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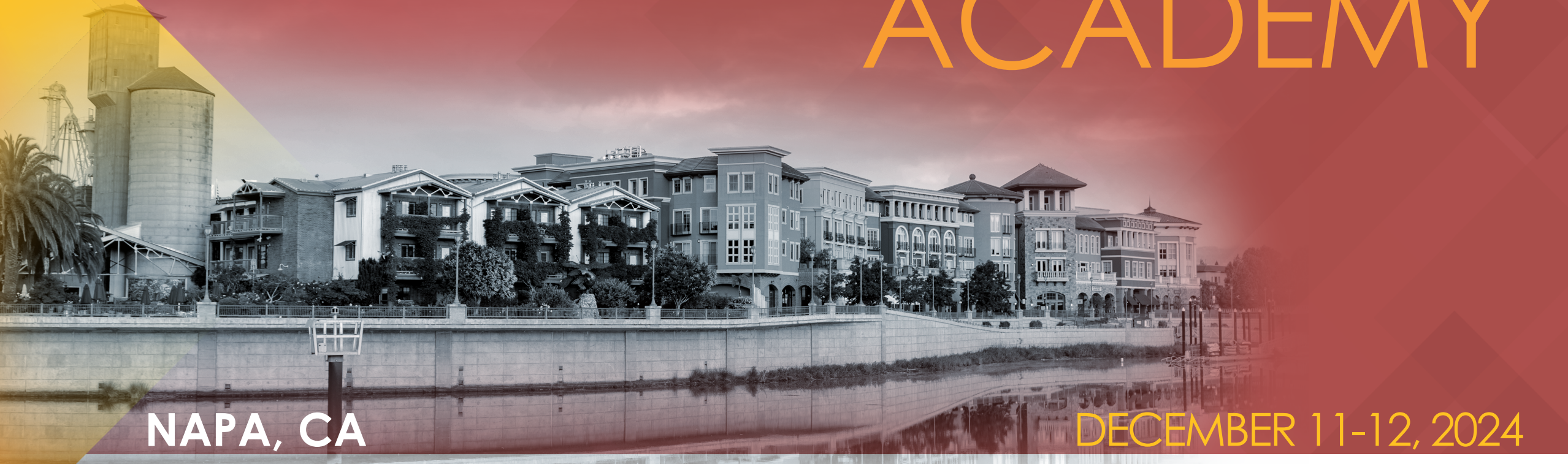
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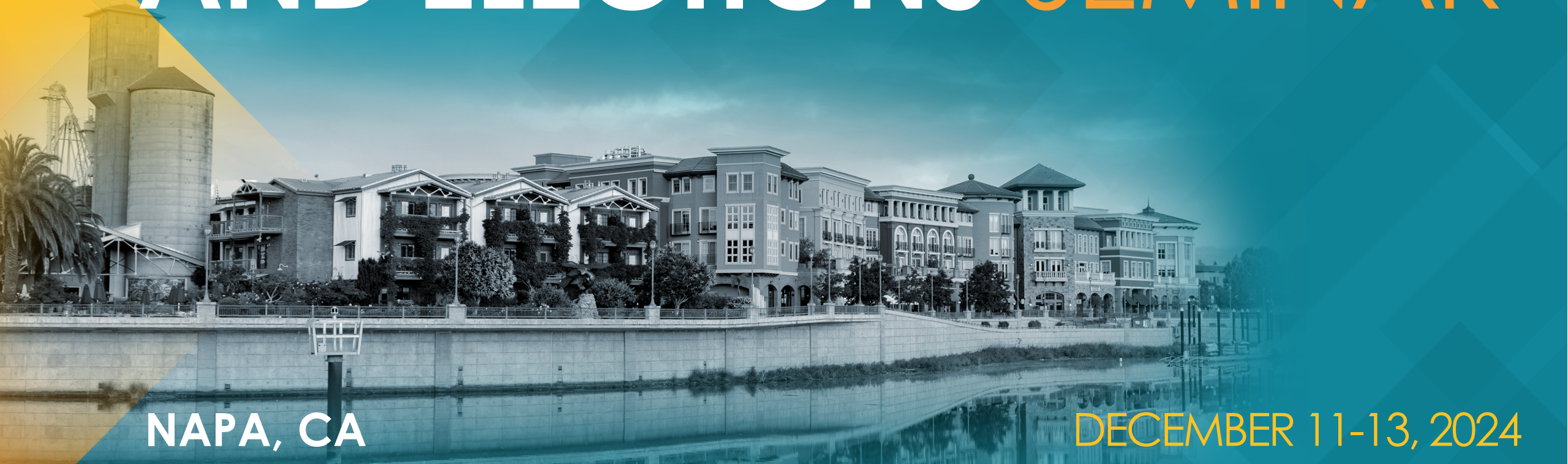
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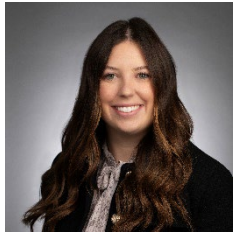
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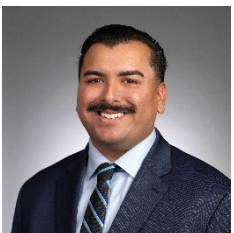
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Agenda

