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**League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$54.3 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds and Loans for Affordable Housing in Los Angeles, Hospital in Chico and School in Santa Cruz**

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). *For more, see Page 2.*



**Upcoming Legislative Hearings of Interest to Cities Feb. 27–March 7**

The Legislature continues to hold a number of oversight and informational hearings on a variety of policy areas of interest to cities. Since the bill introduction deadline on Feb. 17, a number of legislative hearings have started to ramp up. *For more, see Page 3.*



**U.S. Communities Announces New Contract for MRO Products and Online Services**

U.S. Communities, the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties sponsored government purchasing alliance, is excited to announce a new national U.S. Communities cooperative contract for maintenance, repair and operating supplies (MRO), industrial supplies and related products and services. *For more, see Page 4.*

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 \$54,300,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the Casa Ramon Apartments in Orange, and tax-exempt loans for Enloe Medical Center located in Chico and Georgiana Bruce Kirby Preparatory School located in Santa Cruz.

### **About Casa Ramon Apartments**

Casa Ramon Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 75 multi-family affordable housing apartments by 840 W Walnut, LP. The project sponsor is C&C Development and the Orange Housing Development Corporation (OHDC). Casa Ramon will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide apartments to low-income residents in Orange.

CSCDA, C&C Development and OHDC partnered with RBC Capital Markets to underwrite the \$16.3 million in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Casa Ramon. The project will undergo an extensive interior and exterior renovation ensuring that residents have an updated, safe, and affordable community to call home for years to come. The financing of Casa Ramon will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

### **About Enloe Medical Center**

Enloe Medical Center, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, is a 298-bed non-profit hospital with the mission of improving the quality of life through patient-centered care. It is one of two Level II trauma centers north of Sacramento, houses the region's only Level II neonatal intensive care unit and operates the FlightCare air ambulance service. Enloe's comprehensive medical services include cardiac surgery and heart care, neurosurgery, orthopedics, total joint replacement, cancer care, maternity care, women's services and bariatrics.

CSCDA partnered with Banc of America Public Capital Group to provide the \$28,000,000 tax-exempt loan for Enloe. The loan will be used to finance the acquisition of an electronic health records system.

### **About Kirby School**

Founded in 1994, Kirby School is an independent, non-sectarian, non-profit school serving 275 students in grades 6 through 12. Education at Kirby School is characterized by active, personalized learning that promotes creativity and fosters intellectual curiosity. Students thrive in small classes (with an average of 12 students per class) where a knowledgeable, enthusiastic faculty guides their intellectual and personal development.

CSCDA partnered with First Republic Bank and Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP to provide the \$10 million tax-exempt loan for Kirby School. The loan will be used to refinance an existing tax-exempt loan as well as provide new money for several capital improvement projects.

### **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.

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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:

### **Feb. 27**

#### **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety**

- Informational Hearing: Justice Reform in California

### **Feb. 28**

#### **Senate Joint Hearing of Natural Resources and Water and Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)**

- Informational Hearing: The Incident at the Oroville Dam: What Happened and What Happens Next?

#### **Senate Transportation and Housing, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)**

- SB 2 (Atkins) – Building Homes and Jobs Act.
- SB 3 (Beall) – Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.
- SB 35 (Wiener) – Planning and Zoning: affordable housing: streamlined approval process.
- AB 28 (Frazier) – Department of Transportation: environmental review process: federal pilot program.

#### **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447**

- Informational Hearing: What are the Financial Barriers to Housing Production in California?

### **March 1**

#### **Senate Governance and Finance, 9: 30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112**

- SB 1 (Beall) – Transportation funding.

#### **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 447**

- Informational Hearing: Climate and Environmental Research in California

### **March 2**

#### **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary**

- Budget Hearing: Prop. 64 – Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) (Judicial Branch impacts only)

### **March 3**

#### **Assembly Housing and Community Development, 10 a.m. – noon, The Milton Marks Auditorium, 455 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco**

- Informational Hearing: California's Housing Affordability Crisis: Challenges and Solutions

### **March 7**

#### **Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203**

- Informational Hearing: California's Housing Crisis: Long-Term & Comprehensive Funding and Regulatory Solutions

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The new contract was awarded to The Home Depot, HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Applied Industrial Technologies, and SupplyWorks, A Home Depot Company through a competitive solicitation process conducted by the lead public agency, Maricopa County, Arizona. The contract term is for five years with the option to renew for five additional one-year periods. To learn more about this new contract and the solutions available, register for a [complimentary one-hour webinar](#).

