



Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

11:00 AM

City Hall Complex, 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Law and Legislation Committee

LAW AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Caity Maple, Chair, District 5
Phil Pluckebaum, Vice Chair, District 4
Roger Dickinson, District 2
Rick Jennings, II, District 7

COMMITTEE STAFF

Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk
Steve Itagaki, Supervising Deputy City Attorney
Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs

Open Session**Roll Call****Land Acknowledgement****Pledge of Allegiance****Consent Calendar**

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one Motion.

1. Law and Legislation Committee Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2026-01089

Location: Citywide**Recommendation:** Pass a **Motion** approving the Law and Legislation Committee meeting minutes dated April 12, 2026.**Contact:** Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk, (916) 808-5442, mcuppy@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk**Attachments:** [2026-01089 STAFF REPORT](#)**2. Law and Legislation Log**

File ID: 2026-00299

Location: Citywide**Recommendation:** Pass a **Motion** approving the Law and Legislation Log.**Contact:** Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, (916) 808-7395, cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Manager**Attachments:** [2026-00299 STAFF REPORT](#)**3. Legislative Advocacy Correspondence**

File ID: 2026-00309

Location: Citywide**Recommendation:** Receive and file.**Contact:** Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, (916) 808-7395, cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Manager**Attachments:** [2026-00309 STAFF REPORT](#)

Discussion Calendar**4. Councilmember Proposal Request for Committee Consideration - Update to the City's Sidewalk Repair Program**

File ID: 2026-01169

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and provide direction on the attached councilmember proposal regarding updating the city's sidewalk repair program and take one of the following actions: 1) pass a **Motion** directing the appropriate council appointive officer to commence work on the proposal and bring it back to the committee for review and consideration; 2) pass a **Motion** directing the appropriate council appointive officer to commence work on the proposal with committee members and forwarding the item to the city council for consideration without further review by the committee; 3) pass a **Motion** sending the matter back to the sponsoring councilmember for additional information; 4) pass a **Motion** deferring the request and directing the appropriate council appointive officer to bring the proposal back to the committee at a later date; or 5) pass a **Motion** denying the proposal request.

Contact: Mayor Pro Tem Eric Guerra, Lianne Valera, Council Representative, (916) 808-7006, district6@cityofsacramento.org, Office of Councilmember Eric Guerra, District 6; Councilmember Roger Dickinson, Bryan DeBlonk, Chief of Staff, (916) 808-7002, district2@cityofsacramento.org, Office of Councilmember Roger Dickinson, District 2; Councilmember Rick Jennings, Dennis Rogers, Chief of Staff, (916) 808-7007, district7@cityofsacramento.org, Office of Councilmember Rick Jennings, District 7

Attachments: [2026-01169 STAFF REPORT](#)

5. Update on State Budget Activity

File ID: 2026-01379

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and file an oral report regarding state budget activity.

Contact: Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, (916) 808-7395, cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Manager

Attachments: [2026-01379 STAFF REPORT](#)

Committee Comments-Ideas, Questions and Meeting Reports**Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda****Adjournment**

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Contact: Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk, (916) 808-5442, mcuppy@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-April 12 2026, Law and Legislation Committee DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: It is the best practice for the legislative body to approve the minutes for each meeting.

Policy Considerations: As a best practice, the City Clerk keeps a permanent record of the Law and Legislation Committee proceedings showing all action considered and taken, motions and records, the text of ordinances and resolutions introduced, and all amendments thereto proposed, and the vote of each member regarding any matter before the Law and Legislation Committee.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: This action is not a project that is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines §15378(b)(5)).

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: After each Law and Legislation Committee meeting, the City Clerk composes the DRAFT Minutes noting the action taken by the legislative body. The DRAFT Minutes are presented to the Law and Legislation Committee for its approval as a permanent record of the meetings actions.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): None.



Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

11:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Council Chamber - 915 I Street, 1st Floor

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Attorney*

*Consuelo Hernandez, Director of
Governmental Affairs*

Open Session

Regular meeting called to order by Chair Maple at 11:04 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at the Sacramento City Hall Council Chamber.

Members Present: Roger Dickinson, Rick Jennings, and Chair Caity Maple.

Member Absent: Phil Pluckebaum.

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Chair Maple.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chair Maple.

Consent Calendar

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Action: Moved/Seconded: Member Dickinson / Member Jennings.

Yes: Members Roger Dickinson, Rick Jennings, and Chair Caity Maple.

Absent: Phil Pluckebaum.

1. Law and Legislation Committee Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2026-00763

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Law and Legislation Committee meeting minutes dated March 17, 2026.

Contact: Haley Arata, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-5204, harata@cityofsacramento.org; Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk, (916) 808-5442, mcuppy@cityofsacramento.org; Office of the City Clerk

2. Law and Legislation Log

File ID: 2026-00297

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Law and Legislation Log.

Contact: Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, (916) 808-7395, cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Manager

3. Legislative Advocacy Correspondence

File ID: 2026-00307

Location: Citywide**Action:** Received and filed.**Contact:** Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, (916) 808-7395, cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Manager**Discussion Calendar****4. Update on State Legislative and Administrative Activities**

File ID: 2026-01006

Location: Citywide**Action:** Received and filed an oral report from the City's state lobbyist on state legislative and administrative activities.**Contact:** Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, (916) 808-7395, cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Manager**5. Updates on Current City Councilmember Proposals That Have Been Heard Before the Law and Legislation Committee**

File ID: 2026-01024

Location: Citywide**Action:** Received and filed.**Contact:** Amy Williams, Chief of Staff to the City Manager, (916) 808-5014, awilliams@cityofsacramento.org, City Manager's Office**Committee Comments-Ideas, Questions and Meeting Reports**

None.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Adjourned – 12:05 p.m.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Law and Legislative Log 7.21.26

Law and Legislation Committee Log

Item	Requester & date	Bill/Author/Subject	Description of Issue	Status	Notes
2	Various	Finance, Community Development	Outstanding cannabis items - zoning updates, exploration of cannabis lounges, presentation on public health impacts, taxation, high THC products, and other administrative changes		CBOT item heard at L&L on 9/5. Motion passed to forward a proposal to implement a Phased Tax model for CORE businesses. Social consumption item heard at L&L on 9/19/23, 5/21/24, 8/20/24 and 9/17/24, and passed at Council on 11/19/24. Social Consumption item heard again at L&L 4/8/25 and forwarded to Council. Council approved process to permit lounges pending the associated consumption lounge zoning amendments (which they gave direction to bring) on 9/16/25. Social Consumption fees to be heard at Council 2/24/26. Tax item heard at L&L on 11/28/23. Modifications to CORE program heard at Council 1/23/24. Zoning ordinance passed at Council on 6/16/26. Cannabis consumption lounge land use passed at Council on 7/23/26. Item to be removed from log.
1	Mayor McCarty	Code Enforcement	Ordinance relating to vacant lot enforcement	L&L 9/16/25	Staff presented to L&L on 3/7/23 per Council direction to enhance the enforcement process. Direction was given to staff, who will return to L&L with proposed ordinance. Staff presented to L&L on 9/16/25. Staff directed to move forward with stakeholder engagement process, review earlier poll results, and assess how programs work in other jurisdictions. Item heard at L&L in March 2026. Staff working with subcommittee of L&L members to bring back ordinance.

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Legislative Advocacy Correspondence

File ID: 2026-00309

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, (916) 808-7395,
cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Manager

Presenter: None.

Attachments:

1-Legislative Advocacy Correspondence

Position Letters 2025-2026

Bill/Subject	Author	Description of Issue	Position	Notes/Status
SB 1016	Blakespear	Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program and Court-Ordered Evaluations	Support	
SB 226	Cabaldon	Intrastructure Revitalization Financing Districts	Support	
AB 1436	Avila Farias	State Air Resources Board: Air Pollution Regulations: Private Fleets Exception	Support	
AB 1603	Shultz	Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): Department of Pesticide Regulation	Support	
AB 2010	Soria	SNIP Act (Spay/Neuter Improvement for Pets)	Support	
		Initiative 25-0006AI - Local Taxpayer Protection Act to Save Proposition 13	Oppose	
State Budget		One-time \$20 Million General Fund Allocation: Immigrant Legal Services	Support	
AB 2032	Ransom	Fish and Wildlife: Golden Mussels	Support	Coalition letter
State Budget		\$25 Million Allocation to Department of Water Resources for the Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes	Support	
AB 2074	Haney	California Music Festival Preservation Grant Program	Support	

State Budget		One-time \$20 Million General Fund Allocation for the SFPI Student Loan Empowerment Network	Support	
AB 1903	Wicks	Construction Defects	Support	
SB 865	Ashby	California Music Festival Preservation Grant Program	Support	
SB 1087	Cabaldon	Sustainable Communities Strategies Modernization	Support	
SB 1125	Menjivar	Public Water Systems: Drinking Water Needs Assessment	Support	
SB 1180	Allen	Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act: California Plastic Pollution Mitigation Act	Support	
SB 1330	Arreguin	Assault and Battery: Utility Workers	Support	
SB 1313	McNerney	Public Water Systems: Grants and Locans: PFAS	Support	
AB 2739	Soria	California Cares Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act	Support	
SB 1085	Durazo	Water Supply Planning: California Environmental Quality Act Determination	Support	
H.R. 5356	Rep. Davis(D-IL)	National Infrastructure Bank Act	Support	
		Governor's January Budget Proposal to Modernize the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program	Support	
		DWR Allocation of Proposition 4	Concern	Coalition letter

		Funding for Nation Institute of Standards and Technology Plumbing Research Program	Support	Federal request
AB 1349	Bryan	Consumer Protection - Ticket Sales	Support	
		26/27 Stable Funding for Hydrology Observation Systems and Forecasting	Support	Coalition letter to Governor, Senate Pro Tem and Assembly Speaker
SB 684 & AB 1243	Menjivar/Addis	Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act	Support	Authors won't be moving these bills
SB 601	Allen	Water: Waste Discharge	Oppose Unless Amended	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee
		Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act	Support	Letter to U.S. Senator Padilla
AB 1223	Nguyen/Krell	Sacramento Transportation Authority Modernization	Support	Signed by the Governor
		Funding for The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) programs	Support	Letter to U.S. Senator Padilla
SB 346	Durazo	Local Agencies: Transient Occupancy Taxes: Short-Term Rental Facilitator	Support	Signed by the Governor
		Funding for The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) programs	Support	Letter to U.S. Senator Schiff
SB 72	Caballero	The Californis Water Plan: Long Term Supply Targets	Support	Signed by the Governor
AB 519	Berman	Pet Broker Sales	Support	Signed by the Governor
2025/26 Budget		Support for AB 102 and SB 102 - Funding for the Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes	Support	

SB 394	Allen	Water Theft: Fire Hydrants	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 88	Caballero	The Biomass Utilization for Carbon Reduction Act	Support	Vetoed by the Governor
SB 682	Allen	Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances	Support	Vetoed by the Governor
AB 564	Haney	Cannabis Excise Tax: Rate Increase Repeal	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 516	Ashby	California Capital City Downtown Revitalization Act	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 370	Ashby	California Music Festival Preservation Grant Program	Support	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee
SB 466	Caballero	Drinking Water: Hexavalent Chromium: Civil Liability: Exemption	Support	Signed by the Governor
AB 532	Ransom	Water rate assistance program	Support	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee
SB 454	McNerney	State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program	Support	Vetoed by the Governor
AB 476	M. González	Metal Theft	Support if Amended	Signed by the Governor
AB 1232	Avila Farias	Administrative Procedure Act: Proposed Regulations: Cost of Living Impact on Residents of the State.	Support	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 431	Arreguin	Assault and Battery: Public Utility Employees and Essential Infrastructure Workers	Support	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 720	Ashby	Safer Streets Act	Support	Signed by the Governor

SB 639	Ashby	Extension of Urban Level of Flood Protection Deadline	Co-sponsor	Signed by the Governor
SB 456	Ashby	Community Beautification Act	Support	Signed by the Governor
H.R. 1267	Gluesenkamp Perez & Maloy	Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act	Support	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
AB 516	Kalra	Clarifying Veterinary Technician and Assistant Duties	Support	Signed by the Governor
SB 602	Cortese	Expanding Veterinary Access in Shelters	Support	Signed by the Governor
AB 514	Petrie-Norris	Emergency Water Supplies	Support	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Budget		Request to Amend Governor's Budget Proposal re Proposition 4	Support	Coalition letter expressing concern re Governor's proposal to backfill General Fund commitments with Prop 4 funds
State Budget		California Film and Tax Credit expansion	Support	
WaterSense Program		Letter to U.S. EPA requesting continued funding and operation of the WaterSense program	Support	Coalition letter



Rancho Water



May 1, 2026

The Honorable Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Committee of Appropriations
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 2739: The California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act of 2026 - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Wicks:

We, the undersigned coalition of statewide associations, cities, water suppliers, business organizations, regional stakeholders, and individuals, are writing to express our support for AB

2739 (Soria) and to thank you for authoring this important measure, which would establish the California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act of 2026.

Water affordability and system stability are increasingly interconnected challenges across California. Rising costs associated with infrastructure modernization, climate resilience, regulatory compliance, and energy continue to place pressure on water systems and the communities they serve, particularly for households living at or near poverty.

The California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act proposes a lasting solution by addressing affordability at the household, system, and community levels. The Act advances a sustainable funding solution to support a statewide Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program for water while also supporting strategic investments that stabilize water systems and help reduce cost pressures before they are passed on to ratepayers.

The Act's proposed funding structure provides predictable, long-term resources without placing new burdens on local governments or water ratepayers. This approach strengthens water planning and enhances statewide resilience while preserving local decision-making. Further, we support the commitment of the sponsors of the Act to create a viable, sustainable funding source that **does not include any new taxes or fees**.

The California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act represents an important step forward in advancing the Human Right to Water by supporting vulnerable households and strengthening the public water systems that serve communities across the state.

For the reasons stated above, we strongly support AB 2739, as proposed to be amended, and urge you and your colleagues to vote "Aye" on this important measure. Please feel free to contact Danielle Coats with Rancho Water at (951) 526-6961 or Christine Compton with the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) at (949) 453-5338 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kris Murray
Executive Director
Association of California Cities Orange
County

Soren Nelson
Senior Policy Advocate
Association of California Water Agencies

Kristopher M. Anderson
Policy Advocate
California Chamber of Commerce

Andrea Abergel
Director of Water
California Municipal Utilities Association

Jennifer Capitolo
Executive Director
California Water Association

Kristine McCaffrey, P.E.
General Manager
Calleguas Municipal Water District

Honorable Bryan Osorio (as an individual)
Delano City Council
City of Delano

Honorable Gregorio Gomez
(as an individual)
Farmersville City Council
City of Farmersville

Honorable Joe Soria (as an individual)
Mayor Pro Tem
City of Lindsay

Honorable Krista Bernasconi
Mayor
City of Roseville

Honorable Caity Maple
Council Member, District 5
Chair, Law & Legislation Committee
City of Sacramento

Honorable Jose Sigala (as an individual)
Tulare City Council
City of Tulare

Jennifer Clary
California Director
Clean Water Action

Kelsey Hinton
Policy Director
Community Water Center

James Lee
General Manager
Crescenta Valley Water District

Joe Mouawad, P.E.
General Manager
Eastern Municipal Water District

Dennis P. Cafferty
General Manager
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Irvine Ranch Water District

Michael K. Claiborne
Directing Attorney
Leadership Counsel for Justice and
Accountability

Shivaji Deshmukh
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Metropolitan Water District of Southern
California

Jeff Ball
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Orange County Business Council

Jason A. Martin
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Rancho California Water District

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Rick Shintaku
General Manager
South Coast Water District

Victoria Hernandez
Executive Director
South Orange County Economic Coalition

Charles Wilson
CEO/ Executive Director
Southern California Water Coalition

Matthew Litchfield, P.E.
General Manager
Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Thomas Love
General Manager
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water
District

Sheryl Shaw, P.E.
General Manager
Walnut Valley Water District

Edward Caldwell
General Manager
West Basin Municipal Water District

Craig D. Miller, P.E.
General Manager
Western Municipal Water District

cc: The Honorable Members, Assembly Committee of Appropriations
The Honorable Esmeralda Soria, California Assembly, 27th District
Jay M. Dickenson, Chief Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Nikita Koraddi, Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Joseph Shinstock, Chief Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus

May 4, 2026

The Honorable John Laird, Chair
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
California State Senate
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee
California State Assembly
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ONE-TIME \$20 MILLION GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION FOR THE DFPI STUDENT LOAN EMPOWERMENT NETWORK - SUPPORT

Dear Chairs Laird and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write to express support for a one-time \$20 million budget investment to preserve and expand the Student Loan Empowerment Network (SLE Network) under the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (DFPI) in the 2026–27 State Budget. The student loan crisis is not an abstract policy matter for Sacramento, it affects the residents we serve, the workers we employ, and the local economies we depend upon. Due to unprecedented changes to the federal student loan system set to go into effect this July, and the record levels of default and delinquency among student loan borrowers across California, state investment in the SLE Network is needed now more than ever.

Nationally, 43 million borrowers owe \$1.6 trillion in student loan debt, a crisis that has reached every city, town, and neighborhood across the country. In California, nearly four million federal student loan borrowers owe a total of \$151 billion. One federal student loan borrower fell into default every nine seconds in 2025. As a result, over 795,000 Californians are now in default, and 23% of California borrowers have fallen behind on their loans. Locally, the most recent Federal Reserve data shows that 11.3% of borrowers in Sacramento — rising to 14.9% in majority Hispanic or Latino communities — were severely delinquent by the end of March 2025, and we know that the situation is much worse today.