- Environmental Quality
- Transportation, Communications, and Public Works
- Public Safety
- Revenue and Taxation
- Community Services
- Housing, Community, and Economic Development
- Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

Environmental Quality

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Air quality

AB 98 (Carrillo, J., Reyes): Planning and Zoning: Logistic Use: Truck Routes

This measure would mandate statewide standards for the design and build of a new or expanded warehouse or logistic use, including 300 to 500 foot setback for either existing or rezoned sites, 50 to 100 foot wall/landscape buffer, building design, including photovoltaic systems, zero emission onsite equipment, electric charging parking stations, loading bays, and truck route location on site, and signage. All cities and counties would be required to update their circulation element by 2026 or 2028, depending on region to address mandated truck routes, if not completed the Attorney General may fine \$50,000 per six months.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Cities take swift action against AB 98

League of California Cities @CalCities · Aug 29 ...

The warehouse bill ties the hands of local governments by preventing them from growing their own economies and sets our communities up to fail. The measure creates an uneven playing field that will lead to a race to the bottom. Urge your Senator to vote NO on [#AB98!](#) 🚫

"AB 98 undermines the land use authority of cities and counties, even where policies are already in place to protect sensitive areas. This bill not only pushes warehouse projects out of California but also discourages job-creating investments from considering the state."

Scott McBride
City Manager, Merced

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📢 AB 98 is a last minute, jam-job attempt by lawmakers to impose excessive and costly restrictions on warehouses throughout the state. The unintended consequences are endless + local governments were cut entirely from the process. [#CalCities](#) urges [#CALeg](#) to vote NO on AB 98! 🚫

"This warehouse bill is the latest attempt to undercut local control and land use authority. Establishing statewide standards based on worst-in-class circumstances is detrimental to all players and invites negative unintended consequences."

Scott Ochoa
City Manager, Ontario

CLOSED DOOR DEAL
EXCLUDED KEY STAKEHOLDERS RESULTING IN PROBLEMATIC GUT-AND-AMEND IN THE FINAL DAYS OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Local governments and other vested stakeholders were blocked from participating in the negotiated discussions on the warehouse bill this year. The League of California Cities specifically requested to join the working group with other stakeholders to find workable solutions which were denied.

AB 98 does not address ongoing concerns cities and counties have with statewide mandatory standards that would limit warehouse development, hamper job opportunities and economic growth for communities, and infringe on local planning efforts.

AB 98 WILL CREATE UNEVEN PLAYING FIELD BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, HAMPER VALUABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AND STIFFLE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

AB 98 would have significant negative economic impacts and stifle job growth by placing new standards not based on scientific evidence on warehouses and local governments, and disincentivizing cities and counties from bringing warehouse jobs that have not historically been available in their communities.

AB 98 would set additive standards that would hamper future job creation for certain geographical regions and their communities.

