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SB 1 Project List Submission FAQ's

The League has drafted an easy to use FAQ on the steps cities must take to submit their SB 1 project lists. These FAQ's will serve as guide for cities to navigate submitting their project lists and answer lingering questions regarding SB 1 project list reporting implementation. *For more, see Page 2.*



President Garbarino Appoints 2018 Policy Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

League President Rich Garbarino announced his chair and vice chair appointments to the League's seven standing [policy committees](#). These appointments set the stage for the committees' 2018 work, which begins in January when they hold their first meetings in Sacramento. This work serves as the foundation of the League's strong advocacy on behalf of cities. *For more, see Page 3.*



Retirement System Sustainability Resources for Cities

The League has launched a [Retirement System Sustainability webpage](#) to provide city officials with a one-stop-shop for the latest educational tools, information and news articles related to CalPERS and pension obligations. *For more, see Page 4.*

When is the SB 1 project list due?

All cities must submit their SB 1 project lists to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by **Monday, Oct. 16, 2017**.

How do I submit my SB 1 project list?

1. [Email](#) your SB 1 project list and adopted resolution to the CTC and send a copy to [League Legislative Policy Analyst Derek Dolfie](#).
2. Project lists must be in the CTC's project list [template](#) Excel document (not as a PDF). The project list template is available for download on the [CTC's website](#).
3. A signed copy of the adopted city resolution of the project list **OR** the resolution and minutes showing that the resolution was adopted must also be submitted.

If I have a question on the project list reporting process, where can I find more information?

The CTC created the [2017 Local Streets and Roads Funding Annual Reporting Guidelines](#), which detail instructions cities need to take to submit their projects and associated requirements.

I have a list of projects, do I need to include more information in the project list?

Each project listed must include the following statutorily required information:

- A description and the location of each proposed project;
- Proposed schedule for the project's completion; and
- The estimated useful life of the improvement.

Do I need to take something to my city council?

Yes, all cities **MUST ADOPT** their project lists via resolution at a regularly scheduled public meeting.

What if my city cannot bring the resolution before our city council until after Oct. 16?

- If your city council is unable to adopt the SB 1 project list resolution by Oct. 16, the city still needs to submit its SB 1 project list template to the CTC by the deadline.
- Send your city's SB 1 project list resolution to the CTC as soon as possible.

I remember something about adopting my SB 1 project list into my budget, is that still relevant?

SB 1's original language stated that cities had to adopt their SB 1 project lists into an adopted city budget. Due to a change in statute through trailer bill [AB 135](#), cities no longer have to go through the budget process to adopt their project lists. Cities only need to adopt their project lists via resolution.

What if my city already adopted its project list into the budget? Will the CTC accept it?

Yes, the CTC has said that it will allow cities to submit their project lists to them as a part of an adopted budget instead of a resolution to honor the original language of the bill.

Ok, I have completed the SB 1 project list template, what next?

1. The League has created an SB 1 press tool kit for cities to promote the benefits for SB 1 in local communities. Reach out to your local print media with press releases on your project list.
2. Sample press releases, op-eds, tweets, and more can be found on the [League's website](#).
3. Post, tweet, and share the benefit SB 1 dollars will have in your city based on project list.

How do I know what my city's maintenance of effort number is?

The State Controller's Office (SCO) mailed each city their official SB 1 MOE estimates on Aug. 31. If your city has not received its MOE calculation, you should contact the SCO directly at (916) 323-3258.

I have a question about my city's maintenance of effort calculation, where can I find more information?

- The SCO has released an [FAQ](#) about the MOE on their website.
- The League has also created its own MOE [FAQ](#).
- If you have any additional questions on the MOE, please follow up with the SCO directly.

Where can I find SB 1 funding estimates for my city?

The League has created [SB 1 funding estimates](#) for all cities for FY's 2017–18 and FY 2018–19.

Where can I find more information about SB 1 and transportation funding in general?

Please visit the League's [transportation funding page](#) for more information on all things SB 1.

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The League's policy-making process allows the issues facing California cities to be debated and the organization's policy directions to be established. Close to 400 city officials serve on the League's policy committees and add their collective expertise, wisdom and opinions to the policy debate that is the foundation of League policy. The committees forward their recommendations to the League board of directors for action.

