



CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Tamara S. Letourneau, City Manager

DATE: May 16, 2023

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 purpose of the legislative platform is to provide an outline and means for summarizing the City's core legislative principles and positions on legislative matters for the purpose of advocacy efforts at the regional, state, and federal levels. The legislative platform serves as the foundation for the City to support or oppose various state and federal legislation. The legislative platform was developed to be consistent with and support the City's long-term strategic mission and vision, as well as to maintain the City's Municipal Code.

The Legislative Platform contains "Guiding Principles," which are values that are paramount when determining whether taking action on legislation is required. The Guiding Principles are:

- Preserve and Enhance Local Control
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Promote Economic Development
- Support Responsible Funding Opportunities
- Maintain Quality Public Safety

The Legislative Platform also includes "Policy Statements," which capture positions on issues the City has previously stated concern for or acted upon. These issues include:

- Local Control
- Local Revenue
- Fiscal Responsibility and Sustainability
- Economic Development
- Funding Opportunities
- Drug Abuse
- Homelessness
- Public Safety
- Sober Living homes
- Air Traffic Noise
- Utilities
- Environment
- Local Elections

Since the City Council's adoption of the legislative platform, City Staff has been able to take timely action on legislation and regulatory issues. This has allowed staff to effectively and efficiently communicate the City's positions to legislators and policymakers in Sacramento and Washington D.C. on crucial legislation and regulatory efforts that affect the City and its residents.

ANALYSIS

With the 2022-2024 Legislative Session underway, the legislature has introduced approximately 2,600 bills. Staff continues to work collaboratively and diligently with regional and statewide associations to identify bills of interest as outlined in the City's Legislative Platform.

Using the adopted Legislative Platform, 66 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 2023 legislative session, the City has submitted four advocacy letters to the state legislator.

Bill Number	Bill Summary
Assembly Bill 701 – Controlled Substance Fentanyl (Support)	AB 701 (Villapudua) Applies the existing weight enhancements that increase the penalty and fine for trafficking controlled substances containing heroin, cocaine base, and cocaine to fentanyl.
Assembly Bill 972 – Local Assistance and Grant Program Streamlining Workgroup (Support)	AB 972 (Maienschein) would coordinate, align, and streamline local government assistance resources to ensure that every community has the same opportunity to compete for state funding opportunities by convening a statewide, cross-agency Local Assistance and Grant Program Streamlining Workgroup.
Senate Bill 44 – Controlled Substance (Support)	SB 44 (Umberg) would require a court to advise anyone convicted of distributing a controlled substance that they may be charged with homicide if someone dies from their drugs.
Senate Bill 423 – Land Use: Streamlined Housing Approvals: Multifamily Housing Developments (Oppose)	SB 423 (Wiener) would modify and expand SB 35 provisions that allow certain multifamily housing developments to take advantage of a streamlined, ministerial approval process.

Separately, the City Council has identified and made a concerted effort to raise awareness of the Fentanyl Crisis occurring in Orange County and nationwide. Using the City's adopted legislative platform, staff has submitted a letter of support for Fentanyl and Substance-Use related legislation. This approach allows the City to convey its support for at least eight (8) separate Fentanyl related bills proceeding through the legislature, in a single letter. This approach supports the City's adopted Strategic Plan Goal #1 Public Safety.

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 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 Track Sheet

