



Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Legislative/Lobby Committee will conduct a Special Meeting, at the following time and place, and will address the agenda listed below:

CITY HALL  
455 North Rexford Drive  
4th Floor Conference Room A  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Thursday, December 7, 2017  
4:00 PM

## AGENDA

- 1) Public Comment
  - a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item not listed on the agenda.
- 2) Presentation by Joel Kotkin
- 3) Update on State Legislation
- 4) Update on Federal Legislation and Budget
- 5) Direction for 2018 Legislative Platform
- 6) Adjournment



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**POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

**TO:** Legislative/Lobby Committee  
**FROM:** Cindy Owens, Senior Management Analyst  
**DATE:** December 7, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Presentation by Joel Kotkin  
**ATTACHMENT:** "The Great Transit Rip-Off" – Article, Orange County Register

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Verbal presentation to be given by Joel Kotkin on Urban Transportation.

# **Attachment 1**

## OPINION

## The great transit rip-off



In this Saturday, May 16, 2015 photo, A Metro Expo Line train travels as traffic builds up on the 110 freeway in Los Angeles. AP Photo/Jae C. Hong

By JOEL KOTKIN and WENDELL COX | Orange County Register

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Over the past decade, there has been a growing fixation among planners and developers alike for a return to the last century's monocentric cities served by large-scale train systems. And, to be sure, in a handful of older urban regions, mass transit continues to play an important — and even vital — role in getting commuters to downtown jobs. Overall, a remarkable 40 percent of all transit commuting in the United States takes place in the New York metropolitan area — and just six municipalities make up 55 percent of all transit commuting destinations.

But here's an overlooked fact: Transit now serves about the same number of riders as it did in 1907, when the urban population was barely 15 percent of what it is today. Most urban regions, such as Southern California, are nothing like New York — and they never will be. Downtown Los Angeles may be a better place in which to hang out and eat than in the past, but it sorely lacks the magnetic appeal of a place like Manhattan, or even downtown San Francisco. Manhattan, the world's second-largest employment center, represents a little more than 20 percent of the New York metropolitan area's employment. In Los Angeles, by contrast, the downtown area employs just 2 percent.

### Transit is failing in Southern California

As we demonstrate in a new report for Chapman University, our urban form does not work well for conventional mass transit. Too many people go to too many locales to work, and, as housing prices have surged, many have moved farther way, which makes trains less practical, given the lack of a dominant job center. But in its desire to emulate places like New York, Los Angeles has spent some \$15 billion trying to evolve into what some East Coast enthusiasts call the "next great transit city."

The rail lines have earned Mayor Eric Garcetti almost endless plaudits from places like the New York Times. Yet, since 1990, transit's work trip market share has dropped from 5.6 percent to 5.1 percent. MTA system ridership stands at least 15 percent below 1985 levels, when there was only bus service, and the population of Los Angeles County was about 20 percent lower. In some places, like Orange County, the fall has been even more precipitous, down 30 percent since 2008. It is no surprise, then, that, according to a recent USC study, the new lines have done little or nothing to lessen congestion.

This experience is not limited to L.A. Most of the 19 metropolitan areas with new mass transit rail systems — including big cities like Atlanta, Houston, Dallas and even Portland, Ore. — have experienced a decline in transit market share since the systems began operations.

#### Transit as social engineering

To achieve their transit goals, boosters in Southern California and other wannabe metros need to "elect a new people," to paraphrase German Communist playwright Bertolt Brecht. Desperate to force commuters onto trains, they feel compelled to foster a dense, "pack and stack" housing pattern that they feel might better fit the needs of expanding transit agencies.

Virtually all housing development proposals are required to be "transit-oriented," which seems bizarre, given the sector's declining market share. Meanwhile, poor people get degraded local bus service and ever-higher gas prices to accommodate a supposed surge of wealthier potential transit riders. This won't help them find jobs, either. In the Los Angeles metropolitan area, for a commute of 30 minutes or less, the average employee is within 60 times as many jobs by car as by transit.

#### Are there alternatives?

Rather than try to re-engineer the region, perhaps we should seek mobility solutions that can work. Building new rail lines — and, and even more absurdly, trolleys, which average a pathetic 8 miles per hour — will do nothing relieve traffic. More densification can be expected only to worsen congestion.

Arguably, the most promising step would be to encourage work at home. There are already more people working at home than transit riders in Southern California. Since 1990, home office use increased by eight times that of transit use, with virtually no public expenditure. Home-based workers, needless to say, do not receive subsidies.

