



CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Tamara S. Letourneau, City Manager

DATE: October 18, 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

In February 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. Since its adoption, staff has regularly provided the City Council with a twice-annual update on the City's legislative advocacy efforts. Staff last provided a legislative advocacy update to the City Council on April 19.

Utilizing the City's adopted Legislative Platform, staff provided an update on sixty-eight proposed legislation and one advocacy letter submitted to the state legislature since the legislator reconvened in January. The one advocacy letter was in response to 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.

Utilizing the City's Legislative Platform, staff continued to monitor and communicate the City's positions effectively and efficiently to legislators and policymakers at the regional, state, and federal levels.

ANALYSIS

As the legislative session has now concluded, staff is providing the City Council with an update on the City's advocacy efforts (Attachment A). Using the adopted Legislative Platform, twenty-four position letters were submitted. The twenty-four advocacy letters were in response to the proposal of the following pieces of legislation:

Support

- Assembly Bill 1595: Veterans Cemetery: County of Orange
- Assembly Bill 1985: Organic waste: recovered organic waste product procurement targets
- Assembly Bill 2511: Skilled nursing facilities: backup power source
- Senate Bill 904: Controlled Substance Treatment
- Senate Bill 922: California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions: transportation-related projects
- Senate Bill 942: Low Carbon Transit Operations Program: free or reduced fare transit program
- Senate Bill 1154: Facilities for mental health or substance use disorder crisis: database
- Senate Bill 1238: Behavioral health services: existing and projected needs
- Senate Bill 1338: Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program
- Senate Bill 1342: Aging multidisciplinary personnel teams

Oppose

- Assembly Bill 916: Zoning: accessory dwelling units: bedroom addition
- Assembly Bill 1014: Cannabis: retailers: delivery: vehicles
- Assembly Bill 2011: Affordable Housing and High Roads Jobs Act of 2022
- Assembly Bill 2097: Residential, commercial, or other development types: parking requirements
- Assembly Bill 2234: Planning zoning: housing: postentitlement phase permits
- Assembly Bill 2237: Transportation planning: regional transportation improvement plan: sustainable communities strategies: alternative planning strategy: state transportation funding
- Assembly Bill 2334: Density Bonus Law: affordability: incentives or concessions in very low vehicle travel areas: parking standards: definitions
- Assembly Bill 2438: Transportation funding: guidelines and plans
- Senate Bill 6: Local planning: housing: commercial zones
- Senate Bill 931: Deterring union membership: violations
- Senate Bill 932: General plans: circulation element: bicycle and pedestrian plans and traffic calming plans
- Senate Bill 1000: Law enforcement agencies: radio communications
- Senate Bill 1067: Housing development projects: automobile parking requirements
- Senate Bill 1127: Workers' compensation: liability presumptions

The legislature will convene for the 2023-2024 Regular Session on December 5, 2022. Staff will continue to take appropriate action on legislation in line with the City's Legislative Platform and will provide similar legislative advocacy updates as necessary.

