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MEETING OF THE

LEGISLATIVE/ COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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***Tuesday, January 16, 2024
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.***

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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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<p>Cindy Allen City of Long Beach - City Hall 411 W. Ocean Blvd., 11th Floor Long Beach, CA 90802</p>	<p>Wendy Bucknum Murrow Development Consultants 16800 Aston Street, Suite 200 Irvine, CA 92606</p>	<p>Jenny Crosswhite City of Santa Paula - City Hall 970 E. Ventura Street Santa Paula, CA 93060</p>
<p>Margaret Finlay 2221 Rim Road Duarte, CA 91008</p>	<p>Curt Hagman Chino Hills District Office 14010 City Center Drive Chino Hills, CA</p>	<p>Jan Harnik City of Palm Desert - City Hall 73-510 Fred Waring Drive Palm Desert, CA 92260</p>
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LCMC - Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
Members – January 2024

- 1. Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson**
LCMC Chair, Riverside, RC District 68
- 2. Hon. Jose Luis Solache**
LCMC Vice Chair, Lynwood, RC District 26
- 3. Hon. Cindy Allen**
Long Beach, RC District 30
- 4. Hon. Wendy Bucknum**
Mission Viejo, RC District 13
- 5. Hon. Jenny Crosswhite**
Santa Paula, RC District 47
- 6. Hon. Margaret Finlay**
Duarte, RC District 35
- 7. Sup. Curt Hagman**
San Bernardino County
- 8. Hon. Jan C. Harnik**
RCTC Representative
- 9. Hon. Laura Hernandez**
Port Hueneme, RC District 45
- 10. Hon. Clint Lorimore**
Eastvale, RC District 4
- 11. Hon. Ray Marquez**
Chino Hills, RC District 10
- 12. Hon. Gil Rebolgar**
Brawley, RC District 1
- 13. Hon. Deborah Robertson**
Rialto, RC District 8
- 14. Hon. David J. Shapiro**
Calabasas, RC District 44
- 15. Sup. Donald Wagner**
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16. Hon. Alan Wapner SBCTA Representative

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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Policy B Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
8:30 AM

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as information or action items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

This is the time for public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG's jurisdiction that is **not** listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

5 Mins.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting - November 14, 2023 PPG. 7
2. Proposed Calendar of 2024 LCMC Meetings PPG. 13

Receive and File

3. Legislative Tracking Report PPG. 16
4. 14th Annual Economic Summit Evaluation Report PPG. 31

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Federal Update – What to Expect in 2024 20 Mins. PPG. 35
(Leslie Pollner & Lauri Hittinger, Holland & Knight)
6. 2024-25 State Budget Update 20 Mins. PPG. 38
(Nick Romo, Cruz Strategies)



LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA

7. RHNA Legislative Reform Update *†* *y* 20 Mins.
(Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager)

ACTION ITEM

8. Two-Year Bills of Interest 10 Mins. PPG. 50
(David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends a “support” position for AB 761 (Friedman) and requests feedback on SB 379 (Wahab), SB 440 (Skinner), and SB 537 (Becker).

POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION UPDATE

(Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (LCMC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (LCMC). A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Lock Dawson (Chair)	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Jose Luis Solache (Vice Chair)	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Jenny Crosswhite	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Jan Harnik		RCTC
Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Donald P. Wagner		Orange County

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Margaret Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Gil Rebolgar	<i>Brawley</i>	District 1
Alan Wapner		SBCTA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patricia Lock Dawson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and called upon Hon. Crosswhite, Santa Paula, District 47, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Patricia Lock Dawson opened the Public Comment Period for items not listed on the agenda and outlined the instructions for public comments. She noted that this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff confirmed that no public comments were submitted via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov or any raised hands. Seeing and hearing no public comment speakers, Chair Patricia Lock Dawson closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEM

There were no prioritized agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the Meeting – September 19, 2023
2. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships
3. 2024 Legislative Platform Update

Receive and File

4. Bill Position, Legislative Tracking, and End of Session Update

There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar.

Chair Patricia Lock Dawson opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

A MOTION was made (Lorimore) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4. The MOTION was SECONDED (Shapiro) and APPROVED by a majority roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Marquez, Shapiro, Solache, Wagner (9)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

ACTION ITEMS

5. RHNA Reform – Legislative Action

There were no public comments for Item No. 5.

Mr. Kevin Gilhooley, Legislative Affairs Manager, presented the committee with an action item on RHNA Reform Legislative Action. He informed the committee that staff engaged many of the region's housing stakeholders to capture feedback on six (6) previously identified legislative concepts. Mr. Gilhooley continued his presentation by walking the committee members through each of the six (6) concepts. Mr. Gilhooley also acknowledged that Frank Yokoyama, Chair of the Community, Economic & Human Development Committee, was present at the meeting.

Mr. Gilhooley informed the committee that staff recommended the LCMC forward a recommendation to the Executive/Administration Committee and Regional Council as follows:

- (1) Authorize staff to work with SCAG lobbyists to sponsor a state legislative bill that would (a) establish procedures for the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to publicize its data sources, analyses, and methodology prior to finalizing the regional determination and (b) require HCD to establish and convene a panel of experts that would advise HCD on its assumptions, data, and analyses prior to making its final determination to a region.
- (2) Authorize staff to work with SCAG lobbyists to sponsor a state legislative bill that would reinstate a trade and transfer option of RHNA units between two jurisdictions, with limitations so that it also furthers state housing objectives, including affirmatively furthering fair housing.
- (3) Authorize staff to develop draft legislative language, identify and obtain a legislative author, and advocate for the successful passage of the proposed legislative bills.
- (4) Direct staff to pursue coalition building and partnership opportunities to support the successful passage of the SCAG-sponsored legislative bills.
- (5) Direct staff to provide regular updates to the LCMC on the progress of the SCAG sponsored legislative bills and future advocacy opportunities and efforts.



Chair Lock Dawson opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

Committee members engaged in a robust discussion. During the discussion, the committee provided comments and raised several questions. Mr. Gilhooley thanked the committee for their feedback and addressed all comments and questions.

A MOTION was made (Robertson) to approve staff recommendation on item No. 5. The MOTION was SECONDED (Bucknum) and APPROVED by a majority roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Earnik, Hernandez, Lock Dawson, O'rimore, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache, Wagner (12)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION UPDATE

There were no public comments on division updates.

Ms. Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer, began her update by informing the committee that SCAG would be hosting 14 Connect SoCal elected official briefings throughout the region. The briefings would provide an opportunity for elected officials to preview the draft and allow elected officials to provide feedback.

Lastly, Ms. Cartagena reminded the committee to register for the 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit, which would be taking place at the Sheraton Grand in Los Angeles on December 7, 2023. The Economic Summit would feature keynote speaker Greg Lindsay.

Chair Lock Dawson opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

Hon. Robertson, Rialto, District 8, asked if there was a Connect SoCal briefing for San Bernardino County. Ms. Cartagena confirmed that two briefings would take place in San Bernardino County.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Crosswhite, Santa Paula, District 47, discussed challenges faced in getting housing elements approved for cities and emphasized the need to address these issues with state legislatures. Hon. Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13, also expressed the same frustrations.



Mr. Gilhooley suggested gathering more stories from the committee to communicate the issue effectively in Sacramento in March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Robertson, Rialto, District 8, expressed appreciation for the letter she received on Prop 1.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Patricia Lock Dawson adjourned the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee meeting at 9:20 a.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE]

Legislative / Communications and Membership Committee

2023-2024																
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT (Dark)	NOV	DEC (Dark)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	Total Mtgs Attended YTD
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Hon. Cindy Allen	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1	1		1							6
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	Mission Viejo	District 13	1	1	1	1	1		1							6
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite	Santa Paula	District 47	1	1	1	1	1		1							6
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Hon. Jan Harnik		RCTC		1	1	1	1		1							5
Hon. Laura Hernandez	Port Hueneme	District 45	1	1	1	1	1		1							6
Hon. Clint Lorimore	Eastvale	District 4	1	1	1	1	1		1							6
Hon. Ray Marquez	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1	1		1							6
Hon. Gil Rebolgar	Brawley	District 1														0
Hon. Deborah Roberston	Rialto	District 8		1	1	1			1							4
Hon. David J. Shapiro	Calabasas	District 44	1	1	1	1	1		1							6
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair	Lynwood	District 26	1	1	1	1	1		1							6
Sup. Donald P. Wagner		Orange County	1	1	1	1	1		1							6
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA			1	1	1									3



AGENDA ITEM 2
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 16, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Francisco Barajas, Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1400, barajasf@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Proposed LCMC 2024 Calendar of Meetings

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff prepared a draft schedule of meeting dates for the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) to coincide with the beginning of 2024. In consultation with Chair Lock Dawson, staff proposes that the Committee go dark in July and December 2024.

BACKGROUND:

As Congress and Sacramento have convened for new legislative sessions, staff proposes a schedule of meeting dates for the Committee’s consideration. The Committee generally meets on the third Tuesday of the month, though staff recommends the following three deviations from that schedule:

- First, staff proposes that the March 19, 2024 LCMC be held in conjunction with the agency’s annual **Sacramento Summit**. The 2024 Sacramento Summit is scheduled to take place from Tuesday, March 19, through Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Therefore, the March 2024 LCMC would not be held at 8:30am, but at a time that matches the Summit program.
- Second, staff recommends that the LCMC **go dark for the month of July**. The Regional Council will be dark the month of July, the State Legislature will be in recess upon adjournment on July 3, 2024, and Congress will likely have limited activity during this time.
- Third, staff recommends that the LCMC **go dark for the month of December** since the State Legislature will be in recess, and Congress will likely have limited activity during this time.



While staff recommends that the Committee adopt a calendar of meetings for organizational and planning purposes, SCAG bylaws provide the flexibility to cancel or call an LCMC meeting at the Chair's discretion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the Calendar of Meetings Report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. LCMC - 01162024 - 2024 Calendar of Meetings



Southern California Association of Government
2024 Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee Meeting

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Attachment: LCMC - 01162024 - 2024 Calendar of Meetings (Proposed LCMC 2024 Calendar of Meetings)

	SCAG Regional Council Meeting		SCAG Holidays
	Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee Meeting		Annual Sacramento Advocacy Trip



AGENDA ITEM 3
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 16, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Legislative Tracking Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Legislative Tracking Report is provided to keep the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) apprised of the bills in Sacramento that have a nexus to the Regional Council’s adopted Legislative Platform. This report contains an update on key legislative deadlines.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG’s Legislative Tracking Report serves as a resource for the Committee to remain informed on bills moving through the legislative process in Sacramento. The Report tracks 50 measures with a nexus to the Regional Council’s adopted 2024 State and Federal Legislative Platform.

The California Legislature reconvened on January 4, 2024, and initiated the second half of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. The Governor released his budget blueprint on January 10, 2024, proposing \$291 billion in spending.

The legislative session is quickly approaching various legislative deadlines. Additionally, various two-year bills that did not pass in 2023, but are still active, will need to advance by January 31, 2023. The last day to submit bill requests for language for new legislative bills to the Office of Legislative Counsel is January 19, 2024; and February 16, 2023, is the bill introduction deadline. As legislators introduce new bills, they will be amended through policy committees and move throughout the legislature according to the various legislative deadlines in April, May, and June.



