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League Updates 2016 Hot and Priority Bills List

The League's 2016 Hot and Priority Bills List is now updated to reflect the status of significant legislation following the Legislature's adjournment for summer recess. The Legislature will return on Aug. 1 to complete all work of the 2015-16 legislative session by Aug. 31. This marks the final chance for cities to lend their voice on legislation before it goes before Gov. Jerry Brown for final action.

Several bills have been removed from the previous list because they either were stopped or are not expected to move forward this year; others have been added.

The League routinely takes positions on bills throughout the legislative session. Bills tracked by the League are marked as "watch" until such time that a policy position is taken. Typically, bill positions are taken early in the year on bills for which the League has standing policy. These policy positions are found in the League's [Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles](#). Bills identified by the League without a standing policy are referred to one or more of the League's eight policy committees for a policy recommendation and the board of directors for a full position.

All League position letters and select sample letters can be found under the bill number in the bill search function at www.cacities.org/billsearch.

Support or Support If Amended

AB 806 (Dodd) Economic Development.

Clarifies that loan, lease and sale agreements and property acquisition are included in the range of options a community may employ to advance economic development. Authorizes communities to acquire and dispose of properties to create economic opportunities.

Status: Senate Floor

AB 1575 (Bonta) Medical Marijuana: Clean-up.

Improves implementation of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act of 2015 (MMRSA). Clarifies that a local permit or authorization must be obtained before applying for a state license. Also clarifies that local ordinances are exempt from review by the Secretary of Food and Agriculture under the California Seed Law. Requires state standards for delivery drivers, and uniform packaging and labelling.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

HOT AB 1591 (Frazier) Transportation Funding.

While AB 1591 is unlikely to move this year, it remains on the priority bill list because the author has indicated that he will be introducing a similar transportation funding proposal in the special session that would raise between \$6 and \$7 billion annually for transportation funding.

Status: Assembly Transportation

AB 1719 (Rodriguez) CPR Training in High School.

Requires the governing board of a school district and the governing body of a charter school to offer instruction in *compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation* to students in grades 9–12. Provides immunity from liability for civil damages to local agencies, entities of state or local government, public employees, or public or private entities that authorize, support or supervise such instruction.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 2220 (Cooper) – Elections in Cities: By or From District.

Allows cities regardless of population size to switch to district-based elections by ordinance.
Status: Senate Floor

AB 2444 (E. Garcia) California Parks, Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2016.

Places a \$3.12 billion bond on the November 2016 ballot. Includes \$450 million for city, county, and regional parks awarded on a per capita basis.
Status: Senate Appropriations

AB 2492 (Alejo and Garcia) Community Revitalization Investment Authorities.

Provides helpful clean up to several aspects of the Community Revitalization Investment Authority (CRIA) tool enacted by last year's AB 2 (Alejo and Garcia).
Status: Senate Floor

AB 2594 (Gordon) Stormwater Capture and Use.

Allows a public agency that captures storm water, in accordance with a storm water resources plan, to use the captured water.
Status: Senate Appropriations

HOT AB 2817 (Chiu) Low-Income Housing Tax Credits: Allocation Increase.

Increases the annual allocation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs) from \$70 to \$300 million per year.
Status: Senate Appropriations

HOT ACA 4 (Frazier) Local Government Transportation Projects: Special Taxes: Voter Approval.

Lowers the voter threshold to impose, extend, or increase a sales and use tax or transactions use tax for transportation funding from two-thirds vote to 55 percent voter approval.
Status: Assembly Appropriations

SB 817 (Roth) City Incorporations.

Assists, through a property tax adjustment, four recently incorporated cities harmed by prior Vehicle License Fee takeaways.
Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

HOT SB 873 (Beall) Sales of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs).

Allows a developer who receives an award of state LIHTCs to sell the credits to an investor without requiring the investor to be part of the ownership entity. The measure increases the value of LIHTCs and largely eliminates the federal tax impacts associated with investors claiming state credits.

Location: Assembly Appropriations

SB 879 (Beall) Housing Bond.

Establishes the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2016, which authorizes the sale of \$3 billion in general obligation bonds, upon approval by voters at the Nov. 8, 2016 statewide general election. Creates the Affordable Housing Bond Act Trust Fund of 2016 (Fund), and states the Legislature's intent that all bond proceeds be deposited in the Fund.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

HOT SBX1-1 (Beall) Transportation Funding.

Generates about \$4.5 billion annually for transportation for state highways and local streets and roads maintenance.

Status: Senate Appropriations

Oppose or Oppose Unless Amended

AB 626 (Chiu) Public Contracts: Claim Resolution.

Creates a new claims resolution process whereby contractors could potentially make a claim for any and every dispute that may arise over the course of a public works contract.

