



Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

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TO: Governing Board
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SUBJECT: June-September Report, LA Co. Division of League of California Cities

June:

SB 932 (Portantino): The Board unanimously voted to oppose unless amended this bill which would require cities to expand the circulation element of a general plan to include specified contents related to bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic calming plans, and to implement those plans. It would also provide that failure to implement the plans creates a cause of action for victims of traffic violations in urbanized counties, which is the specific provision the Board sought to have deleted from the bill.

AB 1740 (Muratsuchi)/ AB 2407 (O'Donnell)/SB 1087 (Gonzalez): The Board unanimously voted to support this suite of bills which each addressed catalytic converter theft in various respects.

SB 679 (Kamlager): The Board learned that the bill, which would establish the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS), was amended to add two additional seats for cities.

July

No meeting was held.

August

This month the Division installed Andrew Chou (Diamond Bar) as President. Bea Dieringer (Rolling Hills) Estates is our new Vice-President and Ariel Pe (Lakewood) is Treasurer.

AB 1685 (Bryan): The Board voted to oppose this bill that would require local jurisdictions to forgive at least \$,500 in parking tickets for individuals who are verified to be homeless.

SB 679 (Kamlager): The Board considered this bill intended to increase affordable housing in Los Angeles County but ultimately decided to remain neutral due to concerns that establishment of another new agency would create a tax that would add more costs to an already high cost housing market, and there was no clear indication that the agency would be funded by the State.

SB 972 (Gonzalez): The Board voted to oppose this bill, which would remove establish a new state regulatory framework for "compact mobile food operations (CMFO)" and removes criminal penalties for violations of criminal penalties for street food vendors.

Proposed LA County Charter Amendment Granting Board of Supervisors Authority to Remove Sheriff for Cause: The Board elected to oppose this proposal based on concerns that it might be unconstitutional, and would only apply to the Sheriff as opposed to more broadly applying to other elected County officials.

September

The Division discussed and voted to recommend that the Division work with Contract Cities in trying to persuade the LA County Board of Supervisors to include consultation with cities in their proposed pilot program which would establish a land bank. Earlier this week Supervisors Hahn and Barger voted to

support such inclusion, which was unfortunately opposed by the remaining Supervisors. The County proposes that this land bank would purchase real property to facilitate development of affordable housing. Unfortunately, it is also proposed that the acquired properties be exempt from property tax and that development of housing would be permitted irrespective of the local jurisdiction's General Plan. Regrettably it appears the County may seek to replicate the Legislature's continued curtailment of the ability of cities to develop, maintain and enforce their own land use policy.

The Board reviewed the fate of bills which it had earlier discussed. The Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, the following bills supported by the Division:

AB 1740 (Muratsuchi): This bill requires a core recycler who accepts a catalytic converter to include written record of the year, make, model, and vehicle identification number of the vehicle from which the converter was removed, together with a copy of the vehicle title. It also prohibits a core recycler from entering into a transaction to purchase or receive a catalytic converter from any person that is not a commercial enterprise or the verifiable owner of the vehicle from which the converter was removed.

AB 1845 (Calderon): Authorizes the MWD to use alternative project delivery methods for the design and construction of a Regional Recycling Water Program and a limited set of drought-related projects.

AB 1985 (Rivas): Creates an online database of organic waste products on the market to facilitate local governments' ability to connect with local farmers and community members seeking their products.

SB 1087 (Gonzalez): Limits who can legally sell and purchase detached catalytic converters and would make a violation of this law an infraction punishable with a fine between \$1000 to \$5000.

Unfortunately, the housing bills the Division earlier voted to oppose have been passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. They include:

AB 2011 (Wicks): Would require nearly all cities to ministerially approve, without condition or discretion, certain affordable and mixed-use housing developments in areas of a city where office, retail, or parking are principally allowed regardless of any inconsistency with a local government's general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation.

AB 2097 (Friedman): Prohibits a local government from imposing or enforcing a minimum auto parking requirement on any housing, commercial "or other development" regardless of size if it is located within one-half mile of public transit. Public transit is defined as a "major transit stop."

SB 897 (Wieckowski): Would require that ADU standards be "objective," defined as not involving any personal or subjective judgment by an elected official, and be uniformly verifiable. It also would, among other things, increase the maximum ADU height under certain conditions.

Other non-housing bills the Division voted to oppose but were passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor include:

AB 1857 (Garcia): Repeals current law that allows cities and counties to include up to 10% of the waste sent to the Long Beach SERRF toward their 50% solid waste diversion requirements.

SB 1186 (Wiener): Restricts local agencies from adopting or enforcing any restriction on the sale of medical marijuana to such patients or their caregivers. It would specifically prohibit local agencies from imposing: a maximum number of medical marijuana dispensaries within their jurisdictions, operating hour limitations, number or frequency of marijuana sales, etc.

As of the date of this memo, we are uncertain whether the Governor will sign, veto or simply allow the following bill passed by the Legislature to become effective. If he must act, he must do so by September 30.

AB 1685 (Bryan): This bill which was opposed by the Division would require local jurisdictions to forgive at least \$1,500 in parking tickets for individuals experiencing homelessness and requires the local jurisdiction to use local resources to verify the individual's homeless status.

Finally, the Legislature enacted and the Governor signed the following bill on which the Division elected to stay neutral:

SB 679 (Kamlager): This bill creates the LA County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency to increase affordable housing in LA County by providing for significantly enhanced funding and technical assistance at a regional level for renter protections, affordable housing preservation, and new affordable housing production.

Upcoming events: **The All Cities Holiday Reception** is scheduled Thursday, December 8.