President Garbarino's appointments are as follows:

Community Services Policy Committee

- Council Member Bill DeHart, Turlock (chair)
- Council Member Larry Moody, East Palo Alto (vice chair)

Environmental Quality Policy Committee

- Council Member Laura Rosenthal, Malibu (chair)
- Council Member Catherine Carlton, Menlo Park (vice chair)

Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations Policy Committee

- Council Member Sara Lamnin, Hayward (chair)
- Council Member Richard Constantine, Morgan Hill (vice chair)

Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee

- Council Member Ed Spriggs, Imperial Beach (chair)
- Mayor Stacey Mattina, Lakeport (vice chair)

Public Safety Policy Committee

- Council Member Jan Arbuckle, Grass Valley (chair)
- Council Member Barb Stanton, Apple Valley (vice chair)

Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee

- Finance Officer Bob Biery, Westlake Village (chair)
- Mayor Jeff Slowey, Citrus Heights (vice chair)

Transportation, Communication and Public Works Policy Committee

- Council Member Esmeralda Soria, Fresno (chair)
- Council Member Lindsey Horvath, West Hollywood (vice chair)

To learn more about League policy committees, please visit www.cacities.org/policycommittees.

'Pensions' Continued from Page 1...

Each item included on this six-tab webpage is useful to those trying to learn more about the defined benefit system and understand the challenges facing cities, their employees and their residents. Some resources to note are:

- A new [fact sheet](#) with an overview of the growing pension gap, background on CalPERS and its funding structure, reasons behind rising contribution rates, as well as what is at stake for cities and their employees.
- League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman's October 2017 *Western City* column, "[Stopping the Runaway Pension Train.](#)"
- [Testimony](#) by city managers and city staff, and [League staff](#) before the CalPERS Finance and Administration Committee on Sept. 19, 2017.
- [Information on the discount rate](#) (assumed rate of return) reduction and associated timeline.

Please visit www.cacities.org/pensions.

Limited Spots Available for the League's 2017 Municipal Finance Institute

Deadline to register is Nov. 14

Only few spots remain at the Newport Beach Marriott, the hotel where the Municipal Finance Institute will be held Dec. 13–14.

Fans of the national publication *State Tax Notes* may be interested in attending the luncheon presentation on Thursday, Dec. 14. Two of the big issues facing local governments today is what their economic development policy should be and how to keep the state and federal governments from pre-empting local control on a range of issues. Billy Hamilton, executive vice chancellor and CFO of Texas A&M, will examine what is happening nationally in these areas as they affect tax and fiscal policy.

The event [announcement](#) has session details.

Event Registration Information

The full conference registration includes two days of educational sessions; Wednesday lunch and reception, Thursday breakfast and lunch; and electronic access to all program materials.

In addition, by attending the 2017 Municipal Finance Institute you may meet the qualification for continuing education credits for Certified Public Accountants.

Additional [conference information](#) can be found online. Please contact [Katie Pebler](#) for questions about the event.

League-Sponsored U.S. Communities Program Holding Southern CA Summit on Nov. 1 in Carson

Northern CA Summit in Sacramento on Oct. 18

U.S. Communities, the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties sponsored government purchasing alliance, is hosting a free regional event on Nov. 1 in Carson. This free event will be an opportunity for public agencies to learn how to save time and money through the U.S. Communities program. An additional summit will be held on Oct. 18 in Sacramento.

During this event, participants will be able to:

- Learn about new solutions and the latest innovations in procurement;
- Network with other local agencies using cooperative purchasing and hear what is working for their agency;
- 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 these products and services:
 - Facilities
 - Fleet

- Office and school solutions
- Technology
- Parks and recreation
- Public works
- Safety and fire
- Specialty

This educational event will be of special interest to:

- Assistant city managers
- Public safety officials
- Parks and recreation officials
- Public works directors
- Facilities managers
- Procurement officers

Southern CA: Carson Summit Event Details

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
City of Carson Event Center
801 East Carson Street
Carson

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

Northern CA: Sacramento Summit Event Details

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Mack Powell Event Center
2003 Howe Avenue
Sacramento

[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.

