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Cities across California are continually striving to become more transparent. Local agencies work hard to comply with the strict guidelines inherent within the California Public Records Act (CPRA) — especially in a time where agencies across the state are dealing with a significant spike in CPRA requests. *For more, see Page 2.*



Annual Conference Resolutions Due by July 15

League General Assembly will be Held Sept. 15

Policy development is a key part of the League of California Cities® legislative effectiveness. The League’s annual conference resolutions process is one way that city officials can directly participate in the development of League policy. The deadline of July 15 to submit resolutions is fast approaching. *For more, see Page 2.*



Bills in Committee and Legislative Hearings of Interest June 20 – July 5

The Legislature has been busy this week with legislative hearings and the FY 2017-18 budget. Legislative hearing committees are continuing as bills are moving through their second houses. The League continues to track numerous bills affecting cities. 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](#). *For more, see Page 3.*

In 2013, the city of Sacramento processed 1,800 CPRA requests which increased to 4,002 processed requests in 2016 — and that number is projected to increase in 2017. Due to the increased volume of requests, many agencies large and small have already had to hire additional staff dedicated solely to review documents in association with CPRA requests.

In response to rising local costs, Assembly Member Rob Bonta (D-Oakland) has recently amended League-sponsored [AB 22](#) to provide cities the option of using a cloud base data storage system or a “Trusted System” to store and archive official documents and data. The “Trusted System” must be FedRAMP certified — to put that in perspective; the federal government including the CIA and FBI use a similar standard for their sensitive/classified cloud document storage.

Preservation techniques in use by local and state governments are arcane, burdensome to use, difficult to access, and expensive to maintain. For example, if an interested party makes a CPRA request from a government agency, the local agency administrator often must travel to an offsite storage facility to locate the microfilm, which drastically slows down response time and limits the administrator’s ability to perform other, more essential duties.

The costs associated with maintaining, storing, and retrieving the microfilm create financial burdens on state and local governments at a time when fiscal pressures increasingly demand an immediate path for budget savings. This permissive measure has the ability to save each local agency hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, not only in staff time but in expensive technology infrastructure.

The League appreciates the efforts by Assembly Member Bonta to provide cost savings options for cities and other local agencies. The League is proud to sponsor AB 22.

Next Steps

A sample letter, along with the League’s support letter is available at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging AB 22 into the bill search function.

Resolution Submission Process

Any elected or appointed city official, individual city, division, department, policy committee, or the board of directors may submit a resolution for consideration at the conference. Resolutions must be submitted to the League's Sacramento office no later than 60 days prior to the opening of the conference. Resolutions should focus on direct municipal issues of statewide importance.

Resolutions submitted to the General Assembly must be concurred in by five cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities. This may be in the form of a letter from the city or the city official in support. For concurrence by a city official, the official’s city and office held must be included in the letter. All concurrences must be submitted with the resolution by midnight on July 15.

Consideration at Annual Conference

The League president refers resolutions to the League policy committees for review and recommendation at the conference. Resolutions are next considered by the General Resolutions Committee (GRC), which consists of representatives from each division, department, policy committee and individuals appointed by the League president. Resolutions approved by the policy committee and/or GRC are next considered by the General Assembly. Resolutions disapproved or referred by both the policy committee and GRC will not proceed to the General Assembly. Resolutions approved by the General Assembly become League policy. Other action on resolutions can be: referred back to a policy committee; amended; disapproved; or, no action.

Voting Delegates

The League membership considers and takes action on resolutions that establish League policy. In order to vote at the Annual Business Meeting, your city council must designate a voting delegate. Your city may also appoint up to two alternate voting delegates, one of whom may vote in the event that the designated voting delegate is unable to serve in that capacity.

A letter, along with the [Voting Delegate form](#), asking for the designation of voting delegates and alternatives has been sent to all mayors, city managers, and city clerks. Additional information can be found on the League's [website](#).

Late-Breaking Issues

Resolutions to address late-breaking issues may be introduced by petition at the annual conference. To qualify, a petitioned resolution must be signed by 10 percent of the voting delegates and submitted at least 24 hours before the beginning of the concluding General Assembly. The deadline is Sept. 14 by 12:30 p.m. All qualified petitioned resolutions are forwarded to the General Assembly for consideration, regardless of the action recommended by the GRC.

Questions

For more questions please contact [Meg Desmond](#) at (916) 658-8224.

'Bills in Committee' Continued from Page 1...

Additional information about the important bills the League is tracking is available in the [Update: 2017 Bill Status](#). Published on May 26, this list will continually be updated throughout the remainder of the Legislative Session. Bill language and the League's position letters and sample letters can be found at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging the bill number into the search function.

