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Bills Restricting Local Control over Contracting and Small-Cell Siting Move to the Floor

SB 540 (Roth) and Other League Supported Housing Blueprint Bills Also Move

Late this week the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees concluded their work on hundreds of bills pending on their Suspense Files. In scripted hearings the committee chairs revealed the fates of bills in rapid-fire: they were passed, passed with amendments, or held in committee. *For more, see Page 2.*



SB 540 (Roth) to Streamline and Increase Housing Production Passes Out of Key Senate Committee

Bill is part of the League of California Cities' "Blueprint for More Housing" Legislative Package

[SB 540 \(Roth\)](#) passed its fourth Senate committee on Thursday, May 25 when it cleared the Senate Committee on Appropriations. The bill, which has passed with bi-partisan support in each committee, now heads to the Senate Floor. SB 540 will give local governments new tools to plan for and approve workforce housing, and create a more streamlined path by eliminating some of the delays and uncertainty that currently block housing construction. *For more, see Page 4.*



Key Senate Committee Votes with the Wireless Industry to Strip Public Input, Full Local Review, and Ability for Cities to Negotiate Public Benefits for Installation of "Small Cell" Equipment on City Property

City Officials Encouraged to Call Senators Immediately to Oppose SB 649

[SB 649 \(Hueso\)](#) cleared the Senate Fiscal Committee on Appropriations and now heads to the Senate Floor. The bill now heads to the Senate Floor where it will be voted on next week. The League opposes this measure that strips public input, limits full discretionary review and removes the ability for cities/counties to negotiate leases for the installation of "small cell" technology on public property. *For more, see Page 5.*

While there were many bills of interest to the League pending on the Suspense Files, the major bills of interest — supported and opposed — continued to move. This sets the stage for floor votes next week when legislators return from the long weekend. All bills must pass the floor by Friday, June 2 or be held for the year.

Two major bills harmful to local control will be debated on the floor next week:

- AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) which drastically limits local ability to contract for services.
- SB 649 (Hueso) which restricts the ability of local agencies to control and collect rent from small cell siting by wireless companies on streetlights and other public infrastructure.

Three housing bills, comprising part of the Housing Blueprint supported by the League, will also be pending:

- SB 540 (Roth) offering streamlined housing permitting via comprehensive upfront land use and environmental reviews.
- SB 2 (Atkins) proposing a permanent funding source for affordable housing.
- SB 3 (Beall) proposing a \$3 billion affordable housing bond.

City officials are encouraged to contact their legislators on these and other bills important to their communities.

Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committee Actions

Below is a complete listing of all bills on which the League has adopted a position that were pending this week on either the Senate or Assembly Suspense Files.

Senate Appropriations

Oppose

- SB 35 (Weiner) Planning and zoning: affordable housing: streamlined approval process – *Pass with amendments*.
- SB 63 (Jackson) Unlawful employment practice: parental leave – *Pass*.
- SB 649 (Hueso) Wireless telecommunications facilities – *Pass*.
- SB 780 (Weiner) Water Conservation in Landscaping Act – *Held*.

Oppose unless amended

- SB 79 (Allen) Sales and use taxes: exemption: used electric vehicles – *Held*.
- SB 252 (Dodd) water wells – *Pass*.

Support

- SB 2 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act – *Pass*.
- SB 3 (Beall) Affordable Housing – *Pass*.
- SB 17 (Hernandez) Health care: prescription drug costs – *Pass*.
- SB 78 (Leyva) After school programs: grant amounts – *Pass with amends (to remove appropriation)*.
- SB 347 (Jackson) Remote Piloted Aircraft—*Pass*.
- SB 540 (Roth) Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone – *Pass*.
- SB 541 (Allen) School facilities: school facility water capture – *Pass*.
- SB 589 (Hernandez) Municipal separate storm sewer systems: financial capability analysis: pilot project – *Held*.