Bill No.	Bill Title	Abstract	Recommendation	Author	Date Introduced	Current Stage
AB 6	Transportation planning: regional transportation plans: solutions for congested corridors program: reduction of greenhouse gas emissions	Current law requires that each regional transportation plan also include a sustainable communities strategy prepared by each metropolitan planning organization in order to, among other things, achieve certain targets established by the State Air Resources Board for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks in the region for 2020 and 2035, respectively. This bill would require the state board, after January 1, 2024, and not later than September 30, 2026, to establish additional targets for 2035 and 2045, respectively, as specified.	Watch	Friedman	12/5/2022	Passed committee on Transportation, Committee on Natural Resources, and Committee on Appropriations
AB 7	Transportation: project selection process	Would require, on and after January 1, 2025, the project selection process for each transportation project that would be funded, at least partially, from specified funding sources, including the State Highway Account, the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, and the Trade Corridor Enhancement Account, to incorporate specified principles. The bill would require the Transportation Agency, on or before January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, to submit a report to the Legislature on how those transportation projects that were completed during the prior year incorporated those principles. This bill contains other existing laws.	Watch	Friedman	12/5/2022	Passed Assembly Transportation Committee and referred to Assembly Appropriation Committee
AB 24	Emergency Response. Opioid Antagonist Kits	Would require bars, gas stations, public libraries, and hotels to acquire an opioid antagonist kit.	Watch	Haney	12/5/2022	Passed Assembly Health Committee and Assembly Judiciary Committee. Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 33	Fentanyl Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force	Would establish a task force to analyze data on the extent of fentanyl use in California and evaluate approaches to increase public awareness.	Support	Bains	12/5/2022	Passed Assembly Health Committee and Assembly Public Safety Committee. Referred to Appropriation Committee
AB 34	Elections: County of Orange Citizens Redistricting Commission	Provides for the creation of the Commission, and tasks it with adjusting the boundary lines of the county's supervisorial districts in the year following the year in which the decennial federal census is taken. Requires the Orange County Board of Supervisors (board) to provide funding and staffing for the Commission, to ensure that a computerized redistricting database is available, and to ensure that the public has access to redistricting data and computer software equivalent to what is available to the commissioners.	Watch	Valencia	12/5/2022	Passed Assembly Committee on Elections and committee on Local Government. Referred to Assembly Appropriations committee
AB 67	Homeless Courts Pilot Program	Would create a pilot program for unhoused defendants to participate diversion programs that would provide housing, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and more.	Watch	Muratsuchi	12/7/2022	Passed Assembly Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. Referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations

AB 68	Land use: streamlined housing approvals: Would require a local government to approve a proposed housing development pursuant to a streamlined, ministerial approval process if the development meets certain objective planning standards, including, but not limited to, a requirement that the proposed parcel for the development be a climate-smart parcel, as described, or be included in the applicable region's sustainable communities strategy as a priority development area. The bill would set forth procedures for approving these developments and would set forth various limitations for these developments. The bill would authorize the Department of Housing and Community Development to review, adopt, amend, and repeal guidelines, rules, and regulations to implement uniform standards or criteria that supplement or clarify the terms, references, or standards set forth by this process.	Watch	Ward	12/8/2022	Referred to Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development	
AB 309	The Social Housing Act	This bill 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 ensure that social housing developments that are produced and acquired align with the goals of eliminating the gap between housing production and regional housing needs assessment targets and preserving affordable housing. 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 or authorized by the authority would be owned by the authority.	Watch	Lee	1/26/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development and referred to committee on Appropriations
AB 334	Public Contracts: conflicts of interest	Current law prohibits members of the Legislature and state, county, district, judicial district, and city officers or employees from being financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity, or by any body or board of which they are members. This bill would establish that an independent contractor, who meets specified requirements, is not an officer for purposes of being subject to the prohibition on being financially interested in a contract.	Support	B. Rubio	1/30/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Elections and placed on Appropriations Consent Calendar
AB 338	Public Works: definition	Expands the definition of "public works," for the purpose of the payment of prevailing wages, beginning on January 1, 2025, to also include fuel reduction work paid for in whole or in part by public funds performed as part of a fire mitigation project, including, but not limited to, residential chipping, rural road fuel breaks, fire breaks, and vegetation management.	Watch	Aguiar-Curry	1/30/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment and referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations
AB 367	Controlled Substances: enhancements	Would add sentence enhancement of 3 to 5 years on a person who inflicts great bodily injury when they sell, furnish, administer, or give away a controlled substance and the person to whom the substance was sold, furnished, administered, or given suffers a significant or substantial physical injury from using the substance.	Watch	Maienschein	2/1/2023	Failed Assembly Committee on Public Safety and granted reconsideration
AB 400	Local Agency design-build projects: authorization	Current law authorizes local agencies, as defined, to use the design-build procurement process for specified types of projects, as prescribed. Current law, among other requirements for the design-build procurement process, requires specified information submitted by a design-build entity to be certified under penalty of perjury. These provisions authorizing the use of the design-build procurement process are repealed on January 1, 2025. This bill would remove the January 1, 2025, repeal date, thereby making these provisions operative indefinitely.	Watch	Rubio	2/2/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Local Government and referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations Consent Calendar

