



CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Tamara S. Letourneau, City Manager

DATE: April 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Update on the City's Legislative Advocacy Efforts

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file this update on the City's Legislative Advocacy Efforts.

BACKGROUND

On February 19, 2019, the City Council adopted the City's Legislative Platform. The legislative platform is comprised of "Guiding Principles" and "Policy Statements," which provide an outline and means for summarizing the City's core legislative principles and positions on legislative matters. Utilizing the City's Legislative Platform, staff has continued to communicate the City's positions effectively and efficiently to legislators and policymakers at the regional, state, and federal levels.

Since the start of the two-year legislative session, the City has submitted fourteen legislative advocacy letters to the appropriate governing bodies. The fourteen advocacy letters were in response to the proposal of the following pieces of legislation:

Support

- Assembly Bill 274: Unemployment Benefits Chip-Enabled Cards
- Assembly Bill 259: Tax Credit for Restaurants
- Senate Bill 75: Southern California Fentanyl Task Force
- Orange County Board of Supervisors Redistricting
- Senate Bill 1342: Aging Multidisciplinary Personnel Teams

Oppose

- Assembly Bill 215: Housing Element Appeal Committee
- Assembly Bill 989: Housing Appeals Committee
- Assembly Bill 1401: Residential and Commercial Development Parking Requirements
- Senate Bill 2: Peace Officers Certification Civil Rights
- Senate Bill 9: Increased Density in Single-Family Zones

- Senate Bill 278: Public Employees' Retirement System. Disallowed Compensation, Benefits Adjustment
- Senate Bill 478: Planning and Zoning Law Housing Development Projects
- Senate Bill 556: Street Lights Poles, Traffic Signal Poles, Small Wireless Facilities Attachments
- Governor's Proposed Housing Accountability Unit

ANALYSIS

Following the end of the 2021 legislative session, the legislature reconvened in January and introduced an additional 2,020 bills for the 2022 legislative session. Staff continues working collaboratively and diligently with regional and statewide associations to identify bills of interest as outlined in the City's Legislative Platform.

With the legislature back in session, staff is providing the City Council with an update on the City's advocacy efforts in this legislative session. Using the adopted Legislative Platform, sixty-eight proposed bills are currently being tracked (Attachment A). Staff continues to monitor these bills and take advocacy steps when necessary to ensure the City's identified long-term strategic needs and vision are being advocated.

In the early stages of the 2022 legislative session, the City has submitted two advocacy letter to the state legislator. Assembly Bill 1595: Veterans Cemetery County of Orange seeks to allow the California Department of Veteran Affairs (CalVet) to design, develop, and construct a state-operated veterans cemetery in Orange County at Gypsum Canyon.

As the legislative session progresses, staff will continue to take appropriate action on legislation in line with the City's Legislative Platform and will provide similar legislative advocacy effort updates as is necessary in the future.

FISCAL REVIEW

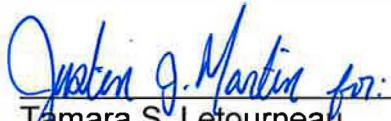
There is no fiscal impact as a result of this report.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this report.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file this update on the City's Legislative Advocacy Efforts.



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Attachments:

A. Legislative Tracking Sheet

ATTACHMENT A

Legislative Tracking Sheet

Bill No.	Bill Title	Abstract	Recommended Position	Author	Date Introduced	Status
AB 536	Office of Emergency Services: Mutual aid gap analysis	Requires (Cal OES) to conduct a “gap analysis,” beginning January 1, 2022, and every two years thereafter, of the state’s mutual aid system. The analysis is to be based on, among other things, firefighting, law enforcement, emergency medical services, mass care, shelter and hospital surge capacity required to respond to two simultaneous, major disasters occurring in California.	Watch/Support	Rodriguez	2/10/2021	Passed Assembly Passed Senate Committee on Government Organizations Referred to Appropriations Consent Calendar 7/26
AB 682	Planning and zoning: density bonuses: cohousing buildings	This bill would require that a density bonus be provided under provisions to a developer who agrees to construct a housing development that is a cohousing building, as defined, that meets specified requirements and will contain either 10% of the total square footage for lower income households, as defined, or 5% of the total square footage for very low income households, as defined.	Oppose	Bloom	2/12/2021	Passed Assembly and ordered to Senate. Referred to Rules Committee for assignment 1/27
AB 897	Office of Planning and Research: Regional Climate networks: Climate adaptation action plans	Requires the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to facilitate the creation of regional climate networks (networks) and create standards for the development of a regional climate adaptation action plan (plan) to support the implementation of regional climate adaptation efforts.	Watch	Mullin	2/17/2021	Passed Assembly Placed on Senate suspense file
AB 989	Housing Accountability Act: Housing Accountability Committee	Creates an appeals board, the Housing Accountability Committee (HAC) at the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), to receive appeals from developers when a local government takes an action on a housing development project that is prohibited by the Housing Accountability Act (HAA).	Oppose	Gabriel	2/18/2021	Passed Assembly and Senate Governance and Finance Committee, Housing Committee, Committee on Appropriations. Ordered to inactive file at request of Senator Hertzberg
AB 1001	Environmental mitigation measures for air quality impacts environmental justice	Amends the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to 1) require mitigation to compensate for adverse air or water quality impacts in a disadvantaged community (DAC) to mitigate those impacts directly in the affected community and 2) require all public agencies implementing CEQA to give consideration to the principles of environmental justice by ensuring the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins.	Watch	Garcia	2/18/2021	Passed State Assembly and referred to the Senate Rules Committee
AB 1017	Public Restrooms: Right to Restrooms Act of 2021	AB 1017 would require each local agency to complete a one-time inventory of all public restrooms it owns and maintains, make the inventory available to homelessness service providers and on its website, and report the information to the Department of Public Health (DPH) by July 1, 2022, as specified. The bill would require DPH to compile the information and submit it to the Legislature in a report by March 1, 2023.	Watch	Quirk-Silva	2/18/2021	Passed Assembly and place on Appropriation suspense file

AB 1154	CEQA; exemption: egress route projects: fire safety	Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) egress route projects in subdivisions reviewed by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF) where the BOF recommends creation of secondary access to the subdivision.	Watch	Patterson	2/19/2021	Passed Assembly and referred to Senate Rules Committee for assignment
AB 1401	Residential and community development: Parking Requirements	Prohibits local governments from enforcing minimum automobile parking requirements for developments located close to public transit. Applies for both for residential and commercially zoned properties.	Oppose/Watch	Friedman	2/18/2021	Passed Assembly; Passed Senate Committee on Government and Finance, housing committee Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations 8/26 Placed on suspense file
AB 1445	Climate Change Impacts and RHNA	Adds the impacts of climate change to the list of factors used to develop the methodology for regional housing needs.	Watch	Levine	2/19/2021	Passed Assembly and ordered to Senate. Read first time and referred to Rules Committee for assignment
AB 1551	Planning and Zoning Housing Adaptive reuse of commercial space	Previously existing law, until January 1, 2022, required a city, county, or city and county to grant a commercial developer a development bonus, as specified, when an applicant for approval of a commercial development had entered into an agreement for partnered housing with an affordable housing developer to contribute affordable housing through a joint project or 2 separate projects encompassing affordable housing. This bill would reenact the above-described provisions regarding the granting of development bonuses to certain projects. The bill would require a city or county to annually submit to the Department of Housing and Community Development information describing an approved commercial development bonus. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2028.	Watch/Support	Santiago	2/19/2021	Passed Assembly and ordered to the Senate Rules Committee for assignment
AB 1595	Veterans Cemetery: County of Orange	Urgency statute establishing a veterans cemetery in Orange County.	Support	Quirk-Silva & Choi	1/3/2022	Referred to the Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs
AB 1598	Controlled Substances: paraphernalia: fentanyl testing	Excludes from the definition of "drug paraphernalia" any testing equipment that is designed, marketed, used, or intended to be used, to analyze for the presence of fentanyl or any analog of fentanyl, ketamine, or gamma hydroxybutyric acid.	Support	Davies	1/3/2022	Passed Assembly Public Safety and referred to consent calendar
AB 1627	Opioid Overdose Prevention	Requires state department on health to establish a pilot project program in the Counties of San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange to provide free opioid antagonist drugs to trained individuals.	Watch/Support	Ramos	1/11/2022	Passed Senate Health Committee and referred to the Committee on Public Safety 4/26
AB 1628	Online Platforms: electronic content management: controlled substances	This bill would require social media platforms to submit policies to the Attorney General's office that are aimed at preventing illegal activity related to the sale and distribution of controlled substances. The bill is supported by the County of Orange.	Watch	Ramos	1/11/2022	Referred to committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection

AB 1641	Sexually Violent Predators	AB 1641 would codify existing practices by statutorily requiring all SVPs to be GPS monitored while on a conditional release program.	Watch	Maienschein	1/12/2022	Passed Assembly and referred to Senate Rules Committee for assignment
AB 1673	California Fentanyl Abuse Task Force	Establishes the California Anti-Fentanyl Abuse Task Force (Task Force) to undertake specified duties relating to fentanyl abuse.	Watch/Support	Seyarto	1/20/2022	Passed Assembly Committee on Health and Referred to the Committee on Public Safety 4/19
AB 1737	Children's Camps: local registration and inspection	This measure would implement a series of children's camp safety requirements related to local registration and inspection. Most notably, this measure would require local agencies to make announced and unannounced visits to each children's camp in their jurisdiction and make public any cited violations.	Watch/Oppose	Holden	1/31/2022	Passed Assembly committee on Health and referred to Committee on Public Safety 4/26
AB 1738	Building Standards: Installation of electric vehicle charging stations: existing buildings	This bill would recast these provisions to instead require mandatory building standards for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations with Level 2 or direct current fast charger electric vehicle supply equipment, as defined, to be proposed by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the installation in existing multifamily dwellings, hotels, and motels, by the Division of the State Architect for the installation in existing school buildings, and by the commission for the installation in existing nonresidential buildings.	Watch	Boerner-Horvath	1/31/2022	Passed committee on Housing and Community Development and referred to Committee on Economic Development 4/20
AB 1748	Exempt surplus land: regional housing needs	This measure would exempt specified city or county owned parcels from the Surplus Lands Act if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing production exceeds RHNA goals from the proceeding housing element cycle, regardless of income category. - The city or county is making proportionate progress towards meeting RHNA goals for each income category on an annual basis for the current housing element cycle. - The city or county has been designated as prohousing by the Department of Housing and Community Development. 	Watch	Seyarto	2/1/2022	Assembly Committee on Local Government 4/20
AB 1750/SB 904	Controlled Substances: Treatment	Requires the county drug program administrator and representatives of the court and county probation department, with input from substance use treatment providers, to design and implement an approval and renewal process for controlled substance education or treatment, and requires those programs to include education of using controlled substances without appropriate medical supervision.	Watch/Support	Davies	2/1/2022	Passed Assembly Committee on Public Safety and referred to Appropriations Committee 4/6
AB 1751	Workers' Compensation: COVID-19: critical workers	This measure would extend the COVID-19 Workers' Compensation presumption from January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2025.	Watch	Daly	2/1/2022	Passed Committee on Insurance and referred to Appropriations Committee