As the Session progresses, staff will continue to provide an updated calendar of legislative deadlines and bill tracker reports with the most relevant and pressing bills. The table below highlights recent and upcoming legislative deadlines:

Date	Deadline
January 1, 2024	Non-urgency legislation signed into law in 2023 takes effect.
January 3, 2024	The Legislature reconvenes.
January 10, 2024	Deadline for the Governor to submit the January Budget.
January 12, 2024	Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house in 2023.
January 19, 2024	Last day for any committee to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in that house in 2023. Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
January 31, 2024	Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in 2023.
February 16, 2024	Bill introduction deadline.
March 21, 2024	Spring Recess begins upon adjournment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the Legislative Tracking staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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All Introduced Bills

[AB 1772](#) (Ramos D) Theft.

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Summary: The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act enacted by Proposition 47, as approved by the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election, defines and prohibits an act of shoplifting and prohibits prosecution for an act of shoplifting under any other law. Current law defines shoplifting as entering a commercial establishment with intent to commit larceny while the establishment is open during regular business hours. This bill would revise the definition of shoplifting to require an intent to steal retail property or merchandise.

Organization Position

CBPA

OCDA

Westfield

[AB 1773](#) (Dixon R) Vehicles: bicycles on boardwalks.

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Summary: Would additionally authorize a local authority to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution regarding the operation of bicycles on boardwalks.

[AB 1774](#) (Dixon R) Vehicles: electric bicycles.

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Summary: Current law defines an electric bicycle as a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts, and requires electric bicycles to comply with specified equipment and manufacturing requirements. Current law prohibits a person from tampering with or modifying an electric bicycle so as to change the speed capability of the bicycle, unless they appropriately replace the label indicating the classification required, as specified. A violation of the Vehicle Code is a crime. This bill would clarify that the exception to this prohibition only applies if the bicycle continues to meet the definition of an electric bicycle. This bill would prohibit a person from selling a product or device that can modify the speed capability of an electric bicycle such that it no longer meets the definition of an electric bicycle.

[AB 1775](#) (Haney D) Cannabis: retail preparation, sale, and consumption of noncannabis food and beverage products.

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Summary: Current law provides that a local jurisdiction may allow for the smoking, vaporizing, and ingesting of cannabis or cannabis products on the premises of a retailer or microbusiness licensed under this division if certain conditions are met. Current administrative law specifies that a licensed retailer or licensed microbusiness authorized for retail sales who operates a consumption area on the licensed premises in accordance with this provision may also sell prepackaged, noncannabis-infused, nonalcoholic food and beverages if the applicable local jurisdiction allows. This bill would authorize a local jurisdiction, if specified conditions are met, to allow for the preparation or sale of noncannabis food or beverage products, as specified, by a licensed retailer or microbusiness in the area where the

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consumption of cannabis is allowed, to allow for the sale of prepackaged, noncannabis-infused, nonalcoholic food and beverages by a licensed retailer, and to allow, and to sell tickets for, live musical or other performances on the premises of a licensed retailer or microbusiness in the area where the consumption of cannabis is allowed. The bill would additionally specify that these provisions do not authorize a licensed retailer or microbusiness to prepare or sell industrial hemp or products containing industrial hemp, as provided.

Organization **Position**
DHS

AB 1776 **(Ta R) Year-round standard time.**

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Summary: Current state law, Proposition 7, an initiative measure approved by the voters at the November 6, 2018, statewide general election, sets the standard time for California and sets daylight saving time to begin each March and end each November. Proposition 7 authorizes the Legislature to amend these provisions by a 2/3 vote to change the dates and times of the daylight saving time period, consistent with federal law, and authorizes the Legislature to amend these provisions by a 2/3 vote to provide for the application of year-round daylight saving time when authorized by federal law. This bill would repeal daylight saving time in the state and the provisions regarding the Legislature's authority to amend the above-described provisions by a 2/3 vote. The bill would instead require the state and all political subdivisions of the state to observe year-round standard time.

AB 1777 **(Ting D) Autonomous vehicles.**

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Summary: Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation regarding autonomous vehicles, as specified.

AB 1778 **(Connolly D) Vehicles: electric bicycles.**

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Summary: Under current law, a "class 2 electric bicycle" is a bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour. Under current law, a "class 3 electric bicycle" is a bicycle equipped with a speedometer and a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour. Current law prohibits a person under 16 years of age from operating a class 3 electric bicycle. Existing law requires a person operating, or riding upon, a class 3 electric bicycle to wear a helmet, as specified. This bill would additionally prohibit a person under 16 years of age from operating a class 2 electric bicycle. The bill would require a person operating, or riding upon, a class 2 electric bicycle to wear a helmet, as specified. The bill would clarify that an electric bicycle can only be placed in a certain class if it ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a max speed regardless of the mode.

AB 1779 **(Irwin D) Theft: jurisdiction.**

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Summary: Current law sets forth specific rules relating to the jurisdiction for the prosecution of theft by fraud, organized retail theft, and receiving stolen property, including that the jurisdiction for prosecution includes the county where an offense involving the theft or receipt of the stolen

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merchandise occurred, the county in which the merchandise was recovered, or the county where any act was done by the defendant in instigating, procuring, promoting, or aiding or abetting in the commission of a theft offense or other qualifying offense. Current law jurisdictionally limits prosecution of each of the above to criminal actions brought by the Attorney General. This bill would no longer limit the jurisdictional rules for the above crimes to criminal actions brought by the Attorney General.

Organization Position

CBPA
OCDA
Westfield

AB 1780 (Ting D) Postsecondary education: legacy admissions.

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Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation to address legacy admissions in order to bring more equity and fairness to college admissions.

AB 1781 (Waldron R) State mandates: claims.

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Summary: The California Constitution, whenever the Legislature or a state agency mandates a new program or higher level of service on any local government, including school districts, requires the state to provide a subvention of funds to reimburse the local government, unless an exception applies. Statutory provisions that establish procedures for making that reimbursement include a requirement that no claim shall be made or paid unless it exceeds \$1,000. This bill would change the minimum claim amount to \$800.

AB 1782 (Ta R) Redevelopment: successor agencies: Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund.

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Summary: Current law dissolved redevelopment agencies and community development agencies as of February 1, 2012, and provides for the designation of successor agencies to wind down the affairs of the dissolved redevelopment agencies and to, among other things, make payments due for enforceable obligations and to perform duties required by any enforceable obligation. Current law authorizes the city, county, or city and county that created a former redevelopment agency to elect to retain the housing assets and functions previously performed by the former redevelopment agency. Current law requires the housing successor to maintain any funds transferred to it, together with any funds generated from housing assets in a separate Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund to be used in accordance with applicable housing-related provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law, except as specified. Current law requires the housing successor to expend funds received from the successor agency to meet its enforceable obligations, and for specified administrative and monitoring costs relating to ensuring the long-term affordability of units subject to affordability restrictions. Current law authorizes a housing successor, if it has fulfilled specified obligations regarding the replacement of dwelling units, to expend up to \$250,000 per fiscal year for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services, including the provision of short-term or medium-term rental assistance, contributions toward the construction of local or regional homeless shelters, and housing relocation and stabilization services. This bill would increase the amount that a housing successor may expend on those homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services to \$500,000.

AB 1783 (Essayli R) Health care: immigration.

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Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to remove all taxpayer funding for health care for illegal immigrants from the California State Budget.

AB 1784 (Pellerin D) Elections: multiple candidacies.

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Summary: Current law prohibits a person from filing nomination documents for a party nomination and an independent nomination for the same office, or for more than one office at the same election. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation clarifying that a person is prohibited from filing nomination documents for more than one office at the same election.

AB 1785 (Pacheco D) California Public Records Act.

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Summary: The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection, unless an exemption from disclosure applies. The act prohibits a state or local agency from posting the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official on the internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual. This bill would define "home address," for purposes of the above provision, to include an assessor's parcel number, which may be converted to a physical address through reference to other information made available online by the state or local agency.

Organization Position

Sacramento

San Mateo

AB 1786 (Rodriguez D) Public safety: vehicles.

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Summary: Current law authorizes the director of the Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt and enforce rules and regulations necessary to administer the provisions implemented by the department. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to govern the interaction between first responders and autonomous vehicles.

AB 1787 (Villapudua D) Crimes: shoplifting.

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Summary: The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, enacted as an initiative statute by Proposition 47, as approved by the electors at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election, makes the theft of money, labor, or property petty theft punishable as a misdemeanor, whenever the value of the property taken does not exceed \$950. Under current law, if the value of the property taken exceeds \$950, the theft is grand theft, punishable as a misdemeanor or a felony. Proposition 47 requires shoplifting, defined as entering a commercial establishment with the intent to commit larceny if the value of the property taken does not exceed \$950, to be punished as a misdemeanor. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.

Organization Position

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AB 1788 (Quirk-Silva D) Mental health multidisciplinary personnel team.

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Summary: Current law authorizes a county to establish a homeless adult and family multidisciplinary personnel team, as defined, with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of homeless individuals to housing and supportive services within that county and to allow provider agencies to share confidential information for the purpose of coordinating housing and supportive services to ensure continuity of care. This bill would authorize counties to also establish mental health multidisciplinary personnel team, as defined, with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of justice-involved persons diagnosed with a mental illness to supportive services within that county while incarcerated and upon release from county jail and to allow provider agencies and members of the personnel team to share confidential information, as specified, for the purpose of coordinating supportive services to ensure continuity of care. The bill would require the sharing of information permitted under these provisions to be governed by protocol developed in each county, as specified, and would require each county to provide a copy of its protocols to the State Department of Social Services.

Organization Position

Sacramento

San Mateo

AB 1789 (Quirk-Silva D) Department of Housing and Community Development.

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Summary: Current law authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development, upon appropriation, to make loans or grants, or both loans and grants, to rehabilitate, capitalize operating subsidy reserves for, and extend the long-term affordability of department-funded housing projects that have an affordability restriction that has expired, that have an affordability restriction with a remaining term of less than 10 years, or are otherwise at risk of conversion to market-rate housing. This bill would also authorize the department to make those loans and grants to rehabilitate, capitalize operating subsidy reserves for, and extend the long-term affordability of housing projects that qualify as a challenged development. The bill would define "challenged development" for these purposes to mean a development that meets a specified criteria including that the development is at least 15 year old, serves households of very low income or extremely low income, and has insufficient access to private or other public resources to complete substantial rehabilitation, as determined by the department.

AB 1790 (Connolly D) California State University: sexual harassment: implementing California State Auditor recommendations.

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Summary: The Donahoe Higher Education Act establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, as one of the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in the state. A portion of the Donahoe Higher Education Act, known as the Equity in Higher Education Act, declares, among other things, that sexual harassment of students is a form of prohibited sex discrimination and requires the California State University, on or before December 1 of each year, to submit a report to the Legislature on the investigations and outcomes of sexual harassment reports and formal sexual harassment complaints, as provided. This bill would require, on or before January 1, 2026, the California State University to implement the recommendations provided in a specified California State Auditor report, as provided. The bill would

require the California State University to submit an initial report on or before July 1, 2025, and a final report on or before December 1, 2026, to the Legislature on the status of implementing the California State Auditor recommendations, including summarized results from specific campus compliance reviews and identification of any systemic issues the California State University needs to address in its progress towards taking corrective action, as provided.

AB 1791 (Weber D) Artificial intelligence: technical open standards and content credentials.

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Summary: Current law requires the Secretary of Government Operations to develop a coordinated plan to, among other things, investigate the feasibility of, and obstacles to, developing standards and technologies for state departments to determine digital content provenance. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to subsequently amend this bill to include provisions that would require California-based companies that are in the business of generative artificial intelligence to implement the Coalition for Content Provenance and Authenticity’s technical open standard and content credentials into their tools and platforms.

Organization Position

Skydio

AB 1792 (Rodriguez D) Emergency medical services: personal protective equipment.