Ride-hailing services such as Uber and Lyft, cited as a factor in the recent ridership declines in Los Angeles — and even New York — can also provide cost-effective solutions. Already, one local transit operator in suburban San Francisco has established a one-year pilot program to extend local transit service through ride-hailing, and canceled a lightly patronized bus route, reducing costs while providing quicker door-to-door service.

Furthermore, rapidly evolving autonomous technologies could speed up traffic along freeways. They may take time to gain widespread acceptance, but are likely to be in place well before the much-ballyhooed "build-out" of the Los Angeles rail system, which, in any case, cannot make transit commuting remotely competitive with the car, except, perhaps, for very few. Under any circumstance, autonomous technology seems likely to further weaken conventional transit.

Southern Californians need to demand transportation policies that accommodate them, not those that merely acquiesce to the urbanist fantasies of planners, politicians and developers. Decision-makers need to both embrace our geography and economic form and look for 21st-century solutions to 21st-century problems.

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**TO:** Legislative/Lobby Committee  
**FROM:** Cindy Owens, Senior Management Analyst  
**DATE:** December 7, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Update on State Legislation  
**ATTACHMENT:** State Legislative Bill Matrix

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Verbal presentation to be given by Andrew Antwih of Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc.

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## Legislative Bill Position Matrix

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<b><u>AB 84</u></b> <b>Mullin D</b>  <b>Primary elections: election date.</b>	8/31/2017-Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Lara.	Would require that the presidential primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of a year that is evenly divisible by the number 4. The bill would require that the statewide direct primary election be held on that same day in March and consolidated with the presidential primary election during a presidential primary election year. The statewide direct primary election would continue to be held in June of an even-numbered year in which a presidential primary election is not held.		Support	Watch	
<b><u>AB 252</u></b> <b>Ridley-Thomas D</b>  <b>Local government: taxation: prohibition: video streaming services.</b>	5/12/2017-A. 2 YEAR (May be acted upon Jan 2018)	Would, until January 1, 2023, prohibit the imposition by a city, city and county, or county, including a chartered city, city and county, or county, of a tax on video streaming services, including, but not limited to, any tax on the sale or use of video streaming services or any utility user tax on video streaming services. This bill contains other related provisions.		Oppose	Oppose	
<b><u>AB 342</u></b> <b>Chiu D</b>  <b>Vehicles: automated speed enforcement: five-year pilot program.</b>	4/28/2017-A. 2 YEAR (May be acted upon Jan 2018)	Would authorize, no later than January 1, 2019, the City of San Jose (San Jose) and the City and County of San Francisco (San Francisco) to implement a 5-year pilot program utilizing an automated speed enforcement system (ASE system) for speed limit enforcement on certain streets, if the system meets specified requirements, including that the presence of a fixed or mobile ASE system is clearly identified by signs, as specified, and trained peace officers or other trained designated municipal employees are utilized to oversee the operation of the fixed and mobile ASE systems.		Watch	Watch	
<b><u>AB 424</u></b> <b>McCarty D</b>  <b>Possession of a</b>	10/14/2017 – Signed by Governor	Would delete the authority of a school district superintendent, his or her designee, or equivalent school authority to provide written permission for a person to possess a firearm within a school zone. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would create a state-mandated local program. The bill would exempt from that crime the activities of a program		Watch	Watch	



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firearm in a school zone.	involving shooting sports or activities that are sanctioned by a school, school district, college, university, or other governing body of the institution, as specified, and the activities of a certified hunter education program, as specified. The bill would make other conforming changes to related provisions.	Would require that the city council of a city or the board of supervisors of a county have exclusive authority to adopt or amend a general plan, specific plan, or zoning ordinance, that would convert any discretionary land use approval necessary for a project to ministerial approval; change the land use or zoning designation of a parcel or parcels to a more intensive designation; or authorize more intensive land uses within an existing land use designation or zoning designation.	Support if Amended	Seeking Amendments
<u><b>AB 890</b></u> <u><b>Medina D</b></u>  Land use: planning and zoning: initiatives.	10/15/2017 – Vetoed by Governor	Current law provides that all food labeling regulations and any amendments to those regulations adopted pursuant to the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act shall be the food labeling regulations of this state, and authorizes the State Department of Public Health to adopt additional food labeling regulations. This bill would require the Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the State Department of Public Health, on or before July 1, 2018, to publish information to encourage food manufacturers, processors, and retailers responsible for the labeling of food products to voluntarily use uniform terms on food product labels to communicate quality dates and safety dates, and would require the department to promote the consistent use of those terms.	Support	Watch
<u><b>AB 954</b></u> <u><b>Chiu D</b></u>  Food labeling: quality and safety dates.	10/14/2017 – Signed by Governor	The Ellis Act generally prohibits public entities from adopting any statute, ordinance, or regulation, or taking any administrative action, to compel the owner of residential real property to offer or to continue to offer accommodations, as defined, in the property for rent or lease. Current law qualifies this prohibition by, among other things, permitting	Watch	Watch
<u><b>AB 982</b></u> <u><b>Bloom D</b></u>  Residential real property: rent	5/12/2017-A. 2 YEAR (May be acted upon Jan 2018)		Watch	Watch



