts to counties for deposit in the county Sales and Use Tax Compensation Fund. Counties then have 60 days to allocate DOF stipulated amounts to the county and each city in the county per a provided schedule. *For more, see Page 2.*

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Cities are encouraged to review the list to determine if there are potential opportunities for cost savings. When a mandate is suspended, the state no longer reimburses or requires the affected local agencies to implement the mandate.

Read more about state mandates in the March 2014 issue of *Western City*: "[Understanding State Mandates and Suspended Mandates: Local Government Impacts.](#)"

The [State Controller's website](#) also includes information on mandates.

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Last year's AB 2 (Alejo and E. Garcia) authorized the creation of Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIAs) to assist local governments in their efforts to restore poor and deteriorated areas within a community. AB 2492 is supported by the California Association of Local Economic Development (CALED), California Business Properties Association, and a number of cities.

AB 2492 makes the following improvements to CRIA law:

- Clarifies the ways to calculate employment and crime data, based on input from the Employment Development Department and Department of Justice;
- Authorizes CRIA's to access several additional forms of financing that are available to Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts;
- Allows countywide and citywide income data to be used when designating areas, in addition to statewide income data; and
- Allows census tracts and blocks within disadvantaged community identified by the state Cal Enviro Screen to use the tool.

Next Steps

Cities are urged to send letters supporting AB 2492 to their Senate representatives. A sample letter, along with the League's support letter, is available at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging AB 2492 into the search function.

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In 2004, California voters approved Proposition 57, authorizing the sale of economic recovery bonds and imposing a new state sales and use tax of 0.25 percent to repay the bonds. To maintain revenue neutrality, the local sales and use tax rate for counties and cities decreased from 1 percent to 0.75 percent. These rates went into effect July 1, 2004, and returned to their prior levels on Jan. 1, 2016. Every fiscal year since 2004-05 property tax revenues were provided to counties and cities through the triple flip. The triple flip allocations starting in 2004-05 offset the reduction in sales and use tax revenues for taxable sales during the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2015. The triple flip letter sent on Sept. 1, 2015 covered taxable sales for the period of April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

The July 7 final payment is needed to offset the reduction in sales and use tax revenues for taxable sales between July 1, 2015 and Dec. 31, 2015 as well as to true up the triple flip amounts for the April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 period.

A complete explanation of the sales-and-use tax triple flip and this unwind process may be found at CaliforniaCityFinance.com.

Tour the New Long Beach Civic Center Project during Annual Conference

The League of California Cities® and the city of Long Beach are offering a walking tour of the new Long Beach Civic Center project before the annual conference commences on Oct. 5. This opportunity to learn about a unique public-private partnership has been added to the great line-up of sessions and networking opportunities being offered this year.

Walking Tour of the New Long Beach Civic Center Project

Spend the morning before the conference touring the New Long Beach Civic Center Project and learn all about this unique public-private partnership (P3) in the heart of Long Beach's downtown. Just a few blocks from the Convention Center, this \$520 million, design-build-finance-operate-maintain (DBFOM) civic center will replace the old city hall and provide new offices for the Port of Long Beach, a new city library, a retail marketplace, and an upgraded public park that will serve residents and visitors of Long Beach for years to come. This is only the second DBFOM project in California for a set of buildings, and the first time the delivery model is being used by a city. Hear about the project details from representatives of the [city of Long Beach](#) and developer [Plenary Group](#).

The walking tour will leave promptly at 9 a.m. from the Long Beach Convention Center. After a short walk to City Hall, the city manager will provide a brief introduction. The group will then walk across the street to the new Civic Center site and get a look at the various elements of this project. Bring shoes suitable for walking; the group will not need to enter the active construction portions of the site.

Visit the [Long Beach Civic Center website](#) for more details on the project are available online.

Registration Information

Add this tour to your conference registration for only \$15! Check the box next to "Walking Tour - New Long Beach Civic Center" along with your conference registration. If you have already registered for the conference, you can register for just the walking tour using the conference registration link. Tour size is limited to 40 people.

Check out the conference [schedule](#) and view the announcement with session information [online](#).

If you have questions, please contact [Megan Dunn](#).

Mayors and Council Members Department Now Taking Applications to Serve on Executive Committee

Apply by Monday, Aug. 8

The Mayors and Council Members Department of the League of California Cities® is now seeking applicants for the department [Executive Committee](#) and for state [League director](#).

The Executive Committee positions are a one-year terms with the intention of succeeding to the president position within the department. The state League director position is a two-year term and this role entails serving as liaison from the department to the League's board of directors. This position rotates between Northern and Southern California and this year the department seeks applicants from the Southern California.

Qualifications

The Nominating Committee will use the following information as a basis for selection:

- The individual's professional reputation;
- The individual's perspective on city service;
- Whether the individual has demonstrated a commitment to serving and strengthening the department;
- The individual's depth of knowledge of and experience with city government; and
- The individual's involvement in intergovernmental activities.

Application and Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee (appointed by the current Executive Committee). The proposed 2016-17 Executive Committee slate will be presented for vote at the Annual Conference in Long Beach. Nominations for the vacancies will also be open from the floor at the department business meeting during the annual conference.

- [Application for the Executive Committee](#)
- [Application for state League Board Director](#)

All applications must be received by Aug. 8. Please direct applications by email to [Sara Rounds](#) or fax to (916) 658-8240. Please call Sara at (916) 658-8243 with questions or to confirm receipt of your application.
