



COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 22, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Hotel

I. Welcome and Introductions

Speakers: Chair, Tamala Takahashi, Mayor, City of Burbank
Vice-Chair, Clint Weirick, Council Member, City of Grover Beach

II. Public Comment

III. Committee Orientation

Informational

IV. Cal Cities 2026 Advocacy Priorities

Informational

V. Existing Policy and Guiding Principles (Attachment A)

Action

VI. Adoption of 2026 Work Plan

Action

- Please complete the work plan [survey](#) by **Jan. 19.**

VII. Federal Impacts on Medical and Homelessness in California

Informational

Speakers: Monica Davalos, California Budget and Policy Center
Hannah Orbach-Mandel, California Budget and Policy Center

- [First Look: Understanding the Governor's Proposed 2026-27 California Budget](#)
- [H.R. 1 and the Federal Budget: How California Leaders Can Respond to Trump's Cuts](#)
- [H.R. 1 Jeopardizes Californians' Access to Behavioral Health Care and Key State Reforms](#)

VIII. Breakout Group Discussion: Medical and Cities

Informational

IX. Presentation: California Conservation Corps (Attachment B)

Informational

Speaker: Brandon Chapin, Deputy Director of Legislative and External Affairs,
California Conservation Corps

X. Legislative and Budget Update

Informational

Speaker: Caroline Grinder, League of California Cities

XI. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 26, Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Brown Act Reminder: The League of California Cities' Board of Directors has a policy of complying with the spirit of open meeting laws. Generally, off-agenda items may be taken up only if:

1) Two-thirds of the policy committee members find a need for immediate action exists and the need to take action came to the attention of the policy committee after the agenda was prepared (Note: If fewer than two-thirds of policy committee members are present, taking up an off-agenda item requires a unanimous vote); or

2) A majority of the policy committee finds an emergency (for example: work stoppage or disaster) exists.

A majority of a city council may not, consistent with the Brown Act, discuss specific substantive issues among themselves at League meetings. Any such discussion is subject to the Brown Act and must occur in a meeting that complies with its requirements.

Community Services

Scope of Responsibility

The Committee on Community Services reviews issues related to childcare, parks and recreation, libraries, cultural arts and community and human services programs.

Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles

Animals

Cal Cities supports legislation to prevent a person or animal shelter from selling, giving, or otherwise transferring living animals to research facilities or animal dealers.

Arts, Cultural Resources, Historic Preservation and Activities

Cal Cities supports **funding and resources** ~~continued state funding~~ that recognizes the important role of local arts activities and historic preservation in community life and how these cultural activities affect the social health and economic vitality of cities.

Child Care

Cal Cities supports the creation of more affordable, innovative and quality parks and recreation and child care options for parents and concurrently encourages adherence to strict regulations and guidelines.

Cal Cities supports funding and resources to address the affordability and availability of early learning and care options.

Children

Cal Cities believes that the children of California must be recognized as our state's most valuable resource. Their development, education, and well-being are key to our state's future. Further, it is essential that each child have the support needed to become a productive citizen in the world of the 21st Century. This involves supporting diverse before- and after-school programs and creating stronger linkages between municipal services and school-based job training programs in order to produce more job placement opportunities.

Cal Cities promotes the development of a cooperative program with the goal to increase enrollment of California's children in the Healthy Families Program.

Cal Cities encourages cities to promote anti-bullying efforts across California as well as provide education and awareness to the general public about the imminent health and safety concerns for bullied children, especially those with special needs.

Cal Cities supports increasing opportunities for California's youth to participate in civic engagement activities.

Housing for Homeless

Housing and programs for homeless and other extremely low-income populations are necessary to ensure quality of life and economic viability for all Californians.

Homelessness is a statewide problem that disproportionately impacts specific communities. The state should make funding and other resources, including enriched services, and outreach and case managers, available to help assure that local governments have the capacity to address the needs of the homeless in their communities, including resources for regional collaborations.

