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President Trump Issues Executive Order on Immigration

*League of California Cities, National League of Cities and U.S. Conference of Mayors,
Concerned with Provisions that Threaten Local Control, Dictate How Cities Allocate
Public Safety Resources*

In keeping with his campaign promise to strengthen immigration enforcement, on Wednesday, Jan. 25, President Donald Trump signed an [executive order](#) that includes provisions stating that “sanctuary jurisdictions” are “not eligible to receive Federal grants” with unclear exceptions. He signed the order during a visit to the Department of Homeland Security. *For more, see Page 2.*



**This Week’s Transportation Hearing and Educational Forum Elevate Need for
Funding Solutions**

*Cities Urged to Send Support Letters on SB 1 and AB 1 Transportation Funding
Packages*

The message coming out of the Capitol this week was resoundingly clear — California’s state and local roadways are falling apart and Californians cannot afford to wait any longer for the Legislature to pass a transportation funding package. It comes down to pave now or pay more later. *For more, see Page 2.*



Only Two Weeks Left to Register for the 2017 Planning Commissioners Academy

Don’t miss the chance to secure a spot for the 2017 Planning Commissioners Academy being held March 1–3 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott. The deadline to register and reserve a hotel is Tuesday, Feb. 7. *For more, see Page 4.*

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Although there is no statutory or legal definition of a “sanctuary jurisdiction” or “sanctuary city,” under the executive order, they are defined as ones who are not in compliance with a federal law that prohibits or restricts cities from prohibiting local agencies from cooperating with federal agencies to identify a person’s immigration status. The U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security will decide who is and who is not a “sanctuary jurisdiction.”

In a [statement responding](#) to the executive order, the League of California Cities[®] expressed concern that the President’s actions will interfere with local control over how scarce local police resources in communities are allocated. The League also expressed concern that the threat of federal sanctions connected to immigration enforcement under the executive order will undermine effective local policing, including ongoing efforts to strengthen police-community relations and build trust.

Instead of an executive order that would shift federal responsibility for enforcement of federal laws to local governments, the League continues to advocate for the President and Congress to enact a comprehensive and balanced approach to fixing the nation’s immigration system — one that not only addresses equitable enforcement, but also incorporates thoughtful and sensitive solutions to the realities associated with millions of families, students and workers living in California and throughout the country.

The [National League of Cities](#) and the [U.S. Conference of Mayors](#) expressed similar concerns in their statements responding to the President’s actions.

Other components of the President’s executive order outlined the enforcement priorities of the Administration, require the creation of guidance and regulations to ensure the collection of related civil fines and penalties, authorize the hiring of 10,000 additional immigration officers, and direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to enter into agreements to authorize state and local law enforcement officials to perform the functions of immigration officers.

Various Constitutional questions are also being explored as attorneys review the matter. One area involves the 10th Amendment and the powers that are reserved to the states. Case law likely limits the ability of the federal government to withhold existing funding as a method of compelling local enforcement of federal immigration laws. The U.S. Supreme Court recently held in *NIFB v. Sebelius (2012)* that it was unconstitutional for the federal government to withhold Medicaid funds from states in an effort to compel them to expand Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Separation of powers issues may also exist between the roles of the President and Congress over authority to condition existing grant funds.

Considerable uncertainty exists on how this issue will evolve in the coming weeks and months. More information may be forthcoming from the U.S. Attorney General and Secretary of Homeland Security as to which jurisdictions the executive order will apply and the specific funding involved. At the state level, the Governor, Attorney General and legislative leadership have all been vocal on the issue and the potential exists for litigation and other actions.

The League will continue to analyze the executive order, seek additional information as to its application and impacts and inform cities as the issue develops.

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California cities have been at the forefront of a multi-year coalition-led advocacy campaign to urge the Legislature to increase funding for repair and maintenance because the entire system is rapidly declining as available resources are insufficient to meet the needs. It has been a long road but the good news is the widespread agreement among Gov. Jerry Brown and legislative leadership on this issue means that California is much closer to having a funding solution. This week’s transportation focus sets the stage for the final work on this crucial priority.

State and local roads have a maintenance backlog of \$130 billion and California motorists are spending more than \$700 annually on car repairs due to pothole-filled roads. This backlog is

divided between \$59 billion for state highways and \$73 billion for local streets, roads, and bridges. Without additional funding, this shortfall is projected to grow by \$20 billion in the next decade.

Leadership on Transportation Funding Proposed FY 2017-18 Budget

The Governor in his proposed FY 2017-18 budget included a [10 year, \\$43 billion transportation infrastructure investment plan](#).