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<b>control: withdrawal of accommodations.</b>		a public entity to require an owner to provide notice that he or she has initiated actions to terminate tenancies and, in this situation, the date of withdrawal of accommodations would be 120 days from the delivery of the notice. Current law extends the term for the withdrawal of accommodations, in this context, to one year if the tenant or lessee is 62 years of age or older, or disabled, and other conditions are met. This bill would extend the term for withdrawal of accommodations to one year for all tenants and lessees without regard to age or disability.		
<u><b>AB 1069 Low D</b></u>	10/13/2017 – Signed by Governor	Current law, referred to as the pull-notice system, requires the prospective employer of a driver who drives a specified vehicle to obtain a report showing the driver's current public record as recorded by the Department of Motor Vehicles, as specified. A violation of this provision of the Vehicle Code is a crime. This bill, commencing January 1, 2019, would limit the applicability of that ordinance or resolution adoption requirement and related provisions to a city or county, including a charter city or charter county, in which a taxicab company is substantially located, and the City and County of San Francisco, regardless of whether a taxicab company is substantially located in the city and county.	Oppose	Oppose
		Current law, subject to exceptions, provides that a person riding a bicycle or operating a pedicab upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all the laws applicable to the driver of a vehicle. This bill would, notwithstanding those provisions, authorize a person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign, after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-of-way, to cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping, unless safety considerations require otherwise.	Watch	Oppose



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<b><u>AB 1147</u></b> <b><u>Salas</u> D</b>  <b>Solid waste: disposal.</b>	4/28/2017-A. 2 YEAR (May be acted upon Jan 2018)	Current law provides that a violation of the segregated recycling laws may be charged as either a misdemeanor or an infraction, as specified. Current law authorizes a court, in a civil action by a recycling agent against a person alleged to have violated these laws, to either allow treble damages or award a civil penalty, as specified, against the unauthorized person removing the recyclable material, and to allow treble damages or award a higher civil penalty, as specified, against a person for a second violation and subsequent violations. This bill would subject an unauthorized person to these same penalties and damages for collecting, removing, or transporting solid waste generated by another person on residential, commercial, or industrial premises, except in compliance with applicable law, as specified.	Oppose Watch	
<b><u>AB 1219</u></b> <b><u>Eggman</u> D</b>  <b>Food donations.</b>	10/09/2017-Signed by Governor	Current law specifies that a food facility that donates any food that is fit for human consumption at the time it was donated to a nonprofit charitable organization or a food bank is not liable for any damage or injury resulting from the consumption of the donated food, unless the injury resulted from negligence or a willful act in the preparation or handling of the donated food. This bill, the California Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, would expand these provisions to persons and gleaners who donate food, as defined. The bill would narrow the exception to protection from liability to injury resulting from gross negligence or intentional misconduct.	Support Support	
<b><u>AB 1250</u></b> <b><u>Jones-Sawyer</u> D</b>  <b>Counties: contracts for personal services.</b>	9/5/2017-Read second time and amended. Referred to Com. on RLS. May be acted upon after January 1, 2018.	Would establish specific standards for the use of personal services contracts by counties. The bill would allow a county or county agency to contract for personal services currently or customarily performed by employees, as applicable, when specified conditions are met. The bill would exempt certain types of contracts from its provisions, and would exempt a city and county from its provisions. By placing new duties on	Oppose	Removed Opposition



