LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES

CAL CITIES » DELIVERS

The League of California Cities is a member-informed organization. By engaging and educating key decision-makers, we defend local control through advocacy in the Legislature, at the ballot box, and in the courts. We also offer engagement opportunities and education programs designed to teach city officials about new developments in their field and exchange solutions to common challenges facing cities. Together, we elevate Cal Cities as the leading voice for California cities.

Here are some ways that Cal Cities delivered June through October 2026.

Celebrated **13 members of the 2025-26 CCLI* cohort** winning legislative races, bringing Cal Cities' leadership development program representation in the Legislature next year to **32 alumni, more than a quarter of all lawmakers**.

Hosted **3,000+ city officials, policy leaders, vendors, and local government partners** at the **Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo,** making it one of the best attended conferences in recent years.

Hosted **43 division events** across the state with **1,900+ attendees,** including **nearly a dozen state lawmakers,** focused on topics such as legislative updates, ballot measures, and community resilience.

Convened **18 roundtables and webinars** with **2,000+ participants** on priority issues such as housing, public safety, local governance, infrastructure, fiscal sustainability, legislative developments, and more.

- Championed successful statewide ballot measure campaigns supporting Proposition 1 and opposing Proposition 43. Cal Cities mobilized its extensive grassroots network to help secure voter approval of critical affordable housing investments and defeat a measure that would have restricted local voters' ability to fund essential public services.
- Led a statewide advocacy campaign against AB 1383 (McKinnor), which would have rolled back pension reform protections and cost cities and the state billions of dollars. In a significant victory for cities, Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed the measure.
- Led a statewide campaign to preserve utility accountability for wildfire damages. The campaign combined coalition advocacy, grassroots engagement, a successful social media campaign, and intensive late-session negotiations to defeat a proposal that would have shifted costs onto local governments.
- Secured the signing of AB 2296 (Papan), a Cal Cities-sponsored measure that allows cities to begin housing element updates six months earlier. This gives cities more time to coordinate with HCD, receive technical assistance, and improve the likelihood of timely certification.
- Delivered legislative victories to bolster local efforts to improve public safety. Cal Cities co-sponsored AB 1941 (González, M), which adds new penalties for organized metal theft, and SB 758 (Umberg), which prohibits the sale of nitrous oxide by smoke shops and convenience stores. The Governor signed both bills into law.
- Led statewide advocacy on emerging e-bike safety issues, helping advance legislation and policy solutions that address rider safety concerns while supporting local enforcement and education efforts.
- Defended local government liability protections through amicus advocacy before the California Supreme Court and federal courts on issues including police pursuit immunity, encampment management, emotional distress claims, attorney-client privilege, and Proposition 218 water rate requirements.
- Secured major state investments for local priorities by advocating for a final budget package that included $900 million in homelessness funding, $500 million for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, and $200 million for multifamily housing programs to support affordable housing development and preservation.

*California Civic Leadership Institute, a Cal Cities leadership development program that prepares local elected officials for service in the CA Legislature.

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