Homeless housing is an issue that eludes a statewide, one-size-fits-all solution, and collaboration between local jurisdictions should be encouraged.

State and federal funding programs should be designed to reflect responsibilities imposed by state and federal law.

Behavioral Health

Cal Cities supports additional funding and resources to expand access to behavioral health services, including efforts to assist California's homeless population, especially those individuals experiencing mental health and substance use disorders. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting counties in expanding community-based care settings to provide for prevention, intervention, treatment, infrastructure, and recovery systems.

Substance Use

Cal Cities supports additional funding and resources to address the substance use crisis through appropriate prevention and intervention efforts, educational awareness campaigns, and increased access to life-saving overdose treatment aids such as naloxone.

Residential Care Facilities

Cal Cities supports permitting cities to exercise review and land use regulation of group home facilities and residential care facilities in residential neighborhoods including the application of zoning, building, and safety standards. State and county licensing agencies should be required to confer with the city's planning agency in determining whether to grant a license to a community care facility. Cal Cities recognizes that better review and regulation of residential care facilities will protect both the community surrounding a

facility and the residents within a facility from a poorly managed facility or the absence of state oversight.

Cal Cities supports state legislation to require a minimum distance of 300 feet between all new and existing residential care facilities. Cal Cities supports notification of cities about conditional release participants residing in group homes.

Park Bond Funds

Cal Cities believes that any statewide park bond measure should include a component that provides per capita grants to cities and counties. Cal Cities opposes tying local eligibility for grant funds to non-park related issues, such as rent control or housing element status.

Public Parks/Recreational Facilities

While the State of California studies the use of crumb rubber in synthetic turf and playground surfaces, Cal Cities opposes legislation that requires cities to undertake specific actions before installation can occur.

Cal Cities supports requiring public pools to provide Automated External Defibrillator during pool operations.

Public Libraries

Cal Cities supports full funding of the Public Library Fund so that the State of California can fully fund its share of the program, understanding how libraries play an integral role in building and sustaining our communities. (Additional library-related policy is included in "Restructuring California's Public Library Services," the report of a joint task force co-sponsored by Cal Cities, California State Association of Counties, California Library Association and the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners.)

Cal Cities opposes legislation that requires public libraries to install and maintain computer software for use on computers in the library that prohibits access to obscene material to minors and other library patrons. Cal Cities believes that this issue is more appropriately addressed at the local level, in ways that meet local circumstances, and thus is an issue of local control.

Seniors

Cal Cities encourages cities to recognize seniors as a valuable state resource and to develop and improve intergenerational programs and activities. Cal Cities supports legislation that would provide funding for side-by-side day care facilities for California's youth, adults, and seniors.

Healthy Cities

Cal Cities encourages California cities to help parents make healthy family choices; create healthy schools; provide access to healthy and affordable foods; and adopt city design and planning principles that promote physical activity.

Cal Cities encourages cities to involve youth, especially middle and high school students, with city health-related programs.

Cal Cities encourages cities to address the needs of an aging population through local and statewide planning, education, and conference programming.

Cal Cities encourages cities to establish their own rules and regulations pertaining to community recreational activities.

Community Disaster Preparedness ~~Natural Disaster Preparation~~

~~Cal Cities supports additional funding for local agencies to recoup the costs associated with fire safety in the community and timely mutual aid reimbursement for disaster response services in other jurisdictions. Cal Cities also supports additional funding for local agencies to preposition "emergency response" personnel and equipment as well as coordinate notification systems with local and state agencies.~~

Cal Cities supports measures that provide resources for local governments to coordinate services to assist displaced residents and communities recover from wildfires, earthquakes, and other natural disasters.

Smoking and Tobacco Control

Cal Cities supports legislation that establishes a statewide smoking and tobacco control standard that includes electronic cigarettes and vapor products, as long as such legislation does not preempt the ability of cities and counties to enact local laws that are stronger than the statewide standard or to regulate in areas not covered in the statewide standard. Cal Cities opposes legislation that would restrict such local authority.