LOCAL COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS ARE NOW OFF THE TABLE

AB 98 would derail a city's ability to plan based on unique community characteristics and takes local solutions off the table.

Cities and counties have Good Neighbor Policies and are better equipped to determine appropriate setback requirements based on the specific environmental, public health, and economic factors in their communities and allows locals the ability to engage the public.

Cities and counties are actively siting and zoning to prepare for community growth and development. Local governments are already planning for housing, lowering vehicle miles traveled, updating climate action plans, zoning for open space and greenbelts, and more.

Cities and counties are already complying with CEQA to address environmental impacts, the Advanced Clean Fleet rule, and existing air quality standards. Additional requirements are unnecessary and duplicative.

VOTE 'NO' ON AB 98 (Carrillo, Juan and Reyes).

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📢 Local governments & businesses are sounding the alarm on a last-minute deal that would restrict a city's ability to develop or expand warehouses & logistic centers. [#AB98](#) was negotiated behind closed doors, excluding key stakeholders—cities & counties.

Groups sound alarm on last-minute proposed warehouse restrictions in Calif...

From kcra.com

ACTION ALERT

AB 98 (Carrillo, Juan and Reyes)
Planning and zoning: logistic use: truck routes

OPPOSE
ACTION

AB 98 is a late gut-and-amend that will be swiftly heard on the Senate Floor. **AB 98** would propose stringent warehouse and logistic use standards and mandate setbacks, buffer zones, and trucking routes. The bill would also require a circulation element update with enforcement measures and thrust additional fines on local governments.

Voice your opposition to **AB 98** by calling your Senator **TODAY** to vote 'NO' when the bill is heard. A sample letter is also attached.

AB 98 (Carrillo, Juan and Reyes) is a gut-and-amend bill that will:
stifle a growing and essential industry,
hamper employment opportunities,
limit future economic growth,
and infringe on local community-based solutions.

Approximately 68% and 76% of all warehouses in Shasta and Tehama Counties are small businesses (20 employees or less).

Warehouse jobs more than tripled from 2012 to 2022 in the San Joaquin region, accounting for **44% of the total job growth** alone in the Stockton area.

In San Mateo County, roughly 8.5% of the total labor workforce are warehouse jobs.

In Fresno County, approximately 77% of warehouse facilities are small businesses (20 employees or less).

Ventura County saw the warehouse industry increase by 21% in 2022, creating **1,300 new jobs**.

The **average annual salary** increased by \$14,000 from 2019 to 2023 for a warehouse job in Los Angeles County.

San Bernardino and Riverside Counties are among the top five counties that provide the **most warehouse jobs** in the state.

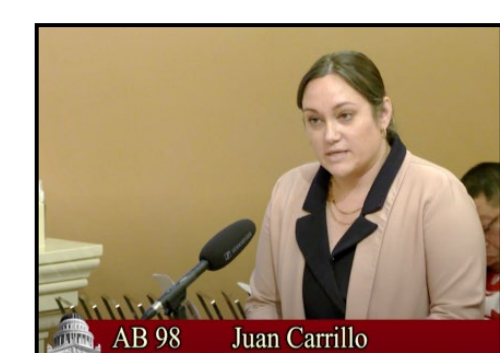
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📢 [#AB98](#) is a prime example of a last-minute bill that takes a cart-before-the-horse approach. The warehouse bill — which would directly impact cities and their economic growth — takes community-based solutions completely off the table. Tell your Senator to vote NO on AB 98!

Take Action!
OPPOSE AB 98

Voice your opposition to AB 98 (Carrillo, Reyes) to address cities' concerns by calling your Senator TODAY!

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Cal Cities' Opposition to AB 98 in the Media

Los Angeles Times

Why a bill to regulate California warehouse development is generating sweeping opposition

Beginning in 2026, AB 98 would **prohibit cities** and counties from approving new or expanded distribution centers unless they meet specified standards. New warehouse developments would need to be

FREIGHT WAVES

The Nerve Center of the Global Supply Chain

California bill would expand state's power over warehouses and related trucking

Melissa Sparks-Kranz, a legislative affairs lobbyist for the **League of California Cities**, told FreightWaves in an interview that AB98 is a "major step for the state to be intervening in what is typically the local level."