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

June 20

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

- **AB 678 (Bocanegra)** Housing Accountability Act. *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 1625 (Rubio)** Inoperable parking space. *League position: Oppose.*

June 21

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

- **AB 525 (Aguiar-Curry)** State Board of Equalization: offer in compromise: extension. *League position: Support.*

Assembly Governmental Organization, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- **SB 378 (Portantino)** Alcoholic beverage: licenses: emergency orders. *League position: Support.*

Assembly Labor and Employment, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447

- **SB 63 (Jackson)** Unlawful employment practice: parental leave. *League position: Oppose.*

Assembly Utilities and Energy, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 437

- **SB 618 (Bradford)** Load-serving entities: integrated resource plans. *League position: Neutral.*

June 26

Senate Appropriation, 10 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **AB 879 (Grayson)** Planning and zoning: housing element. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 911 (Wood)** Radioactive materials: licensing and registration: exemption. *League position: Support.*
- **SB 558 (Glazer)** Property taxation: new construction exclusion: rain water capture system. *League position: Support.*
- **SCA 9 (Glazer)** Property tax: new construction exclusion: rain water capture system. *League position: Support.*

Senate Business, Professional and Economic Development, 12 p.m. and upon adjournment of session, State Capitol, Room 3191

- **AB 56 (Holden)** California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: housing. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 76 (Chau)** Adult-use marijuana: marketing. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 175 (Chau)** Adult-use marijuana: marketing: packaging and labeling. *League position: Support.*

June 27

Senate Public Safety, 8:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 3191

- **AB 887 (Cooper)** Public safety officers: investigations and interviews. *League position: Preliminary Opposition.*
- **HOT AB 1408 (Calderon)** Crimes: supervised release. *League position: Support.*

Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 444

- **SB 252 (Dodd)** Water wells. *League position: Oppose unless amended.*

Assembly Health, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202

- **SB 17 (Hernandez)** Health care: prescription drug costs. *League position: Support.*

Senate Judiciary, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- **HOT AB 1479 (Bonta)** Public records: custodian of records: civil penalties. *League position: Oppose.*

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

- **AB 45 (Thurmond)** California School Employee Housing Assistance Grant Program. *League position: Support.*
- **AB 74 (Chiu)** Housing. *League position: Support.*

Assembly Public Safety, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- **SB 21 (Hill)** Law enforcement agencies: surveillance: policies. *League position: Oppose unless amended.*

June 28

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

- **AB 345 (Ridley-Thomas)** Municipal code violations. *League position: Support.*

Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 2040

- **AB 44 (Reyes)** Workers' compensation: medical treatment: terrorist attacks: workplace violence. *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 1008 (McCarty)** Employment discrimination: prior criminal history. *League position: Oppose.*

July 5

Senate Environmental Quality, 9:30 a.m., Room 3191

- **HOT AB 890 (Medina)** Local land use initiatives: environmental review. *League position: Oppose.*

- **AB 1180 (Holden)** Hazardous materials: motor vehicles tires that contain zinc oxide substances. *League position: Support.*

Call for Session Proposals is Open for the 2018 Planning Commissioner's Academy

Deadline to submit is Aug. 14

Do you want to help build the 2018 Planning Commissioner's Academy program? Do you have an idea for a new or cutting edge session that will inspire and motivate California's planning commissioners? The League of California Cities® is searching for speakers and session topics for the 2018 conference to be held April 4–6 at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey.

This two-and-a-half day conference is for new and experienced planning commissioners, planning directors, staff and other interested officials, including elected officials, and focuses on current issues and timely topics that will assist planners in their daily roles and operations within their city.

Submit complete proposals through the online [proposal form](#) by the deadline of Aug. 14 to be considered by the committee. There is a limit to the amount of words allowed within the title and description of each proposal. It is recommended that proposals are written in a word-processing program first and then pasted into the online form.

Submissions from any individual, group, business or organization may submit proposals, non-commercial in nature, on any topic. Become an active participant in the planning process by submitting your idea today. The Planning Commissioner's Academy Planning Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal. Sessions may not include sales, commercialism or product promotion of any kind.

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

If you have any question about this event, please contact [Caitlin Cole](#), conference program manager at (916) 658-8248.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$36 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in Gilroy

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).

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 \$36,000,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Lilly Gardens Apartments in Gilroy.

About Lilly Gardens Apartments

Lilly Gardens Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 83 multi-family affordable housing apartments by Lilly Affordable Communities, LP. The project sponsor is Logan Capital Advisors. Lilly Gardens Apartments will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments to low-income residents in Gilroy.

CSCDA and Logan Capital Advisors partnered with Citibank, N.A. to provide tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Lilly Gardens Apartments. 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 Lilly Gardens Apartments 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.