AB 1944	Local government: open and public meetings	Amending the Brown Act, this bill would specify that if a member of a legislative body elects to teleconference from a location that is not public, the address does not need to be identified in the notice and agenda or be accessible to the public when the legislative body has elected to allow members to participate via teleconferencing. This bill would require all open and public meetings of a legislative body that elects to use teleconferencing to provide a video stream accessible to members of the public and an option for members of the public to address the body remotely during the public comment period through an audio-visual or call-in option.	Watch	Lee	2/10/2022	Referred to Committee on Local Government
AB 1946	Electric Bicycle: safety and training program	Current law requires the Department of Transportation to develop safety standards in connection with the use of bicycles, including the establishment of minimum safety design criteria for the planning and construction of specified types of bikeways and roadways where bicycle travel is permitted. This bill would require the department, in coordination with the Office of Traffic Safety, to develop, on or before September 1, 2023, statewide safety standards and training programs based on evidence-based practices for users of electric bicycles, as defined, including, but not limited to, general electric bicycle riding safety, emergency maneuver skills, rules of the road, and laws pertaining to electronic bicycles. The bill would require the safety standards and training programs to be developed in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and to be posted on the internet websites of both the department and the Office of Traffic Safety.	Watch	Boerner Horvath	2/10/2022	Passed Committee on Transportation and Committee on Appropriations. Referred to consent calendar
AB 1955	Controlled Substances: Fentanyl	Current law prohibits a person from possessing for sale or purchasing for purposes of sale, specified controlled substances, including fentanyl, and provides for imprisonment in a county jail for 2, 3, or 4 years for a violation of this provision. Existing law also imposes an additional term, and authorizes a trial court to impose a specified fine, upon a person who is convicted of a violation of, or of a conspiracy to violate, specified provisions of law with respect to a substance containing heroin, cocaine base, and cocaine, if the substance exceeds a specified weight. This bill would impose that additional term upon, and authorize a fine against, a defendant who violates those laws with respect to a substance containing fentanyl. By increasing the penalty for a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	Watch	Nguyen	2/10/2022	Failed passage in Assembly Public Safety Committee and was granted reconsideration. Will be heard in Public Safety Committee on 4/26

AB 1976	Planning and Zoning: Housing Element Compliance very low income and lower income households	This bill would authorize the department, after notifying the city or county of the violation of the housing element provision and before notifying the Attorney General, either to complete the rezoning to accommodate 100% of the allocated need for housing for very low and lower income households on behalf of a local government within the Counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Ventura that failed to complete that rezoning by the required deadline, or to impose administrative civil penalties upon the local government of up to \$10,000 per day until the local government is no longer in violation of state law or the department decides to refer the violation to the Attorney General.	Watch	Santiago	2/10/2022	Referred to Committee on Housing and Community Development
AB 1985	Organic Waste: list: available products	This measure would seek to help cities with their SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) procurement requirements. Specifically, the measure would require CalRecycle to compile and maintain a list on its website, organized by ZIP code, of information regarding persons or entities that produce and have organic waste products available and update the list every 6 months.	Watch/Support	Rivas	2/10/2022	Passed Committee on Natural Resources and referred to Committee on Appropriations
AB 2097	Residential and commercial development: remodeling, renovations, and additions: parking requirements	This bill would significantly restrict parking requirements within one half-mile of public transit. Public transit is defined as 1) a high-quality transit corridor with 15-minute headways; 2) major transit stop —ferry terminal, rapid transit stop, or the intersection of multiple major bus routes with 15-minute headways.	Oppose	Friedman	2/14/2022	Referred to Committee on Local Government 4/20
AB 2126	Controlled Substances	This bill would impose a fine not to exceed \$2000 on any violation of a crime to possess for sale, sell, or transport fentanyl that would be deposited in the Fentanyl Victim Compensation Fund, a fund created by this bill. Additionally, the bill would authorize the California Victim Compensation Board to accept applications for reimbursement up to \$7,500 for funeral and burial expenses arising from a fatal fentanyl overdose, and up to \$5,500 for subsequent mental health counseling if those applications are submitted by a surviving parent, grandparent, sibling, child, grandchild, spouse, or fiancé of the deceased.	Watch	Flora	2/15/2022	Passed Assembly Committee on Public Safety and referred to Committee on Appropriations
AB 2188	Discrimination in Employment: Use of Cannabis	This bill would amend the act to make it unlawful for an employer to discriminate against a person in hiring, termination, or any term or condition of employment, or otherwise penalize a person, if the discrimination is based upon the person's use of cannabis off the job and away from the workplace or, with prescribed exceptions, upon an employer-required drug screening test that has found the person to have Non psychoactive cannabis metabolites in their urine, hair, or bodily fluids.	Watch/Oppose	Quirk-Silva	2/15/2022	Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment 4/20
AB 2234	Planning and Zoning: Housing : post entitlement phase permits	This measure would, no later than January 1, 2024, require a public agency to allow post-entitlement phase permits to be applied for, completed, and stored through a publicly available process on its website. Until the public agency has established this process on its website, it shall accept applications for permits and any related documentation by electronic mail.	Watch	Rivas	2/15/2022	Assembly Committee on Local Government 4/20