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, Watch 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.		Rodriguez	2/10/2021	Failed Passage
AB 682	Planning and zoning: density bonuses: cohousing buildings	This bill would additionally require that a density bonus be provided under these 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	Signed by Governor
AB 897	Office of Planning and Research: Regional Climate networks: Climate adaptation action plans	Requires the Office of Planning and Research to facilitate the creation of regional climate networks and create standards for the development of a regional climate adaptation action plan to support the implementation of regional climate adaptation efforts.	Watch	Mullin	2/17/2021	Failed Passage
AB 916	Zoning: accessory Dwelling Units: bedroom additions	Increases the height that local governments must allow for ADUs and prohibits hearings for creation of new bedrooms within existing units.	Oppose	Salas	2/17/2021	Signed by Governor
AB 989	Housing Accountability Act: Housing Accountability Committee	Creates an appeals board, the Housing Accountability Committee at the Department of Housing and Community Development, 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.	Watch	Gabriel	2/18/2021	Failed Passage
AB 1001	Environmental mitigation measures for air quality impacts environmental justice	Amends the CEQA to 1) require mitigation to compensate for adverse air or water quality impacts in a disadvantaged community 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	Failed Passage
AB 1014	Cannabis: retailers: delivery: vehicles	AB 1014 increases the amount of cannabis products, as defined, that a delivery employee is allowed to carry from \$5,000 to \$10,000; requires a licensed retailer to provide their delivery employee certain hardware, tools, and supplies, access to healthcare benefits, and either a vehicle that meets certain requirements or reimbursement for certain costs for the use of the employee’s vehicle; and requires a licensed retailer to maintain an automobile insurance policy to cover third-party liability of deliveries, as specified.	Oppose	McCarty	2/18/2021	Failed Passage
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	Failed Passage
AB 1041	Cannabis: retailers: delivery: vehicles	This bill requires the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) to include regulations that would allow for an increase to \$10,000 in the value of cannabis goods to be carried during delivery of those cannabis goods to customers by employees of a licensed retailer, as specified. This bill also requires a licensed retailer to provide their delivery employee certain hardware, tools, and supplies, access to healthcare benefits, and either a vehicle that meets certain requirements or reimbursement for certain costs for the use of the employee’s vehicle, as specified. It requires a licensed retailer to maintain an automobile insurance policy to cover third-party liability of deliveries, as specified.	Watch	Wicks	2/18/2021	Failed Passage
AB 1154	California Environmental Quality Act; 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	Failed Passage

AB 1401	Residential and community development: Parking Requirements	Prohibits local governments from enforcing minimum automobile parking requirements for developments located close to public transit.	Oppose	Friedman	2/18/2021 Failed Passage
AB 1445	Planning and zoning: regional housing need allocation: climate change impacts	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 Signed by Governor
AB 1551	Planning and Zoning Housing Adaptive reuse of commercial space	The Density Bonus Law requires a city or county to provide a developer that proposes a housing development within the city or county with a density bonus and other incentives or concessions, as specified, if the developer agrees to construct specified percentages of units for lower income, very low income, or senior citizen housing, among other things, and meets other requirements. 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 Signed by Governor
AB 1595	Veterans Cemetery: County of Orange	This bill authorizes, upon completion of an acquisition study by the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), any site within the County of Orange to be eligible for construction of a state-owned and operated Southern California Veterans Cemetery, and creates a fund for the purpose of receiving donations from non-state parties in order to pay for the costs of conducting site selection studies, under specified requirements, pursuant to the cemetery project, and declares an urgency.	Support	Quirk-Silva & Choi	1/3/2022 Signed by Governor
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.	Support	Davies	1/3/2022 Signed by Governor
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 Failed Passage
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 Signed by Governor
AB 1673	California Fentanyl Abuse Task Force	Establishes the California Anti-Fentanyl Abuse Task Force to undertake specified duties relating to fentanyl abuse.	Support	Seyarto	1/20/2022 Failed Passage
AB 1685	Vehicle: parking violations	Current law requires a processing agency to offer a payment plan for unpaid parking citations to qualified indigent persons. This bill would require a processing agency, if it seeks to collect an unpaid parking penalty by requesting the Department of Motor Vehicles to place a registration hold on the vehicle, to forgive at least \$1,500 in parking fines and fees annually for a qualified homeless person, provide certain information regarding the parking citation forgiveness program, including on its internet website, and collect and have readily available specified information.	Watch	Bryan	1/24/2022 Vetoed
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	Holden	1/31/2022 Failed Passage