CAL MATTERS

Job killer or neighborhood protector? Proposed warehouse rules divide Inland Empire

Melissa Sparks-Kranz, a lobbyist for the **League of California Cities**, said the bill's cost to local governments would be prohibitive, forcing cities to spend between \$100,000 and several million dollars each to develop the new traffic plans, with penalties of \$50,000 for delays in those updates. The league is urging Newsom to veto the bill; the California State Association of Counties is [also against it](#).



Business, government groups sound alarm on last-minute proposed warehouse restrictions in California

The **League of California Cities** and California State Association of Counties, two groups that lobby the state legislature on behalf of local governments, have said they also oppose the bill, according to a letter obtained by KCRA 3. The bill, opponents said, takes away local governments' abilities to make decisions on their own by imposing statewide mandates on where warehouses can be located and how they must operate.

THE SUN

Last-ditch legislative effort aims to separate homes from new warehouses

AB 98's opponents include the **League of California Cities** and the Inland Empire Economic Partnership.

POLITICO

WAREHOUSE WAR:

Local governments say the bill could cost them millions to update their plans, while environmentalists argue it doesn't go far enough to protect residents. — **AN**



Disaster preparedness

AB 2330 (Holden) Endangered Species: Routine Fuel Management Activities.

This measure would allow local agencies to voluntarily submit their wildfire preparedness projects to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and to receive a determination within 90 days if an incidental take permit is needed to conduct the vegetation management activities in fire hazard severity zones adjacent to urban communities. If a permit is needed, the permit will be processed within 45 days by the Department.

Cal Cities Position: *Sponsor/Sign*

Solid waste and recycling

SB 972 (Min) Methane Emissions: Organic Waste Landfills.

This measure would require CalRecycle to strengthen statewide technical assistance to support local jurisdictions with the removal of organic waste from landfills and to reduce methane emissions. The measure would also require CalRecycle to develop procedures on its website to allow local jurisdictions to request specific support based on local implementation efforts. It would encourage CalRecycle to provide assistance regionally so multiple jurisdictions may build local capacity if similar technical assistance is needed. The measure would necessitate that CalRecycle consider addressing a technical assistance request prior to exercising enforcement authority, if a request is submitted.

Cal Cities Position: *Sponsor/Sign*



Solid waste and recycling

AB 2346 (Lee) Organic Waste Reduction Regulations: Procurement of Recovered Organic Waste Product

This measure would authorize local jurisdictions to count towards their procurement targets compost produced and procured from specified compost operations and specified investments and expenditures related to meeting its procurement target. The measure would authorize a local jurisdiction to determine a local per capita procurement target using information from a local waste characterization study. The measure would authorize a local jurisdiction to satisfy its annual procurement obligations by procuring a quantity of recovered organic waste products that meets or exceeds a 5-year procurement target.

Cal Cities Position: *Sign*

Solid waste and recycling

SB 1046 (Laird) Organic Waste: Programmatic Environmental Impact Report: Small and Medium Compost Facilities

This measure would require CalRecycle to prepare and certify, by January 1, 2027, a program environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act that would streamline the process with which jurisdictions could develop and site small and medium compostable material handling facilities or operations for processing organic material.

Cal Cities Position: *Sign*

Solid waste and recycling

SB 1066 (Blakespear) Hazardous Waste: Marine Flares: Manufacturer Responsibility

The measure would introduce a manufacturer responsibility program for the safe management of marine flares. It would require manufacturers to develop, implement, and regularly update comprehensive plans for the collection, transportation, and disposal of these products, subject to review and approval by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). This measure would require the publication of approved plans and would set a deadline for implementation starting no earlier than July 1, 2028.

Cal Cities Position: *Sign*



Solid waste and recycling

SB 1280 (Laird) Waste Management: Propane Cylinders: Reusable and Refillable

This measure would, on and after January 1, 2028, prohibit the sale or offer for sale of propane cylinders other than those propane cylinders that are reusable or refillable. This measure would require CalRecycle to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this bill.