AB 440	Density Bonus Law: maximum allowable residential density	Clarifies that the base density for a development requesting a density bonus is the greatest allowable density in the zoning ordinance, specific plan, or the land use element of the general plan.	Watch	Wicks	2/6/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development and Assembly Committee on Local Government.
AB 462	Overdose response teams	This bill creates the Overdose Response Team Fund, which will fund overdose response team grants to be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections. Grants will be provided to county sheriffs' departments to establish and implement overdose response teams to "respond to and investigate" drug overdoses. Additionally, this bill requires each participating county to report information about its operations to the Assembly Committee on Public Safety annually, starting on July 1, 2025.	Support	Ramos	2/6/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Public Safety and referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 474	State Threat Assessment Center: Transnational Criminal Organizations	Requires the State Threat Assessment Center and the California Office of Emergency Services to prioritize, to the greatest extent possible, cooperation with state and local efforts to disrupt and dismantle criminal networks trafficking opioid drugs that pose a threat to California	Support	Rodriguez	Passed Assembly Committee on Public Safety and Committee on Emergency Management. Referred to Assembly Appropriations committee	
AB 550	Homelessness. Public Hearing	Would require cities and counties to annually conduct a point-intime count and hold a public hearing to present the data gathered and discuss plans to solve issues related to homelessness in that jurisdiction.	Watch	Schiavo	2/8/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and placed on consent calendar
AB 557	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences	Would allow cities to meet remotely during proclaimed states of emergency under modified Brown Act requirements. Would also provide greater flexibility for agencies that meet on a fixed date every month by extending the AB 361 renewal period to 45 days.	Watch	Hart	2/8/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Local Government
AB 597	Workers' Compensation. First Responders. Post-traumatic Stress	Would substantially expand California's current workers' compensation presumption for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder to emergency medical technicians and paramedics.	Watch	Rodriguez	2/9/2023	Referred to Assembly Committee on Insurance
AB 637	Density Bonus Law	Allows a local government to deny a request from a developer for a concession or incentive if the concession or incentive would alter the requirements of a local program, policy, or ordinance that requires, as a condition of the development of residential units, that the development include a certain percentage of residential units affordable to, and occupied by, households with incomes that do not exceed the limits for moderate-income, lower income, very low income, or extremely low income households.	Watch	Low	2/9/2023	Referred to Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development
AB 675	Controlled Substance	Adds a substance containing a heroin analog, a substance containing fentanyl, and a substance containing a fentanyl analog to the list of controlled substances for which possession of those substances while armed with a loaded and operable firearm is a felony punishable in state prison by two, three, or four years.	Support	Soria	2/13/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Public Safety and referred to Committee on Appropriations
AB 701	Controlled Substances: fentanyl	Applies the existing weight enhancements that increase the penalty and fine for trafficking controlled substances containing heroin, cocaine base, and cocaine to fentanyl.	Support	Villapudua	2/13/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Public Safety and referred to Committee on Appropriations
AB 730	California Public Records Act: Public Agency Employees: notice requirements: personnel and medical information	Would require a city to promptly provide an employee with written notice of a request to disclose a record related to personnel, medical, or similar information of that employee. Would also require the agency, before disclosing, to provide not less than 21 days' written notice to the employee of its intent to disclose.	Watch	Lowenthal	2/13/2023	Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee