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Summary: Current law requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop planning and implementation guidelines that address designated components for emergency medical services systems. This bill would require the authority to develop standards, on or before January 1, 2027, for personal protective equipment for ambulance personnel and to update the standards on or before January 1, 2032, and every 5 years thereafter.

AB 1793 (Ta R) Student financial aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: eligibility: dependents of members of the armed services stationed outside of California.

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Summary: Current law establishes the Middle Class Scholarship Program (MCSP) under the administration of the commission. Current law makes an undergraduate student eligible for a scholarship award under the MCSP if the student is enrolled at the University of California or the California State University, or enrolled in upper division coursework in a community college baccalaureate program, and meets certain eligibility requirements, including, among others, that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements for a Cal Grant. This bill would extend Cal Grant and MCSP eligibility to a student who was not a resident of California at the time of high school graduation or its equivalent but meets all other applicable eligibility requirements and is a natural or adopted child, stepchild, or spouse who is a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed outside of California on active duty but otherwise maintains their residence in California.

AB 1794 (McCarty D) Crimes.

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Summary: Current law, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, enacted as an initiative statute by Proposition 47, as approved by the electors at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election, makes the theft of money, labor, or property petty theft punishable as a misdemeanor, whenever the

value of the property taken does not exceed \$950. Under current law, if the value of the property taken exceeds \$950, the theft is grand theft, punishable as a misdemeanor or a felony. Proposition 47 requires shoplifting, defined as entering a commercial establishment with the intent to commit larceny if the value of the property taken does not exceed \$950, to be punished as a misdemeanor. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to theft.

Organization Position

CBPA
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AB 1795 (Carrillo, Wendy D) Primary elections: dual candidacies.

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Summary: Current law prohibits a person from filing nomination documents for a party nomination and an independent nomination for the same office, or for more than one office at the same primary election. This bill would clarify that a candidate is prohibited from filing nomination documents for more than one office at the same primary election.

AB 1796 (Alanis R) Pupil instruction: course offerings: parental notification.

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Summary: Current law requires the governing board of a school district to annually notify parents or guardians of minor pupils of specified rights and responsibilities of the parent or guardian and of specified school district policies and procedures. Current law requires, as part of the annual notification, a school district offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to provide the parent or guardian of each minor pupil enrolled in any of those grades in the school district with written notification that includes, among other things, a brief explanation of college admission requirements and a brief description of what career technical education is, as provided. This bill would require a school district, county office of education, or charter school serving pupils in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to annually inform parents of specified course offerings that may be available at their child's school, as provided.

AB 1797 (Wood D) State crustacean.

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Summary: Would establish the Dungeness crab (*Metacarcinus magister*) as the official state crustacean. The bill would also make related findings and declarations.

ACR 117 (Nguyen, Stephanie D) Nurse Anesthesiologist Week.

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Summary: Would designate the week of January 21, 2024, to January 27, 2024, inclusive, as Nurse Anesthesiologist Week.

ACR 118 (Ta R) Vietnam Human Rights Day.

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Summary: Would designate May 11, 2024, as Vietnam Human Rights Day in support of efforts to achieve freedom and human rights for the people of Vietnam. The measure would encourage Californians to commemorate the day with appropriate activities, including, but not limited to, rallies, ceremonies, and discussions.

ACR 119

(Gallagher R) Condemning the October 7, 2023, attack on Israel.

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Summary: Would condemn and decry the Hamas terrorist organization in the harshest terms for its premeditated, coordinated, and barbaric attacks on Israel, acts of sexual violence, hostage taking, and theft of relief supplies intended for the civilian population of Gaza, and demand the release of all hostages held by Palestinian terrorists. The measure would condemn and denounce in the strongest possible terms all instances of anti-Semitism occurring in California, the United States, and globally.

SB 892

(Padilla D) Public contracts: artificial intelligence services: safety, privacy, and nondiscrimination standards.

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Summary: Would require the Department of Technology to establish safety, privacy, and nondiscrimination standards relating to artificial intelligence services, as defined. Commencing August 1, 2025, the bill would prohibit a contract for artificial intelligence services, as defined, from being entered into by the state unless the provider meets those standards. This bill would require the Department of Technology to report to the Legislature regarding the standards it establishes, as specified.

Organization **Position**
Skydio

SB 893

(Padilla D) California Artificial Intelligence Research Hub.

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Summary: Would require the Government Operations Agency, the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, and the Department of Technology to collaborate to establish the California Artificial Intelligence Research Hub (hub) in the Government Operations Agency. The bill would require the hub to serve as a centralized entity to facilitate collaboration between government agencies, academic institutions, and private sector partners to advance artificial intelligence research and development that seeks to harness the technology’s full potential for public benefit while safeguarding privacy, advancing security, and addressing risks and potential harms to society, as prescribed.

Organization **Position**
Skydio

SB 894

(Min D) Sexual exploitation by a member of the clergy.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/3/2024 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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Is Urgency: N

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Summary: Current law provides that a person commits a sexual battery who, among other things, acts with the intent to cause a harmful or offensive contact with an intimate part, as defined, of

another that directly or indirectly results in a sexually offensive contact with that person. The law makes a person who commits a sexual battery pursuant to those provisions liable for damages and equitable relief. Current law establishes the defense of consent in civil actions. This bill would prohibit the defense that the adult parishioner consented to sexual contact in a civil action involving sexual contact between a member of the clergy and an adult parishioner.

Organization **Position**
 OCDA

[SB 895](#) (Roth D) Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program.

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Summary: Would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes select community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The bill would limit the pilot program to 15 community college districts statewide and would require the chancellor to identify eligible community college districts based on specified criteria. The bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct an evaluation of the pilot program to determine the effectiveness of the program and the need to continue or expand the program. The bill would repeal these provisions as of January 1, 2031.

[SB 896](#) (Dodd D) Artificial Intelligence Accountability Act.

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Summary: Current law requires the Secretary of Government Operations to develop a coordinated plan to, among other things, investigate the feasibility of, and obstacles to, developing standards and technologies for state departments to determine digital content provenance. For the purpose of informing that coordinated plan, current law requires the secretary to evaluate, among other things, the impact of the proliferation of deepfakes, defined to mean audio or visual content that has been generated or manipulated by artificial intelligence that would falsely appear to be authentic or truthful and that features depictions of people appearing to say or do things they did not say or do without their consent, on state government, California-based businesses, and residents of the state. This bill, the Artificial Intelligence Accountability Act, would, among other things, require the Government Operations Agency, the Department of Technology, and the Office of Data and Innovation to produce a State of California Benefits and Risk of Generative Artificial Intelligence Report that includes certain items, including an examination of the most significant, potentially beneficial uses for deployment of generative artificial intelligence tools by the state, and would require those entities to update the report, as prescribed.

Organization **Position**
 Skydio

[SB 897](#) (Newman D) Pupil attendance: interdistrict attendance: school districts of choice.

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Summary: Current law prohibits school districts of choice from targeting their communications to individual parents or residential neighborhoods on the basis of a pupil's or pupils' actual or perceived academic skill or other personal characteristics. This bill would expand that prohibition to also prohibit school districts of choice from targeting their communications to individual parents or residential neighborhoods on the basis of a pupil's or pupils' actual or perceived proficiency in English, family income, or their disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of a hate crime, as defined.

[SB 898](#) (Skinner D) Vehicle equipment: windows.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/3/2024 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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Summary: Would, beginning on January 1, 2025, require all vehicles sold in California to be equipped with a side window, windshield, back window, and sunroof that allow no more than 2% of ultraviolet A radiation, no more than 2% of ultraviolet B radiation, and no more than 10% of infrared radiation of the incident solar radiation into the vehicle, as specified. By creating a new crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

SB 899

(Skinner D) Protective orders: firearms.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/3/2024 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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Summary: Current law prohibits a person subject to specified protective orders from owning a firearm or ammunition. Current law requires a person subject to those orders to relinquish any firearms or ammunition they own. This bill would require the court, when issuing those orders, to provide the person subject to the order with information on how any firearms or ammunition still in their possession are to be relinquished, as specified. The bill would require the court to review the file to determine whether the receipt has been filed and inquire as to whether the person has complied with the requirement. The bill would require violations of the firearms or ammunition prohibition to be reported to the prosecuting attorney in the jurisdiction where the order has been issued within 2 business days of the court hearing unless the restrained party provides a receipt showing compliance at a subsequent hearing or by direct filing with the clerk of the court.

Organization Position
OCDA

SB 900

(Umbert D) Civil procedure: automation.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/3/2024 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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Summary: Current law authorizes a court to establish and operate, in accordance with the rules and policy of the Judicial Council, an interactive computer system to enable and assist a pro per litigant to prepare standardized pro per court documents for use in specified civil actions. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

SB 901

(Umbert D) Civil actions: time for commencement: unwritten lease.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/3/2024 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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Summary: Current law prohibits an action for breach of an unwritten lease of real property from being brought more than 2 years after breach of the lease and abandonment of the property, or more than 3 years after termination of the right of the lessee to possession of the property, whichever is the earlier time. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

SB 902

(Roth D) Firearms: public safety.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/3/2024 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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Summary: Current law, subject to exceptions, provides that any person who has been convicted of certain misdemeanors may not, within 10 years of the conviction, own, purchase, receive, possess or

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have under their custody or control, any firearm and makes a violation of that prohibition a crime. Current law, with certain exceptions, makes it a crime to maliciously and intentionally maim, mutilate, torture, wound, or kill a living animal. Current law, with additional exceptions, makes it a crime to, among other things, overwork, cruelly beat, or overload an animal. This bill would provide that any person convicted of a misdemeanor violation of the above-described crimes, on or after January 1, 2025, may not, within 10 years of the conviction, access a firearm as described above, and makes a violation of that prohibition a crime.

Organization **Position**
OCDA

SB 903

(Skinner D) Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances

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Summary: Current law prohibits the distribution, sale, or offer for sale in the state any food packaging that contains regulated perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Current law prohibits the sale or distribution in commerce in the state any new, not previously owned, juvenile product, as defined, that contains regulated perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to phase out the sale of products with avoidable perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Organization **Position**
Sacramento

SB 904

(Dodd D) Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District.

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Summary: Current law creates, within the Counties of Sonoma and Marin, the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District with specified duties and powers relative to the provision of a passenger and freight rail system within the territory of the district. Under current law, the district is governed by a 12-member board of directors appointed by various local governmental entities. Current law authorizes the board to submit to the voters of the district a measure proposing a retail transactions and use tax ordinance. This bill would also authorize those special taxes to be imposed by a qualified voter initiative. The bill would require the board of supervisors of the Counties of Sonoma and Marin to call a special election on a tax measure proposed by the district's board of directors or a qualified voter initiative in their respective counties, as specified.

SB 905

(Wiener D) Unlawful entry of a vehicle.

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Summary: Would make forcibly entering a vehicle, as defined, with the intent to commit a theft therein a crime punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period not to exceed one year or imprisonment in a county jail for 16 months, or 2 or 3 years. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Organization **Position**
OCDA

SB 906

(Skinner D) Student Athlete Bill of Rights.

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Summary: Current law establishes a Student Athlete Bill of Rights, which, among other things, provides for the protection of athletic scholarships for student athletes and requires certain institutions of higher education to pay the premiums for specified student athletes for insurance for claims resulting from their participation in those institutions' athletic programs. Current law defines terms for purposes of the provisions granting these rights to student athletes. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to certain of these definitions.

[SB 907](#) (Newman D) Orange County Board of Education: members.