Cal Cities supports legislation that limits the ability of minors to obtain tobacco and tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes and vapor products.

Cal Cities supports and advocates that all 482 California cities be equitably included in the distribution of moneys that the state receives from the Tobacco Settlement Memorandum of Understanding; and believes that the moneys received by counties should benefit all cities within the county and that cities have input into the decision-making process.

Cal Cities supports legislation that requires tobacco retailers to obtain a state-issued license to sell tobacco products, as long as the legislation does not restrict or preempt the ability of cities to enact and enforce their own retail licensing programs and to enforce the state-wide licensing program. Cal Cities also supports legislation designed to restrict the sale of illegal, counterfeit tobacco products.

Note: Cal Cities will review new legislation to determine how it relates to existing Cal Cities policies and guiding principles. In addition, because this document is updated every two years to include policies and guiding principles adopted by Cal Cities during the previous two years, there may be new, evolving policies under consideration or adopted by Cal Cities that are not reflected in the current version of this document. However, all policies adopted by Cal Cities Board of Directors or Cal Cities General Assembly become Cal Cities policy and are binding on Cal Cities, regardless of when they are adopted and whether they appear in the current version of "Summary of Existing Policies and Guiding Principles."



CCC AT A GLANCE



ABOUT THE CCC

The California Conservation Corps' (CCC) mission is to protect and enhance California's natural resources and communities while empowering and developing young adults through hard work and education.

The CCC is committed to creating dynamic pathways for young adults to find meaningful careers. We do this by establishing education and training pipelines for Corpsmembers to continue on with preserving and protecting California's natural resources and communities long after they've left our program.

The CCC is the nation's largest and longest running conservation corps program. We are dedicated to transforming the lives of California's young adults, ages 18 to 25, and military veterans through age 29, through hard work, education and training.

Through commitment to service, all young Californians can set out on a defined path to stable, purpose-driven careers and higher education.

THE CORPSMEMBERS

Young adults come from across California and represent the state's rich ethnic diversity. Corpsmembers come from all 58 of the state's counties, from all economic backgrounds, and from all education levels. The CCC is for any young adult, whether they're seeking to finish their high school diploma or wanting field experience after graduating from college.

Corpsmembers may live in dormitories located at the CCC's nine residential centers, or they may commute to a CCC office daily for work at our non-residential centers. To date, more than 125,000 Corpsmembers have participated in the CCC, taking with them the skills, education and experience to become productive citizens of California.

THE WORK OF THE CCC

The CCC partners with local, state, and federal government agencies and local non-profits to complete natural resource projects with a public benefit across California. Through these projects, Corpsmembers get hands-on training, experience, and certifications in the following areas:

- Culinary — Corpsmembers at residential centers learn how to plan, prepare, and serve meals for dozens of fellow Corpsmembers every day; participants earn industry-recognized certifications, learn basic and advanced cooking skills, and can find pathways to culinary schools and careers.
- Emergency Response - All Corpsmembers are trained and available to respond to natural and man-made disasters; Corpsmembers are the state's boots on the ground during flood emergencies, support wildland fire base camp operations, and can assist in everything from snow removal to oil spills.
- Forestry — The CCC is dedicated to improving the state's forests, reducing fuel for wildfires, and removing dead and dying hazard trees; Corpsmembers do this as part of the CCC Forestry Corps and our regular resource crews.
- Habitat Restoration — Corpsmembers work on projects designed to improve and enhance natural spaces; crews build and repair salmon habitat, remove invasive plant species, restore riparian zones and watersheds, and plant native species.
- Parks & Natural Resources — Working with local, state, and federal partners, Corpsmembers improve the public's access and experience in parks and forests; project work may include minor construction, park landscaping, camp site maintenance, and fuel reduction.
- Trails — The CCC maintains a robust partnership with California State Parks completing a variety of trail projects in parks across the state; crews may also work with local non-profits, and county parks departments, national forests, and in national parks building and maintaining trails.
- Veterans Fisheries — In partnership with NOAA, the CCC provides military veterans with the unique opportunity to explore fisheries careers with state, federal, and non-profit partners; veterans complete everything from snorkel surveys to trawling excursions to assess and assist the state's fish populations.
- Wildland Firefighting — Corpsmembers can serve as fully trained wildland firefighters on 29 hand crews located at 15 centers; in partnership with CAL FIRE and Bureau of Land Management, Corpsmembers respond as initial attack and in mop-up roles on wildfires occurring in state and federal responsibility areas.