This contract makes it easier to get the products and services you need under one contract while saving time and money. This multi-award provides public agencies these options when looking for MRO solutions.

[The Home Depot](#): Provides access to millions of products for maintenance, repair, and operations needs and capital improvements; available the same day at one of The Home Depot's 1,960 plus store locations.

- Simple sourcing options available.
- Purchase online, in-store or special order with PCI compliant process.
- Bulk and volume pricing discounts on orders over \$1,500 plus earn a potential 5 percent annual rebate on all Home Depot purchases.

[Get started with the Home Depot](#)

[HD Supply](#): Provides competitively-awarded MRO products and property improvement services on a single contract.

- Discounts on over 70,000 MRO and property management products are available.
- A tiered rebate based on your agency's annual purchases and early pay invoice discount for HD Supply credit accounts.

[Get started with HD Supply](#)

[Applied Industrial Technologies](#): Provides access to more than 6 million products from more than 4,000 trusted manufacturers.

- Expert ability to evaluate operations and suggest improved products or processes.
- Local support and inventory with more than 550 facilities and a robust, nationwide sales force.

[Get started with Applied Industrial Technologies](#)

[SupplyWorks, A Home Depot Company](#): Supplies a full spectrum of maintenance and hardware products.

- Team of over 700 national and local facility maintenance experts with a reputation for integrity and dedication, ready to serve.
- Problem-solving expertise and smart solutions including: Stockwise Inventory Management Solutions, SupplyWorks In-Site For Education, and SupplyWorks Assessment Tool for Restrooms (SWAT).

[Get started with SupplyWorks](#)

To learn more about this contract for MRO products and online services, register for one of the 30-minute webinars. If you are unable to attend one of the webinar dates, [contact U.S. Communities](#) for additional information.

## **Webinars**

Wednesday, March 15, 8 a.m.

[Register online](#)

Thursday, March 16, 10 a.m.

[Register online](#)

For additional information on MRO products and online services or the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance visit [www.uscommunities.org](http://www.uscommunities.org) or contact [Amanda Cadelago](#) with the League at (916) 658-8226.

### **About U.S. Communities**

The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, a strategic partner of the League of California Cities, is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits. State and local governments have access to a broad line of competitively solicited contracts with best in class national suppliers.

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### **Reminder: Grant Money for Community Based Transitional Housing Webinar Scheduled for March 2**

The League of California Cities<sup>®</sup> and Department of Finance (DOF) will host a webinar to inform cities of a grant opportunity for siting Community Based Transitional Housing. Registration is now open for this free, one-hour webinar scheduled for Thursday, March 2.

Cities and counties are eligible for grants under the new Community-Based Transitional-Housing Program. Established by [SB 837](#) in June 2016, the program provides \$25 million in grants for cities or counties that agree to site transitional housing connected with support services for recently released offenders. Individual grants can be up to \$2 million, depending on the size of the facility, and priorities will be provided for applications with local matching contributions.

To ensure that cities are fully aware of this program and have a chance to consider taking advantage of it, we are hosting a webinar to enable DOF to explain the program in greater detail, and be available to answer your questions.

DOF's [FAQ's for the Community Based Transitional Housing grant program](#) has additional information.

Applications will be accepted on a first come basis over a two-year period that begins Oct. 1, 2016. DOF will stop accepting applications when the \$25 million appropriation is fully awarded even if that occurs prior to Oct. 1, 2018. The [application](#) is available on DOF's website.

### **Webinar Details**

Thursday, March 2, 1–2 p.m.

[Register online](#) by Monday, Feb. 27, 5 p.m. Webinar log-in information will be sent that day.

Typically, League webinars only allow one connection per city but due to capacity, each member city can have two connections to make it easier to participate. The webinar is free for members and League partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$100.

Please direct day-of questions to [Sarah Nowshiravan](#).

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