AB 2246	Controlled Substances: Fentanyl	<p>AB 2246 would reclassify fentanyl analogs, which are illicitly manufactured drugs near-chemical replicas of fentanyl, as Schedule I controlled substances. The bill would also make possession of two or more grams of fentanyl punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of 2, 3, or 4 years; and it would provide that the sale of fentanyl on a social media platform in the State punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of 3, 6, or 9 years.</p> <p>Additionally, this bill would include fentanyl as a controlled substance for which an additional enhancement of 1 to 2 years in state prison may be applied when an adult solicits, hires, or engages a minor to violate specified crimes relating to controlled substances under existing law.</p>	Watch	Petrie-Norris	2/16/2022	Referred to committee on Public Safety 4/19
AB 2328	Local Ordinances: Home Experience Sharing	This measure preempts explicit or implicit local prohibitions on "home experience sharing units." A home sharing unit is a noncommercial property that is rented for no more than 18 continuous hours.	Watch	Flora	2/16/2022	Assembly Committee on Local Government
AB 2428	Mitigation Fee Act: fees for improvements: timeline for expenditure	This measure would require a local agency to expend fees collected to defray the cost of public facilities related to the development project within 5 years of the charge. Any fees for improvements that are collected and that are not expended within this period shall be returned to the applicant.	Watch	Ramos	2/17/2022	Passed Committee on Local Government and referred to Appropriations Committee
AB 2485	CEQA: exemption: emergency shelters and supportive housing	This bill would exempt from the requirements of CEQA emergency shelters and supportive housing.	Watch/Support	Choi	2/17/2022	Referred to committee on Housing and Community Development and Natural Resources
AB 2449	Open Meetings: local agencies: teleconferences	This measure would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with teleconferencing requirements if a quorum of the legislative body members participate in person from a singular location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the local agency's jurisdiction. This measure would impose requirements for this exception relating to notices, agendas, the means and manner of access, and procedures for disruptions.	Watch	Rubio	2/17/2022	Assembly Committee on Local Government
AB 2548	Healthier Homes- Age in Place Nursing Program	This bill would require the department to establish and administer the Healthier Homes - Age in Place Nursing Pilot Program in the Counties of Contra Costa, Fresno, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, Shasta, and Sonoma. The program would provide grant funds to qualified nonprofit organizations that specialize in resident services for the purposes of hiring one full-time registered nurse and one full-time community health worker to work at 3 senior citizen housing developments in each county to provide health education, navigation, coaching, and care to residents.	Watch	Nazarian	2/17/2022	Committee on Aging and Long Term Care
AB 2630	Housing: California Interagency Council on Homelessness: report	This measure would require each city and county that has used funds from any source to assist in addressing homelessness to submit a report to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness.	Watch	O'Donnell	2/18/2022	Referred to Committee on Housing and Community Development