Student loan defaults and delinquencies destabilize local economies. Borrowers who fall behind see severe drops in their credit scores, making it harder to secure housing and employment. Unaffordable payments squeeze budgets tighter, creating impossible choices between student loans, housing, childcare, medical, and other essential expenses — even just putting food on the table. Student debt drives shortages in critical professions, including teachers, nurses, first responders, social workers, and other public servants who make our cities and counties work. And close to a million borrowers could soon face wage garnishment and tax refund seizures. These harms ripple through our communities, increasing demand for public benefits and services at a time when local budgets are already strained.

The federal government, which has historically been the primary source of support for student loan borrowers, is now retreating from that role in ways that will cause direct harm to our residents. The Trump administration has severely reduced Department of Education staff, including those charged with resolving loan servicer errors that can push borrowers into delinquency. A recent Government Accountability Office report found that mass firings at the Department have left borrowers at risk of servicer errors that could push them further behind.

Making matters worse, the Department is about to make sweeping changes to student lending and repayment. In early July, the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” will eliminate the most affordable repayment options for the lowest-income borrowers, including Parent PLUS borrowers, and remove critical protection that millions of borrowers depend on. This will increase monthly payments for families already struggling with rising costs of living, while making the path to and through college more difficult. These disruptions will significantly increase the number of borrowers who need guidance navigating a system

that has become more complex and less forgiving. California must step in to fill the void that the federal government is leaving.

California has already invested in a proven solution. The 2022–23 State Budget allocated \$10 million to DFPI, \$7.25 million of which was used to create the first-in-the-nation state-funded Student Loan Empowerment Network: 13 legal aid and financial counseling organizations across the state, supported by a statewide coordination hub. Through this initial investment, the Network has provided expert training and technical assistance to frontline nonprofit organizations and directly counseled thousands of student borrowers. Borrowers receiving SLE services have seen monthly payment savings of \$600 or more, and achieved a total of \$1.8 million in debt forgiveness.

In Sacramento we have seen firsthand what trusted, free student loan counseling means to our residents. Borrowers who are confused about their repayment options, at risk of default, or struggling to navigate complex federal processes need accessible, local support, backed by high-quality training and phone/web-based resources. The SLE Network provides exactly the kind of personalized, community-based assistance that these borrowers need to get back on track. Plus, the SLE program integrates well within existing financial empowerment and social service programs.

And yet, state funding for the SLE Network will run out by the end of May 2026, precisely when these services are needed most. Many of the nonprofit organizations in the SLE Network lack the independent resources to continue providing free student loan assistance past that date, and the further loss of training and professional development from SLE would make it much harder to provide accurate, up-to-date advice and assistance. Allowing the Network to collapse now would be a grave mistake.

We urge the Legislature to approve a one-time \$20 million investment to retain and expand the SLE Network. With the hub infrastructure and data systems already in place, a greater share of new funding can be directed toward direct borrower assistance. Sacramento joins other cities and counties in standing ready to support this effort through outreach, referrals, and partnership. But we cannot fill this gap alone, and our residents cannot afford to wait. Continued state investment in the SLE Network is essential to ensuring that California's student loan borrowers can reach a future free of debt and contribute to the economic vitality of our cities, counties, and the state as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I respectfully urge your support for this critical investment.

Sincerely,



Chair, Law and Legislation
Committee



SENATE FLOOR

Support for SB 1085 (Durazo) – Water Supply Planning Act

We, the undersigned, are proud to support SB 1085 (Durazo), the Water Supply Planning Act. We ask for your “aye” vote when the bill is up for vote on the Senate Floor.

SB 1085 restores an important safeguard on water availability for new large developments that was inadvertently circumvented through recent legislation.

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May 18, 2026

Assemblymember Matt Haney
1021 O Street, Suite 5740
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2074 (HANEY) DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION ACT – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Haney:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 2074, the Downtown Revitalization Act, which would accelerate the recovery of dense urban neighborhoods and downtown corridors by streamlining the construction of high-rise residential developments near major regional transit hubs.

Downtown and Midtown Sacramento are already home to major transit infrastructure, jobs, arts, and culture, and we are committed to ensuring they become thriving, livable neighborhoods for residents of all income levels. As one of the seven large, transit-rich cities named in the bill, the City would be required to establish a regional transit hub district, and we welcome that designation. The City recognizes that solving the housing crisis requires the state and cities to work together to achieve tangible cost of living and housing improvements for Californians, and AB 2074 represents exactly that partnership.

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By promoting housing near transit, AB 2074 also advances equitable access to opportunity, reduces commute times, helps reduce climate pollution, and expands access to jobs and essential services for California families. AB 2074 aligns with the City's long-term goals for affordability, sustainability, and economic growth. It provides an innovative framework to build more homes where they are most needed while supporting workforce development and stronger communities.

By streamlining permitting processes and establishing a revolving loan fund to close financing gaps for high-rise projects, AB 2074 directly addresses the barriers that have long made vertical housing development economically challenging, despite desire and opportunity for it in our city.

For these reasons, the City supports AB 2074. If there are any questions about the City's position, please contact Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, at cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org or 916-808-7395.

Sincerely,



Chair, Law and Legislation
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May 26, 2026

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Honorable Steve Bennett
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Re: Support for \$25 Million Allocation to Department of Water Resources for the Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes

Dear President pro Tempore Limón, Speaker Rivas, Budget Chairs Laird and Gabriel, and Subcommittee Chairs Gómez Reyes and Bennett:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, I am writing to express our strong support for the Governor's May Revise proposal (BCP 3860-152-BCP-2026-MR) to allocate \$25 million in support of the State's commitments under the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) Program. Local public water agencies are also committing \$680 million through self-assessed fees in support of the HRL Program which is transforming California's waterways by restoring habitat across the Bay-Delta Watershed.

The HRL Program, formerly known as the Voluntary Agreements, is anticipated to be adopted as one of the implementation pathways for an updated Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed (Bay-Delta Plan) and is further expected to be formally adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) later in 2026. Adoption of the HRL Program by the State Water Board would trigger an eight-year process wherein local, state, and federal partners would be required under the State Water Board’s regulation to meet previously agreed to terms.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is the primary agency responsible for meeting the State’s obligations to implement habitat restoration projects, perform science and monitoring, and ensure certain flows. The \$25 million allocation included in the Governor’s May Revise directly correlates to the State’s responsibilities and would go toward habitat restoration, science and monitoring, securing flows, and program administration. These funds are critical and the proposal demonstrates the Governor’s continued commitment and expectation that the State Water Board will adopt the updated Bay-Delta Plan with the HRL Program as a pathway before the end of 2026.

The public water agencies that are part of the HRL Program are collaborating with state, federal, and conservation partners to deploy dedicated monitoring resources, execute water purchases, and implement diversion reductions to deliver critical flows for the environment. This approach has already accelerated fish and wildlife improvements. All together, there are 58 early implementation projects: 35 are already complete; Seven projects are currently under construction; 11 are slated to begin construction in 2026; and the remaining five will be going into construction within the next two to three years.

ACWA strongly supports the HRL Program as the preferred pathway for updating the Bay-Delta Plan. The HRL Program can be expeditiously implemented to establish a holistic and integrated approach to improving the Bay-Delta ecosystem for fish and wildlife by aligning a broad spectrum of habitat, science, and adaptive management tools. Concurrently, it would help secure water supply reliability for other beneficial uses of water, including California’s communities, farms, and recreation.

The undersigned organizations strongly urge the Legislature to support this \$25 million investment in habitat health, increased environmental flows, and science through the HRL Program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact ACWA’s State Legislative Director, Julia Hall at JuliaH@acwa.com or 530-902-9746.

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FLOOR ALERT

AB 2739: The California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act of 2026

***** SUPPORT *****

On behalf of our coalition of statewide associations, cities, water suppliers, business organizations, regional stakeholders, and individual advocates, **we urge your 'aye' vote on AB 2739 (Soria)**. This critical legislation establishes the California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act of 2026 to address urgent infrastructure and affordability needs across the state.

Water affordability and system stability are increasingly interconnected challenges across California. Rising costs associated with infrastructure modernization, climate resilience,

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regulatory compliance, and energy continue to place pressure on water systems and the communities they serve, particularly for households living at or near poverty.

The California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act proposes a lasting solution by addressing affordability at the household, system, and community levels. The Act advances a sustainable funding solution to support a statewide Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program for water while also supporting strategic investments that stabilize water systems and help reduce cost pressures before they are passed on to ratepayers.

The Act's proposed funding structure provides predictable, long-term resources without placing new burdens on local governments or water ratepayers. This approach strengthens water planning and enhances statewide resilience while preserving local decision-making. Further, we support the commitment of the sponsors of the Act to create a viable, sustainable funding source that **does not include any new taxes or fees**.

The California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act represents an important step forward in advancing the Human Right to Water by supporting vulnerable households and strengthening the public water systems that serve communities across the state.

FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT AB 2739 AND URGE YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES TO VOTE "AYE" ON THIS IMPORTANT MEASURE.



FLOOR ALERT

AB 2032 (Ransom): Fish and wildlife: golden mussels - SUPPORT

- Golden mussels reproduce rapidly, colonize conveyance systems, obstruct pipes, clog screens and filters, impair pumps and treatment facilities, create significant long-term operations and maintenance burdens for public and private water agencies, and alter food web dynamics in highly important ecosystems.
- Without timely intervention, infestations may jeopardize water delivery reliability, hydropower operations, ecosystem management, and public water supply resilience. Current regulatory pathways were not designed for the speed required to respond to an invasive aquatic species spreading through interconnected water systems.
- **AB 2032 provides critical tools** by streamlining rapid response actions, allowing essential maintenance and operational activities to proceed without unnecessary delay, directing consistent interim guidance through the state task force, improving statewide infestation mapping, and supporting pilot studies and scientific research.
- Golden mussels must be removed from pipes, screens, filters, and related infrastructure to preserve system reliability. Exempting routine maintenance and operational activities from restricted species permitting requirements will allow agencies to continue protecting public infrastructure while following best management practices established by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).
- AB 2032 creates a state framework that balances rapid operational response with environmental stewardship and coordinated state oversight. For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support.

Vote YES on AB 2032 (Ransom)

June 3, 2026

The Honorable John Laird, Chair
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
California State Senate
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee
California State Assembly
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ONE-TIME \$20 MILLION GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION: IMMIGRANT LEGAL SERVICES – SUPPORT

Dear Chairs Laird and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write to express support for Governor Newsom's May Revise proposal for a one-time \$20 million budget investment to increase legal capacity to help Californians who are facing immigration court proceedings, particularly for individuals in civil immigration detention.

Due process is a fundamental part of the U.S. Constitution and a foundational value in the United States. However, individuals facing deportation proceedings in court are not guaranteed a lawyer if they cannot afford one, despite the high stakes of indefinite detention, deportation, and permanent family separation. The right to legal counsel in deportation proceedings is essential to upholding Californians' constitutional rights.

Over the last decade, California's immigration legal services programs have helped tens of thousands of families, children and residents access trusted legal counsel as they navigate a complex immigration system. More than 100 nonprofits statewide rely on this state investment to meet the growing demand for legal support in immigrant communities.

Since 2017, the City has consistently invested financial resources into the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation's Sacramento Family Unity, Education, and Legal (FUEL) Network. A collaborative comprised of myriad entities, the Sacramento FUEL Network is dedicated to helping Sacramento residents prevent, prepare for, or defend against the possibility of deportation through the provision of free legal, outreach, education, and mental health services.

The FUEL Network has provided Sacramento residents the following educational, legal, and mental health services:

- "Know Your Rights" presentations, and Family Emergency Preparedness Assistance;
- Legal consultations;
- Ongoing deportation defense representation;
- Full-scope representation initiated in their applications for stronger immigrations remedies;
- Limited-scope assistance in their Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Renewals, Naturalizations, humanitarian paroles, Temporary Protective Status (TPS) Renewals, and other applications;
- Individual therapy sessions;
- Group therapy sessions were provided to Sacramento residents; and
- Forensic psychological evaluations

Access to trusted legal counsel is vital in keeping immigrant families together, defending due process, and for the wellbeing of our communities. We urge the Legislature to continue protecting and investing in California's immigration legal services programs. By doing so, we can better ensure that California continues to lead the way on immigrant rights, equity and inclusion.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I respectfully urge your support for this critical investment.

Sincerely,



Chair, Law and Legislation Committee

June 3, 2026

The Honorable John Laird, Chair
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RE: INITIATIVE 25-0006A1 — “LOCAL TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT TO SAVE PROPOSITION 13” – OPPOSITION

Dear Chairs Laird and Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write to respectfully express opposition of [Initiative 25-0006A1](#), the “Local Taxpayer Protection Act to Save Proposition 13,” sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. As the Assembly Local Government Committee and Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee convene a joint informational hearing on this measure, the City urges the Legislature to recognize the significant threat this initiative poses to city fiscal stability, local voter-approved revenues, and the essential services Californians rely on daily.

Eligible for the November 2026 statewide ballot, Initiative 25-0006A1 would make sweeping and permanent changes to the California Constitution by restricting how local governments may adopt certain taxes and by limiting the types of taxes local governments may impose related to real property. Specifically, the measure would:

1. Require all local special taxes to receive two-thirds voter approval.
2. Prohibit local governments from imposing most taxes related to real property, such as property transfer taxes.
3. Most concerning, the initiative would invalidate existing taxes, including decades of locally-approved measures, that do not comply with its new constitutional requirements.

For cities, the fiscal consequences would be severe. Cal Cities’ fiscal analysis estimates that Initiative 25-0006A1 could reduce local government revenues by approximately \$2 billion to \$3 billion annually statewide beginning two years after enactment. The Legislative Analyst’s Office similarly projects an annual loss of up to two billion dollars in local government revenues, primarily due to the invalidation of charter city property transfer taxes and certain parcel taxes passed with less than two-thirds voter approval.

The largest share of the initiative’s losses would fall directly on cities. Estimates show that eliminating the 27 locally adopted property transfer taxes would reduce city revenues by over \$2 billion annually across affected cities, even after accounting for replacement with the much lower statutory Documentary Transfer Tax allowed under state law. The proportional impact on city general-purpose revenues would vary significantly by jurisdiction, ranging from 1% to more than 25% of general-purpose city revenues. Losses of this magnitude would significantly destabilize local budgets and could require cities to reduce services, delay infrastructure projects, or reduce staffing and operational capacity.

These revenues are not abstract budget figures. For many cities, property transfer taxes are a major, longstanding source of locally controlled revenue that supports police and fire protection, emergency response, homelessness programs, housing initiatives, infrastructure maintenance, parks and recreation, libraries, and other community programs. Many property transfer taxes are general-purpose revenues, which give cities the flexibility to maintain balanced budgets, respond to changing community needs, and protect core services.

For the City, the lost revenue could potentially be \$10 million annually in property transfer tax. The City has faced multiple years of budget shortfalls due to an ongoing structural budget deficit. The estimated shortfall for the 26-27 budget year was an estimated \$66 million. Revenue reductions of this magnitude cannot be absorbed through minor administrative efficiencies alone and would result in drastic cuts to core city services, such as public safety and parks.

Initiative 25-0006A1 would also invalidate a number of voter-approved special taxes adopted by citizen initiative with less than two-thirds voter approval. This includes approximately \$300 million in annual losses from parcel taxes across local governments, schools, and special districts. These revenues fund services such as fire services, infrastructure maintenance, libraries, childcare, schools, and environmental protection.

The City is deeply concerned that the measure would override local voter decisions and disrupt long-term planning for public services and capital investments. Cities budget, hire employees, maintain infrastructure, and deliver services based on revenues approved by their residents. Retroactively invalidating decades-old revenues would create significant uncertainty for cities and the communities they serve.

For these reasons, the City opposes Initiative 25-0006A1 and implores the Legislature to recognize the severe and lasting consequences this measure would have on cities and the residents they serve. We also urge that any legislative discussion related to this measure, property transfer taxes, or local revenue authority include meaningful engagement with cities before any proposal moves forward that could permanently alter local fiscal authority or threaten the services Californians depend on.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Cm', is written above the typed name.

Chair, Law and Legislation
Committee



June 5, 2026

The Honorable Diane Papan
 Chair, Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife
 California State Assembly
 1020 N St, Room 160
 Sacramento, California 95814

Support for SB 1085 (Durazo) – Water Supply Planning Act

Dear Assembly Member Papan:

We, the undersigned, are proud to support SB 1085 (Durazo), the Water Supply Planning Act. We ask for your “aye” vote when the bill is heard in the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee.

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June 9, 2026

Senator Tom Umberg
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary
1021 O Street, Suite 3240
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1903 (WICKS) CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Umberg:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 1903, which will make homeownership more accessible and affordable by addressing construction defect liability rules that make it more expensive to build condominiums and missing-middle homes, thereby limiting their affordability and production.

The City, similar to many other cities in California, faces the challenge of high housing costs. Homeownership is falling out of reach for too many of our constituents due to limited housing supply, high prices, and barriers that hinder the production of affordable homes for sale. As the City pursues solutions to this crisis under our local authority, we also recognize the necessity of state actions, especially for obstacles that local governments lack the authority to address.

One of the largest barriers to building for sale homes is California's residential construction defect law, established through SB 800 (2002). This law was intended to create a fair and efficient process for resolving defect claims while giving builders the opportunity to repair problems before litigation. Over time, however, that system has too often shifted away from timely repairs and toward costly, prolonged litigation. As a result, existing homeowners are often left waiting years for issues to be resolved. Additionally, the costs and uncertainty associated with litigation have made it harder to build condominiums. The result is that condominium production has plummeted to less than 4,000 units a year in a state of 40 million people.