Assembly Appropriations

Oppose

- AB 20 (Kalra) Public employee retirement systems: divestment: Dakota Access Pipeline – *Pass*.
- AB 241 (Dababneh) Personal information: privacy: state and local agency breach – *Held*.
- AB 561 (Vopel) Sales and use taxes: exclusion: public safety first responder vehicle and equipment: local – *Held*.
- AB 570 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Workers' compensation: permanent disability apportionment – *Pass*.
- AB 890 (Medina) Local land use initiatives: environmental review – *Pass*.
- AB 1008 (McCarty) Employment discrimination: prior criminal history – *Pass*.
- AB 1066 (Aguiar-Curry) Public works: definition – *Pass*.
- AB 1127 (Calderon) Baby diaper changing stations – *Pass with Amendments*.
- AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) Counties and cities: contracts for personal services – *Pass with Amendments*.
- AB 1322 (Bocanegra) Property taxation: intercounty base year value transfers – *Held*.
- AB 1333 (Dababneh) Political reform act of 1974: local government agency notices – *Held*.
- AB 1479 (Bonta) Public records: custodian of records: civil penalties – *Pass*.

Oppose Unless Amended

- AB 9 (Garcia) Sales and use tax exemption: sanitary napkins, tampons, menstrual sponges, cups – *Held*.
- AB 72 (Santiago) Housing – *Pass*.
- AB 503 (Lackey) Vehicles: parking violations: registration or driver's lice renewal – *Pass with Amendments*.

Support

- AB 27 (Melendez) Violent felonies: sex offenses – *Held*.
- AB 45 (Thurmond) California School Employee Housing Assistance Grant Program – *Pass With Amendment Making it Contingent on Budget*.
- AB 53 (Steinorth) Personal income taxes: deduction: homeownership savings accounts – *Held*.
- AB 74 (Chiu) Housing – *Pass*.
- AB 76 (Chau) Adult-use marijuana: marketing – *Pass*.
- AB 175 (Chau) Adult-use marijuana: marketing: packaging and labeling – *Pass with Amendments*.
- AB 181 (Lackey) Taxation: renters' credit – *Held*.
- AB 198 (Patterson) Personal income taxes: deductions: first-time home buyers – *Held*.
- AB 285 (Melendez) Drug and alcohol free residences – *Held*.
- AB 525 (Aguiar-Curry) State Board of Equalization: offer in compromise: extension – *Pass*.
- AB 583 (Wood) Emergency medical air transportation – *Held*.
- AB 735 (Maienschein) Swimming pools: automated external defibrillators – *Pass with Amendments*.
- AB 968 (Rubio) Urban water use: water efficiency – *Held*.
- AB 1120 (Cooper) Controlled substances: butane – *Pass*.
- AB 1180 (Holden) California Tire Fee: storm water permit compliance fund – *Pass with Amendments*.
- AB 1654 (Rubio) Water shortage: urban water management planning – *Pass*.

Pending

- AB 663 (Bloom) Coastal resources: low-and-moderate-income housing – *Pass with Amendments*.

Neutral

- AB 960 (Brough) Sales and use taxes: exemptions: textbooks – *Held*.
- AB 1089 (Mullin) Local elective offices: contribution limitations – *Held*.

Removal of Opposition

- AB 1081 (Burke) Sales and use taxes: exclusion: low-emission motor vehicle: trade-in – *Held*.

Pending Opposition

- AB 1597 (Nazarian) Public employee retirement systems: prohibited investments: Turkey – *Pass*.

Important Watch

- AB 71 (Chiu) 2nd Home mortgage deduction – *Pass*.
- AB 73 (Chiu) Streamline Housing Approvals – *Pass*.

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"The League and its member cities recognize the important role that cities play in planning for and approving new housing," said Carolyn Coleman, League of California Cities executive director. "That's why the League is taking an active role in fashioning legislative solutions to our housing crisis."

Specifically, under SB 540 cities and counties would identify priority housing areas — called Workforce Housing Zones — within their boundaries. The local government would conduct enhanced planning, important environmental reviews and public engagement at the front end with specific details as to what type of housing would be built within the zone. Because the local government has fully conducted the extensive environmental reviews at the front-end, no project-specific additional environmental reviews would be necessary.

By some estimates, SB 540 would shave off one to two years off the development timeline without compromising environmental protection, public health, local control or the rights of citizens to participate in local land use decisions.

SB 540 is one piece of the League's "Blueprint for More Housing" legislative package. The League also supports SB 2 (Atkins) & SB 3 (Beall) to increase funding for affordable housing and boost housing supply. These two measures are also headed to the Senate Floor.

"Many have been critical of local governments for the lack of construction in our communities. These criticisms largely ignore the realities of the private housing market, the limited resources for affordable housing and the conditions that encourage or discourage new housing development," continued Coleman.