AB 2631	Government Claims Act	This measure would allow cities and counties to sue one another if a neighboring jurisdiction's failure to effectively address this crisis results in another community being negatively impacted.	Oppose	O'Donnell	2/18/2022	Referred to Committee on Local Government
AB 2647	Local Government: Open Meetings	This measure would clarify that material distributed to a majority of a local legislative body less than 72 hours before a meeting can be posted online to satisfy the requirements of the Brown Act.	Watch	Levine	2/18/2022	Referred to Committee on Local Government
AB 2705	Housing: fire safety standards	This measure would prohibit a city or county from approving a discretionary entitlement that would result in a new residential development project being located within a very high fire hazard severity zone, unless the city or county finds that the residential development project will meet new standards intended to address wildfire risks.	Watch	Quirk-Silva	2/18/2022	Referred to Committee on Local Government 4/20
AB 2953	Department of Transportation and local agencies: streets and highways: recycled materials	This bill would require a local agency to use, to the extent feasible and cost effective, recycled materials in streets and highways.	Watch	Salas	2/18/2022	Referred to Committee on Transportation
SB 6	Local Planning: Housing: Commercial Zones	The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for its physical development, and the development of certain lands outside its boundaries, that includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. This bill, the Neighborhood Homes Act, would deem a housing development project, as defined, an allowable use on a neighborhood lot, which is defined as a parcel within an office or retail commercial zone that is not adjacent to an industrial use. The bill would require the density for a housing development under these provisions to meet or exceed the density deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households according to the type of local jurisdiction, including a density of at least 20 units per acre for a suburban jurisdiction.	Oppose	Rubio	12/7/2020	Passed Senate ordered to Assembly Two-Year Bill Has made no progress since 8/2021
SB 12	Local Government Planning and Zoning Wildfires	This bill imposes certain fire hazard planning responsibilities on local governments and requires cities and counties to make specified findings on fire standards prior to permitting development in the very high fire hazard severity zone (VHFHSZ).	Watch/Oppose	McGuire	12/7/2020	Passed Senate ordered to Assembly Committee on housing & Community Development; Passed Committee on Local Government and referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development 7/12
SB 15	Housing Developments Incentives Rezoning of Idle Retail Sites	This bill requires the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to administer a program to provide grants to local governments that rezone idle sites used for a big box commercial shopping center to instead allow the development of low and moderate income housing.	Watch	Portantino	12/7/2020	Passed Senate ordered to Assembly Two-Year Bill

SB 43	Veterans Cemetery: County of Orange	Establishes a veterans cemetery in Orange County.	Support	Umberg	12/7/2020	Passed Assembly and referred to Senate Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs
SB 45	Short-lived climate pollutants: organic waste reduction goals: local jurisdiction assistance	Would provide local governments with financial assistance for short-lived climate pollutants. Details on the program remain sparse.	Watch	Portantino	Repurposed: 12/3/2022 12/7/2020	Passed Senate ordered to Assembly
SB 107	CalFresh	This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to develop a CalFresh user-centered application for seniors 60 years of age or older and for people with disabilities who are eligible to be enrolled in the Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP). It gives an individual the option to apply, report, and recertify for CalFresh in person, by mail, online, or by telephone, and permits an individual to complete the interview requirement and client signature by telephone, as specified.	Watch	Wiener	2/18/2021	Passed Senate and referred to Committee on Appropriations
SB 335	Workers' Compensation Liability	This bill reduces the time period an employer has to deny liability for a workers' compensation claim from 90 to 45 days, or 30 days for a workers' compensation claim for specified presumptive injuries. This bill further requires that a compensation claim which has been unreasonably delayed or refused have its award increased by 10%.	Watch	Cortese	2/8/2021	Passed Senate ordered to Assembly
SB 884	Electricity. Expedited Utility Distribution and Transmission Infrastructure Undergrounding Program	This measure would require the California Public Utilities Commission to establish an expedited utility distribution and transmission infrastructure undergrounding program and would authorize a large electrical corporation to participate in the program. This measure would also require a city approve such an undergrounding development project in 150 days and require permit streamlining.	Watch	McGuire	2/26/2022	Referred to Committee on Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications 4/20
SB 897	Accessory Dwelling Units: JADUs	This measure would make numerous changes to existing ADU law. Most notably, SB 897 would require local governments to allow ADUs to be constructed with a height of up to 25 feet.	Oppose	Wieckowski	2/1/2022	Passed Senate Committee on Housing and Committee on Government and Finance. Referred to Committee on Appropriations 4/20
SB 922	California Environmental Quality Act; exemption: transportation-related projects	Expands the application of CEQA exemptions for various transportation-related projects and removes the sunsets of those exemptions, extending the application of those exemptions indefinitely.	Watch/Oppose	Wiener	2/3/2022	Passed Committee on Senate Environmental Quality and referred to Appropriations Committee 4/18
SB 930	Housing Accountability Act	This bill would authorize the Department of Housing and Community Development to review, adopt, amend, and repeal the standards, forms, or definitions to implement the Housing Accountability Act without compliance with those procedural requirements, as provided.	Watch/Oppose	Wiener	2/7/2022	Held in Senate Housing Committee