AB 1903 restores the original intent of the law by strengthening the right to repair, improving clarity and transparency in the claims process, and helping ensure disputes are resolved more efficiently. By realigning incentives to address legitimate construction issues and reduce unnecessary litigation risk, the bill will better support homeowners while also making it more feasible to build attainable missing-middle homes in California.

For the reasons stated above, the City is pleased to support AB 1903. If there are any questions about the City's position, please contact Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, at cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org or 916-808-7395.

Sincerely,



Chair, Law and Legislation
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June 9, 2026

Senator Jesse Arreguin
Chair, Senate Committee on Housing
1021 O Street, Suite 3330
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2074 (HANEY) DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION ACT – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Arreguin:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 2074 (Haney), the Downtown Revitalization Act, which would accelerate the recovery of dense urban neighborhoods and downtown corridors by streamlining the construction of high-rise residential developments near major regional transit hubs.

Downtown and Midtown Sacramento are already home to major transit infrastructure, jobs, arts, and culture, and we are committed to ensuring they become thriving, livable neighborhoods for residents of all income levels. As one of the seven large, transit-rich cities named in the bill, the City would be required to establish a regional transit hub district, and we welcome that designation. The City recognizes that solving the housing crisis requires the state and cities to work together to achieve tangible cost of living and housing improvements for Californians, and AB 2074 represents exactly that partnership.

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By promoting housing near transit, AB 2074 also advances equitable access to opportunity, reduces commute times, helps reduce climate pollution, and expands access to jobs and essential services for California families. AB 2074 aligns with the City's long-term goals for affordability, sustainability, and economic growth. It provides an innovative framework to build more homes where they are most needed while supporting workforce development and stronger communities.

By streamlining permitting processes and establishing a revolving loan fund to close financing gaps for high-rise projects, AB 2074 directly addresses the barriers that have long made vertical housing development economically challenging, despite desire and opportunity for it in our city.

For these reasons, the City supports AB 2074 (Haney). If there are any questions about the City's position, please contact Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, at cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org or 916-808-7395.

Sincerely,



Chair, Law and Legislation
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June 9, 2026

Assemblymember Lori Wilson
Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee
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RE: SB 1087 (CABALDON) SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIES MODERNIZATION (AS AMENDED 4/9/26) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wilson:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write to express our support for SB 1087 (Cabaldon), as amended on April 9, 2026. This bill modernizes the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) framework to better deliver the housing, transportation, and climate outcomes California urgently needs.

SB 1087 updates the SCS framework, a plan required by state law (SB 375 Steinberg) to help regions integrate land-use, transportation, and housing planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. At its core, SB 1087 recognizes that the SCS should be more than a compliance exercise. It should serve as a trusted, actionable roadmap for delivering on-the-ground housing, transportation, and climate outcomes. Today, regions invest significant time and resources in developing SCS plans, yet they lack consistent funding, alignment, and tools needed to implement them. This disconnect limits the state's ability to fully realize the benefits of its own framework.

SB 1087's focus on implementation is particularly important. By aligning existing state programs with SCS priorities, SB 1087 would provide regions with the funding needed to advance high-impact housing and transportation investments. These changes will better align existing state policies and help ensure that state and regional efforts are working in concert to accelerate progress toward greenhouse gas reduction goals.

SB 1087 also takes important steps to improve the efficiency and usefulness of the SCS process. Extending the planning cycle to eight years, requiring a mid-cycle progress report, and reducing duplicative requirements will allow MPOs like the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) and others across the state, to focus more of our limited resources on delivering projects rather than navigating complex and time-consuming technical processes. In addition, the bill reflects the reality that regions must balance multiple state priorities. By incorporating considerations such as housing affordability, economic vitality, resilience, and land conservation into the target setting process, SB 1087 supports a more practical and balanced approach to achieving the state's climate goals.

Finally, SB 1087 will improve transparency and build greater confidence in the SCS as a decision-making tool. By requiring more realistic modeling assumptions and a more transparent target-setting process, the bill will result in plans that are easier to understand, more credible, and more actionable for policymakers and the public. For these reasons, the City supports SB 1087. If there are any questions about the City's position, please contact Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Government Affairs, at cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org, or 916-808-7395.

Sincerely,

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June 9, 2026

Senator Aisha Wahab
Chair, Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 3320
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2010 (SORIA) SNIP ACT (SPAY/NEUTER IMPROVEMENT FOR PETS) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wahab:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write in support of AB 2010 (Soria), the SNIP Act (Spay/Neuter Improvement for Pets), which makes various changes to how a ticket seller, ticket reseller, and ticket resale marketplace may advertise, list, or sell a ticket for an entertainment event, and increases enforcement authority and civil penalties for violations of the bill's requirements.

California's animal shelters and communities are facing growing pressure from a worsening access-to-care crisis. A severe veterinary workforce shortage and limited access to affordable veterinary services have made it increasingly difficult for families to obtain basic care such as spay and neuter. At the same time, shelters and rescue organizations are required to sterilize animals before adoption, placing additional strain on already limited surgical capacity. In many rural and underserved communities, spay and neuter services may be hours away or financially out of reach, while urban communities often face long waitlists and limited appointment availability.

Existing regulations require veterinary premises performing sterilization surgeries to maintain a separately dedicated surgical suite. This requirement does not reflect the modern operational design many veterinarians trained in high-quality, high-volume spay and neuter (HQHVSN) techniques used in other parts of the country. This means that, under current law, veterinarians are limited in the number of California animals that can receive timely sterilization services.

AB 2010 removes this specific barrier while preserving all existing health and safety standards under the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act. By allowing clinics to utilize space more efficiently while continuing to follow strict surgical protocols, the bill enables veterinary teams to safely increase the number of animals that can be sterilized in a given clinic setting.

The proposed solution of "MASH" clinics allows for HQHVSN programs specifically designed to safely expand access to care. While traditional veterinary practices may perform only a small number of sterilization surgeries in a typical day, high-volume clinic models can sterilize dozens of animals daily and hundreds during multi-day

clinics. Expanding access at this scale is critical to reducing shelter intake and preventing unwanted litters.

These programs are also proven safe. Research shows that these specialized one-room operations maintain complication and mortality rates comparable to, or lower than, traditional surgical settings while adhering to strict aseptic protocols and standardized surgical practices.

Every spay or neuter surgery performed today prevents future births and helps break the cycle of shelter overcrowding. By expanding access to affordable sterilization services, AB 2010 will reduce pressure on shelters, support families seeking responsible pet care, and improve animal welfare outcomes statewide. By allowing the City's Front Street Animal Shelter to hold MASH-style clinics or local community centers or other venues that can handle the high volume of animals and staff, AB 2010 will help the City address our overcrowded animal shelter and reduce the number of unwanted animals.

For the above reasons, the City of Sacramento supports AB 2010. If there are any questions about the City's position, please contact Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, at cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org, or 916-808-7395.

Sincerely,



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June 9, 2026

The Honorable Josh Becker
Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 3220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2739: The California Water Affordability and Stabilization Act of 2026 - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Becker:

We, the undersigned coalition of statewide associations, cities, water suppliers, business organizations, regional stakeholders, and individuals are writing to express our support for AB 2739 (Soria), which would establish the California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act of 2026.

Water affordability and system stability are increasingly interconnected challenges across California. Rising costs associated with infrastructure modernization, climate resilience,

regulatory compliance, and energy continue to place pressure on water systems and the communities they serve, particularly for households living at or near poverty.

The California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act proposes a lasting solution by addressing affordability at the household, system, and community levels. The Act advances a sustainable funding solution to support a statewide Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program for water while also supporting strategic investments that stabilize water systems and help reduce cost pressures before they are passed on to ratepayers.

The Act's proposed funding structure provides predictable, long-term resources without placing new burdens on local governments or water ratepayers. This approach strengthens water planning and enhances statewide resilience while preserving local decision-making. Further, we support the commitment of the sponsors of the Act to create a viable, sustainable funding source that **does not include any new taxes or fees**.

The California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act represents an important step forward in advancing the Human Right to Water by supporting vulnerable households and strengthening the public water systems that serve communities across the state.

For the reasons stated above, we strongly support AB 2739 and urge you and your colleagues to vote "Aye" on this important measure. Please feel free to contact Danielle Coats with Rancho Water at (951) 526-6961 or Christine Compton with the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) at (949) 453-5338 if you have any questions.

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Senator Catherine Blakespear
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
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**RE: AB 1603 (SHULTZ) PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS):
DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Blakespear:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write to express support for AB 1603, which would phase out the use, manufacture, and sale of pesticides containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in California.

PFAS, often referred to as “forever chemicals,” are well-documented for their persistence in the environment and their risks to human health. These substances do not readily break down and can accumulate in soil, water, and agricultural products, ultimately entering our food system and drinking water supplies. AB 1603 takes a thoughtful, science-based approach to addressing this issue by treating PFAS as a class and establishing a clear, phased timeline for their restriction and eventual prohibition.

Importantly, the bill balances urgency with practicality. By first restricting PFAS-containing pesticides as of 2028, prohibiting particularly concerning PFAS compounds by 2030, and fully phasing out all intentionally added PFAS by 2035, the legislation provides farmers, manufacturers, and regulators with adequate time to transition to safer alternatives. This measured approach supports both environmental protection and agricultural viability.

The bill also improves transparency and public awareness by requiring clear disclosures when PFAS-containing pesticides are used. Ensuring that communities are informed about potential contamination risks to produce, groundwater, and soil is an essential step in protecting public health and building trust. California has long been a national leader in environmental and public health protections. AB 1603 continues that leadership by proactively addressing a class of chemicals that pose long-term risks to ecosystems and communities. Reducing PFAS contamination in our agricultural systems will help safeguard the health of farmworkers, consumers, and future generations.

For these reasons, the City supports AB 1603. If there are any questions about the City’s position, please contact Brian Sanders, Policy & Legislative Specialist, at bsanders@cityofsacramento.org, or 916-420-0239.

Sincerely,



Caity Maple
Chair, Law and Legislation Committee

June 9, 2026

Assembly Member Isaac Bryant
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
1020 N Street, Room 164
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1180 (ALLEN) PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION AND PACKAGING PRODUCER
RESPONSIBILITY ACT: CALIFORNIA PLASTIC POLLUTION MITIGATION FUND -
SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Bryant,

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write to express our support of SB 1180 (Allen). This bill would take aim at providing local agencies with much needed funding for projects working toward achieving the goals of eliminating plastics waste from the environment.

The City provides drinking water, wastewater and storm drainage services to our one-half million customers in a 100 square-mile service area. For context within the City, plastics are an ongoing issue with clogging in our drainage system (pipes and screens) as well as our pump stations. Pervasive plastics causing these issues causes undo stress for our system O&M. One important note is that plastics that are removed from the sewer/drainage system will not be recycled or composted and will go straight to a landfill. SB 1180 has been determined to be a potential benefit for the City when it comes to source control in our storm drainage system as well as easing the compliance with the trash TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) of our NPDES permits. SB 1180 would make resources available for addressing and reducing the amount of plastics waste in our waterways.

For these reasons, the City believes that SB 1180 will provide benefits to the environment as well as local stormwater agency compliance with NPDES permits and TMDLs and is pleased to support the bill. If there are any questions about the City's position, please contact Brian Sanders, Policy & Legislative Specialist, at bsanders@cityofsacramento.org, or 916-420-0239.

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June 9, 2026

Assembly Member Nick Schultz
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee
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RE: SB 1330 (ARREGUÍN) ASSAULT AND BATTERY: UTILITY WORKERS – SUPPORT AND AMEND

Dear Assembly Member Shultz:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write to express our support and amend position on SB 1330 (Arreguín), which seeks to increase the penalties associated with assault or battery committed against an employee of a public utility or worker, to match the current penalties for such actions against a peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical personnel.

Public utility employees and workers are often in the field in a first responder capacity. They maintain fire hydrants in preparation for the inevitable fire that will strike the community. When there are floods or heavy rain events, they are in the field clearing storm drains, ensuring that the sumps are operating and implementing emergency backup power generation activities during power outages to ensure homes and property are not flooded. When earthquakes strike, they are in the field repairing broken water mains to ensure restoration of access to clean, safe, water for drinking and sanitary purposes. SB 1330 is a commonsense approach to ensuring that these frontline workers are as protected as their peers in other first responder capacities.

The City seeks an amendment to current language that updates the definition of “utility worker” to be inclusive of wastewater and drainage personnel.

SB 1330, if enacted, would increase penalties for assault or battery of a public utility employee or worker in the same manner as other first responders. For the reasons contained in this letter, the City is pleased to support SB 1330. If there are any questions about the City’s position, please contact Brian Sanders, Policy & Legislative Specialist, at bsanders@cityofsacramento.org or 916-420-0239.

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June 17, 2026

Senator Catherine Blakespear
Chair, Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
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**RE: AB 1436 (AVILA FARIAS) STATE AIR RESOURCES BOARD: AIR POLLUTION REGULATIONS:
PRIVATE FLEETS EXCEPTION – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Blakespear:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 1436 (Avila Farias). This important legislation clarifies existing law by confirming that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) does not have the legal authority to regulate private fleets, either directly or indirectly, through the State and Local Government (SLG) Fleets provisions of the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation.

The need for AB 1436 is both urgent and timely. CARB is currently advancing amendments to the ACF regulation through an ongoing rulemaking process. The modifications contained in the recent “15-Day Changes” (posted April 2, 2025) and “Second 15-Day Changes” (posted June 1, 2026)—collectively referred to herein as “Proposed Modifications”—attempt to reassert regulatory authority over private fleets through their contractual relationships with public agencies. The City and hundreds of other stakeholders have raised significant operational concerns throughout this process; however, those concerns have gone largely unaddressed. Therefore, the goal of this bill is to explicitly affirm CARB’s limited authority to act in this manner at the state level in order to eliminate near-term uncertainty and prevent the implementation of a framework that is legally vulnerable and operationally unworkable.

The City supports California's efforts to improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and advance the transition to cleaner transportation technologies. However, the proposed ACF amendments would significantly expand the practical reach of the ACF regulation and create substantial operational, financial, administrative, procurement, and legal burdens for local governments without providing corresponding funding or flexibility.

The proposed ACF amendments would require cities to ensure that private contractors providing services on behalf of local governments comply with State fleet requirements. While the amendments are directed at contractor operations, cities would effectively become responsible for monitoring, documenting, and verifying contractor compliance throughout the duration of public contracts.

To meet the proposed new requirements, local governments would be required to dedicate additional staff resources, expand procurement and contract administration functions, develop new compliance tracking systems, retain auditable records, and respond to state audits and enforcement inquiries for fleets that they do not own, or manage. These activities create ongoing costs and liabilities that are not currently funded and divert limited local resources away from core public services, infrastructure maintenance, public safety operations, and other community priorities.

The impacts on public works operations are particularly concerning. Cities rely heavily on private contractors to construct, maintain, repair, and improve critical public infrastructure. Contractors providing construction, maintenance, fleet, utility, transportation, and other essential public works services will face significant costs associated with vehicle replacement, charging infrastructure, reporting requirements, and regulatory compliance. These costs will inevitably be passed on to local governments through higher contract prices, increasing the cost of delivering public services and maintaining public infrastructure.

The proposed ACF amendments may also reduce contractor availability and competition. Many small and medium-sized contractors may be unable or unwilling to absorb the financial and operational costs associated with compliance, particularly within the implementation timelines contemplated by the regulation. Reduced competition can increase project costs, limit available service providers, delay critical infrastructure projects, and reduce local governments' ability to obtain best value for taxpayers.

The cumulative effect of these proposed ACF requirements extends well beyond fleet compliance. Vehicle procurement costs, charging infrastructure investments, contractor compliance costs, administrative oversight, contract monitoring, record retention, procurement delays, legal exposure, and increased contractor pricing will ultimately be borne by local governments and taxpayers. At a time when cities are facing growing demands for infrastructure investment, pavement preservation, traffic safety improvements, bridge rehabilitation, public facilities, and other essential municipal services, the proposed amendments would require local governments to redirect scarce resources toward regulatory compliance activities that were previously the responsibility of the State.

AB 1436 provides a necessary and prudent solution to an increasingly unworkable and legally untenable situation. By clarifying the limits of CARB's authority, the bill ensures regulatory certainty, protects the integrity of long-standing contractual arrangements, and prevents the imposition of unlawful and unworkable mandates on both public agencies and our private-sector partners. For these reasons, the City supports AB 1436. If there are any questions about the City's position, please contact Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, at cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org or 916-808-7395.

Sincerely,

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June 17, 2026

Assemblymember Christopher Ward
Chair, Assembly Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports & Tourism
1020 N Street, Suite 152
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 226 (CABALDON) – INFRASTRUCTURE REVITALIZATION FINANCING DISTRICTS – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Ward:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write to express our support of SB 226 (Cabaldon), which would clarify that entertainment and sports facilities qualify as commercial or industrial structures that Infrastructure and Revitalization Financing Districts (IRFDs) are authorized to finance.

Existing law authorizes IRFDs to finance a broad range of projects, including highways, transit facilities, water and sewage infrastructure, parks, libraries, housing, and the acquisition, construction, or repair of commercial or industrial structures for private use. While this category is written broadly, it does not explicitly enumerate the specific types of commercial structures that qualify.

