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To: Governing Board, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments  
From: Jennifer Quan, League of California Cities  
Re: Liaison Report

### **Events and Programs**

**New Mayors and Council Members Academy:** January 22-24, 2020, Sacramento. Register at <https://events.cacities.org/register.aspx>

**Los Angeles County Division Media & Communications Training:** February 13, 2020, San Gabriel. Register at <http://www.lacities.org>

### **Legislation and Advocacy**

#### **Legislature Reconvenes for Year Two with Eye on Key Issues for Cities**

Entering into the second year of the Newsom Administration, this legislative year again promises to feature numerous, bold policy proposals from the Administration and Legislature addressing statewide and national issues such as affordable housing, homelessness, gun control, healthcare access, and climate change.

From the outset, legislators and staff will be busy submitting bill requests to the Legislative Counsel by January 24 to meet the February 21 bill introduction deadline for the year. Legislative policy committees ramp up typically in March, but informational hearings begin early in the year.

The 2020 Legislative Session will begin with high expectations for the Legislature's and Governor's budget and policy priorities and at the same time calls for 'tempered expectations' on available funds. The tone will be set by the Governor who will unveil a budget proposal by the January 10 constitutional deadline and deliver a State of the State Address to the Legislature in early 2020.

Meanwhile, Legislators will be racing to keep alive several 'two-year' measures of interest to cities that must pass their house of origin by January 31 in order to remain eligible for action this year. Below are some 2-year bills of interest to cities:

#### **SB 50 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning. Housing Development Incentives**

This measure would allow developers of certain types of housing projects to override locally developed and adopted height limitations, housing densities, parking requirements, and limit design review standards. Additionally, SB 50 would create a new two-tiered process that exempts small cities in small counties from the most extreme provisions of the measure.

#### **AB 1484 (Grayson) Mitigation Fee Act. Housing Development**

This measure would make numerous changes to the Mitigation Fee Act and significantly limit how local governments impose fees to help mitigate the impacts of a housing development project. These fees are essential in order to provide the services and facilities necessary to support those living in the housing development.

#### **SB 54 (Allen) and AB 1080 (Gonzalez) CA Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act**

These measures would require Cal Recycle to adopt a comprehensive regulatory scheme that

would help to reduce the waste associated with single-use packaging and products by 75 percent by 2030. Specifically, the bill would require producers to register with Cal Recycle and provide data on their single-use packaging to help source reduce to the maximum extent possible. The bill would also allow producers and retailers to work together through a product stewardship organization to help meet California's reduction goals.

**SB 266 (Leyva) Disallowed Pension Compensation**

This measure would require public agencies to directly pay retirees and/or their beneficiaries disallowed retirement benefits using general fund dollars in the event that retirement benefits are calculated and administered incorrectly.

**AB 418 (Kalra) Union Agent-Represented Worker Privilege**

This measure would expand the current evidentiary privilege against disclosure of communications to also include union agent-represented worker communications.

**AB 1356 (Ting) Local Jurisdiction: Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity**

This measure requires that if more than 50 percent of the voters of a local jurisdiction voted in favor of Proposition 64, these local jurisdictions would be required to issue a minimum number of licenses authorizing retail cannabis activity within that jurisdiction. More specifically, this measure requires these cities to issue a minimum of one retail cannabis license for every four liquor licenses, or one retail cannabis license for every 10,000 residents. - See more at: <https://www.cacities.org/Top/News/News-Articles/2020/January/Legislature-Reconvenes-for-Year-Two-with-Eye-on-Ke#sthash.r56N1faD.dpuf>

**League's 2019 Annual Legislative Report Now Available**

The League developed a comprehensive summary of the 2019 Legislative year, along with descriptions, divided by issue area, of the hundreds of bills of interest to cities that passed the Legislature and were signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

City officials are encouraged to utilize the League's overview of new statutes that have the potential to affect cities throughout the state. Dubbed the "Legislative Report," this compilation of statutes includes chaptered bill and resolution summaries and analyses relating to the topics of: Budget and Trailer Bills; Community Services; Environmental Quality; Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations; Housing, Community and Economic Development; Public Safety; Revenue and Taxation; and Transportation, Communications and Public Works.

Additionally, the report contains an in-depth overview of the political and policy related events that transpired over the course of 2019 that influenced the outcomes of the legislative session. The report also includes in-depth analyses for statutes that remained at the forefront of League advocacy for 2019. These include: AB 116 (Ting) Changes to Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) Law; AB 147 (Burke) California's New On-Line Sales Tax Collection Law; AB 392 (Weber) Peace Officers. Deadly Force; Key Wildfire Legislation; AB 101 (Comm. On Budget) Housing; and Summary of ADU Bills.

An [online version of the report](#) is available on the League's website. Hard copies are available to purchase.

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