THE VALUE

The CCC provides exceptionally strong value to California's governmental agencies, public utilities, and non-profit organizations as well as counties and cities statewide by providing supervised, trained and equipped teams of Corpsmembers to work on a wide range of environmentally focused projects that might not otherwise be financially feasible.

Corpsmembers also volunteer a tremendous amount of time in their local communities. Volunteerism is part of our business model that encourages Corpsmembers to complete 48 hours of volunteer work to successfully finish their first year in the CCC.





CCC FACTS



THE CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS

- Established in 1976, becoming a permanent state department in 1983
- Part of the California Natural Resources Agency
- Largest and longest running conservation corps in the country

THE CORPSMEMBERS

- 125,000+ young adults have participated in the CCC
- 3,000 join the CCC each year (approximately)
- 79% men, 21% women
- 1,587 Corpsmember capacity
- 18 to 25 years old, and U.S. military veterans up to 29

THE WORK

- 84+ million hours of natural resource work throughout the state since 1976
- 250 local, state and federal agencies each year as project sponsors
- Crews work on more than 900+ projects annually
- \$207.1 million annual budget - 61% from general fund, 39% from project sponsors

ENVIRONMENTAL/CONSERVATION

- 12,000+ square miles all-time of backcountry trails built or maintained in California national parks and forests, with many more miles for trails in city, regional and state parks
- In 2024, CCC crews treated 1,747 acres, planted 58,734 trees, and removed 30,184 dead or dying trees to improve the state's forest health and fire resiliency

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Nearly 14 million hours of service to date on nearly every major California natural disaster (floods, fires, earthquakes, snow removal, and more)
- In 2024, CCC crews responded to wildfires, fruit fly infestations, fire base camps, watershed protection missions, and to the state of Florida to assist in hurricane recovery
- Emergency response work accounted for 893,600 hours of Corpsmember time in 2024, with wildland firefighting hand crews accounting for 457,700 hours

THE BENEFITS TO CORPSMEMBERS

- Corpsmembers receive a monthly stipend of \$2,814
- Residential centers offer housing and meals at just \$500 per month

- Nearly 600 Corpsmembers earned their high school diploma with the CCC's partner charter schools in the last five fiscal years
- Corpsmembers learn interview skills, resume building, and how to apply to college programs, internships, and how to use scholarships
- The CCC Brad Duncan Scholarship allows Corpsmembers to earn as much as \$4,000 to pay for certification programs, vocational schools, or secondary education after their first year of service
- Specialized training, such as firefighting, food handling, tree felling provide industry-recognized certifications
- Dedicated staff prepare Corpsmembers for life after the CCC, by connecting them with employers, educational opportunities, and a plan for the future

OUR LOCATIONS

9 On-site Housing

- Camarillo (Ventura County)
- Delta (Stockton)
- Fortuna (Humboldt County)
- (El Dorado County)
- Los Padres (San Luis Obispo)
- Los Piños (Lake Elsinore)
- Magalia Fire Center
- Placer (Auburn)
- Tahoe
- Mendocino

15 No Housing

- Chico
- Fresno
- Inland Empire (San Bernardino)
- Los Angeles
- Monterey Bay
- Norwalk
- Pomona
- Redding
- Sacramento
- Salinas
- San Diego
- Santa Maria
- Siskiyou (Yreka)
- Solano (Fairfield)
- Vista (San Diego County)