SB 226 would make a straightforward clarification to existing law by specifying that the acquisition, construction, or repair of commercial or industrial structures for private use includes entertainment or sports facilities. This clarification removes any ambiguity and provides certainty to local agencies that these facilities are eligible for financing through infrastructure revitalization financing districts.

The Greater Sacramento region recently launched its campaign for a Major League Baseball expansion franchise. The campaign is anchored by a fully entitled 50-acre downtown site in West Sacramento that is designed to support a modern ballpark and mixed-use development. Over 40 years, Sacramento's proposed ballpark district is projected to lead to \$1.77 billion in new tax revenue, of which, \$1 billion will be reinvested into the ballpark district and \$770 million directed towards supporting schools, the county and other special districts.

SB 226 would support jurisdictions like West Sacramento and the Greater Sacramento region that are leveraging innovative financing tools to pursue major economic development opportunities, generate jobs, and revitalize their communities without burdening taxpayers or general fund resources. For this reason, the City is pleased to support SB 266. If there are any questions about the City's position, please contact Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, at cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org or 916-808-7395.

Sincerely,



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June 22, 2026

The Honorable Catherine S. Blakespear
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 3230
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2739: The California Water Affordability and Stabilization Act of 2026 - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Blakespear:

We, the undersigned coalition of statewide associations, cities, water suppliers, business organizations, regional stakeholders, and individuals are writing to express our support for AB 2739 (Soria), which would establish the California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act of 2026.

Water affordability and system stability are increasingly interconnected challenges across California. Rising costs associated with infrastructure modernization, climate resilience, regulatory compliance, and energy continue to place pressure on water systems and the communities they serve, particularly for households living at or near poverty.

The California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act proposes a lasting solution by addressing affordability at the household, system, and community levels. The Act advances a sustainable funding solution to support a statewide Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program for water while also supporting strategic investments that stabilize water systems and help reduce cost pressures before they are passed on to ratepayers.

The Act's proposed funding structure provides predictable, long-term resources without placing new burdens on local governments or water ratepayers. This approach strengthens water planning and enhances statewide resilience while preserving local decision-making. Further, we support the commitment of the sponsors of the Act to create a viable, sustainable funding source that **does not include any new taxes or fees**.

The California Water Affordability and System Stabilization Act represents an important step forward in advancing the Human Right to Water by supporting vulnerable households and strengthening the public water systems that serve communities across the state.

For the reasons stated above, we strongly support AB 2739 and urge you and your colleagues to vote "Aye" on this important measure. Please feel free to contact Danielle Coats with Rancho Water at (951) 526-6961 or Christine Compton with the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) at (949) 453-5338 if you have any questions.

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June 23, 2026

The Honorable Juan Carrillo
 Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
 California State Assembly
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Support for SB 1085 (Durazo) – Water Supply Planning Act

Dear Assembly Member Carrillo:

We, the undersigned, are proud to support SB 1085 (Durazo), the Water Supply Planning Act. We ask for your “aye” vote when the bill is heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

SB 1085 restores an important safeguard on water availability for new large developments that was inadvertently circumvented through recent legislation.

For more than three decades, state law has required water supply assessments (WSAs) for certain large development projects in recognition of the important link between land use

planning and water supply planning. A WSA is an informational tool that focuses on identifying the long-term water supply needed to serve large development projects. California law requires a city or county, upon determining that a project is subject to CEQA, to request a WSA if a project meets certain requirements, including that the project is more than 500 residential units or a non-residential project that demands a similar or greater amount of water. A WSA also allows for early coordination between a water supplier, a land use entity, and a developer. This relationship and information exchange, at the beginning stages of a project, helps ensure efficient project implementation throughout the process.

Recent laws that have eliminated CEQA analysis have inadvertently meant that WSAs are no longer triggered in certain circumstances, even though the project still meets the WSA criteria under state law. SB 1085 restores this important tool for ensuring that new large developments have a long-term water supply, which is critical in light of the impacts that climate change and future droughts could have on areas throughout the state.

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June 23, 2026

Assemblymember Mia Bonta
Chair, Assembly Committee on Health
1020 N Street, Room 390
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1016 (BLAKESPEAR) COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE, RECOVERY, AND EMPOWERMENT
(CARE) COURT PROGRAM AND COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Bonta:

On behalf of the City of Sacramento (City), I write in support of Senate Bill 1506 (Blakespear). This important legislation authorizes a petitioner of a Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act petition to request that the court order a mental health evaluation under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act upon dismissal of the petition and authorizes the court to issue an order for a mental health evaluation under the LPS Act if the CARE Act petition or report prepared by the county behavioral health agency establishes probable cause to support the evaluation and the respondent will not voluntarily receive crisis intervention services or an evaluation.

The City's Fire Department (SFD) provides emergency medical services across the City. Our Fire and EMS personnel respond again and again to the same individuals in crisis. They have watched individuals cycle hundreds of times per year through 911 calls, emergency rooms, and the street without ever reaching stable treatment. With this unmet need for mental health treatment pathways, and the implementation of CARE Court, our office of the Sacramento City Attorney began working closely with SFD and other first responder agencies to assist.

In several CARE petitions filed with the Sacramento Superior Court, the petitions were dismissed due to the severity of the respondent's needs, and the individual was not connected to a higher level of care. When a respondent's psychosis is too severe to allow them to engage in the voluntary CARE process, the case can be dismissed without an evaluation of what that individual actually needs. Our EMS personnel then continue responding to the same individuals because nothing about the underlying condition has changed. That is an unintended result of the current gap in the CARE system, and it places a continuing burden on the individual, the family, first responders, and the community.

This is the gap SB 1016 addresses. When the facts support it, the bill would allow the court to order a mental health evaluation when a CARE Court case is dismissed. That evaluation may show that alternative voluntary services fit the individual, that outpatient treatment is appropriate, or that another existing pathway is needed. The point is that the court would have a way to refer the individual for further evaluation, rather than simply dismissing the case with no next step.

SB 1016 does not remove due process rights and does not replace voluntary care. It helps ensure that the work our first responders put into identifying the individuals most in need does not end in dismissal without further assessment. For a city like Sacramento, where our EMS system carries so much of this burden, that change matters.

For the reasons stated above, the City supports SB 1016. If there are any questions about the City's position, please contact Consuelo Hernandez, Director of Governmental Affairs, at cahernandez@cityofsacramento.org or 916-808-7395.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Law and Legislation Committee

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Law and Legislation Committee Report
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Councilmember Proposal Request for Committee Consideration - Update to the City's Sidewalk Repair Program

File ID: 2026-01169

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and provide direction on the attached councilmember proposal regarding updating the city's sidewalk repair program and take one of the following actions: 1) pass a **Motion** directing the appropriate council appointive officer to commence work on the proposal and bring it back to the committee for review and consideration; 2) pass a **Motion** directing the appropriate council appointive officer to commence work on the proposal with committee members and forwarding the item to the city council for consideration without further review by the committee; 3) pass a **Motion** sending the matter back to the sponsoring councilmember for additional information; 4) pass a **Motion** deferring the request and directing the appropriate council appointive officer to bring the proposal back to the committee at a later date; or 5) pass a **Motion** denying the proposal request.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Councilmember Proposal Request Submission
- 3-Council Rules of Procedure

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: Councilmembers may propose an item, ordinance, program, research, or initiative for council action by submitting a written request to the City Clerk. The process modulates the agenda requests of individual councilmembers by referring those requests to the relevant city council

standing committee for review, as appropriate, and in so doing provides clear guidance to the council appointees that their work demands are serving the council as a whole. It also ensures councilmember requests are duly tracked and assigned, thus promoting transparency and accountability.

The attached proposal number 2026-004 was submitted by Mayor Pro Tem Eric Guerra, Councilmember Dickinson, and Councilmember Jennings, was reviewed by the mayor and is being referred to this city council standing committee for consideration.

Policy Considerations: Council Rules of Procedure, Chapter 12.

Economic Impacts: See proposal.

Environmental Considerations: This action is not a project that is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an administrative activity and relates to government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. (CEQA Guidelines § 15378(b)(2) and (b)(4)).

Sustainability: See proposal.

Commission/Committee Action: Committee action is required to initiate staff work on any councilmember proposal request.

Rationale for Recommendation: Committee direction will provide clear guidance to the council appointees that their work demands are serving the council as a whole and are in alignment with council priorities.

Financial Considerations: See proposal.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): See proposal.



COUNCILMEMBER PROPOSAL REQUEST SUBMISSION

Process as outlined in the Council Rules of Procedure, Chapter 12.

Submission Date: April 24, 2026

SUBJECT (*brief summary*): Update to the City's Sidewalk Repair Program

Councilmember Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Eric Guerra, Councilmember Roger Dickinson, Councilmember Rick Jennings

Assigned Council Staff Member: Lianne Valera, Council Representative to Mayor Pro Tem Guerra; Bryan Deblonk, Chief of Staff to Councilmember Dickinson; Dennis Rogers, Chief of Staff to Councilmember Jennings

Proposal Summary/Recommendation (*Provide a brief description of the proposal*):

Many seniors on fixed incomes and working families face extremely costly sidewalk repairs under the current policy. Sacramento, the City of Trees, has many sidewalks that are often damaged by tree roots which may require the sidewalk to be replaced multiple times. Our outdated City policy only allows cement materials to be used for repairs. However, many jurisdictions throughout California and the country allow alternatives to protect our trees and provide residents accessible walkways. This proposal asks City staff to consider alternative methods that are more economical and/or environmentally sustainable to repair sidewalks in the City of Sacramento.

Direct Staff to revisit the City's current sidewalk repair ordinance and policies to 1) analyze, modify, and modernize Sacramento City Code, Chapter 12.32 - Sidewalk Repair, Maintenance and Liability and/or 2) analyze, modify, and modernize the Sidewalk Repair Specifications and Sidewalk Maintenance Program Handbook.

Rationale for Recommendation (*Identify the issue(s) that this proposal will address*):

State law requires property owners to repair sidewalks adjacent to their properties, and local jurisdictions specify how these repairs are implemented. The City of Sacramento's current protocols for sidewalk repairs are rigid, with virtually no option for repair, only replacement. This situation results in thousands of dollars replacing sidewalk slabs. Additionally, if an adjacent slab has even minor cracks, City protocol necessitates complete replacement, which is not only environmentally irresponsible, but economically prohibitive.

Without alternatives, the City's requirements raise substantial financial barriers for residents with little consideration for one's ability to afford repairs. Exploring options that do not require

complete slab replacement and utilize more cost-effective materials can provide less burdensome repair charges for residents and improved sidewalk longevity.

Currently, Sacramento City Code does not identify a specific material that must be used for sidewalk repairs. The City's Sidewalk Repair Specifications, however, require the use of Portland cement to completely replace sidewalk slabs. Establishing cement as the only material option is inconsistent with the Council's prioritization of environmental sustainability, as cement production, by some estimates, accounts for 8% of global CO2 emissions.

An analysis of the existing ordinance should occur to determine its modification and modernization, along with legal implications to the City. A subsequent reassessment of the current Sidewalk Repair Specifications should occur to determine whether the current methods of repair encompass sufficient consideration of alternative options.

Recommended Priority Level:

- ☐ 0-30 days
- ☒ 30-60 days
- ☐ Greater than 60 days

City Council Committee Review Recommended:

- ☐ Budget and Audit Committee (B&A)
- ☒ Law and Legislation Committee (L&L)
- ☐ Personnel and Public Employees Committee (P&PE)
- ☐ Racial Equity Committee (RE)
- ☐ City Board, Commission, or Committee Review Recommended (*list advisory body(ies)*):

Do any of the following Council Policy Considerations apply? If so, give a brief explanation:

- ☐ DEI:
- ☒ Climate Action: Estimates and analyses show cement production accounts for 8% of CO2 emissions. Modernizing the City's Sidewalk Ordinance to allow for flexibility in sidewalk repair procedures and materials procedures could lessen the environmental impacts of sidewalk repairs in Sacramento.

Financial Considerations: Staff time to review and analyze this program.

Attachments to Support Summary/Recommendation:

(Please attach and explain council staff research that has been done on this proposal; Include all information received from outside careholders, drafts or examples compiled).

1. City of Sacramento, Maintenance Services Division Sidewalk Repair Specifications
2. City of Sacramento Department of Public Works Sidewalk Maintenance Program Handbook
3. Sacramento City Code, Chapter 12.32

Mayor's Review:

Date Reviewed:

Committee Review Required:

- ☐ Budget and Audit Committee (B&A)
- ☐ Law and Legislation Committee (L&L)
- ☐ Personnel and Public Employees Committee (P&PE)
- ☐ Racial Equity Committee
- ☐ City Board, Commission, or Committee Review (*list advisory body(ies)*):

Committee Review Exception Applies:

- ☒ Urgent matter that requires quick council action.
- ☐ A matter related to a pending council matter.
- ☐ A matter that on its face falls fully outside the jurisdiction of the City.
- ☐ A matter within the City Manager's executive function that does not need council authorization.

Department(s) Collaboration Needed:

Mayor's Additional Direction:

City Council Standing Committee Scheduling:

Transmitted for addition to the following agenda(s) for committee review to initiate staff work on the proposal:

Standing Committee	Tentative Agenda Date
Budget and Audit Committee (B&A)	
Law and Legislation Committee (L&L)	
Personnel and Public Employees Committee (P&PE)	
Racial Equity Committee (RE)	

Proposal will also be made part of the Councilmember Proposal Tracking Log.

City Clerk's Additional Comments:



Council Rules of Procedure

Resolution No. 2025-0075 Adopted on March 25, 2025



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Chapter I – Authority/Administration

A. General Authorities and Applicability

1. The Charter of the City of Sacramento provides that the city council shall determine its own rules and order of business ([Sacramento City Charter, § 30](#)). These Council Rules of Procedure (“Rules”) apply when not in conflict with the [Charter of the City of Sacramento](#), [Sacramento City Code](#), the Constitution, or laws of the State of California, including the Ralph M. Brown Act ([Government Code, § 54950 et seq.](#)) (Brown Act). Until such time as they are amended or new rules are adopted by resolution, these Rules govern the order and conduct of business of the city council, legislative bodies that meet concurrently with the council, council committees, and council-established boards, commissions, and committees (collectively, “legislative bodies”).
2. These rules are applicable to council-established boards, commissions, and committees, as well as to the persons sitting on those boards, commissions, and committees. Those council-established boards, commissions, and committees that are authorized to adopt rules of procedure shall adopt rules that are consistent with these Rules and may not be in conflict with the Charter of the City of Sacramento, Sacramento City Code, the Constitution, or laws of the State of California.
3. In the absence of council-adopted administrative policies, council staff shall abide by the administrative policies approved by all charter officers.

B. General Administration

1. The council shall review and revise these Rules annually, or as needed.
2. During council discussions, deliberations, and proceedings, the presiding officer has the primary responsibility to ensure that the council, staff, and members of the public adhere to these Rules.
3. Any member who thinks the Rules are being violated may make a “point of order” to call for the presiding officer to enforce the Rules.

C. Amendment

Any rule may be adopted, altered, amended, or repealed by resolution at any time by a majority vote of the council, provided that at least a 120-hour notice of such proposed rule change is given to the councilmembers.

D. Suspension

1. Any rule may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of all councilmembers present, being not less than five votes.

E. Rosenberg's Rules of Order

To the extent these Rules do not address an issue of parliamentary procedure for legislative body meetings, [*Rosenberg's Rules of Order: Simple Parliamentary Procedures for the 21st Century*](#) shall apply.

Chapter 2 – Duties

A. Duties of Members and Staff

- I. Members and city staff shall conduct the business of the City of Sacramento:
 - a. Recognizing that stewardship of the public interest is of primary concern;
 - b. Working for the common good of the people of Sacramento; and
 - c. Assuring fair and equal treatment of all persons, claims, and transactions coming before the council, council committees, and council-established boards, commissions, and committees.

B. Duties of Mayor and Vice Mayor

- I. The mayor is:
 - a. The presiding officer of the city and of all meetings of the council;
 - b. The official head of the city for performance of duties lawfully delegated to the mayor by the charter;
 - c. Referred to as “chair” or “chairperson” when acting as presiding officer of legislative body meetings other than the council;
 - d. Considered a member of the council;
 - e. Entitled to make and second motions on matters before the council and vote on actions, but possesses no veto power over actions of the council;
 - f. The primary, but not the only, person responsible for interpreting the policies, programs, and needs of city government to the people; and for informing the people of any major change in policies or programs; and
 - g. Empowered, but not exclusively empowered, to make recommendations to the council on all policies and programs that require council decisions; and to perform such other duties as prescribed by the charter.
2. The vice mayor and mayor pro tem shall be elected annually from among the members of the council, other than the mayor, by a majority vote at the council’s first meeting in January.
 - a. In the absence of the mayor from the city or a council meeting, the vice mayor shall possess all powers of the office of the mayor and be subject to all prescribed duties for that office.
 - b. In the absence of the mayor and vice mayor from the city or a council meeting, the mayor pro tem shall possess all powers of the office of the mayor and be subject to all prescribed duties for that office.

Chapter 3 – Conduct of Members

A. Norms and Expectations

I. Members shall:

- a. Put constituents first at all times;
- b. Treat each other, staff, and members of the public with dignity, courtesy, and respect;
- c. Value all opinions, be tolerant of new and different ideas, and encourage creativity and innovation;
- d. Follow through on commitments and be accountable to each other;
- e. Clarify when items are discussed in confidence and maintain appropriate confidentiality;
- f. Be attentive to others, limiting interruptions and distractions;
- g. Encourage dissent in debate while being mindful not to prolong discourse or block consensus;
- h. Be candid with each other about ideas and feelings, and resolve conflicts directly;
- i. Keep comments clear, concise, and on-topic to maximize opportunities for all to express themselves;
- j. Continuously strive to improve how members work as a team;
- k. Place clear and realistic demands on staff resources and time when requesting action;
- l. Start and end meetings on time, work from an agenda, and be present, attentive, and prepared;
- m. Present problems in a way that promotes discussion and resolution; and
- n. Continually work to build trust in each other.

