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Cities now Exempt from Onerous Contracting Measure

In the final hours leading to the legislative house of origin deadline, AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) was significantly amended to remove cities entirely from the bills requirements. The eleventh hour amendment was directly attributed to the sustained and intense opposition from the League of Cities and our membership. AB 1250 moved passed the Assembly on a 45-30 vote with five members abstaining after the amendment was taken. *For more, see Page 2.*



Registration for the League of California Cities® Annual Conference and Expo is Now Open

The League of California Cities® has opened registration for its [2017 Annual Conference & Expo](#). This year's conference will be held in Sacramento on Sept. 13–15 and features a great line-up of sessions and networking opportunities. Check out the [tentative schedule](#) and [view more information for attendees](#). *For more, see Page 2.*



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$31.5 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in Antioch

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.*

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Retaining maximum flexibility in contracting for services allows cities to spend their limited General Fund dollars in the most efficient and financially responsible manner. Further, cities impacted by this bill (small and medium cities) often lack the infrastructure, major equipment or a place to store such equipment for a variety of services that would be impacted by this bill. Under this measure, small and medium sized cities would have been forced to meet a standard for contracting services that were unattainable and would have invited litigation at every turn.

Taken together, these requirements would have created a de facto ban on contracting services for cities, which is why the League of California Cities® the California Contract Cities Association and over 200 individual cities strongly voiced their opposition.

Timing of Amendment and its Scope

Statutory deadlines prohibited the bill from being amended last night on the Assembly Floor. However, Assembly Member Reginald Jones-Sawyer (D-Los Angeles), the measure's author, as well as the Assembly Democratic Majority Leader Ian Calderon (D-Whittier) and Assembly Rules Committee Chair Ken Cooley (D-Ranch Cordova) [went on record](#) assuring that the complete exemption of cities will be added in the Senate.

When the bill is amended (likely in its first policy hearing in the Senate or in Senate Rules) AB 1250 will simply be "An act relating to County contracting." Cities, special districts, joint powers authorities or any other local government entity will be exempt from the bill.

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Registration Information

Register by Aug. 11 and receive \$50 off your conference registration. The full conference registration includes access to educational sessions, Wednesday host-city reception, networking events, Thursday lunch with exhibitors, and the Friday closing luncheon. Full conference registrations start at \$525 for member cities before Aug. 11 and \$575 as of Aug. 12.

Lodging Information

There are several fantastic properties for lodging this year around the Sacramento Convention Center. Reduced room rates are available for registered attendees; please register first before receiving the links in your registration confirmation email to reserve hotel rooms. Hotel reservations are only available online.

Conference Information

League of California Cities® 2017 Annual Conference & Expo
Sept. 13–15
Sacramento Convention Center
1400 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Register early, as space is limited. If you have any questions, please contact [Megan Dunn](#).

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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 \$31,500,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Delta Pines Apartments in Antioch.

About Delta Pines Apartments:

Delta Pines Apartments (Delta Pines) is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 115 multi-family affordable housing apartments by LIH Delta Pines Antioch, LP. The project sponsor is Levy Affiliated Holdings (Levy), which partnered with Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing (CVCAH) and WNC & Associates, Inc. (WNC), who is providing the equity to renovate Delta Pines for working families in Antioch. Delta Pines will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments to low-income residents.

CSCDA, Levy, CVCAH and WNC partnered with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank to provide tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Delta Pines. 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 Delta Pines will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

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.
