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Governor Signs Bill Protecting Code Enforcement Officer

Less than a week after the bill reached his desk, [Gov. Jerry Brown](#) on Aug. 30 signed [AB 2228 \(Cooley\)](#) into law. Co-sponsored by the League and the Code Enforcement Officers, this legislation establishes the Code Enforcement Officers Standards Act. *For more, see Page 2.*



Approval of SB 879 in Final Hours of Legislative Session Would Be Important Step in Solving Housing Crisis

Legislators Urged to Support SB 879

With just hours left before the close of this legislative session, the League is urging the Legislature and Gov. Jerry Brown to support [SB 879 \(Beall\)](#), the proposed \$3 billion general obligation housing bond. Sen. Jim Beall's (D-San Jose) measure recognizes the housing crisis and the critical role that the state must play in finding solutions. If approved, the bond would be placed on the November 2018 ballot. *For more, see Page 2.*



Sept. 2 Annual Conference Registration Deadline Fast Approaching

Just a few days remain before the registration deadline for the 2016 League of California Cities® [Annual Conference & Expo](#). If you cannot [register](#) by the Sept. 2 deadline, on-site registration will be available. The League hotel blocks have all sold out however, hotel rooms can be found through individual hotels and online hotel reservation services. *For more, see Page 2.*

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Under this law, the board of directors of the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers (CACEO) will develop and maintain standards for the various classes of Certified Code Enforcement Officers and promote training to ensure consistent enforcement and officer safety without imposing any mandates.

The League wishes to thank Assembly Member Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) for his leadership on this important issue. In addition, the League thanks CACEO, the co-sponsor on this legislation, for highlighting the need for legislation promoting standardized training. AB 2228 was inspired by documented instances of avoidable municipal liability, as well as the frequency of threats and assaults on code enforcement officers in the line of duty, whether serving warrants, issuing citations, enforcing animal control regulations or conducting inspections.

For more, please see ["Bill Protecting Code Enforcement Officers Heads to Governor," CA Cities Advocate](#), Aug. 24, 2016.

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It is well past time to restore funding for affordable housing in California. The state's future depends on it and the Legislature has not developed a plan to address this mounting crisis. The League is supporting SB 879 because it funds a variety of existing state programs such as Multifamily Housing, CalHome, and Transit-Oriented Development.

Cities are in dire need of assistance. The Proposition 64 and Prop. 1C funds have been spent, \$1.5 billion in annual redevelopment funding has been taken away and between 2005–15 federal investments in critical housing programs were reduced 50 to 77 percent.

The housing shortage has resulted in skyrocketing rents and home prices well above the national average, while also playing a role in the state's homeless population, climbing to 116,000 after years of progress.

For more information, please see ["Sen. Beall's \\$3 Billion Housing Bond Still in Play as Session Winds Down," CA Cities Advocate](#), Aug. 18, 2016.

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City officials planning to attend should make note of the topics and sessions being offered this year. Sessions will cover a wide range of issues including addressing homelessness, workplace issues and succession planning, medical marijuana and emergency preparedness. Once again the [Speaker Theater](#) series will be offered featuring case studies of innovative projects and programs that have worked in California cities.

Ethics Training Available

For city officials that need to complete the AB 1234 ethics training, it will be offered on Wednesday, Oct. 5. Since 2005, public officials have been required to attend ethics training. They must complete it within one year of taking office and repeat the training every two years.

Keynote Speakers

There are several fantastic speakers lined up this year, especially the keynotes. On Wednesday, Oct. 5, listen as [Jason Roberts](#) of the [Better Block Project](#) describes how to drive change in communities moving past unproductive committees and outdated regulations.

One of the nation's leading economists, [Christopher Thornberg](#) will captivate attendees on Thursday, Oct. 6, with his perspectives on California's economy and some of the forces that could threaten the economy's rebound — fluctuations in the price of oil, tech bubbles, China and the Middle East. Be there as he explores the stability of the economy, future flash points that cities should track and much more.

California Earned Income Tax Credit Questions and Answers Document Available for Grant Applicants

The Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) posted a Questions and Answers sheet following the release of its [Notice of Funding Availability](#) (NOFA) last week, inviting interested parties to apply for funding to provide education and outreach services regarding the [California Earned Income Tax Credit \(Cal EITC\)](#). The League originally reported on this in the Aug. 19 issue of *CA Cities Advocate* in "[California Earned Income Tax Credit Education and Outreach Grants](#)."

The current Questions and Answers document includes questions received through the Bidders Conference and CSBGDIV@csd.ca.gov inbox. CSD will continue to respond to questions as received regarding the NOFA, through Sept. 11 at noon. Interested applicants are responsible for checking the website periodically for any updates to the Question and Answers document. Additional questions should be submitted to CSBGDIV@csd.ca.gov.

Additionally, the slides from the Bidders Conference have been posted to the CSD [website](#). During the Bidders Conference a request was made for CSD to share the names of organizations interested in applying for funding to allow for potential collaborations. This is intended to allow for applicants who seek expanded collaboration to further coordinate activities. Upon request CSD, will share the names of organizations submitting a Notice of Intent to Apply.

Applicants wishing to make their Notice of Intent to Apply public for collaboration may do so by sending an email to the CSBGDIV@csd.ca.gov requesting their organization to be added to a public list. Applicants wishing to be added should provide their organization name, contact name, phone number and/or email address. The initial public list will be posted on Friday, Sept. 2 and updated periodically to the CSD public [website](#).

Note: CSD will not share the names of organizations submitting a Notice of Intent to Apply that have not opted into this process.