B. General Conduct

I. Members shall:

- a. Treat each other and everyone with courtesy and refrain from inappropriate behavior and derogatory comments;
- b. Be fair, impartial, and unbiased when voting on quasi-judicial actions;

- c. Use the speaker sequencing system to inform the presiding officer of their wish to speak and wait to be acknowledged by the presiding officer before speaking, and abide the following for orderly and courteous discussion:
 - (i) Members should permit the majority to express itself and fashion a result, while permitting the minority to also express itself, but not dominate the discussion, while fully participating in the process;
 - (ii) The presiding officer may give preferential speaking order to the councilmember who represents the district of the agenda item;
 - (iii) In the interest of time, the presiding officer may limit the time allotted to speakers, including members of the body;
 - (iv) Members are encouraged to hear comments from other members prior to speaking a second time; and
 - (v) It is usual courtesy for the presiding officer to play a less active role in the debate and discussion and to make a summary or final comments on any item.
- d. Move to require the presiding officer to enforce this chapter, and the presiding officer shall do so upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present;
- e. Preserve order and decorum during the meeting;
- f. Not delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the council, nor disturb any member while speaking, by conversation or otherwise, nor disobey the orders of the council, or the presiding officer, except as otherwise herein provided;
- g. Abide by the Confidential Information Policy (Resolution No. 2010-0108) prohibiting disclosure of confidential communications and authorizing public censure for failure to comply with the policy;
- h. Support the laws established by the council; and
- i. Abide by this chapter in conducting the business of the City of Sacramento.

C. Conduct with Members

I. Members shall:

- a. Value each other's time;
- b. Attempt to build consensus on an item through an opportunity for dialogue; but when this is not possible, the majority vote shall prevail, and the majority shall show respect for the opinion of the minority;

- c. Have the right to dissent from, protest, or comment upon any action of the council;
- d. Respect each other's opportunity to speak and, if necessary, agree to disagree;
- e. Avoid offensive negative comments and practice civility and decorum during discussions and debate; and
- f. Assist the presiding officer's exercise of the affirmative duty to maintain order.

D. Conduct with City Manager and Staff

I. Members of the city council shall:

- a. Speak to the city manager directly on issues and concerns;
- b. Direct the city manager to implement council's policy decisions through the administrative functions of the city;
- c. Treat staff professionally and refrain from publicly criticizing individual employees;
- d. Avoid involvement in personnel issues except during council closed sessions regarding council-appointed staff, including but not limited to the city attorney, city auditor, city clerk, city manager, city treasurer, or director of the office of public safety accountability;
- e. Discuss directly with the city attorney, city auditor, city clerk, city manager, city treasurer, or director of the office of public safety accountability as appropriate, any displeasure with their department or staff; and
- f. Request answers to questions on council agenda items from the city attorney, city auditor, city clerk, city manager, city treasurer, or director of the office of public safety accountability, department directors, or division managers prior to the meeting whenever possible.

2. General Direction

- a. Council requests that deal with policy issues and council requests that may be construed as direction must be directed to the city manager, except for general inquiries or questions, in which case the council may go to the department directors or key staff in the City Manager's Office. Members may also deal directly with the city attorney, city clerk, city treasurer, city auditor, or other staff appointed by the council.

E. Conduct with the Public

I. Members shall:

- a. Make the public feel welcome;
- b. Be impartial, respectful, and without prejudice toward the public;
- c. Listen courteously and attentively to public comment;
- d. Not argue back and forth with members of the public; and
- e. Make no promises to the public on behalf of the legislative body.

F. Conduct with Other Agencies

I. Members shall:

- a. Project a positive image of the city when dealing with other agencies;
- b. Show tolerance and respect for other agencies' opinions and issues and, if necessary, agree to disagree;
- c. Represent official policies or positions of the council when designated as delegates of a legislative body;
- d. Explicitly state when their opinions and positions do not represent the legislative body when representing their individual opinions and positions, and not allow the inference that they do (see also Rule 13.A.1.c); and
- e. Have the ability to lobby or discuss issues that have been adopted by legislative bodies or are standing policies of the legislative bodies with other legislators, government officials, applicants, or other interested persons.

G. Conduct with Boards and Commissions

I. Councilmembers shall:

- a. Treat all members of boards, commissions, and committees with appreciation and respect; and
 - b. Refrain from participation at board, commission, and committee meetings with the purpose of influencing the outcome of those meetings.
2. Rule 3.G.1.b does not apply to the Compensation Commission, Sacramento Ethics Commission, or Independent Redistricting Commission.

H. Conduct with the Media

1. Members shall not discuss – or go "off the record" with the media to discuss – confidential or privileged information pertaining to closed sessions, or attorney-client privileged or attorney work product communications, including personnel, litigation, or real property negotiations.
2. Providing non-confidential, non-privileged background information is acceptable.

I. Ethical Conduct

1. Members shall conduct themselves in accordance with the Sacramento City Code of Ethics ([Sacramento City Code § 4.02](#)) including but not limited to:
 - a. Members shall comply with the citywide nepotism policy adopted or approved by city council resolution.
 - b. Members shall comply with the citywide whistleblower protection policy adopted or approved by city council resolution.
 - c. Members shall receive ethics training material, as required by Assembly Bill 1234 within 30 days of taking office and at least every two years.
 - d. Members shall receive sexual harassment training material, as required by Assembly Bills 1825 and 1661 within 30 days of taking office and at least every two years.
 - e. Members shall follow the Political Reform Act and Fair Political Practices Commission regulations.
 - f. Members shall conduct themselves in accordance with such policies and training.

Chapter 4 – Conduct of City Staff

A. General Conduct

I. Staff shall:

- a. Prepare well-written staff reports and provide accompanying documents on all agenda items in accordance with the agenda format and preparation schedule;
 - b. Be available for questions from members in accordance with the [Brown Act](#) prior to and during meetings;
 - c. Respond to questions from the public during meetings only when requested to do so by members or the city manager;
 - d. Refrain from arguing with the public or members; and
 - e. Switch electronic equipment such as cellular telephones to silent or off mode during council meetings.
2. Staff shall remain objective on issues and not be advocates for issues unless so directed by the legislative body.
 3. To the extent permitted by the [Brown Act](#), the city manager and staff shall, as soon as possible, inform the mayor and members representing the districts affected of controversial, significant-impact issues that are coming before the legislative body.
 4. The city manager shall advise management staff of potentially political or controversial issues coming before the legislative body and direct staff to be present and appropriately prepared.
 5. The city manager shall make available an informational briefing for members' staff for items affecting the city and items on, or potentially on, the council agenda. Briefings shall include necessary department staff and shall take place as soon as possible.

Chapter 5 – Conduct of the Public

A. General Conduct

I. Decorum.

- a. Members of the public attending council meetings shall observe the same rules and decorum applicable to the members and staff as noted in chapters 3 and 4 of these Rules.
- b. No person shall engage in conduct that is intended to or is likely to provoke violent or riotous behavior, nor shall any person engage in conduct that disturbs the orderly conduct of the council meeting. Examples of disorderly conduct include:
 - (i) Feet-stamping.
 - (ii) Whistling or other abrupt noises.
 - (iii) Yelling or shouting or interrupting a speaker who is addressing the council.
 - (iv) Organized silent demonstrations and other demonstrations intended to disturb the progress of the meeting.
 - (v) Physically threatening conduct.
 - (vi) Verbal threats.
 - (vii) Banging, slamming, or throwing objects.
 - (viii) Interfering with other attendees' ability to participate or address the council.
 - (ix) Entering areas of the chamber not intended for the public.
 - (x) Incitement to commit unlawful or disturbing acts or disrupt proceedings.
 - (xi) Refusing to abide speaker time limits and leave the podium when directed.
 - (xii) Placing physical objects in a manner that creates a disturbance or disrupts proceedings.
 - (xiii) Interjection when not at the podium.
 - (xiv) Refusing to heed the presiding officer's call for order.

- (xv) Approaching the podium or dais without permission of the presiding officer.
 - (xvi) Signs may not be mounted to any solid item that would facilitate holding or waving and may not impede the view of other attendees.
- c. Enforcement. In addition to the presiding officer, the decorum officer and the sergeant-at-arms shall have primary responsibility for enforcing council meeting decorum. Additionally, any member may at any time call for a point of order, to request the timely enforcement of these rules of decorum.
- (i) The presiding officer shall request that a person who is breaching the rules of decorum cease the conduct. If the person does not cease the conduct immediately, the presiding officer may order the person to leave the council meeting or order the sergeant-at-arms to remove the person.
 - (ii) The decorum officer, who shall be a council-selected person who sits on the dais, may also exercise the duties of the presiding officer in Rule 5.A.1.c.(i) above.
 - (iii) The sergeant-at-arms shall assist in enforcing the rules of decorum, including removing disorderly persons upon order of the presiding officer or decorum officer.
 - (iv) If decorum cannot be maintained in council chambers, the presiding officer may take a recess so that decorum can be established.
 - a. If any meeting is willfully interrupted by any person or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting unfeasible and order cannot be maintained by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the members of the legislative body conducting the meeting may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session. ([Government Code, § 54957.9](#)).

The presiding officer shall direct the sergeant-at-arms to allow the following to attend the remaining session:

- i. Once decorum is restored, allow all participants back into council chambers; or
- ii. Once decorum is restored, allow all persons, with the exception of any individuals identified by the presiding officer or decorum officer who were willfully interrupting the meeting or participating in the disturbance, back into council chambers; or

- iii. Once decorum is restored, allow only credentialed representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, back into council chambers.
 - (v) If it is unfeasible to continue the orderly conduct of the meeting in the council chambers the council will continue the meeting in another room at the City Hall Complex and only city staff, credentialed members of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, will be allowed into the meeting.
- 2. Lobbyists shall identify themselves and the client(s), business, or organization they represent before speaking to the council ([Sacramento City Code, § 2.15.160](#)).

B. Addressing the City Council

- 1. Purpose of public comment. During regular meetings, the city provides opportunities for the public to address the council as a whole in order to listen to the public's opinions regarding agendized items and unagendized matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the city. At all other (special) meetings, public comment is limited to agendized items.
 - a. Public comments should not be addressed to individual members nor to city officials, but rather to the council as a whole regarding city business. Comments should be directed to the council and not the audience.
 - b. While members of the public may speak their opinions on city business, personal attacks on members and city officials, use of swear words, and signs or displays of disrespect for individuals are discouraged as they impede good communication with the council.
 - c. Consistent with the [Brown Act](#), the public comment periods on the agenda are not intended to be "question and answer" periods or conversations with the council and city officials. The limited circumstances under which members may respond to public comments are set out in Rule 8.D.2.
 - d. Members of the public with questions concerning consent calendar items may contact the staff person or the member whose district is identified on the report prior to the meeting to reduce the need for discussion of consent calendar items and to better respond to the public's questions.
 - e. The presiding officer may stop a member of the public whose comments are not confined to the agendized item being heard. During the public comment portion of the agenda, the presiding officer may stop a member of the public whose comments are not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the city.
- 2. Speaker time limits. In the interest of facilitating the council's conduct of the city's business, the following time limits apply to members of the public (speakers) who wish to address the council during the meeting.

- a. Matters not on the agenda: two minutes per speaker.
 - b. Consent calendar items. The consent calendar is considered a single item and speakers are therefore subject to the two-minute time limit for the entire consent calendar. Consent calendar items can be pulled at a member's request and will be considered individually, with up to two minutes of public comment per speaker.
 - c. Discussion calendar items: two minutes per speaker.
 - d. Time limits per meeting. In addition to the above time limits per item, the total amount of time any one speaker may address the legislative body at a meeting is eight minutes.
 - (i) Each speaker shall limit their remarks to the specified time allotment.
 - (ii) The presiding officer shall consistently utilize the timing system, which provides speakers with notice of their remaining time to complete their comments. A countdown display of the allotted time will appear on the screen behind the dais.
 - (iii) In the further interest of time, speakers may be asked to limit their comments to new materials and not repeat what a prior speaker said. Organized groups may choose a single spokesperson who may speak for the group, but with no increase in time.
 - (iv) Speakers shall not concede any part of their allotted time to another speaker.
 - (v) The presiding officer may further limit, or expand, the time allotted for public comments per speaker or in total for the orderly conduct of the meeting; such limits shall be fairly applied.
2. Speaker slips. Members of the public in chambers wishing to speak to the legislative body must submit to the city clerk a completed speaker's slip indicating the agenda item or matters not on the agenda item that they wish to address before the item is called.

C. Electronic Devices

1. Members of the public shall turn their electronic devices that are capable of emitting sound – including cellular telephones, personal data devices, digital tablets, laptop computers, etc. – to the off- or silent-mode during council meetings.
2. Cameras. Cameras and recording equipment may be used during council meetings only if:
 - a. The devices are silent during use;
 - b. The devices are used in a manner and at locations that do not impede walkways or others views of the meeting or disrupt the conduct of the meeting;
 - c. Continual lighting may not be used with video recording; and
 - d. Flash photography is not allowed.

D. Speaker Location and Documents

1. Members of the public shall not approach the dais without the express consent of the presiding officer or city clerk.
2. Members of the public wishing to address the legislative body must approach the podium when recognized by the presiding officer or city clerk and speak only from the podium.
3. Members of the public may make oral communications but may not display any content on the overhead screens or otherwise. Members of the public wishing to provide documents to the council shall comply with Rule 7.D.

Chapter 6 – Meeting Types and Schedules

A. Regular Meetings

1. The city council shall hold regular meetings and provide the time, place, and manner of holding its meetings by annual resolution. A majority of regular council meetings must be held after 5:00 p.m. All meetings of the council must be open to the public, except as permitted by state law ([Sacramento City Charter, § 31](#)).
2. The city council shall generally meet on Tuesdays at either 2:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 915 I Street, First Floor, Sacramento, California, except as otherwise stipulated in the adopted meeting schedule.
3. City council standing committees shall generally meet on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 915 I Street, First Floor, Sacramento, California, except as otherwise stipulated in the adopted meeting schedule.
4. City boards, commissions, and committees shall hold regular meetings and provide the time, place, and manner of holding its meetings, according to the council-adopted meeting schedule. All meetings of the city's legislative bodies must be open to the public, except as permitted by state law. The city council shall annually, and as needed, adopt a meeting schedule for all city legislative bodies.
5. City boards, commission, and committees shall generally meet at either 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., or 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Complex, 915 I Street, Sacramento, California, except as otherwise stipulated in the council-adopted meeting schedule.

B. Adjourned Meetings

As permitted by law, the legislative body may adjourn any regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting to a time and place specified in the motion of adjournment.

C. Special Meetings

1. The mayor or a majority of the members of the City Council may direct the city clerk to call a special meeting by providing notice 24-hours in advance of the meeting to the mayor, to all members, and to all media outlets and persons having requested in writing notification of such meetings pursuant to state law.
2. Whenever practicable, special meetings must take place in the council chamber and be video streamed live and recorded for viewing later.

D. City Council Emergency Meetings

1. In the case of an emergency situation involving matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities or services, the City Council may hold an emergency meeting without complying with either the 120-hour (regular meeting) or 24-hour (special meeting) notice and

posting requirements but shall otherwise comply with the [Sacramento City Code § 4.04](#) and [Brown Act](#) procedures generally stated below.

2. Each local newspaper of general circulation and radio or television station that has requested notice of emergency meetings pursuant to the [Brown Act](#) shall be notified by the City Clerk, or designee thereof, at least one hour prior to the emergency meeting, or in the case of a dire emergency, at or near the time that the presiding officer or designee notifies the members of the emergency meeting.
3. This notice shall be given by telephone call or text message to the numbers provided in the most recent request for notification.
4. In the event that telephone services are not functioning, the notice requirements of this section are deemed waived, and the legislative body, or designee of the legislative body, shall notify those newspapers, radio stations, or television stations of the emergency meeting, the purpose of the meeting, and any action taken at the meeting as soon after the meeting as possible.
5. During an emergency meeting, the legislative body may meet in closed session pursuant to the [Brown Act](#) if agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the members present, being not less than five votes of the council.
6. All special meeting requirements in the [Brown Act](#) are applicable to an emergency meeting, except for the 24-hour notice and posting requirement.
7. The minutes of an emergency meeting; a list of persons who the presiding officer of the legislative body, or designee of the council, notified or attempted to notify; a copy of the roll call vote; and any actions taken at the meeting, shall be posted for a minimum of ten days in a public place as soon after the meeting as possible.

E. Closed Sessions

1. Closed sessions generally shall be special meetings held immediately prior to regular meetings.
2. In accordance with the [Brown Act](#), the public may speak regarding any closed session item prior to the closed session.
3. All closed session information, verbal or written, is privileged and confidential and shall not be shared with any person not at the closed session. Any member sharing information in violation of this rule may be subject to censure by the council consistent with the council's confidentiality policy then in effect.
4. The city attorney shall report out in public session any reportable actions that were taken by council and the vote on such actions in accordance with the [Brown Act](#).
5. For closed sessions related to appointive-officer performance evaluations and compensation, see Chapter 18.