AB 1738	Building Standards: Installation of electric vehicle charging stations: existing buildings	This bill would, commencing with the next triennial edition of the California Building Standards Code, require the commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development to research and develop, and authorize the commission and department to propose for adoption, mandatory building standards for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations with low power level 2 or higher electric vehicle chargers in existing multifamily dwellings, hotels, motels, and nonresidential development during certain retrofits, additions, and alterations to existing parking facilities, as specified.	Watch	Boerner Horvath	1/31/2022 Signed by Governor
AB 1750	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	Davies	2/1/2022 Failed Passage
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 Signed by Governor
AB 1883	Public Restrooms	This bill would require each local government, as defined, to complete an inventory of public restrooms owned and maintained by the local government, either directly or by contract, that are available to the general population in its jurisdiction. The bill would require local governments to report their findings to the State Department of Public Health, which would be required to compile the information and to make the inventory available in a searchable database on its internet website, as specified. The bill would require the database to be updated quarterly. The bill would require the department to conduct educational outreach to the general public and homelessness service providers that the database is available on its internet website.	Watch	Quirk-Silva	2/8/2022 Failed Passage
AB 1909	Bicycle Omnibus Bill	This measure would change the Vehicle Code to facilitate biking across our state. Elements of this legislation would include requiring vehicles to switch lanes when passing people on bikes and expanding where it is legal to ride e-bikes.	Watch	Friedman	2/9/2022 Signed by Governor
AB 1938	Traffic Safety: speed limits	Current law requires the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), by regulation, to require Caltrans or a local authority to round speed limits up or down to the nearest 5 miles per hour of the 85th percentile of free-flowing traffic. This bill would, if the speed limit needs to be rounded down to the nearest 5 miles per hour increment of the 85th-percentile speed, authorize Caltrans or a local authority to lower the speed limit by 5 miles per hour from the nearest 5 miles per hour of the 85th percentile, as specified. The bill would prohibit the total reduction in the speed limit from exceeding 12.4 miles per hour from the 85th-percentile speed and would authorize a local authority to retain the currently adopted speed limit without further reduction or restore the immediately prior adopted speed limit without further reduction.	Support	Friedman	2/10/2022 Signed by Governor
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 Failed Passage

AB 1946	Electric Bicycle: safety and training program	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 Signed by Governor
AB 1985	Organic Waste: list: available products	This measure would seek to help cities with their SB 1383 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.	Support	Rivas	2/10/2022 Signed by Governor
AB 2011	Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022	This bill would require housing to be "by right" if it conforms to certain provisions regarding affordability, location, objective standards, and labor. The bill would remove local control and the ability of cities to determine the adequacy of sites for housing and the ability to provide affiliated infrastructure. To qualify to utilize the by right provisions of this bill, both kinds of housing projects must be located in zones where office, retail, or parking are a principally permitted use.	Oppose	Wicks	2/14/2022 Signed by Governor
AB 2028	Pupil Instruction: bicycle and scooter safety instruction	Would instead authorize the governing board of any school district having jurisdiction over any elementary, intermediate, junior high, or high school to provide time and facilities to any local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the schools of the district, for bicycle, scooter, electric bicycle, motorized bicycle, or motorized scooter safety instruction. The bill would also authorize the governing board to provide time and facilities to other organizations or public agencies that provide bicycle, scooter, electric bicycle, motorized bicycle, or motorized scooter safety instruction, for safety instruction.	Support	Davies	2/14/2022 Signed by Governor
AB 2053	The Social Housing Act	Would enact the Social Housing Act and would create the California Housing Authority, as an independent state body, the mission of which would be to produce and acquire social housing developments for the purpose of eliminating the gap between housing production and regional housing needs assessment targets, as specified. The bill would prescribe a definition of social housing that would describe, in addition to housing owned by the authority, housing owned by other entities, as specified, provided that all social housing developed by the authority would be owned by the authority. The bill would prescribe the composition of the California Housing Authority Board, which would govern the authority, and would be composed of appointed members and members who are elected by residents of social housing developments, as specified. The bill would prescribe the powers and duties of the authority and the board. The bill would provide that the authority is bound to revenue neutrality, as defined, and would require the authority to recover the cost of development and operations over the life of its properties through the mechanism of rent cross-subsidization, as defined. The bill would require the authority to prioritize the development of specified property, including vacant parcels and parcels near transit, and would prescribe a process for the annual determination of required social housing units.	Oppose	Lee	2/14/2022 Failed Passage
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 Signed by Governor