In fact, according to an informal survey of cities conducted by the League, throughout the state tens of thousands of housing units have been approved by local governments, but developers have not built because the market conditions are not right.

"We believe we can reform our housing laws to stimulate new housing production in a way that preserves local decision making and important opportunities for local community input," said Coleman. "There is much that we can do together this year to create a roadmap to new housing construction. The League of California Cities and its members stand ready to be part of responsible solutions."

Despite promises made in public that stakeholders would have the ability to negotiate provisions in the bill, SB 649 passed on a 6-0 vote on Thursday, May 25 without any amendments or resolution to address local government concerns.

While the wireless industry promises SB 649 will allow it to rapidly deploy 5G technology throughout the state to create thousands of jobs while maintaining local discretion, it is clear from the bill language that the intent is elsewhere.

The bill does not contain a requirement that the technology meet 5G or any standard. It does not require the wireless industry to build their networks in unserved or underserved communities. Instead of jobs, communities will lose their ability to control for blight. This in fact makes it tougher for cities to attract business because cities lose full discretion. If SB 649 becomes law, there will not be anyone left to hold the wireless industry accountable to ensure they even maintain their equipment or provide any negotiated public benefit.

Last week, the [League testified](#) in opposition to SB 649 and is calling out the wireless industry for the [empty promises](#) they're making to the Legislature in the name of "streamlining." [Please see SB 649 — A "Small Cell" Bag of Empty Promises](#), *CA Cities Advocate*, May 16, 2017.

Next Step

SB 649 will be up for a vote on the Senate Floor next week. Cities are urged to call their senators immediately to voice their opposition to this measure.

A sample letter, along with the League's opposition letter is available at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging SB 649 into the search function.

Update: 2017 Bill Status

As of May 26, 2017

The 2017 legislative year is half-way through and legislators have until Friday, June 2 to move bills out of the House of Origin. The following list reflects the current standing of bills for which the League has a position after the fiscal committee deadline.

Additional information on bills and sample letters that cities can use can be found at www.cacities.org/billsearch. Please note, as the legislative session progresses, bills may be added/removed and positions are subject to change.

[HOT AB 18 \(Garcia, Eduardo\)](#) California Clean Water, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018.

Status: Senate Desk

League Position: Support

[AB 20 \(Kalra\)](#) Public employee retirement systems: divestment: Dakota Access Pipeline.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

League Position: Oppose

[AB 44 \(Reyes\)](#) Workers' compensation: medical treatment: terrorist attacks: workplace violence.

Status: Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee

League Position: Oppose

[AB 45 \(Thurmond\)](#) California School Employee Housing Assistance Grant Program.

Status: Assembly Floor

League Position: Support

[AB 56 \(Holden\)](#) California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: housing.

Status: Senate Desk

League Position: Support

[AB 71 \(Chiu\)](#) Second Home mortgage deduction.

Status: Assembly Floor

League Position: Watch

[AB 72 \(Santiago\)](#) Housing

Status: Assembly Floor

League Position: Oppose Unless Amended

[AB 73 \(Chiu\)](#) Streamline Housing Approvals.

Status: Assembly Floor

League Position: Watch

[AB 74 \(Chiu\)](#) Housing.

Status: Assembly Floor

League Position: Support

[AB 76 \(Chau\)](#) Adult-use marijuana: marketing.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

League Position: Support

[AB 175 \(Chau\)](#) Adult-use marijuana: marketing: packaging and labeling.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

League Position: Support

[AB 345 \(Ridley-Thomas\)](#) Municipal code violations.

Status: Assembly Floor

League Position: Support

[AB 346 \(Daly\)](#) Redevelopment: housing successor: Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund.

Status: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

League Position: Support

[AB 420 \(Wood\)](#) Marijuana and medical cannabis: advertisements: license number disclosure.

Status: Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development

League Position: Support

[AB 503 \(Lackey\)](#) Vehicles: parking violations: registration or driver's license renewal.

Location: Assembly Floor

League Position: Oppose Unless Amended

[AB 525 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#) State Board of Equalization: offer in compromise: extension.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

League Position: Support

[AB 570 \(Gonzalez Fletcher\)](#) Workers' compensation: permanent disability apportionment.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

League Position: Oppose

[AB 663 \(Bloom\)](#) Costal resources: low-and-moderate-income housing

Location: Assembly Floor

League Position: Pending

[AB 678 \(Bocanegra\)](#) Housing Accountability Act.