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Summary: Current law requires that a county board of education consist of 5 or 7 members to be determined by the county committee on school district organization, except in a city and county. Existing law specifies that when a county committee on school district organization resolves to reduce from 7 to 5 or increase from 5 to 7 the number of members of the county board of education, the resolution shall be presented in a ballot to the electors of the county in a prescribed manner. This bill would require the Orange County Board of Education to, instead, consist of 7 members.

[SCR 94](#) (Dodd D) Data Privacy Week and Day.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/3/2024 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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Summary: Would designate, in perpetuity, the 4th week of January as Data Privacy Week and the last Sunday of January as Data Privacy Day.

[SCR 95](#) (Bradford D) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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Summary: Would honor the late civil rights pioneer Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

[SCR 96](#) (Dodd D) Lviv region, Ukraine: sister state relationship.

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Summary: Would extend an invitation to the people of the region of Lviv, Ukraine, to join with California in a sister state relationship.

[SR 51](#) (Min D) Relative to Korean American Day.

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Summary: Would resolve that the Senate hereby proclaims January 13, 2024, as Korean American Day.

[SR 52](#) (Grove R) Relative to National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/3/2024 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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Summary: Would resolve that the Senate recognizes the month of January 2024 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Total Measures: 50

Total Tracking Forms: 26



AGENDA ITEM 4
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 16, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Ana Vallianatos, Department Manager
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Subject: 14th Annual Economic Summit Evaluation Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 3: 'Be the foremost data information hub for the region. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies'

o further agency priorities and foster public understanding of long-range regional'

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SCAG's 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit took place on December 7, 2023, with programming highlighting connections between regional planning and the long-term health of the Southern California economy. This report provides an overview of the event and its reach, including registration, attendance and circulation of information and resources.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG hosted the 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit at the Sheraton Grand in downtown Los Angeles on Thursday, December 7, 2023. This annual event connects local leaders to resource information about the state of Southern California's economy to inform local planning and implementation efforts, and encourage conversations on timely issues facing the region.

EVENT PROGRAM

After welcoming remarks, including a video shared by Senator Alex Padilla, SCAG Senior Economic Gigi Moreno presented SCAG's analysis on the state of the region's economy, with an overview of sector-specific employment changes and opportunities for growth.

The morning panel, moderated by SCAG Regional Council Immediate Past President Jan C. Harnik tied major areas of regional planning outcomes—jobs, equity, housing—to economic and environmental resilience for the region, and featured Hasan Ikhata, Chief Executive Officer, San

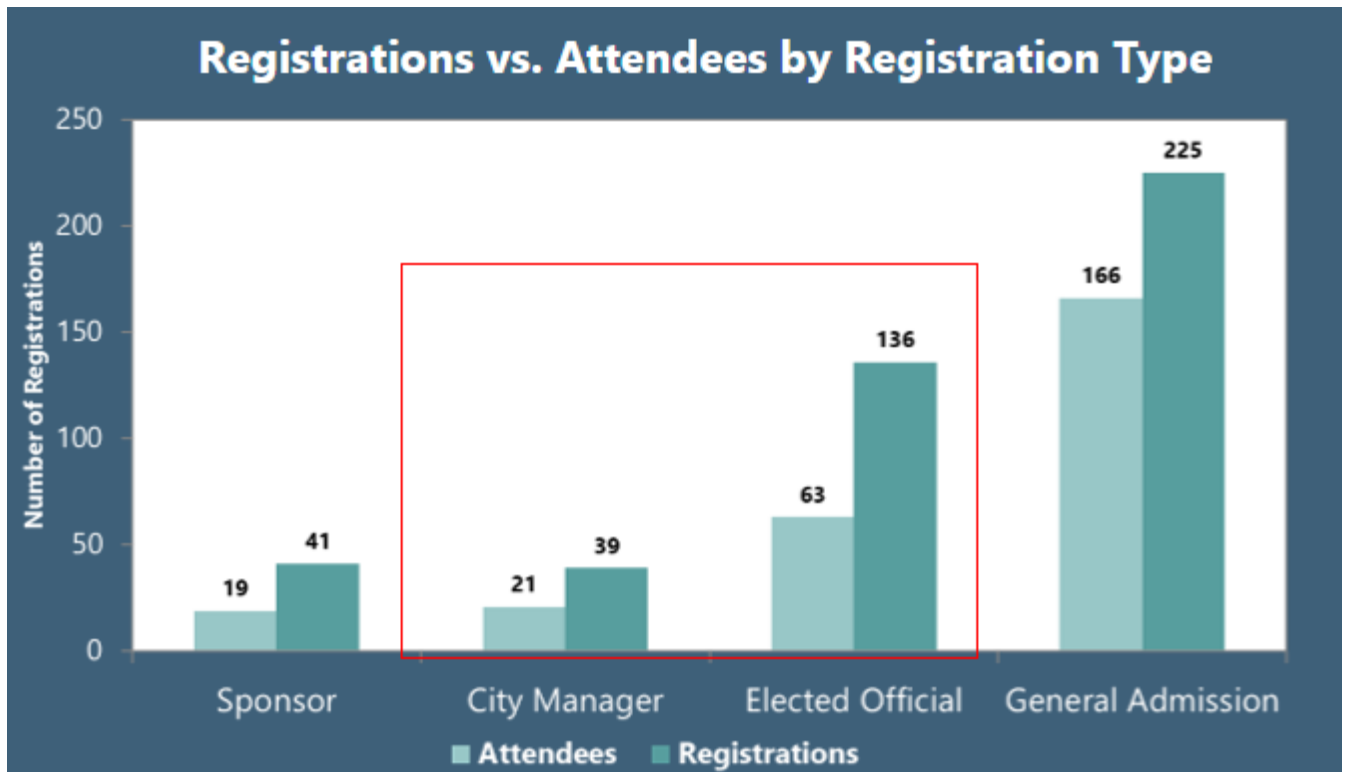
Diego Association of Governments; Lynn Von Koch-Liebert, Executive Director, Strategic Growth Council; and Shannon Sedgwick, Director, Institute for Applied Economics at Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation.

Greg Lindsay, Urban Tech Fellow at Cornell Tech, delivered a keynote address examining the integration of regional planning elements, including opportunities to harness technology and future trends to shape economic development.

Paul Granillo, President & Chief Executive Officer, Inland Empire Economic Partnership, moderated the afternoon panel featuring Jasson Crockett, Head of California State Policy, Snap, Inc.; Brian Merchant, Technology Columnist, Los Angeles Times; Kianna Scott, Senior Vice President of Learning & Development, ChargerHelp, Inc.; and Michael Spagna, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, California State University, Dominguez Hills for a discussion on leveraging changes like automation, artificial intelligence and slower population growth to progress toward economic and environmental sustainability.

MARKETING, REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE

Marketing efforts to create awareness about the event and drive registrations proved successful. Information across SCAG's social media platforms generated 263,000 impressions and a 5.7% engagement rate, surpassing the visibility of last year's event. More than 2,600 individuals visited the Economic Summit landing page on the SCAG website to view the information and register for the event. Emails promoting the event had an average 4.7% click-through rate, exceeding the industry average of 2.8% to 3%. 549 individuals registered for the event, which exceeded 2022 registrations by 18%. However, after reviewing attendance check-in numbers, it was revealed that 377 attended. Of the groups identified in the registration process, elected officials experienced the largest drop off from registration to attendance. The number of registrations versus actual attendance numbers for all groups is shown in the chart below:



For next year’s event, staff will consider tactics to reduce drop-off rates between registration and attendance.

RESOURCES AND REACH

The event included presentation and publication of the “Regional Briefing Book,” which details the current state of the region’s economy with benchmarks to track throughout the region in the coming year. This resource, as well as the Economic Update presentation and event program, were made available on SCAG’s website and downloaded by 104 individuals.

The event, and release of the economic briefing book, also received earned media attention resulting in a digital reach of over 30 million people. Media coverage appeared in American Journal of Transportation, Yahoo News Taiwan, Imperial Valley Press and more. Spectrum News interviewed Executive Director, Kome Ajise about data released at the event, which coincided with the development of Connect SoCal, SCAG’s Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. SCAG Planning Supervisor Dr. Kevin Kane was also interviewed by Spectrum News about rates of housing production and featured in a broadcast story about the current state of the housing marketing in Southern California. Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey also appeared in a broadcast radio interview on KNX-FM about the economic outlook for Southern California.



Photos from the 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit are also available in the [news brief](#) on the news" section of SCAG's website.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with SCAG's 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit is contained in the General Fund and TDA budgets for Special Events, coded in 800.0160.29 and 700.4743.06 respectively.



AGENDA ITEM 5
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 16, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Francisco Barajas, Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst
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Subject: Federal Update - What to Expect in 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Informational Item – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Congress reconvened on January 9, 2024, marking the beginning of the second session of the 118th Congress. Holland & Knight represents SCAG in Washington, D.C. and will provide a presentation on what to expect in 2024, including an appropriations update, current and upcoming grant opportunities, and an outlook on the upcoming 2024 elections with a direct impact on the SCAG region.

Additionally, staff is including in this report a list of potential federal priorities for the coming year. Staff anticipates the use of these federal priorities when conducting meetings with elected members of SCAG’s federal delegation in conjunction with our attendance at various conferences and events in Washington, D.C.

BACKGROUND:

What to Expect in 2024 – Holland & Knight

Congress reconvened on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, marking the beginning of the second session of the 118th Congress. Holland & Knight represents SCAG in Washington, D.C. and will provide a presentation on what to expect in 2024, including an appropriations update and the current status of the FY2024 budget, current and upcoming grant opportunities and an outlook on the upcoming 2024 elections that will directly impact the SCAG region.

Potential 2024 Federal Priorities

SCAG anticipates the use of federal priorities when conducting meetings with members of our federal delegation in conjunction with our attendance at various conferences and events in Washington, D.C., including but not limited to the annual California Transportation Congressional Reception, National Conference of Regions hosted by the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), and the Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors (CAGTC) Annual Meeting.

1) Supporting the Federal Carbon Reduction Program

The federal Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) was created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to provide funding for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions. As a designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), SCAG was required to collaborate with the State on the development of a carbon reduction strategy within two years of enactment and update that strategy at least every four years thereafter.

The CRP program is authorized from FY2022 through FY2026. SCAG's FY2022 apportionments totaled \$33.6 million. To put these funds to work, SCAG coordinated with the region's county transportation commissions (CTCs) to select a program of projects eligible for these funds. The projects were approved by the Regional Council on April 6, 2023. For FY2023 through FY2026, SCAG's regional allocation of CRP funds is estimated to be approximately \$141 million. SCAG will distribute 65 percent of these apportionments to the CTCs and eligible local entities through a performance-based project nomination process. The remaining 35 percent, estimated to be up to \$49 million, will be utilized for SCAG's regional initiatives to identify, evaluate, and award funding for regional and/or local pilots and partnership projects that achieve regional transportation goals and further the objectives of Connect SoCal.

Because of the important role the CRP plays in funding projects in Connect SoCal that reduce transportation-related emissions, SCAG anticipates elevating this program as discussions for the nation's next surface transportation authorization bill begin to take shape.

2) Supporting the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) and Healthy Street Program

The ATIIP provides funding for pedestrian and bicycle facilities that strategically connect active transportation networks to the essentials of everyday life. The Healthy Streets Program provides funding for cool and porous pavements and to expand tree canopies to address urban heat islands, improve air quality and reduce stormwater runoff.

While both programs were authorized in the IIJA, they are subject to annual appropriations. The ATIIP has received funding in the FY23 Appropriations bill, and the Healthy Streets Program has yet to receive any funding.

Because of the promise that ATIIIP and Health Streets Program could play in supporting local cities and counties in their efforts to implement the projects and strategies contained in Connect SoCal, SCAG anticipates elevating these programs in FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations processes.