AB 742	Law Enforcement: Police Canines	Would prohibit the use of an unleashed police canine by law enforcement to apprehend a person, and any use of a police canine for crowd control. Would prohibit law enforcement agencies from authorizing any use or training of a police canine that is inconsistent with this measure.	Watch	Jackson	2/13/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Public Safety and referred to Committee on Appropriations
AB 744	California Transportation Commission: data, modeling, and analytic software tools procurement	Would authorize the California Transportation Commission to establish best practices for use of data in transportation planning and to identify data elements that should be made available to state and local agencies for transportation planning.	Watch	Carrillo	2/13/2023	Passed Assembly Transportation Committee and referred to Assembly Appropriation Committee
AB 799	Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program. Homelessness Accountability Act	This measure would create new accountability requirements for local governments accessing state funding through the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program.	Watch	L. Rivas	2/13/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations
AB 817	Open meetings: teleconference: subsidiary body	Would allow non-decision-making legislative bodies currently governed by the Brown Act, such as advisory bodies and commissions, to participate in two-way virtual teleconferencing without posting their physical location.	Watch	Pacheco	2/13/2023	Referred to Committee on Local Government
AB 955	Controlled Substance	Provides that a person who sells fentanyl on a social media platform in California shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of three, six, or nine years in county jail.	Support	Petrie-Norris	2/14/2023	Retained in Assembly Public Safety Committee and referred to the Senate Rules Committee for assignment
AB 972	Local Assistance and Grant Program Streamlining Workgroup.	Would coordinate, align, and streamline local government assistance resources to ensure that every community has the same opportunity to compete for state funding opportunities by convening a statewide, cross-agency Local Assistance and Grant Program Streamlining Workgroup, no later than April 2024.	Support	Maienschein	2/14/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Local Government. Referred to Committee on Appropriations
AB 1000	Qualifying logistics use projects	Would intend to require minimum setbacks from sensitive receptors and additional requirements when siting logistics centers, warehouses, and related infrastructure.	Watch	Maienschein	2/15/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. Failed Assembly Committee on Local Government and granted reconsideration
AB 1033	Accessory dwelling units: local ordinances: separate sale or conveyance	Allows accessory dwelling units (ADU) to be conveyed separately from the primary residence that is co-located on the same parcel.	Watch	Ting	2/15/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development, Committee on Local Government. Referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations
AB 1034	Law Enforcement. Facial Recognition and Other Biometric Surveillance	Would prohibit 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 and would authorize a person to bring an action for equitable or declaratory relief against a law enforcement agency or officer who violates that prohibition. Would sunset on January 1, 2034.	Watch	Wilson	2/15/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Public Safety and Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection
AB 1058	Controlled substance: fentanyl	Increases the penalties for drug trafficking of fentanyl, an analog of fentanyl, or a substance containing fentanyl or an analog of fentanyl, if the amount of fentanyl weighs more than 28.35 grams.	Watch	Patterson	2/15/2023	Failed Assembly Committee on Public Safety and granted reconsideration
AB 1132	Solar energy systems: permit fees	Would extend to 2034 the current limit on permit fees that a city or county may charge for a residential and commercial solar energy system.	Watch	Friedman	2/15/2023	Passed Assembly and referred to Senate Committee on Governance and Finance
AB 1287	Density Bonus Law: additional density bonus and incentives or concessions: California Coastal Act of 1976	Provides that any density bonus, concessions, incentives, waivers or reductions of development standards, and parking ratios to which an applicant is entitled under the Density Bonus Law be permitted notwithstanding the California Coastal Act	Watch	Alvarez	2/16/2023	Passed Committee on Housing and Community Development and Natural Resources. Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 1335	Local Government: Transportation Planning and land use: sustainable communities strategy	This bill would require the Sustainable Communities Strategy to be based on population projections produced by the Department of Finance, which were used by HCD in assigning a council of governments' Regional Housing Needs Assessment regional determination.	Watch	Zbur	2/16/2023	Passed Committee on Appropriations and Transportation.
AB 1362	Pupil Instruction: adopted course of study: physical education	Authorize the instruction in the physical education area of study to include information on the physical and mental dangers associated with the use of opioids, such as fentanyl, steroids, and other harmful addictive drugs.	Support	Davies	2/17/2023	Awaiting hearing in Assembly Education Committee
AB 1484	Temporary Public Employees	This bill would impose specified requirements with respect to the temporary employees, as defined, of a public employer who have been hired to perform the same or similar type of work that is performed by permanent employees represented by a recognized employee organization. In this regard the bill would require those temporary employees to be automatically included in the same bargaining unit as the permanent employees, as specified, upon the request of the recognized employee organization.	Watch	Zbur	2/17/2023	Passed Committee on Public Employment and Retirement. Referred to Committee on Appropriations
AB 1490	Affordable housing: adaptive reuse	Would require a city or county to provide, to a 100% affordable housing project, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approving all entitlements and permits within 30 days or less. Waiving local building and permit fees. Low-income utility rates shall be available. No minimum floor area ratio. No additional parking requirements. Local affordable housing funds shall include adaptive reuse as an eligible project. 	Watch	Lee	2/17/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Local Government and Housing and Community Development. Referred to Committee on Appropriations
AB 1504	Planning and zoning: adoption of regulations: electric vehicle charging stations	Would provide that "electric vehicle charging station" includes electric vehicle charging stations installed in the public right-of way and electric vehicle charging stations installed with a battery storage system.	Watch	McCarty	2/17/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Local Government, and Committee on Transportation. Referred to Committee on Appropriations
AB 1532	Office Conversion Project	Would make an office conversion project a use by right in all areas of a city regardless of zoning. Would exempt these projects from impact fees that are not directly related to the conversion of an office building into residential dwelling units. Additionally, a city would be required to allow the developer to pay applicable impact fees over a 10-year period.	Watch	Haney	2/17/2023	Bill has been held by author
AB 1637	Local Government: internet websites and email addresses	This bill, no later than January 1, 2025, would require a local agency that maintains an internet website for use by the public to ensure that the internet website utilizes a ".gov" top-level domain or a ".ca.gov" second-level domain, and would require a local agency that maintains an internet website that is noncompliant with that requirement to redirect that internet website to a domain name that does utilize a ".gov" or ".ca.gov" domain. This bill, no later than January 1, 2025, would also require a local agency that maintains public email addresses to ensure that each email address provided to its employees utilizes a ".gov" domain name or a ".ca.gov" domain name.	Watch	Irwin	2/17/2023	Passed Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection and Assembly Committee on Local Government. Referred to Appropriations Committee