F. Public Hearings

1. The city clerk shall set council hearing dates and notify the council via the preliminary draft agenda on all matters that require a notice and public hearing before the council, such as matters received from the planning division and appeals to the council.
2. Public hearings will not be withdrawn or continued without the full knowledge and concurrence of the councilmembers within whose districts/jurisdiction the issue resides.
3. The council may refuse to grant a continuance of any hearing unless there is a valid legal reason why the hearing must be continued.
4. Continuances.
 - a. Any person (applicant, appellant, or designated representative) scheduled for a public hearing before the legislative body:
 - (i) May obtain one continuance for a period not to exceed the second regular meeting after the original scheduled hearing date, as a matter of right, without personally appearing on the scheduled hearing date, provided a written request for the continuance must be delivered to the city clerk by noon on the day prior to the scheduled public hearing. Any person who has once obtained a continuance by any procedure may not obtain a subsequent continuance under this Rule 6.F.4.a(i).
 - (ii) Who wants to obtain a continuance of the hearing beyond the second regular meeting after the original scheduled hearing date, or who has not notified the city clerk as provided in Rule 6.F.4.a(i), may obtain a continuance only by appearing before the legislative body at the time the original hearing is scheduled and requesting a continuance. This continuance is not a matter of right and will not be granted unless the legislative body is satisfied that good cause exists for the continuance and that a substantial number of people will not be inconvenienced by such continuance.
 - (iii) Who has once obtained a continuance of a hearing either by notice to the city clerk under Rule 6.F.4.a(i) or by personal appearance under Rule 6.F.4.a(ii) may obtain a further continuance only by appearing before the legislative body at the scheduled hearing and satisfying the legislative body that extraordinary circumstances exist that would justify this second continuance.

- (iv) Who has twice obtained a continuance of a hearing may obtain an additional continuance only by appearing before the legislative body at the scheduled hearing and satisfying the legislative body that a miscarriage of justice would result from the refusal of the legislative body to grant a continuance.
- b. City staff may obtain a continuance based on the need of the originating department or on behalf of a member. Department staff may request, via the city clerk, as many continuances as needed to complete and ready the project or appeal for the hearing process; however, staff may not serve as a requestor on behalf of an applicant or appellant.
- c. Any organized group of residents or neighborhood associations not recognized as an applicant or appellant may contact their councilmember and request a continuance as needed to complete and ready the project or appeal for the hearing process. The member, in their sole discretion, may request the legislative body approve the continuance for good cause.
- d. At the meeting when the hearing is scheduled, but before the hearing starts, any member may request the council approve a continuance.
- e. Disputes regarding the length of a continuance will be decided by the council at the scheduled hearing if city staff or the city clerk cannot obtain mutual agreement between the parties beforehand.

G. Teleconference Meetings

- a. Members of the City Council may participate via a teleconference platform only in accordance with the [Brown Act](#).

H. Televised Meetings

- a. City Council meetings held in the council chambers are generally telecast via local television and available live via video streaming on the city's official [website](#) and recorded for viewing later.
- b. Standing committee and city established board, committee, and commission meetings held in the council chambers or historic hearing room are available live via video streaming on the city's official [website](#) and recorded for viewing later.

Chapter 7 – Meeting Agendas

A. Requirements for Agenda Item Submission

1. The city manager and city clerk shall develop the agenda for council meetings in consultation with the mayor and/or vice mayor, with the exception of agenda items involving the compensation of charter officers or any personnel that report to the council, which may only be brought forward with the initial approval of the mayor, or recommendation by a majority of the Personnel and Public Employees (P&PE) Committee.
2. Charter officers, the director of the office of public safety accountability, and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency executive director may submit staff reports or descriptions of oral reports to the city clerk for placement on the agenda.
3. Department directors, subject to the discretion of the city manager, may submit staff reports, including oral reports, to the city clerk for placement on the agenda.
4. Outside agencies and advisory bodies, and city boards, committees, and commissions may submit agenda items in accordance with the following:
 - a. Items must be sponsored for agenda placement by the mayor, charter officers, or department staff; and
 - a. All agenda items must be submitted in accordance with the agenda packet submission and preparation requirements.
5. Prior to an agenda item being brought to the city council, it should be brought to any relevant city board, committee, or commission and the staff report should include the board, committee, or commission recommendation.

B. Declaration of Policy

1. No ordinance, resolution, motion, or item of business may be introduced or acted upon at a meeting of a legislative body of the city without it appearing on a duly noticed and posted agenda in accordance with [Sacramento City Code § 4.04](#) and the [Brown Act](#). Exceptions to this rule are limited to those provided by state law.
2. No ordinance, resolution, motion, or item of business will be considered that:
 - a. Does not affect the conduct of the business of the City of Sacramento or its powers or duties as a municipal corporation, or
 - b. Supports or disapproves of any legislation or action
 - (i) Of the State of California;
 - (ii) Of the President or Congress of the United States; or

- (iii) Before any officer or agency of the state or nation, unless the proposed legislation or action, if adopted, will affect the conduct of the municipal business or the powers or duties of the City of Sacramento or its officers or employees.

- c. Rule 7.B.2 may be invoked only before public comment or council deliberation on the matter and by five affirmative votes on the question: "Shall the council consider this matter?"

C. Procedures for Submission of Reports

- 1. A written staff report should be prepared and submitted in accordance with the agenda review procedure and reviewed by the relevant departments including but not limited to finance, city manager, and city attorney.
- 2. Continued items do not require a new report if there are no changes other than the agenda date. If there is any other change, a new report meeting all applicable requirements must be submitted.
- 3. Staff reports should include sufficient information for members of the council and the public to understand the action being considered, including any board, commission, or committee recommendation, and the appropriate legislative history.

D. Written Communications from the City and the Public

- 1. The city clerk shall manage communications to members regarding meeting topics to ensure compliance with the [Brown Act](#).
 - a. Except for records exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act ([Government Code, § 54957.5](#), subd. (b)) and otherwise by law, agendas and any other writings distributed to all or a majority of the members of a legislative body for discussion or consideration at a public meeting are disclosable to the public and shall be made available upon request without delay.
 - b. Materials distributed to the members during the meeting shall be available for viewing by the public during the meeting if the materials were prepared by the city or a member, or at the conclusion of the meeting if prepared by another person ([Government Code, § 54957.5](#), subd. (b)).
- 2. Interested parties or their authorized representatives may address the council by written communications regarding agenda items.
 - a. Written communications received by the city clerk will be delivered to members as soon as possible or at the city council meeting if related to an item on that meeting agenda.

- b. Members of the public may submit comments via the agenda “e-comment” function on the city’s [website](#). E-comments can be submitted and viewed on the city’s website agenda page once an agenda is posted and until adjournment of that meeting. The full e-comment package will be available in the city’s online records library after the conclusion of a meeting.
- c. Documents (20 copies recommended) that members of the public submit to the legislative body at the meeting shall be given directly to the city clerk for distribution and shall not be given directly to the members. The documents will be made available to the public.

E. Preparation of the Agenda Packet

- 1. No later than 120-hours prior to each regularly scheduled meeting, the city clerk shall finalize the agenda packet.
- 2. Agenda Packet Contents.
 - a. The agenda packet will include the agenda, the staff reports, draft resolutions and ordinances, contracts, and other attachments. Items noted as “To Be Delivered” on the agenda will be delivered and published to the city’s [website](#) upon receipt by the city clerk. No item is required to be considered by the legislative body if the applicable written material is not delivered to the members before the meeting and made available to the public at the same time.
 - b. Corrections or supplements to a staff report or other written materials already included in the agenda packet may be delivered separately.
 - c. All agreements on the agenda must be available for review by the council and the public prior to the meeting, or at the meeting location during the meeting, unless determined otherwise by the city attorney.
 - d. Unless waived by a two-thirds vote of council, all city labor agreements and all agreements greater than \$1,000,000 must be posted on the city’s website and be made available to the public at least ten days prior to council action as required by [Sacramento City Code section 4.04.020](#).

F. Distribution of the Packet

- 1. The city clerk shall make available the agenda packet to the councilmembers and post it to the website no later than 120 hours prior to a regularly scheduled meeting.

G. Posting of Agenda

- 1. The city clerk shall post the agenda of each regular meeting of the legislative body at least 120-hours in advance of the meeting in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public, as required by the [Brown Act](#).

2. The city clerk shall maintain an affidavit indicating the location, date, and time of posting each agenda.
3. If technical difficulties occur, the agenda and reports will be published on the city's [website](#) as soon as those difficulties are resolved.

H. Failure to Meet Agenda Deadlines

1. The city clerk shall not, without the concurrence of the city manager and city attorney, accept any agenda item or revised agenda item after the deadlines established and noted in these Rules.
2. Any agenda items or revised agenda items will be reviewed by relevant departments as identified by the agenda workflow approval process.

I. Exceptions to the Agenda Requirement

1. Matters not included on the published agenda may be discussed and acted upon by the legislative body only in the following situations:
 - a. At a meeting during which a majority of the members determine in open session that the matter in question constitutes an "emergency" ([Government Code, § 54956.5](#)); or
 - b. Upon a determination by two-thirds of the members, or if less than two-thirds are present by unanimous vote of the members present, that:
 - (i) There is a need to take immediate action; and
 - (ii) The need for action came to the attention of the city after the agenda had been posted.

J. Order of Business and Types of Agenda Items

The order of business should be carried out as listed on the agenda in the order as set out below; however, the presiding officer may reorder the items at the meeting, unless members object. Members may request items be reordered by motion.

1. Closed Session: confidential discussions with the legislative body as permitted by the [Brown Act](#).
2. Special Presentations/General Communications: the presentation and receipt of ceremonial resolutions and recognitions not requiring formal legislative body action. Special presentations are limited to two per meeting and no more than five minutes each.
3. Consent Calendar: considered one item, consisting of matters routine in nature and not likely to be subject to debate or inquiry by the members or the public; typically adopted in one motion.

4. Public Hearings: duly noticed hearings as mandated by local, state, or federal law, providing an opportunity for public review and comment of a proposed action by the council.
5. Discussion Calendar: non-routine items requiring an oral presentation and discussion before action is taken.
6. Information Items: items when staff is required by federal or state law or city code to inform council of an issue when authority has been delegated to a person, position, board, or commission.
7. Council Comments – Ideas, Questions, and ABI234 Reports:
 - a. Brief oral or written reports summarizing meeting or conference attendance at city expense, as required by Assembly Bill 1234 ([Government Code, § 53232.3](#));
 - b. Requests for the city manager or staff to report on various issues;
 - c. Requests to place items on a future council meeting agenda;
 - d. Requests to refer preparation or review of non-binding resolutions or ordinances to the Law and Legislation Committee; and
 - e. Reports on district and citywide activities or news.
8. City Manager's Report
 - a. Brief oral report from the City Manager or designee.
9. Public Comment-Matters Not on the Agenda: oral communications from the audience regarding matters not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the city.

K. Ordinances and Non-Binding Resolutions

1. Ordinance and non-binding resolution preparation must be referred to the Law and Legislation Committee (L&L) before coming to council, as described in Rule 13. However, ceremonial city council resolutions (see Rule 7.L, below) need not be referred to the Law and Legislation Committee.
2. Ordinances on the agenda may be passed for publication or adopted in accordance with the procedures in [Sacramento City Charter § 32](#).
3. Ordinance changes during the review and adoption process.
 - a. The text of an ordinance as approved by the L&L Committee, receiving the necessary votes to bring the matter to council under Rule 13, must be the text that is included in the published agenda as pass-for-publication.

- b. If an ordinance is brought to council under Rule 13, the text of the ordinance brought to council must be the same text as was submitted to the L&L Committee.
 - c. The text of an ordinance passed for publication must be the text that is included in the published agenda for the meeting at which the adoption of the ordinance is discussed.
 - d. Notwithstanding subsections a, b, and c, typographical and clerical errors may be corrected at any time during the ordinance review and adoption process.
 - e. If a member intends to make a substantive (i.e., anything not typographical or clerical) change to an ordinance after it is included in a published agenda, at or before the time the ordinance adoption item is called on the agenda, the member shall distribute sufficient written copies of the proposed change so that all other members, the charter officers, relevant city staff, and the public audience have copies.
 - f. If the legislative body's motion to adopt a resolution or ordinance includes a change to the resolution or ordinance text from that published in the agenda, prior to the vote the city clerk shall repeat verbatim the proposed change or otherwise indicate the change is reflected in the circulated written copy of the change.
 - g. Ordinances bypassing the pass-for-publication requirement under Sacramento City Charter § 32 are subject to this Rule 7.K.3, as applicable.
4. Except as set forth in section (a) below, council can consider adoption of non-binding resolutions. Non-binding resolutions are those within which the council declares its position and opinions on an issue, policy, or other matter that falls outside of the jurisdiction of the city and the council lacks legal authority to establish or regulate. The council may act on such a non-binding resolution if it determines that the matter is of such importance that the council should make the symbolic gesture of adopting a resolution declarative of council's position.
- a. The city council shall not act or take a position on matters concerning foreign policy, except upon a 2/3 vote of the Council determining that those matters directly affect the City of Sacramento.

L. Ceremonial City Council Resolutions

- I. A ceremonial city council resolution is non-binding and has no authority.
 - a. The city council may recognize and celebrate community members, organizations, and events for their contributions to the City of Sacramento and raise awareness surrounding important issues that affect the greater community.
 - b. Ceremonial city council resolutions are not intended for political, commercial, or narrow individual purposes, and should be consistent with the overall policies of the city council. These resolutions shall not inhibit, benefit, or promote religious activities, shall be non-discriminatory, and may not promote political advocacy activities.
2. Requests for ceremonial city council resolutions should be directed to the city clerk, who will work in collaboration with the mayor to finalize language and schedule for presentation at an upcoming city council meeting.
 - (i) A ceremonial city council resolution is the highest council honor reserved for individuals and organizations who have made extraordinary, lasting, or significant contributions to the City of Sacramento and its residents and who should be held in high esteem.
 - (ii) This type of recognition should be awarded to City of Sacramento residents, organizations, businesses, dignitaries, and other similar entities who have made significant contributions to the community; non-profit corporations, sports teams, or individuals who have won state, regional, or national titles; acts of heroism, including those as defined by police, fire, and other public safety departments; and individuals deserving exceptional commendation for their contribution to the City as a whole and its residents.
 - (iii) An Obituary Resolution may be issued to the family in honor of a deceased community member in memoriam of an individual who has made a significant contribution to the City of Sacramento and is generally presented in the community and not at a city council meeting.
3. Individual councilmembers may also create and present ceremonial council-district recognitions in their specific community. An individual councilmember recognition may be issued to individuals, organizations, or groups who have made significant contributions within a specific council district or districts or in support of programs or organizations of interest to the residents of the district.

Chapter 8 – Conduct of Meeting

A. Call to Order – Presiding Officer

1. The mayor, or in the mayor's absence the vice mayor, shall take the chair at the hour appointed for the meeting and shall immediately call the meeting of the council to order.
2. In the absence of the mayor and vice mayor, the mayor pro tem shall preside over the meeting.
3. Upon the arrival of the mayor, the vice mayor shall immediately relinquish the chair at the conclusion of the business then before the council.
4. For council standing committees the chair shall call to order and preside over the meeting. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall perform the duties and obligations of the chair.
5. For all other city established legislative bodies the chair shall call to order and preside over the meeting. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall perform the duties and obligations of the chair. In the absence of chair and vice chair, the city clerk shall call the meeting to order, and a temporary chairperson shall be elected from among the members present. Upon arrival of the chair or vice chair, the temporary chairperson shall relinquish the position upon conclusion of the item then before the legislative body.

B. Roll Call/Attendance

1. A majority of the members of the council then in office constitutes a quorum ([Sacramento City Charter § 30](#)).
2. A majority of members of the council established legislative body constitutes a quorum.
3. Before the legislative body proceeds with the business before it, the city clerk shall note the members present for the minutes. The late arrival and early departure of members will be entered into the action minutes.
4. A councilmember is considered present at a meeting if the member is either physically in the council chamber or is participating in the meeting through teleconference in accordance with the [Brown Act](#). Meeting attendance of the mayor or councilmembers through teleconference is permitted only in extraordinary circumstances.
5. Members must be physically present at the council chamber dais or teleconference location to vote. Proxy or absentee voting is not permitted.

C. Order of Discussion

The order of business must be carried out as listed on the agenda as set out below; however, the presiding officer may reorder the items at the meeting, unless members object. Members may request items be reordered by motion.