3) Supporting the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

The ACP was created on an emergency basis during the Trump Administration as the Emergency Broadband Benefit and was then codified by the IIJA as the ACP. The program reduces the cost of internet connectivity for individuals receiving federal assistance and is crucial to bridging the digital divide.

While the program was authorized in the IIJA, it is subject to annual appropriations. As of the writing of this report, funding for the program is expected to be exhausted by April of 2024. President Biden made an emergency request in October of 2023 for \$6 billion to be included in the FY 2024 budget to keep the program running through December 2024.

Additionally, in March of 2023, the Federal Communications Commission awarded SCAG a \$500k grant to conduct ACP outreach in the Southern California region. While SCAG is now ready to begin ACP outreach, such efforts would be wasted labor should the program not receive additional funding.

Because of the important role the ACP plays to close the digital divide, SCAG anticipates elevating this program in FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations processes.

4) Preparing for the Olympics 2028

In partnership with the Los Angeles Olympics Committee, SCAG looks forward to supporting regional legislative efforts that will help Southern California prepare for the 2028 Summer Olympics Games.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the Federal Update is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 6 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 16, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
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Subject: 2024-25 State Budget Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The State Constitution requires the Governor to submit a balanced budget to the Legislature by January 10 of each year detailing the state’s spending plan for the next fiscal year. To comply with this requirement, Governor Newsom unveiled his 2024-25 fiscal year budget proposal on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. His \$291.5 billion budget lays out his administration’s spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year while addressing an estimated budget shortfall of \$37.9 billion, significantly lower than the Legislative Analyst’s Office estimated \$68 billion deficit figure. SCAG lobbyists, Cruz Strategies, will provide a presentation on the details of the budget and its potential impact on SCAG’s priorities.

BACKGROUND:

Governor Newsom presented his January Budget Proposal for the upcoming 2024-25 fiscal year on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, as required by the State’s constitution. The budget includes \$291.5 billion in spending in all categories. The Governor’s budget estimates a \$37.9 billion shortfall compared to the \$68 billion deficit that the Legislative Analyst’s Office predicted in its December 2023 budget outlook. As the Constitution requires the budget to be balanced when presented, the Governor’s proposal includes the following actions to address the deficit:

- **Reserve Account Funds (\$13.1 billion)** – The Governor decided to dip into three out of the four reserve accounts, including:
 - The Mandatory BSA Balance and Transfer Suspension Account (\$10.4 billion)
 - The Discretionary BSA Balance Account (\$1.8 billion)

- The Safety Net Reserve Account (\$900 million)
 - **Reductions (\$8.5 billion)** – Reducing spending for various items from the 2023-23 through 2023-24 fiscal years, including:
 - Various Climate Reductions (\$2.9 billion),
 - Various Housing Program Reductions (\$1.2 billion),
 - **Includes a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0 funding**
 - State Vacant Position Funding Sweep (\$762.5 million),
 - School Facilities Aid Program (\$500 million),
 - Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Program (\$494 million),
 - Legislative Requests (\$350 million),
 - University of California Los Angeles Institute of Immunology and Immunotherapy (\$300 million), and
 - Middle Class Scholarship Program (\$289 million)
 - **Revenue/Internal Borrowing (\$5.7 billion)** – The budget contains support from revenue sources and borrows from various internal special funds, including increasing the Managed Care Organization Tax Support for Medi-Cal and Conforming to Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Net Operating Loss Limitation.
 - **Funding Delays (\$5.1 billion)** – Delaying funding for multiple items from the 2025-26 through 2028-29 fiscal years, spreading the funding across future years without reducing the total amount of funding planned over the entire period, including:
 - Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (\$1 billion),
 - Full Implementation of DDS Service Provider Rate Reform (\$613 million),
 - Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program (\$550 million),
 - Clean Energy Reliability Investment Plan (\$400 million),
 - Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program (\$235 million), and
 - Vulnerable Community Toxic Clean Up (\$175 million).
 - **Fund Shifts (\$3.4 billion)** – Shifts some expenditures from the General Fund to other funds, including:
 - Various shifts to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (\$1.8 billion),
 - State plans retirement contribution reductions using Prop 2 Debt Repayment Funding (\$1.3 billion), and
 - Unemployment Insurance Interest Payment (\$100 million).
 - **Fund Deferrals (\$2.1 billion)** – Defers certain spending obligations to the 2025-26 fiscal year.
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Next Steps

The Governor's proposal is the first step in the budget process that will culminate with the adoption of the FY 2024-25 budget by June 15, 2024, as required by our state constitution. Over the next several months, the Legislature will convene its budget committees, identify its priorities, and negotiate with the Governor. While many steps remain, the January budget proposal is a key indication for legislators on the Governor's top priorities.

Cruz Strategies represents SCAG in Sacramento and will provide a presentation to the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) on the Governor's proposed budget. Cruz's summary of the budget is attached to this report. To access the Governor's proposed budget, visit: ebudget.ca.gov.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the 2024-25 State Budget Update is contained in the Indirect Cost Budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2024-25 Jan Budget Summary - Cruz Strategies



Governor's 2024-2025 January Budget

January 10, 2024

On January 10th, Governor Newsom unveiled a \$291.5 billion budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year, 2024-2025. However, Newsom cited a much lower-than-expected budget deficit amount than the Legislative Analyst's Office has been reporting (\$37.86 billion deficit compared to the LAO's \$68 billion figure).

The budget preserves a number of the Administration's priority program investments that were enacted in the last few years, including Medi-Cal expansion for undocumented immigrants and homelessness grants for local governments. However, the proposal cuts approximately \$8.5 billion from a variety of funds, including reductions to climate change, housing programs and school facilities (with the note that bonds will be considered for November 2024 in this area). The budget also delays and defers more than \$7 billion in funding for transit and intercity rail, early childhood education grants, clean energy and behavioral health housing. Additionally, the proposed budget withdraws \$13 billion from the state's reserves, which had been avoided in last year's budget deliberations. The budget numbers will shift again by the time Newsom announces a revised plan in May, after Californians have filed their tax returns and state officials have a better idea of how much revenue will come into the state coffers.

The Governor highlighted in his press conference and subsequent press release several promises and proposed areas of focus for funding this year, including addressing homelessness, mental health reform, public safety, maintaining economic stability, and career education/TK investments.

Highlights by Issue Areas

Below, we have included proposals of interest or significance in the Governor's budget broken down by subject area. A link to each subject area is also included in the header of each section if you need additional information.

[Criminal Justice/Public Safety](#)

- **Bachelor's Degree Program**—The 2022 Budget Act added \$4.7 million ongoing General Fund to permanently operate bachelor's degree programs at seven institutions in collaboration with the California State University (CSU) system to enable incarcerated individuals to further prepare to enter the workforce and find gainful employment upon

their release from prison. All seven programs are operational and there are 280 students currently enrolled in CSU programs.

- **Prison Closures** - The Budget includes \$9.6 million in General Fund savings in 2024-25, increasing to \$11.1 million ongoing, to reflect a reduced administrative workload and positions associated with supporting the four prison closures.
- **Free Voice Calling Adjustments**—An increase of \$7.4 million one-time General Fund in 2023-24, and \$8.2 million ongoing, which results in total funding of \$32.6 million in 2023-24, and \$36.7 million ongoing, to provide incarcerated individuals access to free voice calling, consistent with Chapter 827, Statutes of 2022 (SB 1008). While rates are unchanged, the number of minutes increased compared to spring 2023 projections.
- **DJJ Funding Changes** - SB 823 required the Governor and the Legislature to work with stakeholders to establish a new funding distribution methodology for JJRBG by January 10, 2024. As part of the Budget, the Administration is proposing statutory changes to maintain the current funding formula specified in SB 823 for 2024-25 to: (1) provide more time for the Administration to engage with the Legislature and stakeholders on the best approach for achieving a refined funding allocation methodology that will lead to improved outcomes for realigned youth, and (2) help create greater certainty for counties regarding their allocation amounts for 2024-25, which is particularly important given the current fiscal climate.
- **Combating Organized Retail Theft and Other Crimes**—\$373.5 million General Fund over four years to bolster local law enforcement efforts to address retail theft and other crimes. This includes ongoing resources to expand and make permanent California Highway Patrol's retail theft task forces as well as the Department of Justice's Special Operations Unit and other task force and prosecution teams. These statewide enforcement efforts combat violent career criminals, gangs, and organized crime groups by using electronic surveillance and advanced investigative techniques.
- **California Violence Intervention and Prevention (Cal VIP) Grant Program**— \$200 million General Fund was provided over three years to expand violence prevention efforts within communities that focus on those at the highest risk of violence.
- **Gun Violence Restraining Orders**—\$15 million one-time General Fund across 2021-22 (\$11 million) and 2023-24 (\$4 million) to facilitate education and training efforts related to gun violence restraining orders, including a public awareness campaign, grants to domestic violence groups to conduct outreach, and gun violence restraining order trainings to entities statewide.
- **Drug Interdiction Continuation**—An increase of \$30 million General Fund (\$15 million in 2024-25 and \$15 million in 2025-26) to further expand the Military Department's existing drug interdiction efforts to prevent drug trafficking by transnational criminal organizations throughout the state, with a particular focus on assisting federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in combating fentanyl.
- **Post Release Community Supervision**—The Post Release Community Supervision Act of 2011 authorized CDCR to release certain incarcerated individuals to county supervision. The state provides funding to those counties. The Budget estimates \$4.4 million General Fund will be allocated to counties for this purpose in 2024-25.
- **Community Corrections Performance Incentive Grant**—The Community Corrections Performance Incentive Grant, Chapter 608, Statutes of 2009 (SB 678), was created to provide incentives for counties to reduce the number of felony probationers sent to state prison. The Budget includes \$113.6 million General Fund for county probation departments. In the prior three years, funding for this item was held constant due to the

COVID-19 Pandemic's effect on probation populations, law enforcement practices, and court processes. The Budget reverts to the previous methodology for calculating incentive payments to the counties beginning in 2024-25, as specified in existing statute and because recent data suggest the number of felony probationers sent to state prison is normalizing to pre-pandemic levels.

- **Public Safety Radio Modernization to Support Equal Access to 9-1-1 Services**—An increase of \$6.4 million State Emergency Telephone Number Account funds an additional 12 positions to continue implementation of the California Radio Interoperable System, a statewide public safety radio system that dramatically improves interoperability for state, local, and federal public safety responders.

Health and Human Services

- **Expanding Medi-Cal to All Income-Eligible Californians**—The Budget maintains \$1.4 billion (\$1.2 billion General Fund) in 2023-24, \$3.4 billion (\$2.9 billion General Fund) in 2024-25, and approximately \$3.7 billion (\$3.2 billion General Fund) ongoing, inclusive of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) costs, to expand full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility to income-eligible adults aged 26 to 49 regardless of immigration status as of January 1, 2024.
- **Behavioral Health Continuum**—The Budget maintains over \$8 billion total funds across various Health and Human Services departments to expand the continuum of behavioral health treatment and infrastructure capacity and transform the system for providing behavioral health services to children and youth.
- **Minimum Wage** - Chapter 890, Statutes of 2023 (SB 525) increases the minimum wage incrementally to \$25 an hour for specified health care workers, effective June 1, 2024. Given the overall economic and General Fund revenue outlook and the significant fiscal impact of SB 525 on the state, the Administration is seeking early action in January by the Legislature to add an annual “trigger” to make the minimum wage increases subject to General Fund revenue availability, clarify the exemption for state facilities, and make other implementation clarifications.
- **Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT) Demonstration**—The Budget maintains \$7.6 billion (\$350.4 million General Fund, \$87.5 million Mental Health Services Fund, \$2.6 billion Medi-Cal County Behavioral Health Fund, and \$4.6 billion federal funds) through the term of the waiver, for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) to implement the BH-CONNECT Demonstration, effective January 1, 2025.
- **California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)**—The Budget maintains approximately \$2.4 billion (\$811.1 million General Fund) in 2024-25 to continue transforming the health care delivery system through CalAIM at DHCS. The Budget also maintains \$24.7 million (\$8.6 million General Fund) in 2025-26 increasing to \$197.9 million (\$69.3 million General Fund) at full implementation to allow up to six months of rent or temporary housing to eligible individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness transitioning out of institutional care, a correctional facility, the child welfare system, or other transitional housing settings. Counties will also have the option to implement this benefit as part of the BH-CONNECT Demonstration.
- **Child Care and Development**—A multi-year plan was initiated as part of the 2021 Budget Act to expand access to subsidized child care slots. The Budget maintains this commitment and includes \$2.1 billion for the DSS to fund roughly 146,000 new subsidized

childcare slots expected to be filled by 2024-25, working towards the goal of creating over 200,000 new slots by 2026-27.