Legislative leadership identified transportation as a top concern last week during a [Public Policy Institute of California event](#). Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles), Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) and Assembly Republican Leader Chad Mayes (R-Yucca Valley) all reiterated their commitment to funding the repair and maintenance of the state's crumbling transportation infrastructure.

Also last week, the [Fix Our Roads Coalition](#), of which the League is a founding member, [held a news conference](#) in the Sacramento Convention Center. Hundreds of city officials were joined by representatives from county, business and labor groups to talk with reporters about the urgent need for more transportation funding.

Senate Hearing Puts Spotlight on Transportation Funding Shortfall

Tuesday afternoon Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose), chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, held an informational hearing on the quickly expanding funding shortfall for California roads and bridges. Sen. Beall's expertise in transportation and infrastructure goes back to his days in local government, serving on the San Jose City Council and later the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors. In recent years, he has led the effort in the Senate to craft a transportation funding bill. The League supports his current bill, SB 1, as well as Assembly Member Jim Frazier's (D-Oakley) AB 1.

Sen. Beall set the hearing to give new members of his committee an opportunity to learn more about transportation issues and the challenges facing the state and local system. Along with other committee members joining Sen. Beall on the dais was Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley), chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee.

Legislative Representative Rony Berdugo represented the League, sharing the latest findings of the biennial *2016 Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment*, released in October 2016.

He pointed out that the assessment captured 99 percent of California's local streets and roads and detailed the Pavement Condition Index, the measurement tool used to assess road conditions for this survey. Using graphs, he showed that in 10 years without any additional funding, road conditions will worsen and the backlog will grow from \$73 to \$93 billion. "It would take an additional \$7 billion to achieve what is called Best Management Practices, meaning the infrastructure is in good condition," said Berdugo. "It's a lot cheaper to maintain the roads once they are in good condition."

Fix Our Roads Coalition Hosts Legislative Educational Forum in Capitol

California Transportation Commissioner Jim Madaffer, former member of the San Diego City Council and former League president, joined representatives of the Fix Our Roads Coalition on Wednesday morning in the Capitol for a one-hour educational forum geared to legislators and legislative staff. The sponsoring organizations included the League, the California State Association of Counties, the California Alliance for Jobs, the California Transit Association, Transportation California, and CALCOG.

Speakers, including Berdugo, gave an overview of how transportation infrastructure is funded in California, an update on the backlog of deferred maintenance and prospects of a road user charge system. Participants also learned about the results of the most recent [Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment](#), which documents, on a biennial basis, the status of the local streets and roads system. In addition, transit system issues and funding were covered along with the relationship between transportation infrastructure and California's economy.

Take Action — Send Support Letters on AB 1 and SB 1

The League is supporting AB 1 (Frazier) and SB 1 (Beall), which are similar proposals that provide comprehensive and sensible transportation reforms, modest increases to existing revenue sources as well as meaningful infrastructure investments. Through these revenue sources, AB 1 and SB 1 would generate an additional \$6 billion annually to provide desperately needed funding for the state and local transportation network. In addition to raising revenue, the proposal includes a series of reforms to improve efficiency, transparency, and accountability.

Along with the League support, city support is critical to ensuring that the voice of California cities is heard by legislators. Cities are urged to take action and use the League's sample letters in support of SB 1 and AB 1 to tailor their comments to illustrate the impact of these proposals on their local streets and transportation infrastructure. Letters are linked below in the Next Steps section.

AB 1 and SB 1 would raise revenue over a variety of sources:

- A 12 cent increase to the gas tax (SB 1 would phase this increase in over three years);
- Ending the Board of Equalization's "true up" process on the unreliable price based excise tax on gas;
- A \$38 increase to the vehicle registration fee;
- A \$100 vehicle registration fee on zero emission vehicles;
- A 20 cent increase to the diesel excise tax;
- \$300 million from existing Cap-and-Trade funds; and
- \$500 million in vehicle weight fees phased in over five years.

Next Steps

The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee has scheduled a full hearing on SB 1 on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Capitol. The League will be there testifying in support of this measure. Before that hearing cities are strongly encouraged to send support letters on SB 1 to the committee. It is also important for cities to weigh in with support on AB 1.

The League has prepared sample letters for cities to use.

Letters:

- [Sample letter SB 1](#)
- [Sample letter AB 1](#)

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For professionals of all career levels, this academy offers participants the opportunity to learn about the major planning and land use issues facing California cities. Concurrent sessions will be offered, featuring fundamental basics and nuts and bolts sessions, as well as emerging issues and innovative ideas for more seasoned professionals.