Learn more about U.S. Communities at www.uscommunities.org/lcc.

For additional information or please contact [Jason Angel](#) with U.S. Communities or [Amanda Cadelago](#) with the League of California Cities.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$11 Million in New Markets Tax Credit Financing for Livingston Community Health Care Provider

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) and [California Statewide Communities Development Corporation \(CSCDC\)](#).

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDC recently provided \$11,070,000 of [New Markets Tax Credit](#) (NMTC) allocation to Livingston Community Health (LCH) to finance its new primary care medical and dental campus located in Livingston.

About Livingston Community Health

Livingston Community Health (LCH) is a nonprofit primary health care provider that serves patients from Livingston, Delhi, Stevinson, Hilmar, Cressey, Ballico, Winton, and other surrounding agricultural areas. Since it was founded in 1970, LCH has grown to be the largest Federally Qualified Health Center in Merced County. LCH is the primary source of health care for residents of northern Merced County and portions of southern Stanislaus County, particularly for the uninsured, rural and migrant families and the working poor. Approximately 77 percent of LCH's patients live at or below 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and 95 percent live at or below 200 percent of the FPL. Around 80 percent of patients are Latino, and 40 percent are agricultural workers. LCH's main clinic is currently located in a 15,000 square foot two-story building, which it has occupied for over 30 years. This site is severely overcrowded, and is located in a residential neighborhood with little dedicated parking.

CSCDC partnered with JPMorgan Chase to provide \$11,070,000 in NMTC funding to finance LCH's new campus. Other financing sources included: loans from Rural Community Assistance Corporation and Northern California Community Loan Fund; and a grant from the Central California Alliance for Health.

The new 35,500 square foot main campus will include:

- a 14,500 square foot medical center;
- a 6,500 square foot dental and optometry building; and
- a 14,500 square foot administrative facility.

The campus will create a consolidated "one-stop" health and wellness center for multi-generational families; including services ranging from primary and wellness care, to resources that support life-long health and wellness. The new campus will house administrative offices, 30 examination rooms, six dental rooms, radiology, optometry exam areas, labs, a pharmacy, patient education rooms, behavioral health consultation rooms, triage areas, medical assistant workstations, as well as a reception, sufficient parking, and outdoor areas. Importantly, the new facility will create a patient-centered medical home and facilitate the integration of behavioral health and substance abuse services into the primary care setting.

The project will allow LCH to provide primary care services to 19,500 individuals annually, an increase of approximately 4,000 patients beyond their current levels, through 68,000 patient visits per year. The majority of LCH's patients are low-income individuals on Medi-Cal. The project is expected to result in 37 new permanent full-time employees, 150 retained full-time employees, up to 26 externships for medical assistants and nurses, and six to ten training opportunities for high school students.

Background

CSCDC was created as an affiliate community development entity by CSCDA to facilitate investment in low income communities through the use of New Markets Tax Credits. The NMTC program, passed by Congress in 2000, encourages investments in low-income communities by providing a tax incentive for community development lenders and the capital markets to invest in communities that historically have had poor access to capital.

CA Women Lead to Host LEADership Academy Oct. 19 in Los Angeles

California Women Lead is hosting its next LEADership Academy on Oct. 19 in Los Angeles. As California's largest nonpartisan association of women leaders, the organization provides a positive environment for women involved in public policy to discuss issues and develop relationships across party lines.

The line-up of speakers includes:

- Mona Pasquil, appointments secretary for Gov. Jerry Brown;
- Fiona Ma, Member, State Board of Equalization and 2018 candidate for state treasurer;
- Jan Perry, former council member, city of Los Angeles;
- Heather Repenning, vice president, city of Los Angeles Board of Public Works; and
- Suzanne Fuentes, mayor, El Segundo.

Topics for the day long training include:

- Getting Done — Women Leading in Business, Community and Life;
- All Politics is Local;
- Diversity, Inclusion and the Future for Women in STEM; and
- How to get appointed to a state board or commission.

Purchase a table or individual tickets [online](#).

For questions, please contact [Rachel Michelin](#) at (916) 551-1920.