- I. Consent calendar, and any items removed for discussion.
 - a. Mayor, members, or charter officers may request that any matter be removed from the consent calendar and a separate vote taken.
 - b. All matters remaining on the consent calendar shall be approved by a single action, such single action to have the legal effect of individual action on each matter.
 - c. If consent calendar items are removed, they shall be discussed immediately after adoption of the balance of the consent calendar.
2. Public Hearings
 - a. The order of public hearings will generally be as follows:
 - (i) **Open the public hearing.**
 - (ii) Member report of ex parte communications.
 - (iii) Staff comments, information, and reports, followed by member questions.
 - (iv) Proponent, if applicable, speaks, followed by member questions.
 - (v) Opponent, if applicable, speaks, followed by member questions.
 - (vi) If the public hearing is on an appeal that does not require council de novo review, then the appellant (opponent) speaks before the applicant (proponent) in accordance with the allotted time.
 - (vii) Public comments.
 - (viii) If the public hearing is a de novo review appeal, the applicant speaks in rebuttal, but if not a de novo review appeal, the appellant speaks in rebuttal.
 - (ix) Closure of public comment period.
 - (x) Further member discussion.
 - (xi) **Motion to close public hearing and take action.**

- b. The presiding officer may direct speakers to avoid repetition in order to permit maximum information to be provided the legislative body within the time allotted for the hearing.
 - c. The appellant and applicant shall be allocated sufficient time to address the legislative body. However, reasonable time limits on persons addressing the legislative body, including applicants, proponents, and opponents may be imposed if necessary for the orderly conduct of the hearing and the limits are fairly applied.
- 3. Discussion Calendar
 - a. The order of discussion after introduction of an item will generally be as follows:
 - (i) Staff comments, information, and reports, followed by questions from the members.
 - (ii) Public comments and information, followed by questions from the members.
 - (iii) Member discussion, motion, and action.
 - b. Once the item is placed before the council for discussion, motion, or action, no member of staff or the public is allowed to address the council without the consent of the mayor or members.
- 4. Council Comments – Ideas, Questions, and ABI 234 Reports
 - a. Brief oral or written reports summarizing meeting or conference attendance at city expense, as required by Assembly Bill 1234 ([Government Code, § 53232.3](#));
 - b. Requests for the city manager or staff to report on various issues;
 - c. Requests to place items on a future council meeting agenda; or
 - d. Reports on district and citywide activities or news.
- 5. City Manager’s Report
 - a. Brief oral report from the City Manager or their designee.
- 6. Public Comment for Matters Not on the Agenda
 - a. As required by the Brown Act, a portion of each council meeting agenda will provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the council on any agenda item, including closed session and consent calendar items. Regular meeting agendas also will provide for public comment on any unagenda item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the city.

- b. In response to public comment on unagendized items, the members may individually:
 - (i) Briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public;
 - (ii) Ask questions for clarification;
 - (iii) Provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information or response;
 - (iv) Request staff to report to the council at a subsequent meeting; or
 - (v) Request staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda as needed.

D. Quorum Call

1. During the course of the meeting, should the presiding officer note a quorum is lacking, the presiding officer shall call this fact to the attention of the city clerk.
2. The presiding officer then shall issue a quorum call. If a quorum has not been restored within two minutes of a quorum call, the presiding officer may declare a recess for a reasonable period of time in order to reestablish a quorum.
3. If no quorum is reestablished within a reasonable time, the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting.
4. Continuation of a council meeting extending past 9:30 p.m. requires a majority vote of the councilmembers present.
5. Continuation of a Housing Code Advisory and Appeals Board, Planning and Design Commission, or Preservation Commission meeting extending past 9:30 p.m. requires a majority vote of the commissioners present.
6. A meeting of any other city established legislative body shall automatically adjourn after two hours, unless extended by a 2/3 vote of the members present; but in no case shall an advisory body meeting exceed three hours.

E. Obtaining the Floor

1. Any member wishing to speak must first obtain the floor by being recognized by the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall recognize any member who seeks the floor when appropriately entitled to do so.
2. With the concurrence of the presiding officer, a member holding the floor may address a question to another member and that member may respond while the floor is still held by the member asking the question. A member may opt not to answer a question while another member has the floor.

F. Motions

- I. [Rosenberg's Rules of Order: Simple Parliamentary Procedures for the 21st Century](#) governs the management of motions.

G. Voting

1. Requirements for Action.

- a. Unless a higher vote is required by the city charter, the city code, or otherwise by law, the affirmative votes of at least five members of the council shall be required:
 - (i) For the council to take action on an item of business;
 - (ii) To pass any ordinance, resolution, or motion; or
 - (iii) To make or approve any order for the payment of money requiring council approval.
- b. Any ordinance declared by the council to be necessary as an emergency measure and containing a statement of the facts constituting such emergency as provided in the city charter may be introduced and adopted at the same meeting if passed by at least six affirmative votes ([Sacramento City Charter, § 32](#)).

2. Voting Disqualification.

- a. A member shall not vote upon a matter if the member is disqualified from voting on that matter due to a conflict of interest. Nor shall any member vote on a quasi-judicial matter if the member is biased regarding that matter.
- b. A member shall openly state an abstention due to a conflict of interest or bias. A member shall only abstain when there is an actual (or reasonably perceived) financial conflict of interest or bias, and the member is prohibited from voting on the item.
- c. A member who is abstaining due to a financial conflict of interest shall publicly identify the financial interest in detail sufficient to be understood by the public, except that disclosure of the exact street address of a residence is not required.
- d. Under SB 1439, an officer who is abstaining (Government Code, § 84308, the “Levine Act”) shall disclose that fact on the record of the proceeding. Under SB 1439, an officer of an agency shall not make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use the officer’s official position to influence the decision in a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use pending before the agency if the officer has willfully or knowingly received a contribution in an amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) within the preceding 12 months from a party or a party’s agent, or from any participant or a participant’s agent if the officer knows or has reason to know that the participant has a financial interest in the decision.
- e. As to any other conflict of interest, the member's determination may be accompanied by an oral or written disclosure of the conflict of interest.

- f.** A member who is disqualified by a conflict of interest in any matter shall not remain on the dais during the discussion and shall not vote on that matter. However, the member may remain on the dais for Consent Calendar items if the member states the abstention from the vote due to the described conflict of interest before the Consent Calendar is voted on in one motion.

Chapter 9 – Council Vacancies

A. Procedures

1. As provided in the Sacramento City Charter, absence from five consecutive regular meetings of the council, unless excused by resolution of the council, operates to vacate the seat of the mayor or councilmember so absent. (Sacramento City Charter, §§ [28](#) and [46](#).)
2. A vacancy in the office of councilmember or mayor shall be filled by special election called by the council as provided in [Sacramento City Charter § 154](#), unless the vacancy occurs within one year of the next general election at which that office would normally be filled, in which case the vacancy shall be filled by appointment. The city clerk shall take the necessary actions to accomplish the recruitment and appointment of candidates as provided in [Sacramento City Code § 1.14](#).

Chapter 10 - Facilities

A. Meeting Locations

- I. Whenever practical, legislative body meetings shall be held at the City Hall Complex, located at 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 to facilitate video streaming to the city's [website](#) and archiving for future access.

B. Meeting Capacity

- I. Council chamber and historic hearing room attendance is limited to the posted seating capacity. The maximum occupancy of council chambers is 230 and historic hearing room is 70. The city manager shall appropriately regulate entrance to the council chamber when the council chamber capacity is likely to be exceeded. When legislative bodies are in session, members of the public shall not remain standing in the seating area or aisles of the council chamber. Sitting on the floor is not permitted. The sergeant-at-arms shall enforce this chapter.
2. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, meeting locations are accessible to the public. If a member of the public needs special assistance, a disability-related modification or accommodation, agenda materials in an alternative format, or auxiliary aids to participate in this meeting, they should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 916-808-7200 or clerk@cityofsacramento.org as soon as possible. Providing at least 72 hours' notice will help ensure that reasonable arrangements can be made.

Chapter 11 - City Council Committees and Regional Organizations

A. General

1. The mayor shall make all appointments to council standing committees, subject to the approval of the council. The mayor shall make all appointments to council ad hoc committees.
2. A standing committee is a permanent committee of the council established to consider subjects of a particular class, with regularly scheduled meeting dates and times.
3. An ad hoc committee is a temporary committee of the council established for a special purpose and of limited duration.
4. Standing and ad hoc committees have fact-finding, informative, and recommendatory powers only, and such other powers delegated by the council.
5. The council intends that council committees, to the extent possible, conduct a full hearing on any matter referred to that committee before the committee refers the matter back to the council.
6. The city clerk shall maintain and keep on file a list of the standing committees, ad hoc committees, regional organizations, and joint powers agencies to which councilmembers are appointed.

B. Council Standing Committees

I. General Guidelines

- a. Standing committee appointments shall be made by the mayor each at the beginning of each calendar year or as necessary.
- b. Standing committees shall meet at the city hall complex.
- c. Standing committees are subject to the [Brown Act](#) and the Sacramento Sunshine Ordinance ([Sacramento City Code § 4.04](#)). Standing committee agendas shall be prepared, posted, and distributed in accordance with the Brown Act and the Sacramento Sunshine Ordinance (Sacramento City Code Chapter 4.04), stating the time and place of the meeting and the subject matters to be discussed.
- d. A councilmember who is not a member of the standing committee may attend a standing committee meeting, provided the member attends only as an observer, does not testify or otherwise participate in any discussion, and sits amongst the public.
- e. Except as provided in subsection f, all items on a standing committee's agenda must first be referred to the committee by the council for review, with a recommendation returned to the council within 120 days, subject to the exceptions set forth below or as otherwise modified by the council.

- f. With approval of the city clerk, city manager, or committee chair, an item may be sent directly to a standing committee without council referral. If a matter is so referred to a standing committee, the committee agenda must note that fact on the face of the agenda and the committee chair shall notify the council. Such referrals are not required to be forwarded to the council unless council action is recommended by the standing committee.
- g. The city clerk shall assign staff to assist the committee chair with the operation of the committee.

C. Council Ad Hoc Committees

1. Establishment.

- a. The mayor or a majority of the council may request the creation of an ad hoc committee.
- b. The city manager or a department director, together with the city attorney, shall work with the appropriate supporting department(s) and determine the scope and approximate duration the ad hoc committee.
- c. The department director shall submit a request to the mayor, with a copy to the city clerk, requesting the creation of and appointment of up to four members to an ad hoc committee.

2. Scheduling Ad Hoc Committee Meetings.

- a. Once an ad hoc committee has been established, the city clerk shall schedule the first meeting. Once confirmed, the city clerk shall notify the members, mayor's office, city manager (or designee), and the city attorney (or designee) of the meeting details. A regular meeting calendar will be established and adopted by the ad hoc committee.
- b. A councilmember who is not a member of the ad hoc committee may attend an ad hoc committee meeting, provided the member attends only as an observer, does not testify or otherwise participate in any discussion, and sits amongst the public.
- c. Ad hoc committees are subject to the [Brown Act](#) and the Sacramento Sunshine Ordinance ([Sacramento City Code § 4.04](#)).

3. Dissolution

- a. Once an ad hoc committee has completed its task, the supporting department shall submit a report to the mayor, with a copy to the city clerk, stating completion of the ad hoc committee tasks and request the dissolution of the ad hoc committee.
- b. An ad hoc committee is automatically dissolved one year after its first meeting, unless it is dissolved earlier under Rule 12.C.3.a.
- c. The city clerk will provide a periodic report to council announcing the dissolution of ad hoc committees.

D. Regional Organizations

The mayor shall appoint council representatives to regional organizations and joint powers agencies listed in the documents maintained by the city clerk, subject to council approval. Appointments shall be made at the beginning of each calendar year or as necessary.

Chapter 12 – Councilmember Proposal Requests

A. General

- I. This chapter outlines the process for councilmembers to propose an idea for council action. It modulates the agenda requests of individual councilmembers by referring those requests to the relevant city council standing committee for review, as appropriate, and in so doing provides clear guidance to the council appointees that their work demands are serving the council as a whole. It also ensures councilmember requests are duly tracked and assigned, thus promoting transparency and accountability.

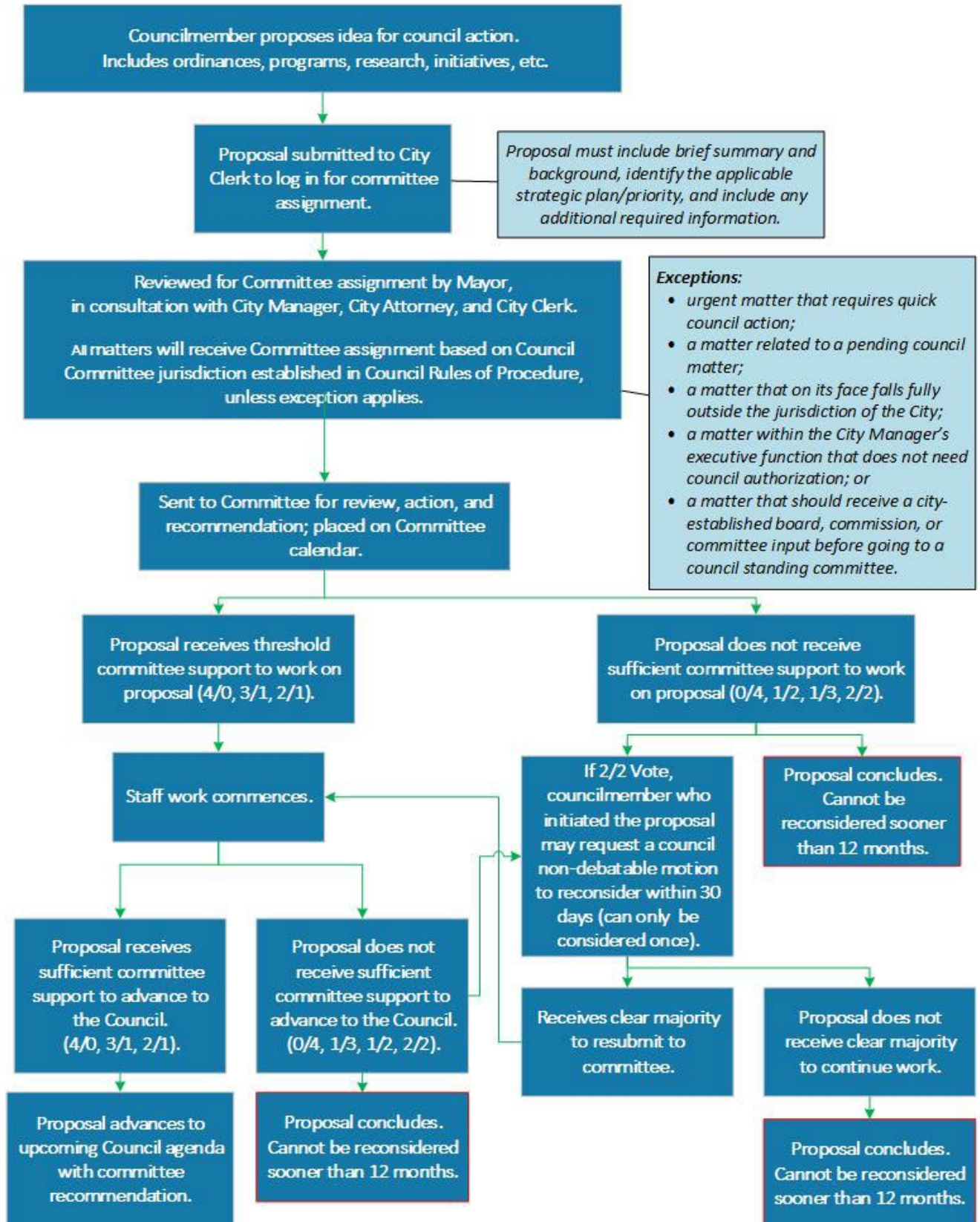
B. Procedures

- I. Councilmember proposal requests must be submitted in writing to the city clerk. The proposal must include a brief summary and background, identify the applicable strategic plan/priority, estimate any budget adjustment or impact, and include additional information sufficient for committee deliberation.
2. The mayor, in consultation with the city manager, city attorney, and city clerk, shall review all requests and will assign each proposal to a committee based on committee jurisdiction, unless an exception applies.
 - a. Exceptions:
 - i. Urgent matter that requires quick council action;
 - ii. A matter related to a pending council matter;
 - iii. A matter that on its face falls fully outside the jurisdiction of the City;
 - iv. A matter within the City Manager's executive function that does not need council authorization; or
 - v. A matter that should receive a city-established board, commission, or committee input before going to a city council standing committee.

3. Standing committees shall review each proposal and vote whether to approve staff work.
 - a. If the proposal receives threshold committee support to work on the proposal (i.e., a vote of 4/0, 3/1, or 2/1), staff work commences.
 - b. If the proposal receives a 2/2 vote, within 30 days thereafter the city councilmember who initiated the proposal may ask that the city council vote on a non-debatable motion to reconsider, which motion will be placed on the next available city council agenda. If the motion receives five or more “aye” votes, the item will be resubmitted to the committee. If the motion fails, the proposal concludes. The non-debatable motion to consider may only be considered once. Once a proposal concludes, it cannot be reconsidered sooner than 12 months.
 - c. If the proposal does not receive sufficient committee support (i.e., a 0/4, 1/3, or 1/2 vote) for further work on the proposal, the proposal concludes.
4. If directed by the standing committee to commence work, staff will bring back to the committee a report for its consideration.
 - a. If the proposal receives a vote of 4/0, 3/1, or 2/1, the proposal advances to the city council with a committee recommendation.
 - b. If the proposal receives a 2/2 vote, within 30 days thereafter the city councilmember who initiated the proposal may ask that the city council vote on a non-debatable motion to reconsider, which motion will be placed on the next available city council agenda. If the motion receives five or more “aye” votes, the item will be resubmitted to the committee. If the motion fails, the proposal concludes. The non-debatable motion to consider may only be considered once. Once a proposal concludes, it cannot be reconsidered sooner than 12 months.
 - c. If the proposal does not receive sufficient committee support (i.e., a 0/4, 1/3, or 1/2 vote) to advance to the city council, the proposal concludes and cannot be reconsidered sooner than 12 months.