The full conference registration includes:

- Two and a half days of important educational sessions;
- AB 1234 Ethics Training;
- Many networking opportunities;
- A keynote presentation by distinguished research professor Donald Shoup on the high cost of free parking;
- Words of wisdom from the curator of cool, Shaheen Sadeghi of LAB Holding, LLC; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

The [announcement](#), [full list of sessions](#), and other useful information can be found on the [Planning Commissioners Academy](#) page of the League website.

[Register online.](#)

Please contact [Megan Dunn](#) for conference and registration question and [Caitlin Cole](#) for any other questions.

Upcoming Legislative Hearings of Interest to Cities

The Legislature will host a number of oversight and informational hearings on a variety of policy areas of interest to cities in the coming weeks. After the fast-approaching Feb. 17 bill introduction deadline, expect the number of legislative hearings to ramp up.

Some hearings, if not all, will be televised. The [Senate](#) and [Assembly](#) publish weekly television schedules, but audio is always available online. In addition, many hearings are also webcast via the [California Channel](#).

Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest to cities:

Jan. 30

Joint Informational Hearing of the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development and Agriculture and Health committees, 3 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- Oversight Hearing: Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation: Status of regulations, inter-agency coordination, and stakeholder outreach

Feb. 7

Joint Informational Hearing of the Assembly Business and Professions and Health and Agriculture committees, 9-11 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- Cannabis Regulation: The Path Forward After Proposition 65

Feb. 14

Senate Transportation and Housing Committee (*tentative*), State Capitol, time and room TBD

- SB 1 (Beall) — Transportation Funding
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California City Solutions: Chula Vista Expands Services and Events to Help Seniors to Improve Their Quality of Life

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2016 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). Chula Vista's Senior Health and Nutrition at Norman Park Senior Center was submitted in 2016 for the Health and Wellness Programs award category.

The Norman Park Senior Center in Chula Vista serves a large and diverse group of older adults and seniors in this city of 266,988 residents in San Diego County. The only designated senior center in Chula Vista, it has been an essential part of the city for more than 50 years. The center welcomes all elderly regardless of ability or income levels by supporting its services through federal, state and local grants and partnerships to offer a multitude of free or low cost services.

This one-stop-shop houses its own senior recreation programs to foster continued learning, skill acquisition, independent living, volunteer opportunities and social and community engagement opportunities. Additionally, the center provides valuable services to the elderly, low income families and those with disabilities through its partnerships with a variety of local nonprofit organizations including Elderlaw, Meals on Wheels, Southern Caregivers Resource Center, Parkinson's Association, AARP, Scripps Mercy Hospital Chula Vista Well Being Center, Silverado Hospice and more.

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency published the [San Diego County Senior Health Report](#), which sheds light on a number of health issues in the county that are affecting our aging population. The Chula Vista Recreation Department began to examine using

creative strategies to address these health issues and inspire local seniors to adopt healthier lifestyles with a focus on disease prevention.

In 2012 San Diego County had 14,929 deaths among seniors aged 65 years and older. Heart disease was the leading cause of death among those seniors, followed by cancer. Among the 85-plus years age group the leading cause was also heart disease, followed by cancer and Alzheimer's. Although there is no cure for Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, several studies have suggested that it is possible to delay or prevent the onset of dementia by practicing brain health strategies. These include eating a balanced diet, managing chronic pain and being physically active.

Norman Park Senior Center traditionally just offered activities and workshops in English and the city wanted to expand its reach to Hispanic and Asian seniors. The recreation department along with the Friends of Chula Vista Parks and Recreation received a grant from the San Diego Foundation's Health & Human Services Grants Program for Senior Healthcare and Nutrition services for the period of Dec. 1, 2014 through Nov. 30, 2015. These funds enabled the recreation department to offer free health education and fitness programming in English, Spanish and Korean, the primary languages spoken by Chula Vista seniors.

The center leveraged new and existing community partnerships to offer fun and educational classes, presentations, workshops and events on diet and nutrition, physical activity and mental health. The city partnered with local experts to offer eight health and nutrition presentations on topics affecting seniors in cooperation with local health organizations including: Scripps Mercy Wellbeing Center, San Ysidro Health Center and the Alzheimer's Association.