ACA 1	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval	Would authorize a local government to impose, extend, or increase a sales and use tax or transactions and use tax for the purposes of funding the construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of its voters voting on the proposition.	Watch	Aguiar-Curry	12/5/2023	
ACA 10	Fundamental human right to housing	Would declare that the state recognizes the fundamental human right to adequate housing for everyone in California. Would make it the shared obligation of state and local jurisdictions to respect, protect, and fulfill this right by all appropriate means.	Watch	Haney	3/6/2023	Referred to Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development
SB 4	Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions	Would require that a housing development project be a use by right on any land owned by an independent institution of higher education or religious institution on or before January 1, 2024.	Watch	Wiener	12/5/2022	Passed Senate Committee on Housing; Committee on Governance and Finance. Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations
SB 7	The Homeless Housing Obligation Act	This bill: (1) adds "homeless" to the income categories identified in the housing element; (2) for purposes of the regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) process, includes an objective of fulfilling the local government's obligation to provide housing fit for human habitation; (3) creates the Homeless Housing Obligation Act, which requires, on or after January 1, 2025, each local government to develop a housing obligation plan to fulfill a specified homeless housing obligation; and (4) requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to provide an unspecified amount of money in the form of grants for awards to local governments to provide housing for homeless individuals.	Watch	Blakespear	12/5/2022	Passed Senate Committee on Housing; Committee on Governance and Finance. Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations
SB 19	Anti-Fentanyl Abuse Task Force	Would establish a task force to analyze data on the extent of fentanyl use in California and evaluate approaches to increase public awareness.	Support	Seyarto	12/5/2022	Passed Senate Committee on Public Safety and placed on Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 20	Joint Powers Agreement: regional housing trust	Allows cities to create housing trust joint powers authorities without special legislation.	Support	Rubio	12/5/2022	Passed Senate Committee on Housing; Committee on Governance and Finance. Ordered to special consent calendar
SB 44	Controlled Substances	The bill would require a court to advise anyone convicted of distributing a controlled substance that they may be charged with homicide if someone dies from their drugs.	Support	Umberg	12/5/2022	Failed Passage
SB 60	Social media platforms: controlled substance: order to remove	Would allow a person to seek a court order to require a social media platform, as defined, to remove a post that constitutes an offer to sell specified controlled substances.	Watch	Umberg	12/21/2022	Passed Senate Judiciary Committee and referred to Appropriations suspense file
SB 62	Controlled Substances: fentanyl	This purpose of this bill is to impose an additional term of 3 to 25 years upon a person who is convicted of specified drug offenses with respect to a substance containing fentanyl, if the substance exceeds a specified weight.	Support	Nguyen	1/4/2023	Failed Senate Committee on Public Safety and granted reconsideration
SB 69	CEQA Document Requests	Would require local agencies to provide any subsequent revised or amended copy of CEQA documents upon request by mail or email and to submit the documents to the state clearinghouse. Would toll the statutes of limitation periods for each document request.	Watch	Cortese	1/5/2023	Passed Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Environmental Quality Committee. Placed on Appropriations suspense file
SB 91	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption; supportive and transitional housing: motel conversion	Eliminates the January 1, 2025 sunset date on a provision of state law that exempts from CEQA certain projects that convert a motel, hotel, residential hotel, or hostel to supportive or transitional housing.	Support	Umberg	1/17/2023	Passed Senate