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 Failed Passage
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	Quirk-Silva	2/15/2022 Signed by Governor
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.	Oppose	Rivas	2/15/2022 Signed by Governor
AB 2237	Transportation planning: regional transportation improvement plan: sustainable communities strategies: alternative planning strategy: state transportation funding	Current law requires each regional transportation planning agency or county transportation commission to biennially adopt and submit to the California Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation a 5-year regional transportation improvement program that includes, among other things, regional transportation improvement projects and programs proposed to be funded, in whole or in part, in the state transportation improvement program. This bill would require that those projects and programs included in each regional transportation improvement program also be consistent with the most recently prepared sustainable communities strategy of the regional transportation planning agency or county transportation commission, or, if applicable, the alternative planning strategy, and state and federal air quality standards. The bill would prohibit funds collected from any local transportation tax measure passed on or after January 1, 2023, from being spent until the transportation projects or programs to be funded by the tax measure are included in the most recently adopted sustainable communities strategy of the applicable regional transportation planning agency or county transportation commission or, if applicable, the alternative planning strategy.	Oppose	Friedman	2/16/2022 Failed Passage
AB 2334	Density Bonus Law: affordability: incentives or concessions in very low vehicle travel areas: parking standards: definitions	Allows a housing development project in 17 specified counties to receive added height and unlimited density if the project is located in an urbanized very low vehicle travel area, at least 80 percent of the units are restricted to lower income households, and no more than 20 percent are for moderate income households.	Oppose	Wicks	2/16/2022 Signed by Governor
AB 2438	Transportation funding: guidelines and plans	This bill requires 1) specified state transportation programs to incorporate strategies from the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) into program guidelines, as provided, and 2) various state transportation entities to establish new transparency and accountability guidelines for certain transportation funding programs, as specified.	Oppose	Friedman	2/17/2022 Vetoed
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 Signed by Governor
AB 2511	Skilled nursing facilities: backup power source	This bill requires skilled nursing facilities to have an alternative source of power to protect resident health and safety for no less than 96 hours during any type of power outage.	Support	Irwin	2/17/2022 Signed by Governor

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 Failed Passage
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 Signed by Governor
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 Failed Passage
AB 2840	Qualifying Logistics Use Projects	Requires local agencies to impose measures that reduce the impacts to public health and safety associated with a qualifying logistics use project, and to require those projects to meet specified work force requirements. Amended to only apply to Riverside and San Bernadino County.	Oppose	Reyes	2/18/2022 Failed Passage
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 Signed by Governor
ACA 1	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval	The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements.	Oppose	Aguiar-Curry	12/7/2020 Failed Passage
ACA 7	Local government: police power: municipal affairs: land use and zoning	Would provide that a county or city ordinance or regulation enacted under the police power that regulates the zoning or use of land within the boundaries of the county or city would prevail over conflicting general laws, with specified exceptions. The measure, in the event of the conflict with a state statute, would also specify that a city charter provision, or an ordinance or regulation adopted pursuant to a city charter, that regulates the zoning or use of land within the boundaries of the city is deemed to address a municipal affair and prevails over a conflicting state statute, except that the measure would provide that a court may determine that a city charter provision, ordinance, or regulation addresses either a matter of statewide concern or a municipal affair if it conflicts with specified state statutes. The measure would make findings in this regard and provide that its provisions are severable.	Oppose	Muratsuchi	3/16/2021 Failed Passage
SB 6	Local Planning: Housing: Commercial Zones	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 Signed by Governor
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	McGuire	12/7/2020 Failed Passage
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 Failed Passage