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<u><a href="#">AB 1408</a></u> <b>Calderon D</b>  Crimes: supervised release.	10/15/2017 – Vetoed by Governor	local government agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill also would provide that its provisions are severable. Current law requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide specified information to local law enforcement agencies regarding an inmate released by the department to the agency's jurisdiction on parole or postrelease community supervision, including a record of the offense for which the inmate was convicted that resulted in parole or postrelease community supervision. This bill would require the department to also provide the local law enforcement agency with copies of the record of supervision during any prior period of parole.	Support	Support
<u><a href="#">AB 1479</a></u> <b>Bonta D</b>  Public records: custodian of records: civil penalties.	10/13/2017 – Vetoed by Governor	Would, until January 1, 2023, require public agencies to designate a person or persons, or office or offices to act as the agency's custodian of records who is responsible for responding to any request made pursuant to the California Public Records Act and any inquiry from the public about a decision by the agency to deny a request for records. The bill also would make other conforming changes. Because the bill would require local agencies to perform additional duties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	Oppose	Removed Opposition
<u><a href="#">AB 1505</a></u> <b>Bloom D</b>  Land use: zoning regulations.	9/29/2017 – signed by Governor	Would authorize the legislative body of any county or city to adopt ordinances to require, as a condition of development of residential rental units, that the development include a certain percentage of residential rental units affordable to, and occupied by, moderate-income, lower income, very low income, or extremely low income households or by persons and families of low or moderate income, as specified, and would declare the intent of the Legislature in adding this provision.	Watch	Support
<u><a href="#">AB 1644</a></u> <b>Bloom D</b>  Transient	4/28/2017-A. 2 YEAR (May be acted upon Jan 2018)	Current law authorizes a city, county, or city and county to impose a transient occupancy tax upon occupancies of lodgings of no more than 30 days. This bill would require a city, county, or city and county that has imposed a transient occupancy tax to annually report to the State	Watch	Watch



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occupancy tax: report.		Board of Equalization, on or before March 1, on the amount of transient occupancy taxes collected by the city, county, or city and county for the previous calendar year.			
<u><b>AB 1675</b></u> <u><b>Gomez</b></u> D Department of Housing and Community Development.	5/12/2017-A. 2 YEAR (May be acted upon Jan 2018)	The Employee Housing Act requires a person operating employee housing to obtain a permit to operate that housing from the agency that enforces the act, which can either be the Department of Housing and Community Development or a city, county, or city and county that assumes responsibility for enforcing the act. The act defines several terms for its purposes and deems any reference to the Commission of Housing and Community Development to refer to the Department of Housing and Community Development. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to this provision.	Watch	Watch	
<u><b>AB 1687</b></u> <u><b>Bloom</b></u> D Pesticides: use of anticoagulants.	4/28/2017-A. 2 YEAR (May be acted upon Jan 2018)	Current law prohibits the use of any pesticide that contains one or more of specified anticoagulants in wildlife habitat areas, as defined. Current law exempts from this prohibition the use of these pesticides for agricultural activities, as defined. Current law requires the Director of Pesticide Regulation, and each county agricultural commissioner under the direction and supervision of the director, to enforce the provisions regulating the use of pesticides. This bill would expand this prohibition to include a pesticide containing additional specified anticoagulants and would also prohibit the use of a pesticide containing one of those anticoagulants in the entire state.	Watch	None	
<u><b>ACA 4</b></u> <u><b>Aguiar-Curry</b></u> D Local government financing: affordable housing and public	4/24/2017-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and APPR.	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.	Watch	Support	



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infrastructure: voter approval.				
<b><u>ACA 11</u></b> <b><u>Caballero D</u></b>	8/22/2017-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.  <b>California Middle Class Affordable Housing and Homeless Shelter: funding.</b>	Would create the California Middle Class Affordable Housing and Homeless Shelter Account in the General Fund for the support of local and state programs that assist in the development or acquisition of housing, as specified. The measure would impose a tax upon all retailers at the rate of 0.25% of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in this state on and after January 1, 2019.	Watch	Support
<b><u>SB 2</u></b> <b><u>Atkins D</u></b>	9/29/2017 – Signed by Governor  <b>Building Homes and Jobs Act.</b>	This bill would enact the Building Homes and Jobs Act. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations relating to the need for establishing permanent, ongoing sources of funding dedicated to affordable housing development. The bill would impose a fee, except as provided, of \$75 to be paid at the time of the recording of every real estate instrument, paper, or notice required or permitted by law to be recorded, per each single transaction per single parcel of real property, not to exceed \$225.	Watch	Support
<b><u>SB 3</u></b> <b><u>Beall D</u></b>	9/29/2017 – Signed by Governor  <b>Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.</b>	Would enact the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Of the proceeds from the sale of these bonds, \$3,000,000,000 would be used to finance various existing housing programs, as well as infill infrastructure financing and affordable housing matching grant programs, as provided, and \$1,000,000,000 would be used to provide additional funding for the above-described program for farm, home, and mobilehome purchase assistance for veterans, as provided.	Watch	Support



