LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES’ MAJOR BILL LIST

The League tracks hundreds of bills each legislative session with potential impacts to cities but focuses its lobbying on a much smaller amount of legislation with the greatest potential impact. Below is a list of major bills, as of Aug. 26, with a brief description of how the bill will affect cities. The League’s letters and sample letters are available at www.cacities.org/billsearch. Type the bill number of interest into the search function to access the appropriate letter. For more, see Page 2.

2009 CCLI CLASS GRADUATES
Celebrating Five Years of Exceptional Leaders

More than 20 city officials gathered in Sacramento late last week for the conclusion of this year’s California Civic Leadership Institute (CCLI) for a two-day discussion on political reform and the political climate in the state’s capital. The Sacramento event on Aug. 20-21 followed sessions in July where the class of 22 was divided into two groups for meetings at Southern California Edison’s Big Creek Hydroelectric facility focused on substantive statewide issues such as water, transportation and energy issues. For more, see Page 3.

ON-CAMERA MEDIA TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR CITY OFFICIALS AT THE LEAGUE’S 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Do you need to deliver your city’s message more effectively during media interviews? If so, take advantage of this opportunity for professional on-camera media training at the League’s annual conference in San Jose, Sept. 16-18. For more, see Page 4.
Oppose

AB 64 (Krekorian) Energy: renewable energy resources – generation and transmission. Transfers the responsibility of locating renewable energy facilities between 5 megawatts and 50 megawatts from local governments to a new Energy Planning and Infrastructure Coordinating committee.

SB 802 (Leno) Public contracts: retention proceeds. Removes the authority of public entities to decide the appropriate amount of retention. This bill would require that contract retention proceeds not exceed 5 percent of the payment of all contracts entered into after January 2010 between a public entity and an original contractor, between an original contractor and a subcontractor, and between all subcontractors.

Support

AB 18 (Knight) Local government: city councils. Extends the appointment period to fill a city council vacancy from 30 days to 60 days.

AB 469 (Eng) Sales and use taxes: qualified use tax payment. Improves the collection of use tax revenues owed to the state and local governments by consumers and businesses through clarifications made to state income tax return forms.

AB 566 (Nava) Mobile home parks: conversion. This legislation states that a city may consider the level of support that exists within a community when approving or disapproving a mobile home park conversion to resident ownership. AB 566 is particularly important because conversions have different impacts on coach owners. For instance, conversions have the potential to reduce the number of affordable housing units. Due to this reality, the views of the community should be considered. AB 566 ensures that the level of support is considered before a conversion decision is made.

ACA 9 (Huffman) Local government bonds: special taxes – voter approval. Proposes a constitutional amendment to be submitted before the state’s voters to allow them to decide if it was appropriate to adjust voter thresholds for local infrastructure bonds or a special tax to a 55 percent super majority.

SB 93 (Kehoe) Redevelopment: funding construction of public facilities. Restricts the funding of public facilities outside a redevelopment project area. In order to fund public facilities outside of, or not contiguous to, a project area the legislative body would have to make specified findings and these findings would be subject to legal challenges. The revised amendments, however, make no substantive changes in redevelopment agency authority to fund public facilities inside or contiguous to a redevelopment project area.

SB 415 (Oropeza) Alcoholic beverages: licenses – local government review. Provides local agencies with more reasonable standards by which they may review alcoholic beverage license applications. Specifically, this measure provides that any of the notified local authorities may request the time extension, and that the review would be extended from 20 days to 30 days.

SCA 18 (Liu) Local government: property-related fees. This measure would include fees for storm water management programs to those exemptions already included in Proposition 218. In doing so, it would make it easier for cities to fund and comply with new and increasingly stringent storm water quality permit requirements adopted by the regional water quality control boards.

No Position

ABx3 14 (Arambula) and AB x3 18 (Ducheny) Corrections. These measures implement various prison and corrections reforms, including: risk-based parole supervision, alternative custody for aged and infirmed prisoners, changing wobbler crimes to misdemeanors, rehabilitation program completion credits, updating property crime thresholds, and creating a sentencing commission. AB x3 18 is expected to include similar provisions, but removes the
wobbler crime changes, alternative custody for elderly and infirmed prisoners, sentencing
commission and changes to grand theft and grand theft auto. Please see the Aug. 21 issue of
City Advocate Weekly for a more detailed description of ABx3 14.

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Former Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Fred Keeley kicked off the trip to Big Creek with a discussion
in Fresno on structural issues and potential ideas for state governance reform.

The 2009 CCLI class met last week with some of the state’s top political experts
including Assembly Members Curt Hagman (R-Diamond Bar) and Anthony
Portantino (D-Pasadena), who are CCLI graduates, former Senate Republican
Leader Jim Brulte, former Assembly Speaker Bob Hertzberg, political
consultants Garry South and Dan Schnur as well as members of the media
and lobbyists.

CCLI, the League Partner-sponsored educational program has graduated a
total of 80 participants in its five years. The program was originally created for
city elected officials looking to run for the State Legislature in response to the
increased turnover and loss of historical knowledge because of term limits in the
legislature.

CCLI gives local leaders a broad, in-depth understanding of how critical issues as well as an
introduction to some of the tools they will need to succeed if elected to the Legislature. The
experience also provides an opportunity to create long-term relationships among California’s
rising leadership.