Cal Cities Position: *Sign*

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Permitting

SB 1418 (Archuleta) Hydrogen-Fueling Stations: Administrative Approval.

This measure would require local agencies to adopt an expedited, streamlined permitting process for hydrogen-fueling stations by 2025.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Transportation

AB 1777 (Ting) Ticketing.

This measure would authorize a peace officer to issue a "notice of AV noncompliance" to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Transportation

AB 2286 (Aguiar-Curry) Autonomous Vehicles.

This measure would prohibit the operation of an autonomous vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more without a human safety operator physically present in the autonomous vehicle at the time of operation.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

Transportation

AB 3179 (Juan Carrillo) Advanced Clean Fleet: Emergency Vehicles.

This measure would expand the definition of emergency vehicles to qualify for an exemption from the state's Advanced Clean Fleet regulatory requirement.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

Transportation

AB 637 (Jackson) Zero-Emission Vehicles: Fleet Owners: Rental Vehicles.

This measure would provide public and private fleets with additional options to meet the zero-emission vehicle procurement requirements under the Advanced Clean Fleet regulation adopted by the California Air Resources Board.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

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Cannabis

AB 2643 (Wood) Cannabis Cultivation: Environmental Remediation.

This measure would require the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct a study and create a framework for cannabis site restoration.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

Cannabis

SB 1064 (Laird) Cannabis: Operator and Premises License Types.

This measure would make changes to the permitting process for cannabis and simplify the licensing scheme for commercial cannabis activities. This measure would add a combined activities license classification and streamline the submission of owner-related information.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

Emergency medical services

AB 1168 (Bennett) EMS: Prehospital EMS.

This measure would clarify a city or fire district's right to retain its authority over emergency ambulance services if a city or fire district enters into an agreement with a county for the joint exercise of powers for emergency ambulance services.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

Public safety

AB 3024 (Ward) Civil Rights.

This measure would expand the definition of “intimidation by threat of violence” under the Ralph Civil Rights Act of 1976 to include terrorizing the owner or resident of private property with the distribution of materials on that property that is intended to terrorize the owner or resident.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

Public safety

SB 1509 (Stern) Negligent Operator Treatment in California Act.

This measure would prohibit excessive speeding of 26 or more miles per hour over the speed limit on a highway with a posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour or less.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

Retail theft

AB 1960 (Rivas) Sentencing Enhancements: Property Loss.

This measure would apply additional terms of incarceration ranging from one to four additional years for those who excessively take or damage property during the commission of felony offenses.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

Retail theft package – Signed by Governor

[AB 1779](#) (Irwin) Theft: Jurisdiction

[AB 1802](#) (Jones-Sawyer) Crimes: Organized Theft

[AB 1972](#) (Alanis) Regional Property Crimes Task Force

[AB 2943](#) (Zbur) Crimes: Shoplifting

[AB 3209](#) (Berman) Crimes: Theft: Retail Theft Restraining Orders

[SB 905](#) (Wiener) Crimes: Theft From a Vehicle

[SB 982](#) (Wahab) Crimes: Organized Theft

[SB 1144](#) (Skinner) Marketplaces: Online Marketplaces

[SB 1242](#) (Min) Crimes: Fires

[SB 1416](#) (Newman) Sentencing Enhancements: Sale, Exchange or
Return of Stolen Property

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Property taxes

AB 2564 (Boerner) Property Tax Postponement: Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund.

This measure would reinstate General Fund support for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Program.

Cal Cities Position: *Support*

Sales and use taxes

AB 2061 (Wilson) Sales and Use Tax: Exemptions: Zero-Emission Public Transportation Ferries.

This measure would establish, from January 1, 2025, until January 1, 2030, a new exemption for the purchase of zero-emission ferries by public transit agencies from the state portion of the sales and use tax.

Cal Cities Position: *Support*

Sales and use taxes

AB 2854 (Irwin) Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law.

