

The League of California Cities delivers for cities year after year. We defend local control through advocacy efforts in the Legislature, at the ballot box, in the courts, and through strategic storytelling that informs and educates the public, policymakers, and opinion leaders. Cal Cities also offers education and training programs designed to teach city officials about new developments in their field and exchange solutions to common challenges facing their cities.

Here are some ways that Cal Cities delivered in early 2024.

Sponsoring

**12** bills on wildfire preparedness, recovery housing, emergency medical services, autonomous vehicle services, the Brown Act, and unfunded mandates.

**22** Regional Division

events with nearly 1,200 city officials and Cal Cities Partners, as well as 14 lawmakers in attendance.

**7** Local Works stories

of cities making a difference in their communities on housing and homelessness, economic development, and more.

**25** Roundtable Discussions

and Webinars with over 3,000 attendees on new legislation, organic waste recycling, how to be a good advocate, and other topics.

**7** Conferences

with over 2,000 mayors and council members, city managers, public works officers, and planning commissioners in attendance.

Early 2024, Cal Cities:

- ▶ Filed an **amicus brief in support of a legal challenge** that would remove the California Business Roundtable measure from the November 2024 ballot. Well **over 200 cities have officially opposed the so-called Taxpayer Protection and Accountability Act**. They join a broad coalition of organizations in opposition to this dangerous measure that is a threat to local control and could jeopardize funding for vital local services.
- ▶ Filed an **amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court** to reverse two lower court rulings and clarify that ordinances restricting camping on public property do not infringe on a person's constitutional rights.
- ▶ **Participated in an open letter from the Governor and legislative leadership** published in the *Los Angeles Times* and *San Francisco Chronicle* calling on California Business Roundtable board members, leaders, and funders to withdraw their support for the Taxpayer Deception Act.
- ▶ **Leading the conversation** on the spike in retail theft's impact to cities. Lawmakers are eager to hear Cal Cities' perspective. **Cal Cities' action** on the 30 newly introduced bills on **retail theft is a reflection of our member-engaged and driven policy process**.
- ▶ **Testified** as the lead witness and co-sponsor of AB 2081 (Davies), which would provide greater protections for individuals seeking alcoholism or substance use treatment. AB 2081 is part of a four-bill package Cal Cities is sponsoring this year, carrying out a Board directive to **advance solutions to issues related to recovery housing**.
- ▶ **Joined a coalition letter urging state leaders** to create an **ongoing source of funding for housing and supportive services to reduce homelessness**. The coalition also called on the state to honor prior spending commitments, including a key regional homeless prevention program.
- ▶ **Secured a win for cities**. Thanks to **Cal Cities' unwavering advocacy**, the State Water Board's second draft of the **Water Conservation Regulations** includes several proposed updates that will make it **easier for cities to comply with the new rules**. A third and final public comment period is expected later this spring.