The League congratulates its 2009 CCLI class:
- Council Member John Allard, Roseville
- Vice Mayor Janet Arbuckle, Grass Valley
- City Clerk Carmen Avalos, South Gate
- Council Member Luis Ayala, Alhambra
- Vice Mayor Don Callison, American Canyon
- Mayor Pro Tem Angel Carrillo, Azusa
- Mayor Pro Tem Pat Gilbreath, Redlands
- Mayor Susan Gorin, Santa Rosa
- Council Member Erin Hannigan, Vallejo
- Mayor Roger Hernandez, West Covina
- Council Member Mike Ioakimedes, Benicia
- Council Member Yoriko Kishimoto, Palo Alto
- Vice Mayor Evan Low, Campbell
- Council Member Luis Marquez, Downey
- Council Member Doug McAllister, Murrieta
- Council Member Cliff Numark, Torrance
- Council Member Jacque Robinson, Pasadena
- Council Member Joanne Sanders, Sonoma
- Mayor Craig Vejvoda, Tulare
- Mayor Pro Tem Mitch Ward, Manhattan Beach
- Mayor Pro Tem Acquanetta Warren, Fontana
- Council Member Michael Wilson, Vallejo

Mike Madrid, League of California Cities director of public affairs, moderates a session with CCLI alumni and now Assembly Members Anthony Portantino and Curt Hagman about their experiences transitioning from positions as city elected officials to the Legislature.
For more information about the CCLI, including how to nominate a city elected official for next year’s program, please contact Samantha Caygill, League public affairs program manager, at (916) 658-8204 or scaygill@cacities.org.

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The 45-minute training will feature a short interview focused on a vital issue to your city, a video playback/critique, and a follow-up interview. Participants will receive a DVD copy of their training session.

The trainers are public information officers and media experts from cities throughout California. The session is designed to give participants greater ease in delivering your city’s important messages on camera and will improve newspaper and radio interviewing skills.

There is a high demand for these one-on-one sessions. Of the 12 sessions offered this year there are only three time slots left, which are listed below. The training will be held in the League Press Room at the San Jose Convention Center.

You must return the registration form and provide payment to reserve one of the training spots. Please be sure to include details about an important issue facing your city so that we can prepare interview questions that are tailored to your community. The form has been posted on the League’s Web site at www.cacities.org/resource_files/28225.Media Training flyer2009.pdf.

Emily Cole, League communications assistant, is available by phone at (916) 658-8283 or ecole@cacities.org to answer any questions about the on-camera media trainings. Registration forms should be sent to her attention via email or by fax to (916) 658-8240.

Reservations will be accepted on a paid first-come, first-served basis. There is a $10 charge which is refunded as a $10 CityBooks coupon for those who attend the training. No refunds or coupons will be issued for “no shows.”

Available On-Camera Interview Training Session Times

**Thursday, Sept. 17**
10 –10:45 a.m.
2 – 2:45 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 18**
11 – 11:45 a.m.

Registration Open for ILG Annual Conference Luncheon Symposium

The Institute for Local Government (ILG) will present its fifth annual Luncheon Symposium at the League’s annual conference in San Jose on Sept. 17.

Dr. Robert S. Ogilvie, program director of Planning for Healthy Places at Public Health Law & Policy, will speak about ways that cities can use planning, economic development, and redevelopment tools to create healthier neighborhoods.

The symposium presentation will be followed by an afternoon workshop on “Local Strategies for Creating Healthy Communities.” Both the symposium and the workshop are being organized by ILG’s Healthy Neighborhoods Project.

Local leadership related to neighborhood planning and development can have a profound influence on public health.

The connection between health and the environment present both challenges and opportunities for community leaders and residents including:
• More than 50 percent of Californians do not meet recommended guidelines for physical activity. Better community planning and design can help make walking, biking and other forms of physical activity a regular part of daily life for residents of all ages and backgrounds. For example, building parks within walking distance increases the likelihood that people will exercise by 25 percent.

• On average, California neighborhoods have four times more fast food restaurants than grocery or produce stores. Communities that increase access to healthier foods enjoy lower rates of obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other serious nutrition-related health conditions according to a number of scientific studies.

Contact Carmen Pereira, ILG administrative assistant, for information at (916) 658-8208 or cpereira@ca-ilg.org.

ILG is the nonprofit research and education affiliate of the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties.

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Make the Most of Your City’s Money
CityBooks and Expo Exhibitors at the League’s 2009 Annual Conference Can Help

CityBooks, the League’s bookstore, will be a part of this year’s annual conference. With its inventory of more than 600 relevant publications, CityBooks is a great way to add value to your city’s development with practical, current information on local government.

CityBooks will be located on the Exhibit Level of the San Jose Convention Center and will be open from:
• 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16
• 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17
• 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18

Also be sure to visit the Expo Hall to find more money saving opportunities for your city. The Expo will include more than 250 exhibitors specializing in financial and legal services, construction management, legislative advocacy, planning, technology services, telecommunications, lighting products, environmental services and engineering services.

The Expo Hall will also be located on the Exhibit Level of the San Jose Convention Center and will be open from:
• 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17
• 10:15 a.m. – 1:45 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18

Information about the Expo and exhibiting vendors has been posted on the League’s Web site at www.cacities.org/ac. Please click on Annual Conference, then Exhibitors, to view specific product details about each exhibiting vendor.

Online annual conference registration ends today but onsite registration will open Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 9 a.m.

For more exhibit information contact Rebecca Inman, League exposition manager, at (916) 658-8237 or rinman@cacities.org.

For more CityBooks information contact Ginarose Perino, League CityBooks coordinator, at (916) 658-8257 or gperino@cacities.org.

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