Status: Assembly Floor

League Position: Oppose

[AB 735 \(Maienschein\)](#) Swimming pools: Automated External Defibrillators.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
League Position: Support

[AB 879 \(Grayson\)](#) Planning and zoning: housing element.

Status: Senate Rules Committee
League Position: Support

HOT [AB 890 \(Medina\)](#) Local land use initiatives: environmental review.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
League Position: Oppose

[AB 911 \(Wood\)](#) Radioactive materials: licensing and registration: exemption.

Status: Senate Environmental Quality Committee
League Position: Support

[AB 1002 \(Cooley\)](#) Center for Cannabis Research.

Status: Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
League Position: Support

[AB 1008 \(McCarty\)](#) Employment discrimination: prior criminal history.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
League Position: Oppose

[AB 1066 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#) Public works: definition.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
League Position: Oppose

[AB 1120 \(Cooper\)](#) Controlled substances: butane.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
League Position: Support

[AB 1127 \(Calderon\)](#) Baby diaper changing stations.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
League Position: Oppose

[AB 1168 \(Gipson\)](#) Gambling: local moratorium.

Status: Assembly Floor
League Position: Oppose

[AB 1180 \(Holden\)](#) California tire fee: Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
League Position: Support

[AB 1223 \(Caballero\)](#) Construction contract payments: Internet Web site posting.

Status: Assembly Floor
League Position: Oppose

HOT [AB 1250 \(Jones-Sawyer\)](#) Counties and cities: contracts for personal services.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
League Position: Oppose

[AB 1397 \(Low\)](#) Local planning: housing element: inventory of land for residential development.

Status: Assembly Floor
League Position: Oppose

[AB 1414 \(Friedman\)](#) Solar energy systems: permits.

Status: Assembly Appropriations
League Position: Oppose

[AB 1444 \(Baker\)](#) Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority: demonstration project.

Status: Assembly Floor
League Position: Support

HOT [AB 1479 \(Bonta\)](#) Public records: custodian of records: civil penalties.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
League Position: Oppose

HOT [AB 1505 \(Bloom\)](#) Land use: zoning regulations.

Status: Senate Transportation and Housing
League Position: Support

[AB 1597 \(Nazarian\)](#) Public employee retirement systems: prohibited investments: Turkey.

Location: Assembly Floor
League Position: Pending Opposition

[AB 1625 \(Rubio\)](#) Inoperable parking meters.

Status: Senate Transportation and Housing
League Position: Oppose

[AB 1654 \(Rubio\)](#) Water shortage: urban water management planning.

Status: Senate Appropriations Suspense File
League Position: Support

[ACA 4 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.

Status: Assembly Local Government
League Position: Support

HOT [SB 2 \(Atkins\)](#) Building Homes and Jobs Act.

Status: Senate Floor
League Position: Support

HOT [SB 3 \(Beall\)](#) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.

Status: Senate Floor
League Position: Support

[SB 17 \(Hernandez\)](#) Health care: prescription drug costs.

Status: Senate Floor
League Position; Support

HOT [SB 35 \(Wiener\)](#) Planning and zoning: affordable housing: streamlined approval process.

Status: Senate Floor
League Position: Oppose

[SB 63 \(Jackson\)](#) Unlawful employment practice: parental leave.

Status: Senate Floor
League Position: Oppose

[SB 78 \(Leyva\)](#) After school programs: grant amounts.

Status: Senate Floor
League Position: Support

[SB 167 \(Skinner\)](#) Housing Accountability Act.

Status: Senate Floor
League Position: Oppose

HOT [SB 182 \(Bradford\)](#) Transportation network company: participating drivers: single business license.

Status: Assembly Desk
League Position: Oppose

[SB 188 \(Jackson\)](#) State lands: leasing: oil and gas.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources
League Position: Support

[SB 242 \(Skinner\)](#) Property Assessed Clean Energy program: program administrator.

Status: Senate Floor
League Position: Support

[SB 378 \(Portantino\)](#) Alcoholic beverages: licenses: emergency orders.

Status: Assembly Desk
League Position: Support

HOT [SB 540 \(Roth\)](#) Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone.

Status: Senate Floor
League Position: Support

[SB 541 \(Allen\)](#) School facilities: school facility water capture practices.