- **Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Wellness Coaches**—The Budget includes \$9.5 million (\$4.1 million General Fund) in 2024-25 increasing annually to \$78 million (\$33.8 million General Fund) in 2027-28 to establish the wellness coach benefit in Medi-Cal effective January 1, 2025. Wellness coaches will primarily serve children and youth and operate as part of a care team in school-linked settings and across the Medi-Cal behavioral health delivery system.
- **Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program**—A delay of \$140.4 million General Fund from 2024-25 to 2025-26, for a total of \$380.7 million for the final round of grants in 2025-26. The Budget maintains a \$300 million General Fund in 2023-24 and \$239.6 million General Fund in 2024-25.
- **Behavioral Health Bridge Housing**—Due to lower-than-projected Mental Health Services Act revenues, the Budget proposes to shift \$265 million from the Mental Health Services Fund appropriated in the 2023 Budget Act to the General Fund in 2024-25. In addition, the Budget delays the \$235 million General Fund originally planned for 2024-25 to 2025-26. Despite the delays, the Budget maintains \$1.5 billion for this program.
- **Clinic Workforce Stabilization Payments**—A reversion of \$14.9 million in unexpended General Fund from the one-time \$70 million General Fund included in the 2022 Budget Act for the Clinic Workforce Stabilization and Retention Payment Program that was planned to be transferred to the Department of Health Care Access and Information for workforce development programs.
- **Child Welfare Services-California Automated Response and Engagement System (CWS-CARES) Project**—The Budget includes \$173.4 million (\$88.1 million General Fund) in 2024-25 to support continued project development and implementation costs, and an additional \$52 million (\$26 million General Fund) in one-time provisional authority, of the CWS-CARES project. The CWS-CARES will replace the existing case management system to benefit state, local and tribal child welfare agencies and will align with state and federal requirements.
- **Foster Care Rate Reform**—The Budget includes \$12 million General Fund in 2024-25 to make automation changes for a reformed foster care payment structure, with full implementation anticipated as early as 2026-27. The new rate system for foster care placements will focus on the child's individual level of needs and strengths, rather than the placement type.
- **Family Urgent Response System**—A reduction of \$30 million in 2024-25 and ongoing.
- **Bringing Families Home Program**—The Budget delays \$80 million General Fund for the Bringing Families Home to 2025-26.
- **Home Safe Program**—The Budget delays \$65 million General Fund for the Home Safe Program to 2025-26.
- **Healthier at Home Pilot**—A reversion of \$11.9 million General Fund for the Healthier at Home Pilot program at the California Department of Aging.

Housing & Homelessness

- **Homelessness**— The Budget maintains \$3.4 billion General Fund in 2023-24 to continue the state's efforts, as committed to in prior budgets.
 - **Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program**— The Budget maintains a total of \$1.1 billion General Fund for HHAP 5 across 2023-24 and 2024-25 to provide local jurisdictions, including federally recognized tribal governments, with

flexible funding to continue efforts to prevent and end homelessness in their communities. The Governor expressed interest in continuing to do the work to increase accountability.

- **Encampment Clean Up Grants**— \$400 million
- **Housing Cuts**—
 - **Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 (REAP 2.0)**—A reversion of \$300 million General Fund for REAP 2.0.
 - **Multifamily Housing Program**—A reversion of \$250 million General Fund for the Multifamily Housing Program, which leaves \$75 million in 2023-24 for this purpose.
 - **Foreclosure Intervention Housing Preservation Program**—A reduction of \$247.5 million in General Funds for the Foreclosure Intervention Housing Preservation Program over the next three years (\$85 million in 2024-25, \$100 million in 2025-26, and \$62.5 million in 2026-27).
 - **Infill Infrastructure Grant Program**—A reversion of \$200 million General Fund for the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program, which leaves \$25 million in 2023-24 for this purpose.
 - **CalHome Program**—A reversion of \$152.5 million General Fund for the CalHome Program.
 - **Veteran Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program**—A reversion of \$50 million General Fund for the Veteran Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program.
 - **Housing Navigators**—A reduction of \$13.7 million General Fund ongoing for Housing Navigators.REAP 2.0
- **Multifamily Seismic Retrofit Matching Funds**—A reversion of \$15 million General Fund for establishing the Seismic Retrofitting Program for Soft Story Multifamily Housing authorized in Chapter 48, Statutes of 2022 (SB 189).

Energy

The Budget maintains approximately \$6.6 billion of the planned 2022 energy investments. In addition to the \$944 million reduced in the 2023 Budget Act, the Budget includes \$419 million in General Fund reductions, \$144 million in fund shifts, and \$505 million in delays across various energy-related programs. The Budget also maintains the proposed \$1 billion for the Clean Energy Reliability Investment Plan with the remaining amount proposed over three years beginning in 2025-26.

- **Capacity Building Grants**—A reversion of \$20 million General Fund for the Capacity Building Grants Program at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The Budget maintains \$10 million for this program.
- **Incentives for Long Duration Storage**—A shift of \$56.9 million General Fund to the GGRF in 2024-25 for the Long Duration Storage Program at the CEC. The Budget maintains \$330 million for the program with this shift.
- **Hydrogen Grants**—A reversion of \$35 million General Fund for the Hydrogen Grant Program at the CEC. The Budget maintains \$65 million to the CEC for this program.
- **Residential Solar and Storage**—A delay of \$200 million General Fund (\$75 million in 2024-25 and \$125 million in 2025-26) for the Residential Solar and Storage Program. Instead, \$100 million in 2026-27 and \$100 million in 2027-28 would be available. The Budget maintains the \$630 million to the CPUC for this program.

- **Clean Energy Reliability Investment Plan (CERIP)**—A delay of \$400 million General Fund in 2024-25 and \$400 million General Fund in 2025-26 for the CERIP. The Budget maintains the \$1 billion for CERIP, which is consistent with SB 846 (Chapter 239, Statutes of 2022) as follows: \$100 million General Fund in 2023-2024, \$100 million General Fund in 2025-26, \$300 million General Fund in 2026-27, and \$500 million General Fund in 2027-28.
- **Electric Homes**—A reduction of \$6.4 million General Fund in the California Electric Homes Program by the CEC.

Climate Change

The Budget proposes \$6.7 billion of General Fund solutions in climate-related programs to achieve a balanced budget including \$2.9 billion in reductions; \$1.9 billion in delays of expenditures to future years; \$1.8 billion in shifts to other funds, primarily the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF).

- **Regional Climate Resilience**—A reversion of \$25 million General Fund and a reduction of \$50 million for the Regional Climate Resilience Program at the Office of Planning and Research. The Budget maintains \$25 million previously allocated to this program.
- **Regional Climate Collaboratives**—A reversion of \$9.8 million General Fund for Regional Climate Collaboratives Program at the Strategic Growth Council within the Office of Planning and Research. The Budget maintains \$10 million previously allocated to this program.
- **Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning Grants**—A reversion of \$5 million General Fund for the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning Grants at the Office of Planning and Research. The Budget maintains \$20 million previously allocated to this program.
- **Nature-Based Solutions**—The 2021 and 2022 Budget Acts committed \$1.6 billion for nature-based solutions. The Budget maintains \$1.4 billion of these investments over multiple years in various programs. The Budget includes \$15 million in General Fund reductions across two programs.
- **Watershed Climate Resilience Programs**—A reversion of \$88.4 million General Fund and a reduction of \$350 million over the next two years for various watershed climate resilience programs within the DWR and the Wildlife Conservation Board. The Budget maintains \$56 million previously allocated to these programs.
- **Water Recycling**—A reversion of \$174.4 million General Fund and a delay of \$100 million until 2025-26 for water recycling and groundwater cleanup. The Budget maintains \$348 million previously allocated to this program
- **Salton Sea**— Includes \$159.1 million in new investments to support flood protection, levee repair, and restoration of the Salton Sea.
- **Wildfire**—The Budget maintains \$2.7 billion of these investments over five years to advance critical investments in restoring forest and wildland health to continue to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires in the face of extreme climate conditions
- **Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances**—A reversion of \$71.6 million General Fund and reduction of \$30 million in 2024-25 for Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl support. The Budget maintains \$53 million previously allocated to this program.
- **Dam Safety**—A reversion of \$50 million General Fund for dam safety investments. The Budget maintains \$50 million previously allocated to this program.
- **Sea Level Rise**—A reversion of \$220.9 million General Fund for Sea Level Rise activities. The Budget maintains \$333.6 million previously allocated for this program.

- **Urban Greening**—A shift of \$23.8 million General Fund to the GGRF, which maintains \$75 million over four years for the Urban Greening Program. Funding being shifted for the Program is delayed to 2024-25.
- **Goods Movement Workforce Training Facility**—A delay of \$40 million General Fund for a Goods Movement Workforce Training Facility in Southern California. The Budget includes a \$20 million General Fund for this purpose in both 2025-26 and 2026-27. (See the Labor and Workforce Development Chapter for more information.)

Transportation/Infrastructure

The 2022 Budget Act included \$13.8 billion for transportation programs and projects that align with the state's climate goals. The Budget maintains \$13.6 billion of these investments. The Budget includes \$200 million in General Fund reductions, \$791 million in fund shifts, and \$3.1 billion in delays across various programs.

- **Active Transportation**—A reduction of \$200 million to the Active Transportation Program (ATP). This will leave the Active Transportation Program with \$850 million in one-time funding. To ensure no impact to previously awarded projects, the \$200 million reduction will be backfilled from ATP funding that was anticipated to be available for allocation in future cycles.
- **Statewide, Regional, and Local Transit and Rail Projects-Competitive Grants**—A shift of \$529.7 million of General Fund expenditures to the GGRF.
- **Statewide, Regional, and Local Transit and Rail Projects-Formula Grants**—A delay of \$1 billion of formula Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funds from 2024-25 to 2025-26, leaving \$1 billion for this program in 2024-25. Additionally, the Budget proposes to shift \$261.4 million of the remaining \$1 billion in 2024-25 from the General Fund to the GGRF. This fund shift will have no programmatic impact.
- **Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV)** —The Budget maintains \$10 billion, extended over seven years, in investments to the state's ZEV agenda—including targeted investments in disadvantaged and low-income communities by increasing access to the benefits of clean transportation and by continuing to decarbonize California's transportation sector and improve public health.

