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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

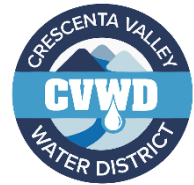
		Funding for Nation Institute of Standards and Technology Plumbing Research Program	Support	Federal request
AB 1349	Bryan	Consumer Protection - Ticket Sales	Support	
		26/27 Stable Funding for Hydrology Observation Systems and Forecasting	Support	Coalition letter to Governor, Senate Pro Tem and Assembly 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
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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,

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The Honorable John Laird, Chair
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
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The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee
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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.

For more than two 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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Support for SB 1085 (Durazo)

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May 18, 2026

Assemblymember Matt Haney
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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.

The City is proud of our local efforts to allow for more housing, streamline its development, and build vibrant, diverse neighborhoods. AB 2074 is a state level policy to aid those efforts and provide material financial support to make more high-rise projects in our urban center feasible. The proposed Downtown Revitalization Loan Fund would provide low-interest loans to qualifying high-rise residential and mixed-use projects that meet labor and affordability benchmarks, helping close the cost gap that has limited the activation of these opportunities in our city.

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
Committee



May 26, 2026

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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.

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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
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
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The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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,

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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.

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.

Sincerely,

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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
Committee

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.

The City is proud of our local efforts to allow for more housing, streamline its development, and build vibrant, diverse neighborhoods. AB 2074 is a state level policy to aid those efforts and provide material financial support to make more high-rise projects in our urban center feasible. The proposed Downtown Revitalization Loan Fund would provide low-interest loans to qualifying high-rise residential and mixed-use projects that meet labor and affordability benchmarks, helping close the cost gap that has limited the activation of these opportunities in our city.

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
Committee

June 9, 2026

Assemblymember Lori Wilson
Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 112
Sacramento, CA 95814

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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Caity Maple
Chair, Law and Legislation Committee

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,



Caity Maple
Chair, Law and Legislation Committee



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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June 9, 2026

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.

Sincerely,



Caity Maple
Chair, Law and Legislation Committee

June 9, 2026

Assembly Member Nick Schultz
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee
1020 N Street, Room 111
Sacramento, CA 95814

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.

Sincerely,



Caity Maple
Chair, Law and Legislation Committee

June 17, 2026

Senator Catherine Blakespear
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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
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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
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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.

Sincerely,

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June 23, 2026

The Honorable Juan Carrillo
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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.

Sincerely,

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June 23, 2026

Assemblymember Mia Bonta
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**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.

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