Status: Senate Floor
League Position: Support

[SB 558 \(Glazer\)](#) Property taxation: new construction exclusion: rain water capture system.

Location: Senate Appropriations
League Position: Support

HOT [SB 649 \(Hueso\)](#) Wireless telecommunications facilities.

Status: Senate Floor
League Position: Oppose

[SB 665 \(Moorlach\)](#) Elections: ballot measures.

Status: Assembly Desk
League Position: Support

[SB 742 \(Moorlach\)](#) City treasurers.

Status: Assembly Desk
League Position: Support

[SCA 9 \(Glazer\)](#) Property tax: new construction exclusion: rain water capture system.

Status: Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments
League Position: Support

President's Proposed Budget Would Eliminate CDBG, HOME; Cuts Other "Safety Net" Programs

Cities Encouraged to Communicate Concerns to Congress

President Donald Trump Administration's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget was released on Tuesday. Titled "A New Foundation for American Greatness," the [proposal](#) states that its defining ambition is to "unleash the dreams of the American people," with aggressive proposals aimed at balancing the federal budget, paying down the national debt, reducing taxes and regulatory burdens and reprioritizing federal spending. Increases are proposed in defense, homeland security, veteran's assistance and to support a new six-week parental leave program to be offset by eliminating many domestic programs that assist cities and their residents.

While individuals can differ over national debates over how to boost the nation's economy and reduce debt, the list of proposed cuts and elimination of programs important to cities in this budget (found in the budget's Major Savings and Reforms [supplement](#)) are truly sobering. Supporting rationale given for these proposed changes include the statement that "*State and local governments are better positioned to address local community and economic development needs.*"

The President's proposed budget includes the proposed elimination and cuts to the following domestic programs:

- Eliminates the Community Development Block Grant program.
- Eliminates funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Choice Neighborhoods, and the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program.
- Eliminates the federal Housing Trust Fund and National Magnet Fund.
- Eliminates the Department of Agriculture's Rural Business and Cooperative Service, Rural Water Waste and Disposal Program Account and Single Family Housing Direct Loans. Requires states to provide 25 percent matching funding, and retailers to pay \$250 to \$20,000 applications fees, for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (Food Stamps).
- Eliminates the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Minority Business Development Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Grants and Education.
- Eliminates several programs at the Department of Energy including the Weatherization Assistance Program.
- Eliminates the Community Services Block Grant Program and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and reduced funding for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families by 10 percent, at the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Eliminates, at the Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration Law Enforcement Grants and the Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis Program, and five components of existing Federal Emergency Management Agency Programs, while requiring a new 25 percent local match on others.
- Eliminates funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program and funding for Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Training, and the Senior Community Service Training Program, while reducing funding for the Office of Disability Policy by 30 percent and job training under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act by 39 percent, at the Department of Labor.
- Eliminates the Green Climate Fund and the Global Climate Change Initiative under the Departments of State, UAAID and Treasury.
- Eliminates TIGER grants, Essential Air Service, and cuts funding for New Starts and Amtrak by approximately half at the Department of Transportation.
- Eliminates new grants to the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund at the Treasury.
- Eliminates Energy Star and Voluntary Climate programs, while reducing funding for enforcement by 24 percent and Superfund sites by 31 percent at the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Eliminates a number of independent agencies including the Chemical Safety Board, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Institute for Museum and Library Services, National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, Legal Services Corporation, and Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.

The National League of Cities (NLC) has prepared a [more extensive summary](#) of cuts.

Next Steps

It is important to note that this budget is merely an initial proposal. Congress must ratify these proposals and in the days since its release many Congressional members have expressed concerns for the major cuts proposed by the Administration. It is very important, however, for California's Congressional delegation to hear from city officials about their concerns.

NLC has an [advocacy tool](#) to help their member cities send letters to their Congressional delegation.

The League of California Cities has prepared a [sample letter](#) for cities to use.

2018 City Managers Department Meeting Call for Proposals Open

Deadline to Submit Ideas is June 5

The League of California Cities® is taking submissions for session proposals and speakers for the 2018 City Managers Department meeting, which is scheduled for Jan. 31–Feb. 2 at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa. The call for proposals offers a chance to share best practices, innovative approaches, as well as research and information with managers at their largest annual gathering in California.

This three-day conference is geared toward California city managers and others in the profession and focuses on current issues and timely topics to assist officials in their daily roles and operations within their city.

Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome. The Program Planning Advisory Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information.