SB 932	General Plans: Circulation element: bicycle and pedestrian plans and traffic calming plans	Requires the circulation element to include specified contents related to bicycle plans, pedestrian plans, and traffic calming plans, and to implement those plans; provides that failure to implement the plans creates a cause of action for victims of traffic violence.	Watch/Oppose	Portantino	2/7/2022	Passed Senate Committee on Governance and Finance. Referred to the Committee on Transportation 4/26
SB 942	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program: free or reduced fare transit program	This bill allows transit agencies who use Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) moneys to fund free or reduced fare transit programs to continue using those moneys for ongoing operating costs. It further eliminates the requirements to annually demonstrate greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions and document other program details, as specified.	Watch/Support	Newman	2/8/2022	Passed Senate Transportation Committee and Environmental Quality. Referred to committee on Appropriations 4/18
SB 1038	Law Enforcement: Facial Recognition and other biometric surveillance	This measure would extend indefinitely the current prohibition barring a law enforcement agency or law enforcement officer from installing, activating, or using any biometric surveillance system in connection with an officer camera or data collected by an officer camera.	Watch	Bradford	2/15/2022	Passed committee on Public Safety
SB 1067	Housing development projects: automobile parking requirements	These two measures would significantly restrict parking requirements within one half mile of public transit. Public transit is defined as 1) a high-quality transit corridor with 15 minute headways; 2) major transit stop – ferry terminal, rapid transit stop, or the intersection of multiple major bus routes with 15 minute headways.	Oppose	Portantino	2/15/2022	Passed Committee on Governance and Finance and referred to Committee on Housing 4/27
SB 1044	Employees: State of Emergency or Emergency condition: retaliation	This measure would prohibit an employer, in the event of a state of emergency, from taking or threatening adverse action against any employee for refusing to report to, or leaving, a workplace within the affected area because the employee feels unsafe due to the emergency.	Watch	Durazo	2/15/2022	Passed Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee and referred to the Committee on Appropriations 4/4
SB 1100	Open Meetings: orderly conduct	This bill would authorize the members of the legislative body conducting a meeting to remove an individual for willfully interrupting the meeting. The bill, except as provided, would require removal to be preceded by a warning by the presiding member of the legislative body that the individual is disrupting the proceedings, a request that the individual curtail their disruptive behavior or be subject to removal, and a reasonable opportunity to respond to the warning.	Watch	Cortese	2/16/2022	Passed Committee on Government and Finance and referred to Committee on Judiciary hearing 4/19
SB 1127	Workers' Compensation Liability Presumptions	This measure would fundamentally alter longstanding rules and timeframes for determining eligibility for workers' compensation claims. This measure would reduce the timeline for employers to make a decision about covering a claimed injury and would change the rules for all claims.	Watch/Oppose	Cortese	2/16/2022	Passed Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee and referred to the Committee on Appropriations 4/4