This measure would require a local agency to annually provide to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration specified information related to any sales tax rebate agreement the agency has entered, and to post the information to the local agency's website.

Cal Cities Position: *Support*

Notable bills that died this year

AB 2274 (Dixon) Taxation: Sales and Use Taxes: Exemption: School Supplies Tax Holiday.

Cal Cities Position: *Oppose*

SB 1494 (Glazer) Local Agencies: Sales and Use Tax: Retailers.

Cal Cities Position: *Oppose*

SB 1164 (Newman) Property Taxation: New Construction Exclusion: Accessory Dwelling Units.

Cal Cities Position: *Oppose*

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THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Cities would share power to probe addiction treatment complaints under Umberg bill

Column: Poised to die a quick death, it surprisingly soared through with bipartisan support. But where are those mystery inspectors?

The influential League of California Cities is on board as well. "In 2024, we want to see action on sober living homes," said League rep Connor Medina at a recent [California Sober Living Task Force's](#) meeting. "We want to sponsor legislation. We're still crafting exactly what that looks like, but we're in lockstep with you on taking action."

"Licensed recovery homes provide a wide range of benefits to some of California's most vulnerable residents, and it is critical that their needs are prioritized over profits," said California Cities Legislative Affairs Lobbyist Caroline Grinder in a prepared statement. "Cal Cities is proud to support this commonsense, transparency legislation that protects residents and holds providers accountable for maintaining high quality treatment. It's good for the community, good for the neighbors, and most importantly, good for those who are receiving care."

Support

The League of California Cities is the muscle behind this bill. Its Caroline Grinder painted it as a partnership between state and local governments to protect public health and safety, and a much-needed opportunity for the state to leverage local resources.

"Cities are well-positioned to respond promptly to emerging issues in their communities," she said. SB 913 "would establish a process for cities to work with the department to ensure compliance, and would require the department's approval prior to any inspection or enforcement action."



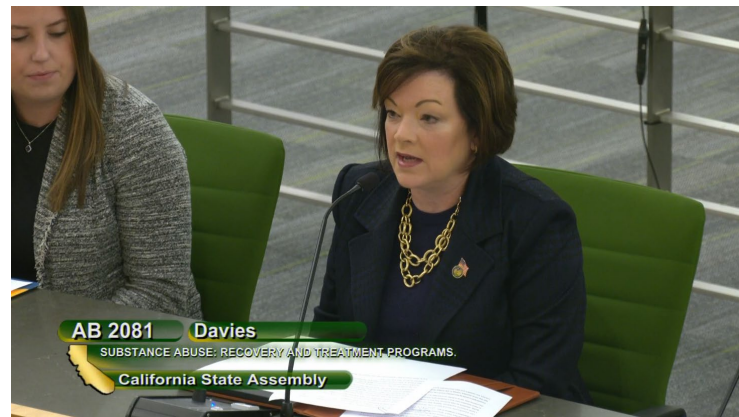
Screenshot of Caroline Grinder of the League of California Cities

Recovery housing

AB 2081 (Davies) Substance Abuse: Recovery and Treatment Programs.

This measure would require licensed recovery home operators to disclose to people seeking care that they can check the Department of Health Care Services' website to confirm a facility's compliance with state licensing laws.

Cal Cities Request: *Sponsor/Sign*



Recovery housing

AB 2574 (Valencia) Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Facilities.

This measure would expand reporting requirements to enhance the Department of Health Care Services' oversight of sober living homes that are operating as an integral part of a licensed treatment facility located elsewhere.

