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10 Tips for Cities Lobbying the California Legislature

1. Become engaged in the state level political process by appointing a legislative liaison within your city to track key legislation and work with your regional public affairs manager. You can locate contact information for your regional public affairs manager online at www.cacities.org/publicaffairs.

2. Use Cal Cities as a resource. To access Cal Cities priority bills, legislative contacts and additional information, visit www.cacities.org/legresources. Cal Cities’ online bill tracking tool can be found at www.cacities.org/billsearch.

3. Sign up to receive the Cal Cities newsletter, the Cal Cities Advocate, and stay current on important legislation. Subscribe at www.cacities.org/cacitiesadvocate.

4. Develop relationships with your Senate and Assembly representatives as well as their Capitol and district office staff.

5. Get to know members of your local press and educate them on legislative issues affecting your city.

6. Understand how state decisions impact your city’s budget.

7. Build networks and collaborate with other groups in your community on key legislative issues.

8. Organize an internal process within your city for developing and proposing changes to laws that will help your city.

9. Adopt local policies on legislation that enable your city to react quickly to the legislative process and respond to Cal Cities action alerts.

10. Write letters on legislation featured in Cal Cities Advocate. Samples can be found at www.cacities.org/billsearch by searching with the bill number or bill author.

Useful Legislative Resources

**Local Government**
- League of California Cities
  www.cacities.org
- Western City Magazine
  www.westerncity.com
- California City Finance
  www.californiacityfinance.com
- League Bill Search
  www.cacities.org/billsearch
- Institute for Local Government
  www.ca-ilg.org
- California State Association of Counties
  www.csac.counties.org

**State Government**
- Office of the Governor
  www.gov.ca.gov
- Secretary of State
  www.sos.ca.gov
- Attorney General
  http://oag.ca.gov
- California State Senate
  www.senate.ca.gov
- California State Assembly
  www.assembly.ca.gov
- California Dept. of Finance
  www.dof.ca.gov
- Governor’s Office of Planning and Research
  www.opr.ca.gov
- Legislative Analyst’s Office
  www.lao.ca.gov

**Federal Government**
- Office of the President
  www.whitehouse.gov
- U.S. Senate
  www.senate.gov
- U.S. House of Representatives
  www.house.gov
- Library of Congress
  http://thomas.loc.gov
- National League of Cities
  www.nlc.org

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