SB 1157	Urban Water Use Objectives: Indoor Residential Water Use	Existing law establishes, beginning January 1, 2025, the greater of 52.5 gallons per capita daily or a standard recommended by the department and the board as the standard for indoor residential water use, and beginning January 1, 2030, establishes the greater of 50 gallons per capita daily or a standard recommended by the department and the board as the standard for indoor residential water use. This bill would eliminate the option of using the greater of 52.5 gallons per capita daily and the greater of 50 gallons per capita daily, as applicable, or a standard recommended by the department and the board as the standard for indoor residential water use.	Watch	Hertzberg	2/17/2022	Passed Committee on Natural Resources and Water and referred to Committee on Appropriations 4/18
SB 1186	Medicinal Cannabis Patients' Right of Access Act	Would enact the Medicinal Cannabis Patients' Right of Access Act, which would prohibit a local jurisdiction from adopting or enforcing any regulation that prohibits the sale of, or otherwise imposes unreasonable restrictions on the safe and affordable sale of, medicinal cannabis to medicinal cannabis patients or their primary caregivers by medicinal cannabis businesses, as defined. The bill would prohibit regulations that unreasonably restrict, among other things, the operating hours or the number or frequency of sales of medicinal cannabis businesses. This bill would authorize a local jurisdiction to adopt and enforce specified regulations that would not be deemed unreasonable restrictions, including limiting the sale of medicinal cannabis to delivery only or to storefront retail sale only, as specified. The bill would provide that the act may be enforced by an action for writ of mandate brought by a medical cannabis patient or their primary caregiver, a medicinal cannabis business, the Attorney General, or any other party otherwise authorized by law.	Oppose	Wiener	2/17/2022	Passed Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development and referred to Committee on Governance and Finance 4/20
SB 1217	State-Regional Collaborative for Climate, Equity, and Resilience	This measure would establish, until January 1, 2028, the State-Regional Collaborative for Climate, Equity, and Resilience to provide guidance, on or before January 1, 2024, to the State Air Resources Board for approving new guidelines for sustainable communities strategies. The bill would require, on or before December 31, 2025, the state board to update the guidelines for sustainable communities strategies to incorporate suggestions from the collaborative.	Watch	Allen	2/17/2022	Passed Senate Environmental Quality Committee and referred to Committee on Transportation 4/26
SB 1338	Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program	This bill would establish the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program to connect a person struggling with untreated mental illness and substance use disorders with a court-ordered CARE plan.	Watch	Umberg	2/18/2022	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee and Committee on Public Safety 4/26
SB 1342	Aging Multidisciplinary Personnel Teams	This bill would specifically authorize counties to establish an aging multidisciplinary personnel team, as defined, with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of older adults to services within that county and to allow provider agencies to share confidential information, as specified, for the purpose of coordinating services.	Support	Bates	2/18/2022	Passed Committee on Human Services and referred to Judiciary Committee 4/26

SB 1369	Adaptive Reuse projects: by-right: funding	This measure would require local jurisdictions to approve “adaptive reuse projects” by right in all areas regardless of the zoning of the site. “Adaptive reuse project” means any commercial, public, industrial, or office building or structure that has 25 percent occupancy or less, which is converted into a housing development project. “Adaptive reuse project” does not include a project to convert an industrial building adjacent to active industrial uses on three or more sides of the building.	Oppose	Wieckowski	2/18/2022	Referred to the Committee on Governance and Finance. hearing cancelled at the request of the author
H.R. 6685	Spent Fuel Prioritization Act Same as H.R. 2995 in 2019	Law would prioritize the removal of spent fuel at SONGS. The Spent Fuel Prioritization Act would amend the NWPA and require the DOE to prioritize the removal of spent nuclear fuel from nuclear power plants based on the size of the population near the plant, seismic hazard associated with the area, and any national security concerns. Under this guideline SONGS would be a high priority site. The bill does not favor a permanent repository or consolidated interim storage and does not authorize the transfer of spent fuel to any non-consenting state or locality.	Support	Levin	2/9/2022	House Energy and Commerce Committee
S. 3011	State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act	<p>This bill allows states, tribes, territories, and localities to use certain COVID-19 relief funds for new categories of spending, including for natural disasters and infrastructure projects. It also makes changes to expenditure deadlines and other aspects of this funding.</p> <p>Specifically, recipients may use funds for emergency relief from natural disasters and associated negative economic impacts of natural disasters. In addition, recipients may use a portion of their COVID-19 relief funds for designated infrastructure projects, such as nationally significant freight and highway projects. Furthermore, the bill allows recipients to expend COVID-19 relief funds on these types of infrastructure projects until September 30, 2026. Under current law, recipients must expend the funds by December 31, 2024.</p>	Watch	Cornyn	10/19/2021	Passed Senate and held at the desk in the House
HR 7007	COVID Supplemental Appropriations Act	<p>The COVID Supplemental Appropriations Act provides \$15.6 billion to continue managing the coronavirus pandemic in the United States and around the world.</p> <p>Returns \$8.6 billion in previously appropriated funds that have expired with remaining funds available to the Treasury. These offsets do not affect State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds.</p>	Watch	Rosa	3/9/2022	Referred to House Committee on Appropriations and the Budget Committee