Cal Cities Request: *Sponsor/Sign*

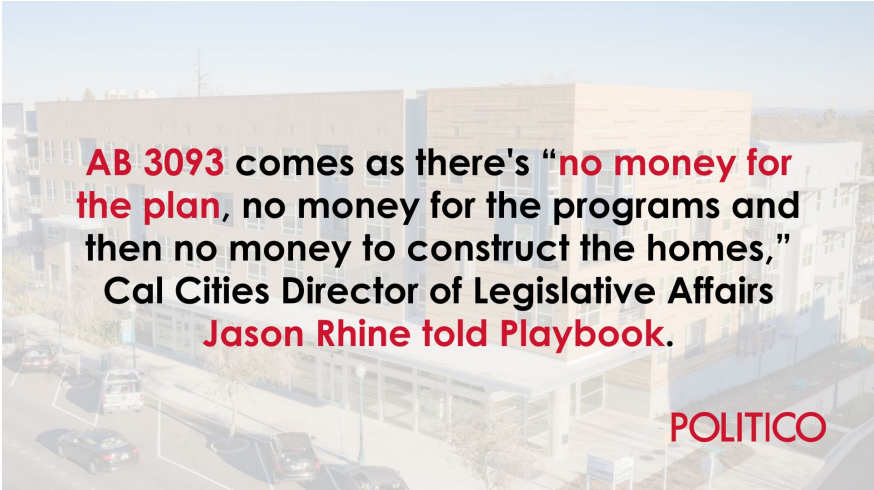


Housing for homeless residents

AB 3093 (Ward) Land Use: Housing Element: Streamlined Multifamily Housing.

This measure would require local governments to account for the housing needs of people experiencing homelessness in their housing elements by adding two new income categories to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment framework: acutely low-income and extremely low-income.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*



AB 3093 comes as there's “**no money for the plan**, no money for the programs and then no money to construct the homes,”
Cal Cities Director of Legislative Affairs
Jason Rhine told Playbook.

POLITICO

AB 3093 (Ward) amendments

- ☑ Requires HCD to publish advisory guidance, including sample analyses and programs.
- ☑ Clarifies there is no difference in the sites identified for lower income, and that the densities that currently apply to low and very low income also apply to ALI and ELI.
- ☑ Requires HCD to publish advisory guidance to develop a methodology for allocating the regional housing need for ALI and ELI households.
- ☒ Unfortunately, AB 3093 passed despite the state budget deal, which included \$1.1 billion in cuts to affordable housing programs.

Children's camps

AB 262 (Holden) Children's Camps: Safety and Regulation.

This measure would require the Department of Social Services to convene a stakeholder group to make recommendations to the Legislature on improving children's camp safety in California.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

Food insecurity

AB 1961 (Wicks) End Hunger in California Act of 2024.

This measure would require the Department of Food and Agriculture to appoint and convene an End Hunger in California Master Plan Task Force to ensure access to healthy and culturally relevant food for all Californians.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

Seniors and aging

AB 2207 (Reyes) State Boards and Commissions: Representatives of Older Adults.

This measure would require that older adults be represented on several boards and advisory committees.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

SB 37 (Caballero) Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act.

This measure would create a program to administer housing subsidies for older adults and adults with disabilities experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*



Homelessness services

SB 1361 (Blakespear) California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Local Agencies.

This measure would clarify that local agencies' actions to provide services for people experiencing homelessness are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Cal Cities Request: *Chaptered*



Legislative Update

Governor Newsom Signs Legislation to Protect Services and Shelters for Homeless

“SB 1361 is another step aimed at protecting, and speeding up, the delivery of shelter and services for people escaping homelessness. It’s common sense to extend the CEQA exemption already enjoyed by local governments to those they contract with to provide services on their behalf.”

 **CATHERINE BLAKESPEAR**
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Housing element

AB 1886 (Alvarez) Housing Element Law: Substantial Compliance: Housing Accountability Act.

This measure would allow the Builder's Remedy to begin as soon as the Department of Housing and Community Development or a court determines a jurisdiction's housing element is out of compliance and past the due date.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Housing element

AB 1893 (Wicks) Housing Accountability Act: Housing Disapprovals: Required Local Findings.

This measure would allow the Builder's Remedy to kick in if a local jurisdiction is not in compliance with Housing Element Law and a proposed development project provides a minimum number of affordable housing units. It would limit the ability of local governments to use any objective standards that make a project infeasible but limit the height of a proposed Builder's Remedy project.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Housing element

AB 2023 (Quirk-Silva) Housing Element Substantial Compliance: Rebuttable Presumptions.