Higher Education

- The Budget proposes total funding of \$44.8 billion (\$26.9 billion General Fund and local property tax and \$17.9 billion other funds) for the higher education segments and the California Student Aid Commission.
 - **Financial Aid programs**—
 - \$2.5 billion for Cal Grant but does not fund Cal Grant Reform (FY 2022).
 - Forgoes a planned one-time Middle Class Scholarship investment of \$289 million for the Middle Class Scholarship.
 - **UC/CSU**—
 - To address the projected budget shortfall, the Budget defers the planned 2024-25 Compact investment of \$240.2 million to 2025-26.
 - Reduces commitment to the University of California Los Angeles Institute of Immunology and Immunotherapy by \$300 million; maintains \$200m.
 - **CCCs**—
 - COLA—An increase of \$69.1 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to provide a 0.76-percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Student-

Centered Funding Formula apportionments and \$29.6 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund for 0.5-percent enrollment growth.

- Student Housing Grant program—the Budget proposes suspending funding for the California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Program, which includes pulling back \$300 million one-time General Fund previously intended to be appropriated for the program for each year from 2024–25 to 2028–29
- An increase of \$60 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to expand nursing programs and Bachelor of Science in Nursing partnerships.

K-12 Education

The Budget uses resources from the Public School System Stabilization Account (PSSSA) to provide fiscal stability, by supporting baseline fiscal adjustments to maintain a level of predictability for students, families, and local educational agencies (LEAs). This includes withdrawals of roughly \$3 billion in 2023-24 and \$2.7 billion in 2024-25.

- **Prop 98**— Proposition 98 levels represent a decrease of approximately \$11.3 billion over the three years relative to the 2023 Budget Act. The Budget proposes statutory changes to address roughly \$8 billion of this decrease to avoid impacting existing LEA and community college district budgets. Proposition 98 funding for K-12 schools and community colleges is estimated to be \$98.3 billion in 2022-23, \$105.6 billion in 2023-24, and \$109.1 billion in 2024-25.
- The Proposition 98 minimum Guarantee is “rebenched” to reflect the continued implementation of Universal Transitional Kindergarten and the implementation of the Arts and Music in Schools—Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act. The resulting Test 1 percentage is then “rebenched” to increase the percentage of General Fund revenues due to the Guarantee, from 38.6 percent to 39.5 percent. The Budget includes an LCFF cost-of-living adjustment of 0.76 percent. When combined with population growth adjustments, this will result in a decrease of roughly \$1.4 billion in discretionary funds for LEAs. However, to fully fund the LCFF and to maintain the level of current year principal apportionments, the Budget proposes withdrawing approximately \$2.8 billion from the PSSSA to support ongoing LCFF costs in 2023-24, withdrawing approximately \$2.2 billion from the PSSSA to support ongoing LCFF costs in 2024-25, and using available reappropriation and reversion funding totaling \$38.6 million to support ongoing LCFF costs in 2024-25.
- **Education Bond** - This spring, the Administration expects to enter into negotiations with the Legislature on their education facilities bond proposals to reach an agreement on a bond proposal to be considered in the November 2024 election.
- **Arts and Music in Schools** -Estimates \$931 million ongoing for Arts, Music, and Instructional materials for a “discretionary block grant.”
 - Additionally, the Budget directs the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to create a new Elementary Arts and Music Education authorization for career technical education (CTE) teachers, for additional pathways for experienced artists to provide arts instruction in elementary school classrooms, in addition to providing CTE instruction in grades 7 through 12.

- **TK**— Delays funding for Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program (\$550 million).
- **Teacher Workforce**—The Budget includes several proposals intended to support teachers and improve access to the educator pipeline. This includes recognizing completion of a bachelor's degree as satisfying the basic skills requirement for a credential and improving transcript review to certify subject matter competency
- **Data Support—Cradle-to-Career Data System**—An increase of \$5 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to support the California College Guidance Initiative.
- **Inclusive College Technical Assistance Center**—An increase of \$2 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to establish a Technical Assistance Center to:
 - Assist LEAs with the development and submittal of federal comprehensive transition and postsecondary program applications, so that students can apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
 - Facilitate collaboration between LEAs and institutions of Higher Education to support students, including those with intellectual disabilities, and their parents to plan for postsecondary transition.
 - Assist LEAs with the identification of potential funding sources and student financial assistance opportunities.

Labor & Workforce Development

- **Apprenticeship Innovation Fund**— delay of \$40 million General Fund to 2025-26 and 2026-27 (\$20 million each year) for the Apprenticeship Innovation Fund at the Department of Industrial Relations.
- **California Youth Leadership Program**— delay of \$25 million General Fund to 2025-26 for the California Youth Apprenticeship Program at the Department of Industrial Relations.
- **California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program**— maintains multi-year commitment.
- **California Competes**—The Budget includes a total of \$60 million General Fund, comprised of \$10 million in savings from 2023-24 and \$50 million in new funding in 2024-25, to extend the California Competes grant program for one additional year
- **CA Jobs First Program**—delay of \$300 million General Fund for California Jobs First



AGENDA ITEM 8
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
January 16, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
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Subject: Two-Year Bills of Interest

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends a “support” position for AB 761 (Friedman) and requests feedback on SB 379 (Wahab), SB 440 (Skinner), and SB 537 (Becker).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

For today’s meeting, staff recommends a “support” position on Assembly Bill (AB) 761 (Friedman). Staff has included SB 379 (Wahab), SB 440 (Skinner), and SB 537 (Becker) for Informational Purposes Only.

As the Legislature reconvenes for the second and final half of the 2023-2034 Legislative Session, staff has worked to identify a two-year bills that that is still active but did not pass the legislature and reach the Governor’s desk last year that we recommended the LCMC support, as well as two-year bills on which we request feedback from the LCMC to inform potential staff recommendations in the future.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG is monitoring over 200 legislative bills that relate to active transportation, affordable housing and housing production, land use, transportation, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) modernization, and more. At several 2023 Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) meetings, staff identified bills requiring priority attention and engagement for the legislative cycle. As the legislature moves into a new year, staff is bringing two-year bills to the LCMC to recommend support and for informational purposes to gather feedback.

For today’s meeting, staff recommends a “support” position on Assembly Bill (AB) 761 (Friedman). Staff has also included SB 379 (Wahab), SB 440 (Skinner), and SB 537 (Becker) for informational

purposes only. Staff requests additional feedback on these three bills to inform potential staff recommendations for future LCMC meetings.

BILLS WITH RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT:

Bill: AB 761 **Author:** Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Glendale)

Title: Local finance: enhanced infrastructure financing districts

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee as a two-year bill.

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB761

Current Update:

AB 761 was initially introduced on February 13, 2023, by Assemblymember Laura Friedman. While the bill initially proposed establishing the Transit Transformation Task Force, it was amended to relate to enhanced infrastructure financing districts (EIFD) since the Task Force was created through the 2023-24 state budget transit funding package. In September 2023, AB 761 was amended and referred to the Senate Rules Committee, where it has been held as a two-year bill since. On Thursday, November 30, Kevin Gilhooley, Department Manager, met with representatives from Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's office, where they discussed renewed interest in the gutted-and-amended AB 761 and its potential impact in Los Angeles County. At the time of writing, AB 761 is pending an assignment to a policy committee for amendments and analysis, and the Legislature had not published a list of organizations that supported or opposed this bill. However, the LA County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to support AB 761 in its current state at its December 2023 meeting.

Background:

Under existing law, cities have the power to establish an enhanced infrastructure financing district (EIFD) to finance capital projects. EIFDs are financed by utilizing a percentage of future and higher tax collections from the growth in property taxes in the designated project area. Currently, such EIFDs have a time limit of 45 years, at which point the city can no longer receive tax revenues to fund its project area/project. EIFDs provide value to cities needing financial support for major infrastructural projects that benefit the community. EIFDs, while created and leveraged by cities, are still governed by the California Public Financing Authority, which assists cities in creating an infrastructure financing plan, including details on financing public facilities, limiting allocated taxes, and specifying when the district will cease to exist.

Commonly, EIFDs help cities pay back federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans distributed by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). TIFIA loans can assist cities in building large-scale transportation infrastructure projects, including those related to highway, transit, railroad, intermodal freight, and port access infrastructure. TIFIA credit assistance allows recipients a 75-year term to repay the loan, providing a more affordable option. As such,

many transportation infrastructure projects are funded by TIFIA loans nationwide, including several within the SCAG region. Some of these projects within the SCAG region, funded by TIFIA, include:

- The Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project, including the Metro K Line extension, in Los Angeles, California
- The Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project in Long Beach, California
- The I-10 Corridor Express Lanes Project within San Bernadino County, California
- The I-15 Express Lanes Project within Riverside County, California
- The I-405 Improvement Project within Orange County, California
- The SR 91 Corridor Improvement Project within Riverside County, California
- The LA Metro D-Line Extension, Section 1, within Los Angeles, California
- The LA Metro D-Line Extension, Section 2, within Los Angeles, California
- The LA Metro Regional Connector Transit Corridor Project within Los Angeles, California

Analysis:

AB 761 is limited to passenger rail projects in Los Angeles County, including the aforementioned TIFIA-funded projects like the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project and the LA Metro D-Line Extension. AB 761 would extend the period of time that an EIFD created after January 1, 2024, in LA County for zero-emission mass transit projects may exist from 45 years to 75 years, if at least 75 percent of the EIFD's revenue is used to service a federal TIFIA loan. This would offer an extra 30 years for an EIFD in LA County to pay off their TIFIA loan. AB 761 will allow EIFDs in LA County to match the timeline of repaying TIFIA loans, which is especially important since the LA County Board of Supervisors noted that it can often take seven to 10 years longer than the 45 years an EIFD may exist for the tax increment revenue to cover the costs of a TIFIA loan. Matching the timelines of EIFDs and TIFIA loans will allow EIFDs to collect more funding, help reduce the impact of EIFD-funded projects on local budgets, and allow local governments in LA County to compete for and leverage state and federal funds.

LA County has several rail projects on the horizon in preparation for the 2028 Summer Olympic Games and stretching out to 2050, with the goals of Connect SoCal. Some of these projects, many in the very initial stages of planning, include the LAX People Mover (2024), Dodger Stadium Gondola (2028), Metro D-Line extension (2028), Foothill Extension (2028), Inglewood-LAX People Mover (2028), The East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit Project (2030), C-Line Extension to Torrance (2033), the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor light rail line (2035), Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 extension of the Metro E Line (2035), Metro K Line Northern Extension (2047), conversion of the L and N line busways to light rail transit (2050), and the Sepulveda Transit Corridor (TBD), amongst others. Many of these projects do not have concrete funding sources yet and could leverage loans and grants from the DOT, including TIFIA loans.

Recommendation:

With AB 761 extending the term of EIFDs to 75 years, this allows EIFDs 30 more years to collect revenue to pay off TIFIA loans than in the status quo. TIFIA loans are already extremely valuable funding sources for several transportation projects within the SCAG region. This bill will contribute to SCAG's ambitious Connect SoCal and REAP goals. Thus, staff recommends support for AB 761.

BILLS INCLUDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Bill: SB 397 **Author:** Senator Aisha Wahab (D-Fremont)

Title: San Francisco Bay area: public transportation

Status: Amended in Senate Transportation Committee

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB397

Current Update:

SB 397 was initially introduced by Senators Durazo and Gonzalez on February 2, 2023, initially relating to electric vehicle service equipment at rest stops. After being amended in the Senate Transportation Committee, the bill was gutted, amended, and held in the Committee as a two-year bill. It has since been rewritten to require the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to create a plan to consolidate all transit agencies within the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) jurisdiction in the Bay Area. The bill is pending a hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee and must pass in the Senate by January 31, 2024. At the time of writing this report, there were no organizations with registered support or opposition.