Sessions may not include sales, commercialism or product promotion of any kind. Ideas need to be fully completed and [submitted through the online proposal form](#) by Monday, June 5 to be considered by the committee.

There is a limit to the amount of words allowed within the title and description of each proposal. We recommend you write your proposal in a word-processing program first, and paste the final version into the online form.

A “Topic Suggestions” has been added to the proposal guidelines which are areas of current interest to this group.

Visit www.cacities.org/citymanagersproposal for additional information and to submit ideas.

If you have any questions please contact [Dayna Casper](#) at (916) 658-8227.

U.S. Communities Holding Free Regional Summit on Cost-Saving Program June 7 in Santa Clara for Local Government Agency Officials

Join the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties for a free regional event on Wednesday, June 7, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Santa Clara Convention Center in Santa Clara to learn how public agencies can save time and money through the [U.S. Communities](#) program.

During this event, you will be able to:

- Learn when to use cooperative contracts;
- Connect with other local agencies currently using cooperative purchasing and find out what is working for their organization;
- Meet your local U.S. Communities program manager; and
- Connect with U.S. Communities suppliers to learn about and receive their lowest overall government pricing for:
 - Facilities
 - Office and school solutions
 - Technology
 - Human resources
 - Parks and recreation
 - Public safety
 - Public works
 - Specialty

Suppliers participating include:

- Gopher (athletic supplies)
- Kompan (play & playground)

- Cintas (facility cleaning & uniforms)
- KONE (elevators & escalators)
- Haworth (office furniture)
- Unicom (technology)
- Herc Rentals (equipment rental)
- SupplyWorks (janitorial supplies)
- Graybar (electrical services)
- The Home Depot (maintenance & hardware)
- Garland (roofing supplies & services)
- Applied Industrial Technologies (industrial supplies)
- Club Car (utility & golf vehicles)

Event Details

Wednesday, June 7, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Santa Clara Convention Center
 5001 America Pkwy
 Santa Clara

[Register online](#). Lunch will be provided.

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.

Questions

If you have any questions please contact [Jason Angel](#), U.S. Communities, (415) 328-8109 or [Amanda Cadelago](#), League of California Cities, (916) 658-8226.

Webinar — Engaging Your Community through Surveys and Polls

Local governments throughout California are applying a variety of public engagement strategies and approaches to address issues ranging from land use and budgeting to climate change and public safety. Surveys and polls are a great way to engage the public and collect ideas.

Join the Institute for Local Government on for a webinar on June 7 from 10-11 a.m., to learn about various survey and polling technologies, tools and techniques.

[Register online](#).

Please contact [Madeline Henry](#) with questions.

ILG Extends Deadline for Beacon Award Applications

The Institute for Local Government extended the deadline to submit data for this year's [Beacon Spotlight Award](#). Applications should be submitted [online](#) by June 15 to be considered for an award in any of the five categories.

Award categories are:

- Community Greenhouse Gas Reductions;
- Agency Greenhouse Gas Reductions;

- Agency Energy Savings;
- Agency Natural Gas Savings; and
- Sustainability Best Practice Activities.

The awards event will be on Sept. 14 in Sacramento.

For questions about Beacon award submission, please contact [Karalee Browne](#).

June 1 Legislative “Half-Time” Briefing on Priority Bills

Sports fans know that the final outcome is always decided after halftime; it’s no different in the California Legislature. June is “half-time” for the Legislative Session, when all bills cross houses and the budget comes together. The Legislature returns after Memorial Day with a heavy workload of floor votes, a budget to adopt by June 15, and the task of processing “second house” bills in policy committees before Summer Recess begins on July 21.

The League is offering a free webinar on June 1 for members to focus on the many remaining pending issues important to cities. The League’s legislative team will brief members on top priority bills and issues, including the budget, cap and trade, marijuana regulation, housing and land use, local contracting authority, small cell siting, environmental quality, and public safety.

This webinar will provide you with the information on priority bills that you will need to successfully advocate on behalf of your city.

Please register for this free webinar at www.cacities.org/events by 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 1. Webinar log-in information will be sent by noon on June 1.

For most League webinars, we allow only one connection per city. However, due to the capacity for this webinar, we are allowing two connections per city to provide easier access for our members.

This webinar is free to League member cities and League Partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$100 per login.

For registration questions, please contact [Megan Dunn](#).