This measure would create a rebuttable presumption of invalidity in any legal action challenging a local government's action or failure to act if the HCD finds that the action or failure to act does not substantially comply with the jurisdiction's adopted housing element or housing element obligations. This measure would also add 120 days to the housing element review process each time changes are made to a pending housing element.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Housing element

SB 1037 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: Enforcement.

This measure would fine jurisdictions up to \$50K a month for either not having a compliant housing element or for disregarding any state law regarding the ministerial approval process of an affordable housing project, even if the jurisdiction is acting in good faith. This measure would establish a \$50K per month fine after a court rules a city is out of compliance with housing element law and has not adopted a certified housing element after 120 days and continue until a housing element is certified by HCD.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Planning and zoning

SB 450 (Atkins) Housing Development: Approvals.

This measure would limit local governments' ability to apply objective standards to a proposed SB 9 (2021) project. It would also require local agencies to approve or deny a proposed project within 60 days, or it is deemed approved. It would also allow a developer to demolish and replace an existing home with two new homes even if a tenant occupies the house.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Planning and zoning

AB 2243 (Wicks) Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022: Objective Standards and Affordability and Site Criteria.

This measure would expand AB 2011 streamlining requirements to regional malls along a major commercial corridor, sites within 500 feet of freeways, and in high-rise districts not located on a major commercial corridor.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Planning and zoning

AB 3068 (Haney) Adaptive Reuse: Streamlining Incentives.

This measure would require by-right approval of some adaptive reuse projects and would exempt them from all impact fees not reasonably related to the impacts resulting from the site's change of use. The fees would be roughly proportional to the difference in impacts caused by the change of use.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Planning and zoning

SB 1211 (Skinner) Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units.

This measure would require local agencies to ministerially approve up to eight detached ADUs on a lot with an existing multifamily dwelling unit.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Development fees

SB 937 (Wiener) Development Projects: Permits and Other Entitlements: Fees and Charges.

This measure would limit the local government's ability to collect mitigation fees on affordable housing projects when either a certificate of occupancy is issued, or construction commences on specific projects for which the fees will be used.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

General plans

AB 1889 (Friedman) General Plan: Wildlife Connectivity Element.

This measure would require local agencies to include a wildlife connectivity element in their next general plan update after January 1, 2028, within their conservation element. The local jurisdiction would have to consider how development will impact wildlife movement using relevant data and consult with relevant state agencies to achieve this.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

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Labor relations

AB 2561 (McKinnor) Local Public Employees: Vacant Positions.

This measure would require all local agencies to hold an annual public hearing on the status of vacancies before their governing board at least once per fiscal year.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Labor relations

SB 399 (Wahab) Employer Communications: Intimidation.

This measure would prohibit an employer from subjecting an employee to adverse action because the employee declines to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or affirmatively declines to participate in, receive, or listen to communications with the employer, the purpose of which is to communicate the employer's opinion about religious or political matters. The bill's broad definition of "political matter" would treat many routine government functions as political matters, interfere with basic government operations, and create new legal risks for cities.

Cal Cities Request: *Veto*

Political Reform Act of 1974

AB 2041 (Bonta, Mia) Political Reform Act of 1974: Campaign Funds: Security Expenses.

This measure would lift existing limitations and add expansions to how campaign funds may be used for security expenses. This measure would have an urgency clause.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

Levine Act

SB 1243 (Dodd) Campaign Contributions: Agency Officers.

This measure would raise the threshold for contributions permitted by the Levine Act from \$250 to \$500. It would also extend the time period to cure a violation after a final decision from within 14 days to within 30 days.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

Ralph M. Brown Act

AB 2302 (Addis) Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences.

This measure would clarify limits imposed under teleconferencing meeting law AB 2449. It would also clarify how closed sessions count towards the number of allowed meetings under AB 2449.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

AB 2715 (Boerner) Ralph M. Brown Act: Closed Sessions.

This measure would further clarify that matters of cybersecurity can be discussed during closed session.

Cal Cities Request: *Sign*

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