SB 226	Controlled substance: armed possession: fentanyl	Adds fentanyl to the list of controlled substances for which possession of those substances while armed with a loaded and operable firearm is a felony.	Support	Alvarado-Gil	1/19/2023	Passed Senate Judiciary Committee and referred to Appropriations
SB 237	Controlled Substance: fentanyl	Increases the criminal penalties for several drug-related offenses when the offense involves fentanyl.	Support	Grove	1/24/2023	Failed Senate Committee on Public Safety and granted reconsideration
SB 252	Public Retirement Systems: Fossil Fuels: divestment	This bill would prohibit the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) from making new investments or renewing existing investments of public employee retirement funds in a fossil fuel company. SB 252 would further require the boards to liquidate investments in a fossil fuel company on or before July 1, 2030. Lastly, the bill would require a report to the Legislature and the Governor beginning in 2025 to provide information on fossil fuel companies where the board has liquidated their investments.	Watch	Gonzalez	1/30/2023	Passed Senate Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement, Judiciary, and placed on Appropriations Suspense file
SB 325	Controlled Substances: fentanyl	Creates an enhancement of three to five years when a person is convicted of specified drug-related offenses involving fentanyl or a fentanyl analog, and the drug was designed, shaped, colored, advertised, or packaged in such a way as to resemble food or candy.	Support	Grove	2/7/2023	Failed Senate Committee on Public Safety and granted reconsideration
SB 363	Facilities for inpatient and residential mental health and substance use disorder: database	Would establish a real-time, internet-based dashboard to collect, aggregate, and display information about available beds in psychiatric and substance abuse facilities.	Watch	Eggman	2/8/2023	Passed Senate Health and Senate Judiciary Committee. Placed on Appropriations suspense file
SB 402	Emergency Services Limiting Police Response	Would require 911 or other service center calls for service relating to mental health or homelessness to be dispatched to fire district or department personnel, EMS personnel, mental health personnel, or nonsworn unarmed police personnel and not to police officers.	Watch	Wahab	2/9/2023	Referred to Senate Committee on Health and Government Organizations
SB 405	Planning and zoning: housing element: inventory of sites: regional housing needs	This bill requires cities and counties to provide notice to property owners included in the 7th cycle housing element's sites inventory to determine development potential and authorizes the removal of those sites from being considered as meeting a jurisdiction's RHNA, if the property owner does not intend to develop.	Watch	Cortese	2/9/2023	Passed Senate Committee on Housing and referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
SB 423	Land use: streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments	Would modify and expand SB 35 provisions that allow certain multifamily housing developments to take advantage of a streamlined, ministerial approval process. Specifically, this measure would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the 2026 sunset and makes the statutes permanent. Apply SB 35 provisions to the Coastal Zone. Allow the state to approve housing developments on property they own or lease. Prohibit a city from enforcing its inclusionary housing ordinance if the income limits are higher than those in SB 35. 	Oppose	Wiener	2/13/2023	Passed Senate Committee on Housing and Senate Committee on Governance and Finance. Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
SB 706	Public contracts: progressive design-build: local agencies	Would authorize all cities, counties, city and counties, or special districts to use the progressive design-build process for other projects in addition to water-related projects, and would remove the project cap.	Support	Caballero	2/16/2023	Passed Senate
SB 713	Planning and zoning: density bonuses: development standards	This bill clarifies that for purposes of state density bonus law "development standards" means those adopted by the local government or enacted by the local government's electorate exercising its local initiative or referendum power, whether that power is derived from the California Constitution, statute, or the charter or ordinances of the local government.	Watch	Padilla	2/16/2023	Passed Senate Housing and Governance and Finance Committee

SB 719	Law Enforcement Agencies: Radio Communication	Would require a law enforcement agency to ensure access, in real time, to the radio communications of that agency to duly authorized media representatives or organizations.	Watch	Becker	2/16/2023	Passed Senate Committee on Public Safety and placed on Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 742	Housing: homelessness programs: report.	This bill would require an agency that funds, implements, or administers a program that provides housing or housing-based services to persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, including rental assistance programs, to provide prescribed information to specified committees of the Legislature. This bill would authorize an agency to request a city, county, or city and county to provide specified information to that agency if the city, county, or city and county has received state funds from the agency to fund, implement, or administer the program, as defined.	Watch	Atkins	2/17/2023	Referred to Senate Committee on Human Services and Committee on Housing
SB 751	Franchise Agreements: labor impasse	This bill prohibits a city or county from entering into or amending a solid waste hauling agreement if it excuses the service provider from performing its duties in the event of a labor dispute, and requires agreements to include certain provisions in the event of a labor dispute.	Watch	Padilla	2/17/2023	Passed Senate Committee on Governance and Finance. Set to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee on 5/15/2023
SB 769	Local government. Fiscal and Financial Training	SB 769 would require certain local agency officials to receive at least two hours of fiscal and financial training at least once every two years, if a local agency provides compensation or reimbursements for expenses incurred in the performance of official duties, as specified	Watch	Gonzalez	2/17/2023	Passed Senate Committee on Governance and Finance and placed on Senate Appropriations suspense file