The grant also funded free bilingual cooking and nutrition classes focused on making simple changes, such as ways to increase consumption of fruits and vegetables, for preventing disease and increasing the quality of life for those with chronic disease. Easy recipes and cooking techniques were demonstrated and sampled to incorporate the nutrition lessons taught at each class. Celebrity Chef Kathleen Choi conducted a bilingual Korean cooking class where she demonstrated and shared the benefits of healthy Asian and Korean cooking. The UCSD Moores Cancer Center provided cooking and nutrition workshops focused on cancer prevention.

Bilingual fitness classes helped increase physical activity in the aging population. Classes included fun and easy dance moves choreographed to Latin, fifties and modern music, a "Holiday Fitness Frenzy" with 10 to 15 minute fitness classes for seniors who don't exercise regularly or who may be nervous to join a class not knowing what it entails, and yoga classes. These new collaborations provided 150 seniors, who spoke English, Spanish and Korean, with the complete set of tools to live a healthy lifestyle.

Don't Miss the 2017 Public Works Officers Institute & Expo

Don't miss this opportunity to attend the 2017 Public Works Officers Institute & Expo, which is scheduled March 22–24 at the Paradise Point San Diego. The deadline to register and reserve a hotel is Friday, Feb. 24, but the conference is highly likely to sell out before that date.

Designed for professionals of all career levels, this institute offers education on the latest developments in public works, leadership, managing transportation, infrastructure, water, waste programs and [more](#).

CSAC-League Joint Task Force on Homelessness Panel

On the second day of the conference, the morning general session will feature a panel on homelessness and the downstream impacts it has on local public works departments, including significant trash generation, impacts to water quality and resident health and safety, and damage to public infrastructure, to name a few. This session will focus on statewide efforts to address the root causes of homelessness at the local and state levels and offers some innovative solutions cities and counties are implementing to more permanently house the homelessness population thereby eliminating the significant impacts to public infrastructure and services.

This year's conference includes:

- Two and a half days of important [educational sessions](#);
- Opening general session on Adapting, Succeeding, and Thriving in Public Works with Sarita Maybin, former TedX speaker;
- Wednesday reception with expo, Thursday breakfast and lunch, and Friday breakfast; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

[Register online.](#)

The full announcement with schedule and complete session information will be mailed early next week.

For questions about this event, please contact [Katie Sacco](#) at (916) 658-8251.

California Energy Commission Announces \$10.2 Million Grants

Local governments are encouraged to apply for California Energy Commission (CEC) grants on climate change action plans and energy efficiency innovation. The CEC is offering this \$10.2 funding opportunity to provide financial assistance to local governments in these areas with two grant awards.

Energy Innovation Challenge

The Energy Innovation Challenge has \$7.2 million available with grants ranging from a minimum of \$1 million dollars to a maximum of \$2 million. Eligible applicants include cities, counties, joint powers authorities, councils of governments, housing authorities, consortia and special districts of any size in California. These grants will support the implementation of innovative efficiency deployment projects, and the grant winner will be required to share best practices and implementation templates with other local governments.

Small Government Leadership Challenge

The Small Government Leadership Challenge is open to local governments with populations less than 150,000. There is \$3 million dollars available for grants awards between \$250,000 to \$1 million dollars. These grants will be dedicated to planning activities, such as forming a Climate Action Plan and strategies for implementation.

Important Dates

The following are important dates to note (all in 2017 except last item):

- Feb. 8 — Q&A and Addenda posted;
- March 6 — Deadline to Submit Applications;
- April 11 — Anticipated Notice of Proposed Award posting date;
- June 14 — Anticipated Energy Commission business meeting date;
- July 10 — Anticipated agreement start date; and
- March 31, 2017 — Agreement termination date.

Please note that both grant awards will have an environmental equity incentive which will offer applications including implementation plans serving disadvantaged communities (as defined by CalEnviroScreen) will receive five extra points during the scoring process at the Energy Commission.

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

For additional questions, please contact the [Public Adviser's Office](#) at (916) 654-4489.

Now Accepting Submissions for the 2017 Caltrans Excellence in Transportation Awards

Submissions due Feb. 27

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is seeking entries for its 2017 Caltrans Excellence in Transportation (EIT) Awards Program. Now in its 31st year, the awards program honors the best of California's transportation projects from across the state.

The Caltrans EIT Awards Program is open to Caltrans districts, local and public transportation agencies, and private engineering and consulting firms. Public transportation improvements or projects currently in use and completed since Jan. 1, 2014, are eligible. Monday, Feb. 27 is the deadline to submit.

Please give thoughtful consideration to the projects in your jurisdiction eligible to compete in this year's competition.

Guidelines and all forms necessary to apply are available on the [Caltrans website](#).

Contact [Angela Tillotson](#) with questions at (916) 654-5374.
