

CAL CITIES DELIVERS

The League of California Cities delivers major victories for cities year after year — protecting local control, securing billions of dollars in new funding, and preserving existing city resources. Below are recent highlights of the major wins Cal Cities has achieved on behalf of its member cities.

BY THE NUMBERS

100+

bills/ballot measures passed or defeated to retain local control

\$7+ Billion

in Federal recovery funding in 2021


\$13 Billion

in new funding for cities in the past five years



















Dozens

of lawsuits won protecting local control and city interests

FEDERAL

H.R. 1319 (2021)	\$7+ Billion for California cities in American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	<i>Passed</i>	WIN 
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LEGISLATIVE

SB 50 (2020)	Would have eroded local control and provided/given new rights to developers	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN 
SB 899 (2020)	Would have allowed developers to override local authority	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN 
AB 1484 (2020)	Would have limited the ability of cities to impose housing development fees	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN 
AB 3145 (2020)	Would have arbitrarily capped housing development fees	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN 
AB 1279 (2020)	Would have eroded local government authority around density requirements	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN 
AB 434 (2020)	Streamlined the Multifamily Housing Program	<i>Passed</i>	WIN 
SB 731 (2020)	Would have removed immunity protections for public employees	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN 
SB 776 (2020)	Would have made peace officer and custodial officer personnel records subject to disclosure	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN 
AB 1286 (2020)	Requires scooter providers to get city permission to operate	<i>Passed</i>	WIN 
AB 1568 (2019)	Would have linked transportation funding dollars to housing production	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN 
AB 1356 (2019)	Would have forced cities to issue a minimum ratio of cannabis licenses	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN 
SB 827 (2018)	Would have eroded local land use authority around major transit stops and corridors	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN 
SB 831 (2018)	Would have prohibited cities from imposing fees on certain housing	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN 
SB 901 (2018)	Protects city from liability for utility-caused fires	<i>Passed</i>	WIN 
SB 1 (2017)	\$5 billion annually in new transportation funding	<i>Passed</i>	WIN 
SB 2 (2017)	Estimated \$250 million annually to local government housing programs	<i>Passed</i>	WIN 
SB 540 (2017)	Cal Cities-sponsored bill to streamline local planning process and CEQA review	<i>Passed</i>	WIN 
SB 649 (2017)	Would have eroded local control by giving away public property to telecom companies	<i>Vetoed</i>	WIN 

LEGISLATIVE FUNDING

\$300 million to support local homelessness efforts (2020)	<i>Funding secured</i>	WIN ✓
\$500 million in state CARES act funding available to all cities (2020)	<i>Funding secured</i>	WIN ✓
\$500 million to support infill development projects and supporting infrastructure (2019)	<i>Funding secured</i>	WIN ✓
\$500 million to support the low-income tax credit program that helps construct affordable housing (2019)	<i>Funding secured</i>	WIN ✓
\$300 million in disaster preparedness funding (2019)	<i>Funding secured</i>	WIN ✓
\$500 million in Homeless Emergency Aid Block Grant (2018)	<i>Funding secured</i>	WIN ✓

BALLOT MEASURES

YES on Prop 1 (2018)	\$4 billion veterans housing bond	<i>Passed</i>	WIN ✓
YES on Prop 2 (2018)	\$2 billion homeless housing bond	<i>Passed</i>	WIN ✓
NO on Prop 6 (2018)	Would have eliminated \$5 billion annually in transportation infrastructure funding	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN ✓
YES on Prop 69 (2018)	Constitutionally protects transportation funding	<i>Passed</i>	WIN ✓
YES on Prop 22 (2010)	Protect local government transportation funding and other revenues	<i>Passed</i>	WIN ✓
NO on Prop 98 YES on 99 (2008)	Preservation of local government eminent domain and land use authority	<i>Defeated Prop 98</i> <i>Passed Prop 99</i>	WIN ✓
NO on Prop 90 (2006)	Would have eroded city land use authority	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN ✓
YES on Prop 1A (2004)	Protect local government revenues	<i>Passed</i>	WIN ✓

LEGAL

<i>Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Association v. Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association</i> (2020) — CA Supreme Court upheld pension reform legislation intended to address rising city pension costs	<i>Court agreed with Cal Cities legal position</i>	WIN ✓
<i>Wilde v. City of Dunsmuir</i> (2020) — CA Supreme Court held that municipal water rates and other local utility charges are not subject to referendum	<i>Court agreed with Cal Cities legal position</i>	WIN ✓
<i>City of Redondo Beach v. State of California</i> (2020) — CA Court of Appeal held that the California Voter Participation Rights Act does not apply to charter cities	<i>Court agreed with Cal Cities legal position</i>	WIN ✓
<i>Homeaway.com vs City of Santa Monica</i> (2019) — Federal Court of Appeals rejected claims that short-term rental ordinances violate First Amendment	<i>Court agreed with Cal Cities legal position</i>	WIN ✓
<i>T-Mobile West v. City and County of San Francisco</i> (2019) — CA Supreme Court upheld cities' local police power to regulate the aesthetics of wireless facilities	<i>Court agreed with Cal Cities legal position</i>	WIN ✓
<i>Cal Fire Local 2881 v. California Public Employees' Retirement System</i> (2019) — CA Supreme Court upheld pension reform legislation intended to address rising city pension costs	<i>Court agreed with Cal Cities legal position</i>	WIN ✓