C. Councilmember Proposal Request Flowchart (following page)

COUNCILMEMBER PROPOSAL REQUEST FLOWCHART



Chapter 13 – Law and Legislation Committee

A. Authority; Purposes

I. Authority to Represent City Positions.

- a. The Law and Legislation (L&L) Committee has the authority to take positions on behalf of the city on state and federal legislation as outlined in the city's legislative platform.
 - b. The mayor or the chair of the L&L Committee has the authority to take positions, consistent with the adopted legislative platform, on behalf of the city when the need to react quickly does not allow for a matter to be considered by the L&L Committee.
 - c. Except as provided in subsections a and b, no person or committee has authority to represent the council on policy matters, unless that authority has been granted by the council or the information is limited to a factually accurate statement of the council's publicly-adopted position.
2. Purposes. The purposes of the L&L Committee are to consider, evaluate, conduct fact-finding, and recommend to council positions on proposed city ordinances and non-binding resolutions.

B. Procedures

I. Ordinances and Non-Binding Resolutions.

a. Origination.

- (i) Requests to prepare, amend, draft, or process ordinances and non-binding resolutions shall be made in one of the following ways:
 - (A) In writing to the city clerk; or
 - (B) By the city manager or other city staff.
- (ii) All non-binding resolution requests must be referred to the L&L Committee. Except as provided in subsection b below, all ordinance requests must be referred to the L&L Committee.
- (iii) The requesting member(s), city manager, or staff is considered the sponsor. City staff shall work directly with the sponsor in developing the proposed ordinance language.

- b. Ordinances not requiring L&L Committee review prior to council review and adoption are those that are:
 - (i) Deemed urgent by the mayor or city manager;
 - (ii) Voted on by the majority of council to bypass the L&L Committee;
 - (iii) Voted on by the majority of the L&L Committee to go to council without full L&L Committee review;
 - (iv) Zoning code amendments for specific development projects;
 - (v) Listings on, or deletions from, the Sacramento register under Sacramento City Code chapter 17.604, article II;
 - (vi) Adopting property-related fees or fee increases that require public notice before the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission;
 - (vii) Authorizing the execution of a development agreement;
 - (viii) Establishing or adjusting parking meter rates
 - (ix) The biennial update for campaign contribution limits, as required by Sacramento City Code section 2.13.120; or
 - (x) Levying a special tax on land within a community facilities district.
 - (xi) Those reviewed by the P&PE Committee related to a city advisory body's creating authority.
- c. After passing the threshold vote required by the councilmember proposal request flowchart in Chapter 12, ordinances and non-binding resolutions referred to the L&L Committee shall be placed on the legislation log, with new items placed at the end of the log, to establish a priority order; provided, the L&L Committee or council may reorder the priority.
- d. The log will be scheduled for the consent agenda at every L&L Committee meeting. Any committee member may pull an item from consent for discussion.
- e. Items on the log may be removed at the request of the sponsor. Staff shall note the removal request on the log and remove the item after the log has been approved by the committee.
- f. The process for advancing an item to the city council is outlined in Chapter 12.

C. Requirements for Agenda Item Submission

- I. The city manager and city clerk shall develop the agenda for the L&L Committee meetings in consultation with the chair of the committee.
 - a. The chair shall have the right to make recommendations to the committee on matters of policy and programs that require committee decisions.
 - b. Charter officers, the director of the office of public safety accountability, and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency executive director may submit staff reports or descriptions of oral reports to the city clerk for placement on the agenda.
 - c. Department directors, subject to the discretion of the city manager, may submit staff reports or descriptions of oral reports to the city clerk for placement on the agenda.

Chapter 14 – Personnel and Public Employees Committee

A. Purposes

The purposes of the Personnel and Public Employees (P&PE) Committee are to:

1. Review applications received for membership to various city boards, commissions, and committees;
2. Conduct interviews for such membership appointment;
3. Make recommendations to the mayor concerning such appointments;
4. Review advisory body reports and recommendations, as provided in Rule 17.C;
5. Review ordinances related to an advisory body's creating authority prior to council review and adoption;
6. Lead the recruitment process for council-appointed officers; and
7. Develop and lead annual performance metrics and evaluations for council-appointed officers, as provided in Rule 18.

B. Procedures

1. Applications for seats on city boards, commissions, and committees will be reviewed by the P&PE Committee.
2. The P&PE Committee shall conduct interviews of qualified applicants.
3. Recommendations by the P&PE Committee shall be submitted to the city clerk for distribution to the mayor to consider appointment.
4. After the mayor's appointment, the city clerk shall submit a report for a council agenda requesting confirmation of the mayor's appointment.

C. Requirements for Agenda Item Submission

1. The city manager and city clerk shall develop the agenda for the P&PE Committee meetings in consultation with the chair of the committee.
 - a. The chair shall have the right to make recommendations to the committee on matters of policy and programs that require committee decisions.
 - b. Charter officers, the director of the office of public safety accountability, and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency executive director may submit staff reports or descriptions of oral reports to the city clerk for placement on the agenda.
 - c. Department directors, subject to the discretion of the city manager, may submit staff reports or descriptions of oral reports to the city clerk for placement on the agenda.

Chapter 15 – Budget and Audit Committee

A. Purposes

The purposes of the Budget and Audit Committee (B&A) are to:

1. Assist the council in overseeing and supervising the city auditor;
2. Assist the council in evaluating the proposed budget, including a mid-year report, and any amendments thereto;
3. Assist the council in understanding the budget impacts resulting from council's actions; and
4. Assist the council in reviewing and evaluating the Innovation and Growth Fund.
5. Assist the council in enhancing the city's ability to:
 - a. Improve the effectiveness and efficiency of city operations;
 - b. Improve the city's fiscal operations;
 - c. Adopt and adhere to a balanced budget; and
 - d. Comply with city policies, procedures, and regulatory requirements.
6. Review councilmember proposals for funding allocations that fall outside of the budget process.

B. Procedures

1. The B&A Committee shall receive, review, and forward to the council as appropriate, reports, recommendations, and updates from the city auditor.
2. The B&A Committee shall receive and review the proposed budget and any material amendments thereto.
3. The B&A Committee shall receive and review any key budget policy issues, including but not limited to, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) results, use of any year-end surplus, the mid-year report, budget priorities, use of unanticipated revenue, or proposed budget issues such as fee increases, prior to bringing forward to council.
4. The B&A Committee may:
 - a. Receive, review, and forward to the council, when relevant to city audits, any reports from the city treasurer, the department of finance, other city offices, or external auditors;

- b. Receive, review, and forward to the city council any reports and recommendations from the economic development department or city manager regarding the Innovation and Growth Fund; and
 - c. Propose that the council adopt ordinances, resolutions, or take other actions, provided that such ordinances, resolutions, or actions are within the jurisdiction of the B&A Committee.
- 5. The process for advancing an item to the city council is outlined in Chapter 12.

C. Requirements for Agenda Item Submission

- I. The city manager, city auditor, and city clerk shall develop the agenda for the B&A Committee meetings in consultation with the chair of the committee.
 - a. The chair shall have the right to make recommendations to the committee on matters of policy and programs that require committee decisions.
 - b. Charter officers, the director of the office of public safety accountability, and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency executive director may submit staff reports or descriptions of oral reports to the city clerk for placement on the agenda.
 - c. Department directors, subject to the discretion of the city manager, may submit staff reports or descriptions of oral reports to the city clerk for placement on the agenda.

Chapter 16 – Racial Equity Committee

A. Purposes

The purposes of the Racial Equity Committee are to:

1. Help the council align its advancement of racial equity in city decision-making with the impacts resulting from city policy, budget, and service-delivery decisions;
2. Provide a space to help coordinate the various city racial equity initiatives, efforts, metrics, and best practices into a holistic citywide informed approach (rather than a case-by-case approach); and
3. Increase engagement, transparency, and accountability for the City's ongoing racial equity work.

B. Procedures

1. The Racial Equity Committee shall receive, review, and forward to the council as appropriate, reports, recommendations, policy proposals, and updates regarding racial equity issues. Review and approval of ordinances and adoption of positions on state and federal legislation shall be undertaken by the Law and Legislation Committee, unless an ordinance or legislation is referred directly to the Racial Equity Committee by the council.
2. The process for advancing an item to the city council is outlined in Chapter 12.

C. Requirements for Agenda Item Submission

1. The city manager and city clerk shall develop the agenda for the Racial Equity Committee meetings in consultation with the chair of the committee.
 - a. The chair shall have the right to make recommendations to the committee on matters of policy and programs that require committee decisions.
 - b. Charter officers, the director of the office of public safety accountability, and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency executive director may submit staff reports or descriptions of oral reports to the city clerk for placement on the agenda.
 - c. Department directors, subject to the discretion of the city manager, may submit staff reports or descriptions of oral reports to the city clerk for placement on the agenda.

Chapter 17 – City Advisory Bodies

A. Vacancies and Appointments

1. When any vacancy occurs on a board, commission, or committee (advisory body) the city clerk shall announce that vacancy pursuant to the standard outreach procedures. The city clerk's office maintains the board and commission files and performs all clerical and administrative support tasks related to the application process.
2. At the close of the application period, all applications received for the vacancy are referred by the city clerk to the appropriate nominating body or person for review and recommendation.
3. If the recommending body is the Personnel and Public Employees Committee (P&PE) the applicant will be invited to interview in person before P&PE at the next available meeting. Following review and recommendation by P&PE, the city clerk shall forward to the mayor for review.
4. If the recommending body is a councilmember, following review, the member shall send the board and commission recommendation(s) to the city clerk who will forward to the mayor for review.
5. After reviewing the submitted recommendation(s) made by P&PE or a member, the mayor shall direct the city clerk to prepare a staff report with the mayor's appointment to fill the vacancy at the next council meeting. Concurrence in an appointment for a seat on a city board, commission or committee shall be by vote of the city council.
6. If the council does not approve the appointment, then the mayor shall make another appointment, and at the soonest regular meeting following the meeting at which the subsequent appointment was made, the council shall vote whether to confirm the new appointment.
7. This procedure shall be followed until an appointment has been approved by the council. No request by a member to delay the appointment or approval will be allowed unless approved by a majority vote of the council.
8. At the direction of the council, all vacancies, application periods, and close of application periods for boards and commissions shall be monitored and maintained by the city clerk.

9. In making nominations and appointments to city boards and commissions, the mayor, P&PE Committee, and members should consider persons of various ethnicities, ages, genders, education, and occupational experience as reflected in the general population of the city; and should, as appropriate for the vacancy, consider persons from all districts of the city.

B. Requests for Future Agenda Items

- I. Members may submit items under the purview of the advisory body for inclusion on a future agenda by orally making the request under Ideas, Comments, and Questions.
 - a. The department staff shall add a member's requests to a chronologically-ordered log that contains all pending requests, i.e., those not having been heard as an agenda item or not otherwise having been removed from the log.
 - b. The log shall appear on the Consent Calendar of each regular meeting and include estimated agenda date or disposition.

C. Advisory Body Reports

- I. Advisory body recommendations and reports to the city council shall follow the procedure set forth in this Rule 17.C.
2. Annual report preparation.
 - a. Each advisory body shall provide an annual report for review by the Personnel and Public Employees (P&PE) Committee.
 - b. The annual report shall be provided in a format established by the city clerk and should include highlights and accomplishments from the prior year's work; proposed projects, priorities, and recommendations for the upcoming year; and any other information required of the advisory body according to the Sacramento City Code.
 - c. The city clerk shall manage an advisory body annual report calendar so that city staff can gather input to prepare a proposed report to the advisory body in a timely manner.
 - d. Each advisory body must approve its annual report before presentation to the P&PE Committee. When presenting proposed reports to advisory bodies, staff should include information on the feasibility of any recommendations therein.

3. Review by P&PE Committee.
 - a. Annual reports approved by advisory bodies shall be placed on an upcoming P&PE Committee meeting agenda.
 - a. The city clerk shall act as a liaison and collaborate with city staff to collect any additional information that may be helpful to the committee's evaluation of advisory body annual reports.
 - b. The P&PE Committee shall review advisory body annual reports and give staff direction on those reports' stated projects, priorities, and recommendations. Before forwarding the report to the city council, the committee may request supplemental information from staff or the advisory body.
4. Other recommendations. If an advisory body has recommendations outside the annual review process, the city clerk shall coordinate with the advisory body to have those recommendations brought before the P&PE Committee, which may consider and act on those recommendations in the same way it does advisory body annual reports.

Chapter 18 – Annual Review of City Council Appointive Officers

A. Purposes

1. The city council is committed to performing regular annual reviews of its appointive officers, which include the following positions: city attorney, city auditor, city clerk, city manager, city treasurer, director of the office of public safety accountability, and executive director of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. These positions report directly to the city council.
2. Clear communication and performance metrics are at the core of the work of the council and the city. To evaluate council appointive officers on a consistent basis, the P&PE Committee will assume the role and responsibility of developing and leading annual performance metrics and evaluations.

B. Procedures

1. With direction from the P&PE Committee, the city clerk shall coordinate and schedule appointive officer annual reviews.
2. Annually, appointive officers shall present their annual report, including past year accomplishments and strategic goals and objectives for the upcoming year, to the P&PE Committee. Once approved by the P&PE Committee the report will be forwarded to the city council for approval.
3. Performance Evaluations: The city council shall meet in closed session to conduct a performance evaluation of an appointive officer.
 - a. The city council may hold closed sessions during a regular or special meeting to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of an appointive officer or to hear complaints or charges brought against the appointive officer by another person or employee unless the appointive officer requests a public session ([Government Code § 54957](#) (b)).
 - b. As a condition to holding a closed session on specific complaints or charges brought against an appointive officer by another person or employee, the appointive officer shall be given written notice of his or her right to have the complaints or charges heard in an open session rather than a closed session, which notice shall be delivered to the appointive officer personally or by mail at least 24 hours before the time for holding the session.
 - c. The city council also may exclude from the public or closed meeting, during the examination of a witness, any or all other witnesses in the matter being investigated by the city council.
 - d. Closed sessions held pursuant to this rule shall not include discussion or action on proposed compensation except for a reduction of compensation that results from the imposition of discipline.

4. Salary and Benefit Negotiations: The city council may meet in closed session with the city's designated representative to discuss salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of an appointive officer.
([Government Code § 54957.6](#))
 - a. The agenda for a closed session under this rule must identify the city's designated representatives. Unless specifically directed otherwise by the mayor, the designated representatives shall be personnel from the Human Resources Department.
 - b. Closed sessions of the city council under this rule shall be for the purpose of reviewing its position and instructing the designated representatives.
 - c. Closed sessions held pursuant to this rule shall not include final action on the proposed compensation or benefits.
5. Final approval of compensation adjustments, by resolution or contract, shall be made at an open meeting of the city council. See Rule 7.A.1 for agendaizing such an item.

Glossary

Decorum Officer

The decorum officer is a council-selected person who sits on the dais and has responsibility for enforcing council meeting decorum.

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et seq means “and the following one or ones”.

Ex Parte Communications

An ex parte communication is a written or oral communication between a decisionmaker and an interested person concerning any issue in a formal proceeding, other than procedural matters that does not occur in a public forum established in the proceeding or on the record of the proceeding.

Members shall disclose the substance of all ex parte communications at the beginning of a public hearing for any item brought before the legislative body for hearing, consideration, or action.

Non-Binding Resolution

A non-binding resolution is a resolution in which the council declares its position and opinions on an issue, policy, or other matter that the council lacks legal authority to establish or regulate, but that the council determines is of such importance that the council should make the symbolic gesture of adopting a resolution declarative of council's position.

Presiding Officer

The Presiding Officer is the person who presides over a meeting and is charged with maintaining order and decorum, recognizing members to speak, and interpreting the rules, practices, and precedents. In the city council the presiding officer is the Mayor. In advisory bodies established by the city council the presiding officer is the Chair. In the absence of Mayor or Chair, the Vice Mayor or Vice Chair shall preside.

Quasi-judicial

Quasi-judicial action means any council action that implicates constitutionally protected property or liberty interests, such as issuance or denial of discretionary land use permits, subdivision maps, business licenses, and other similar action in which a property interest is at stake and the council is charged with applying legal standards to a specific factual situation.

Sergeant-at-Arms

The sergeant-at-arms is the principal law enforcement official of the legislative body and is charged with maintaining security within the chamber (meeting location) and surrounding areas. The sergeant-at-arms also enforces protocol and ensures public decorum is followed as noted in the body's rules of procedure.

Teleconference

A meeting conducted among participants in different locations via telecommunications equipment such as telephones, computers, or other devices.

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Update on State Budget Activity

File ID: 2026-01379

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and file an oral report regarding state budget activity.

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Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-2026-01006 Staff Report

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: This item is intended to provide an oral update to the Law & Legislation Committee (Committee) including a summary of the 2026-27 state budget.

Policy Considerations: The California State Legislature passed its version of the state budget on June 15, with the Governor signing on June 29. As has become common in recent years, however, budget negotiations continued well beyond that date. On June 26th, legislative leaders and the Governor announced a negotiated spending plan that includes \$900 million for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program, approximately \$700 million for affordable housing programs, and a record \$35 billion in state reserves. Additionally, the budget included a total of \$175 million for immigrant legal services.

Notably, lawmakers deferred action on the Cap-and-Invest reauthorization package until August. Those negotiations are expected to be among the most closely watched of the year, as the Legislature determines how future Cap-and-Invest revenues will be allocated among competing climate, transportation, housing, and environmental priorities.

Lawmakers also deferred allocation of Proposition 4 funding. Proposition 4, the \$10 billion Climate

Resilience Bond passed by California voters in November 2024, funds projects targeting safe drinking water, wildfire and flood prevention, and coastal protection. Budget Trailer Bills related to Cap-and-Invest, Prop 4 allocations, as well as several other significant budget trailer bills, are expected in August when the Legislature returns from summer recess.

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: This item is being submitted for informational purposes only.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.