SB 43	Veterans Cemetery: County of Orange	Establishes a veterans cemetery in Orange County. Amended to include Gypsum canyon site.	Support	Umbreg	12/7/2020 Failed Passage
SB 45	Short-lived climate pollutants: organic waste reduction goals: local jurisdiction assistance	This bill requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), in consultation with the Air Resources Board (ARB), to assist local jurisdictions with complying with specified organic waste recycling programs, including related regulations and clarifies that this bill does not limit a local jurisdiction's obligation to comply with the organic waste recycling requirements.	Support	Portantino	12/7/2020 Signed by Governor
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 Failed Passage
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 Signed by Governor
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 if the accessory dwelling unit is within 1/2 mile walking distance of a major transit stop or a high-quality transit corridor, as those terms are defined, or if the accessory dwelling unit is attached to a primary dwelling, as specified.	Oppose	Wieckowski	2/1/2022 Signed by Governor
SB 904	Controlled Substance Treatment	This bill requires a person convicted of a drug offense and who is granted probation to successfully complete a controlled substance education or treatment program; outlines standards for these programs; and requires education and treatment for drug diversion to include information on the effects of controlled substances on the brain and body, how to recognize and respond to the signs of a drug overdose, and the dangers of using controlled substances, among other things.	Support	Bates	2/1/2022 Failed Passage
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 Signed by Governor
SB 931	Deterring union membership: violations	This bill authorizes any union within the jurisdiction of the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) to bring a claim to the PERB alleging that a public employer has violated existing law relating to the public employer prohibition against deterring or discouraging union membership. The bill also makes the public employer, if found to have violated the law described above, subject to a civil penalty from \$1,000 per each affected employee up to \$100,000, to be deposited in the state General Fund. In addition, if the bill requires the PERB to award attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing employee union unless the PERB finds the claim was frivolous, unreasonable or groundless.	Oppose	Leyva	2/7/2022 Signed by Governor
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.	Oppose	Portantino	2/7/2022 Signed by Governor
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 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 emission reductions and document other program details, as specified.	Support	Newman	2/8/2022 Signed by Governor
SB 1000	Law Enforcement Agencies: Radio Communications	This bill requires law enforcement agencies to ensure public access to law enforcement radio communications and to prevent or substantially minimize criminal justice information or personally identifiable information from being broadcast in a manner that is accessible to the public.	Oppose	Becker	8/11/2022 Failed Passage

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 Signed by Governor
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 Failed Passage
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 Signed by Governor
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.	Oppose	Cortese	2/16/2022 Signed by Governor
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 Signed by Governor
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 Signed by Governor
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 Failed Passage

SB 1238	Behavioral health services: existing and projected needs	The Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Act requires the State Department of Health Care Services to procure and oversee a vendor to establish and maintain a behavioral health services and supports virtual platform that integrates behavioral health screenings, application-based supports, and direct behavioral health services to children and youth 25 years of age and younger, regardless of payer. Current law authorizes the department to award competitive grants to expand the community continuum of behavioral health treatment resources. This bill would require the department, commencing January 1, 2024, and at least every 5 years thereafter, to conduct a review of, and produce a report regarding, the current and projected behavioral health care infrastructure and service needs in each region of the state.	Support	Eggman	Vetoed
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.	Support	Umberg	2/18/2022 Signed by Governor
SB 1342	Aging Multidisciplinary Personnel Teams	Current law authorizes area agencies on aging and other county agencies that provide services to older adults through an established multidisciplinary team to provide information regarding older adult clients only to other county agencies with staff designated as members of a multidisciplinary team that are, or may be, providing services to the same individuals for purposes of identifying and coordinating the treatment of individuals served by more than one agency. 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 Signed by Governor
SCA 2	Public Housing Projects	The California Constitution prohibits the development, construction, or acquisition of a low-rent housing project, as defined, in any manner by any state public body until a majority of the qualified electors of the city, town, or county in which the development, construction, or acquisition of the low-rent housing project is proposed approve the project by voting in favor at an election, as specified. This measure would repeal these provisions.	Oppose	Wiener	12/7/2020 Signed by Governor