Status: Senate Appropriations

AB 650 (Low) Public Utilities Commission: Regulation of Taxicabs.

Shifts away all local (city/county) regulatory authority to the CPUC in an attempt to “level the playing field” between the taxi and transportation network company (TNC – i.e. Uber/Lyft) industries.

Status: Senate Appropriations

AB 1217 (Daly) Orange County Fire Authority.

Interferes with the governance of a joint powers authority (JPA) to codify a prohibition on including alternate members within the composition of the JPA’s Board of Directors.

Status: Senate Floor

AB 1643 (Gonzalez) Workers Compensation Disability Apportionment.

Eliminates the apportionment process for permanent disability through the workers compensation system for specific non-workplace related conditions.

Status: Senate Appropriations

AB 1934 (Santiago) Development Bonuses: Mixed-use Projects.

Creates a development bonus for commercial developers that partner with an affordable housing developer to construct a joint project or two separate projects encompassing affordable housing.

Status: Senate Appropriations

AB 2298 (Weber) Criminal Gangs.

Requires notice be given to adults whose names are entered onto the CalGang database. Provides for an appeal process resulting from the initial notification, if an individual wishes to contest his/her inclusion on the database. Requires automatic removal from the database if there has been no conviction of an individual within three years.

Status: Senate Appropriations

HOT AB 2299 (Bloom) Second Units.

Requires every city and county, including charter cities, to adopt an ordinance that provides for the creation of second units and repeals the ability of local governments to enact ordinances banning second units. Also requires the second unit ordinance to: designate areas where second units are permitted; impose standards such as parking, lot coverage, setbacks, and architectural review; and provide that second units do not exceed the allowable density for the lot upon which it is located. The ordinance cannot impose parking standards on second units that are located within: (1) one-half mile of public transit or shopping, or (2) a historic district.

Status: Senate Appropriations

HOT AB 2586 (Gatto) Parking.

Deletes the Jan. 1, 2017 sunset which prohibits cities from ticketing vehicles at broken parking meters. Requires that cities make parking immediately available upon the commencement of street sweeping. Prohibits cities from providing quota or other contract incentives when contracting out for parking enforcement.

Status: Senate Appropriations

AB 2693 (Dababneh) Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE).

Establishes extensive disclosure and transparency requirements for PACE participants.

Status: Senate Floor

HOT AB 2835 (Cooper) Mandated Union Orientation Training.

Requires that local agencies provide employee unions 30 minutes of orientation time paid by the employee within the first hour of an employer’s orientation. Employees are required to attend. Employer must provide name, job title, department, work location, telephone number and home address of any new employee within seven days of the date of hire to the recognized employee union. Orientations must be held every two months.

Status: Senate Appropriations

SB 897 (Roth) Workers Compensation ‘4850’ Expansion.

Expands '4850' time by one additional year for police and firefighters in the event of a catastrophic injury at the hands of another while on duty.

Status: Assembly Floor

SB 1000 (Leyva) General Plans: Environmental Justice.

Requires cities and counties to incorporate environmental justice concerns into their general plans upon the next revision of two or more elements.

Status: Assembly Appropriations

HOT SB 1069 (Wieckowski) Second Units (Accessory Dwelling Units).

Restricts a local agency's ability to impose requirements on second units (renamed "accessory dwelling units" or ADUs). The measure restricts a local agency from applying parking standards for an ADU that is located within one-half mile of public transit or shopping, places limitations on how utility connection fees may be imposed for ADUs, and requires local agencies to take action on ADU applications within shortened timelines.

Status: Assembly Appropriations

SB 1170 (Wieckowski) Public Contracts: Water Pollution Prevention Plans: Delegation.

Prohibits public agencies (except the state) from delegating to a contractor the responsibility for developing a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) or assuming responsibility for its accuracy or completeness.

Status: Assembly Appropriations

SB 1387 (de León) South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

Adds three new voting members to SCAQMD. These new members are appointed by the Governor, Assembly Speaker, and Senate Rules Committee.

Status: Assembly Appropriations

Concerns

SB 1029 (Hertzberg) Debt Reporting

Requires annual information on the status of local debt to be reported to the State Treasurer's California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission.

Status: Assembly Appropriations

SB 1298 (Hertzberg) Local Government: Fees and Charges

Defines "sewer service" in the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act.

Status: Assembly Floor

SB 1383 (Lara) Short-Lived Climate Pollutants

Requires ARB, no later than January 1, 2018, to approve and begin implementing a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants to achieve a 40% reduction in methane and hydrofluorocarbon gases, and a 50 percent reduction in anthropogenic black carbon below 2013 levels by 2030.

Status: Assembly Appropriations