Background:

According to a survey conducted by MTC in October 2023, 55% of respondents considered it "important" to merge BART and Caltrain, which serve the San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and San Jose areas. Additionally, 60% of the participants expressed the need for a single regional agency that could set fares, coordinate service schedules, and create consistent maps. MTC, in consultation with BART, Caltrain, and others, developed the Bay Area Rail Partnership Study in 2022, finding similar outcomes.

In 2021, Seamless Bay Area, a regional transit advocacy group within the Bay Area, studied the potential for consolidation scenarios like that of SB 397's intentions. They found that consolidating Bay Area transit agencies could improve coordinated fares and service, leverage economies of scale, and streamline decision-making. However, in response to SB 397, Seamless Bay Area stated that they are unsure whether merging all 27 MTC transit agencies is the most beneficial outcome, and the best option may be some combination of localized consolidation. Despite this analysis, Seamless Bay Area has not officially supported or opposed SB 397.

Analysis

SB 397 would require the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to develop a plan to consolidate the public transportation agencies across the nine Bay Area counties, which are currently under the MTC's jurisdiction. The list of 27 transit agencies that would be consolidated under this plan would include the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Caltrain, SamTrans, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (Muni), the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), the Solano County Transit (SolTrans), and the San Francisco Bay Ferry/ Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA), and several others, making it a complex system.

SB 397 seeks to continue the conversation surrounding transit agency consolidation within the Bay Area and beyond. Already under MTC's jurisdiction, the San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni), Solano County Transit (SolTrans), and San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) are the result of the merging of different transit agencies. LA Metro within the SCAG region is another example. Given that most of the 27 transit agencies within MTC use the Clipper Cards for fares, the payment infrastructure for such a merger is already in place.

At the time of writing, SB 397 was largely vague, without specific deadlines or details for how or when MTC should develop a plan to consolidate the transit agencies under its jurisdiction. Furthermore, the bill does not explicitly mandate consolidation; it merely requires that CalSTA develop a plan to consolidate the transit agencies under MTC's jurisdiction.

However, the Transit Transformation Task Force, created as part of the 2023-24 state budget transit funding package, is tasked with analyzing ridership growth strategies, operations innovation, and reform of the Transportation Development Act (TDA). The Task Force must submit a report to the Legislature by October 2025 with recommendations on how to improve ridership, reform the TDA, better measure performance, and new funding sources for long-term transit capital and operations funding. As part of these efforts, the Task Force will likely analyze regional coordination and options for consolidation as strategies for improving the transit experience. Thus, it may be prudent to wait until the Task Force releases its recommendations in 2025 so that CalSTA can leverage that information as it creates a plan for consolidating transit agencies.

The consolidation of the Bay Area's transit agencies could also serve as a model for future proposals to merge transit agencies in other metropolitan areas, such as in the SCAG region. With this potential, SCAG staff is reporting on SB 397 for informational purposes.

Recommendation

No recommendation – For Informational Purposes Only

Bill: SB 440 **Author:** Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Oakland)

Title: Regional Housing Finance Authorities

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee as a two-year bill.

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB901

Current Update:

SB 440 was introduced on February 13, 2023, which initially related to annexing agricultural preserves. However, shortly after its introduction, the bill was gutted and amended in March 2023 to relate to the establishment of Regional Housing Finance Authorities. Since March, it has been amended various times and passed in the Senate with 30 yes votes and eight no votes. It was also passed by the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee and Local Government Committee. However, the bill was re-referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, where it was held as a two-year bill. At the time of writing this report, SB 440 is pending a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Nineteen organizations support SB 440, including the bill's sponsor, the California Housing Consortium, as well as the California Housing Partnership, People for Housing – Orange County, and various pro-housing organizations across the Bay Area and the state. Only one organization, the California Taxpayers Association, has registered opposition as they believe this bill would allow for the creation of an additional housing agency with taxing authority that local governments already possess.

Background:

According to the 2022 California Statewide Housing Plan, the state needs an additional 2.5 million housing units, including almost 1.2 million units for low-income households. Further, the California Housing Partnership Corporation, a private nonprofit research organization created by the Legislature in 1988, estimates that nearly two million extremely and very low-income renters are competing for approximately 700,000 available and affordable rental units in California.

In order to help address this housing crisis, Assemblymember David Chiu and former Senator Sydney Kamlager authored bills to create housing finance authorities in their respective regions. Assemblymember Chiu authored AB 1487 in 2019, which authorized the creation of the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA), the first regional housing finance authority in the state, in the San Francisco Bay area to “raise, administer and allocate funding and provide technical assistance at a regional level for tenant protection, affordable housing preservation, and new affordable housing production.” Two regional authorities in the Bay Area, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), help govern the BAHFA. The BAHFA is currently working to place a \$10-\$20 million housing bond measure on the November 2024 ballot for the nine-county Bay Area to build new and protect existing affordable housing.

In 2022, Senator Kamlager authored SB 679, which authorized Los Angeles County to establish the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS). Like AB 1487 in the Bay Area, SB 679 authorized LACAHS to access local financing tools to raise revenues to fund renter protections, preserve existing affordable housing, and accelerate affordable housing production.

LACAHSAs, governed by a 19-member board of local elected officials and housing experts, including SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise who serves as non-voting Ex Officio member.

Analysis

SB 440 would authorize two or more local governments to establish a regional housing authority (Authority) in order to raise funding and provide technical assistance at the regional level for affordable housing development. This bill would require the Authority to be a separate legal entity from the local governments that establish the authority. The Authority must be governed by a board of directors consisting of at least three members, elected or appointed officials representing the counties, cities, or special districts that are members of the Authority based on the proportion of population served by each member. The Authority would be required to engage in a public participation process and hold at least one public meeting regarding any plan or proposal under consideration, including a public notification process. The Authority would also be required to create an Advisory Committee composed of nine experts in affordable housing finance, development, and management, which would provide consultation and make recommendations to the board.

Further, the Authority would be authorized to:

- Place measures on the ballot to raise revenue;
- Establish an:
 - infrastructure finance district (IFD);
 - enhanced infrastructure finance district (EIFD);
 - affordable housing authority (AHA); and
 - climate resilience district.
- Apply for and receive grants/loans from public/private entities
- Solicit and accept gifts, fees, grants, loans, and other allocations from public/private entities
- Allocate and deploy capital or income in the form of grants, loans, equity, interest rate subsidies, and other financing tools to public entities and private affordable housing developers within the Authority's jurisdiction
- Acquire, hold, and manage existing buildings for the purpose of attaching long-term affordability restrictions on housing units
- Provide support and technical assistance to local governments in relation to the production and preservation of affordable housing
- Incur and issue bonds and other indebtedness and otherwise incur liabilities or obligations
- Raise and allocate revenue through the following funding mechanisms:
 - Special taxes subject to voter approval, including a parcel tax, a gross receipts business license tax, a special business tax, a special parcel tax, or a documentary transfer tax;
 - A commercial linkage fee; and
 - Issue general obligation bonds.

- And other related actions.

Further, the authority would be required to spend revenues on affordable housing development and preservation, housing-related planning and technical assistance, and housing supportive infrastructure. The Authority would also be required to adopt a regional expenditure plan to outline how it will use revenues by July 1 each year. The Authority would also be subject to various reporting and audit requirements, including providing an analysis five years after the approval of a funding ballot measure, regular audits of all accounts and records, annual financial reports, and an annual report to the Legislature with a description of projects funded.

Recommendation

No recommendation – For Informational Purposes Only

Bill: SB 537 **Author:** Senator Josh Becker (D-Menlo Park)

Title: Brown Act Reform for Multi-jurisdictional, Cross-County Agencies

Status: Passed Sen. Floor 32-8. Passed Asm. Local Gov. 6-1 pending Asm. Floor vote.

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billVotesClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB537

Current Update:

SB 537 was introduced on February 14, 2023, by Senator Josh Becker. Since it was introduced, it was amended various times and passed in the Senate Governance and Finance and Senate Judiciary Committees by a vote of 6 to 2 and 9 to 2, respectively. SB 537 was also passed on the Senate Floor 32 to 8 and in the Assembly Local Government Committee by a vote of 6 to 1 but was ordered to the inactive file, where it became a two-year bill but could be brought for a floor vote at any time by the author.

Twenty organizations support SB 537, including the bill’s sponsor, Peninsula Clean Energy, as well as the California Association of Councils of Government, the League of California Cities, LA County Sanitation Districts, and Streets for All, among others. Two organizations, the California Association of Clerks & Election Officials and the LA County Division of the League of Cities, have registered “Support If Amended” Positions. Lastly, 19 organizations have registered opposition, including ACLU California Action, Cal Aware, the California Broadcasters Association, California News Publishers Association, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Orange County Press Club, and the Society of Professional Journalists, Greater Los Angeles Chapter, among others.

Background:

The Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCE), SB 537’s sponsor, is working with Senator Becker to implement Brown Act reform for multi-jurisdictional, cross-county agencies. The PCE highlighted a vast number of regional boards and commissions that address cross-boundary issues in California, consisting of council members and supervisors representing communities across vast geographies

under the jurisdictions of these boards and commissions. As such, they argue that in many cases, board members and members of the public are often required to travel large amounts of time and distances to attend in-person meetings. PCE offers an example of one of their board members, who must travel 100+ miles to attend monthly board meetings or coordinate to attend from a public facility which is identified in the agenda, which adds costs and complexity and could even introduce safety concerns in some cases. Thus, the PCE is collaborating with Senator Becker to introduce SB 537, which would implement Brown Act reform to help address these concerns.

Analysis

SB 537 would generally exempt multi-jurisdictional, cross-county local agencies with appointed members from meeting all Brown Act requirements when conducting board meetings via teleconference. More specifically, this bill would allow eligible legislative bodies to utilize teleconferencing to conduct their meetings without being required to:

- Post agendas at each teleconference location;
- Identify each teleconferencing location in the agenda;
- Make each teleconferencing location accessible to the public; and
- And have at least a quorum of members participating from a single physical location within the legislative body's jurisdiction.

A legislative body would be required to adopt a resolution that authorizes them to use teleconferencing at regular meetings in open sessions to take advantage of these exemptions. Further, legislative bodies that want to utilize these provisions would be required to comply with the following:

- Comply with notice, posting, and public comment requirements;
- Provide an online record within ten days of a meeting of:
 - Attendance of members of the legislative body;
 - The number of community members in attendance via teleconference; and
 - The number of public comments in the meeting.
- Have at least a quorum of members present in person at one or more physical locations open to the public within the boundaries of the body's jurisdiction;
- Require that any member of the legislative body who receives compensation for their service on that body participate from a physical location open to the public;
- Identify members of the legislative body who plan to participate via teleconference in the agenda and state the address of the publicly accessible building from where they will be located during the teleconference;
- Provides that members of the legislative body shall not participate in a remote meeting unless they are physically located in their office or another location in a publicly accessible building within 40 miles of the meeting's in-person location;



The bill would sunset on January 1, 2026. The bill also would broaden the “just cause” conditions in AB 2449 (Blanca Rubio), Chapter 285, Statutes of 2022, to include an immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires the elected official to participate remotely.

As an important note, many of SCAG’s board members would be ineligible to take advantage of some or all provisions of this bill due to the requirement that members who receive compensation for their service participate from a physical location that is open to the public. The provisions requiring members to participate from a location within a publicly accessible building within 40 miles of the meeting’s in-person office location would impact many of SCAG’s board members, who represent areas from Ventura County to Imperial County and in between. Thus, amendments would be required to make this bill more applicable to SCAG.

Recommendation

No recommendation – For Informational Purposes Only

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the staff report on Two Year Bills of Interest is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.