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<b><u>SB 10</u></b> <b>Hertzberg D</b>  <b>Bail: pretrial release.</b>	9/6/2017 - A. APPR. Re-referred to Committee on Appropriations. (May be acted upon Jan 2018)	Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would safely reduce the number of people detained pretrial, while addressing racial and economic disparities in the pretrial system, and to ensure that people are not held in pretrial detention simply because of their inability to afford money bail. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	Oppose	Watch
<b><u>SB 21</u></b> <b>Hill D</b>  <b>Law enforcement agencies: surveillance: policies.</b>	9/1/2017-A. 2 YEAR (May be acted upon Jan 2018)	Would, beginning July 1, 2018, require each law enforcement agency, as defined, to submit to its governing body at a regularly scheduled hearing, open to the public, a proposed Surveillance Use Policy for the use of each type of surveillance technology and the information collected, as specified. The bill would require the law enforcement agency to cease using the surveillance technology within 30 days if the proposed plan is not adopted. The bill would require the law enforcement agency to submit an amendment to the surveillance plan, pursuant to the same open meeting requirements, for each new type of surveillance technology sought to be used.	Oppose	Oppose Unless Amended
<b><u>SB 35</u></b> <b>Wiener D</b>  <b>Planning and zoning: affordable housing: streamlined approval process.</b>	9/29/2017 – Signed by Governor	The Planning and Zoning Law requires a planning agency, after a legislative body has adopted all or part of a general plan, to provide an annual report to the legislative body, the Office of Planning and Research, and the Department of Housing and Community Development on the status of the general plan and progress in meeting the community's share of regional housing needs. Current law requires the housing element portion of the annual report to be prepared through the use of forms and definitions adopted by the department pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. This bill would require the housing element portion of the annual report to be prepared through the use of standards, forms, and definitions adopted by the department.	Oppose	Oppose



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<b><u>SB 54 De León D</u></b>	10/05/2017 – Signed by Governor	Current law provides that when there is reason to believe that a person arrested for a violation of specified controlled substance provisions may not be a citizen of the United States, the arresting agency shall notify the appropriate agency of the United States having charge of deportation matters. This bill would repeal those provisions.	Oppose	Watch
<b>Law enforcement: sharing data.</b> <b><u>SB 145 Hill D</u></b>	10/12/2017 – Signed by Governor	Current law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to notify the Legislature if it receives an application from a manufacturer seeking approval to operate an autonomous vehicle capable of operating without the presence of a driver inside the vehicle. Current law prohibits such an application from becoming effective any sooner than 180 days after that application is submitted. This bill would repeal the requirement that the department notify the Legislature of receipt of an application seeking approval to operate an autonomous vehicle capable of operating without the presence of a driver inside the vehicle. The bill would also repeal the requirement that the approval of such an application not be effective any sooner than 180 days after the date the application is submitted.	Watch	Watch
<b>Autonomous vehicles: testing on public roads.</b> <b><u>SB 231 Hertzberg D</u></b>	10/06/2017 – Signed by Governor	Articles XIIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution generally require that assessments, fees, and charges be submitted to property owners for approval or rejection after the provision of written notice and the holding of a public hearing. Current law, the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with Articles XIIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and defines terms for these purposes. This bill would define the term “sewer” for these purposes. The bill would also make findings and declarations relating to the definition of the term “sewer” for these purposes.	Support	Support
<b>Local government: fees and charges.</b> <b><u>SB 268 Mendoza D</u></b>	9/5/2017-From committee with author's	Would require the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities, the California Contract Cities Association, and the Los Angeles	Support	Watch



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<b>Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.</b>	amendments. Read second time and amended. Referred to Com. on L. GOV. Two Year Bill.	County City Selection Committee to prepare and provide to the Legislature by December 1, 2018, a plan agreed to by at least 3 of these entities, for reorganizing the membership of the authority to include 22 members, and to provide equitable and proportional voting representation for each area of the county on the authority, including more representation for cities other than the City of Los Angeles. The bill would require the plan to provide for the reconstitution of the authority no later than January 1, 2020.	Support	Support
<b>SB 378 Portantino D</b> <b>Alcoholic beverages: licenses; emergency orders.</b>	9/1/2017-A. 2 YEAR (May be acted upon Jan 2018)	Would authorize the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, by temporary restraining order, to temporarily suspend or condition any license, as defined, when, in the opinion of the department, and supported by a preponderance of the evidence indicating a pattern of behavior, the action is urgent and necessary to protect against an immediate threat to health or safety, as defined, that is reasonably related to the operation of the licensed business, subject to specified provisions, including provisions related to notice and judicial review.	Support	Support
<b>SB 384 Wiener D</b> <b>Sex offenders: registration: criminal offender record information systems.</b>	10/06/2017 – Signed by Governor	Current law requires the Department of Justice to make available to the public information concerning registered sex offenders on an Internet Web site, as specified. Current law requires that information to include, among other things, whether the offender was subsequently incarcerated for another felony. Existing law also authorizes a person to file an application for exclusion from the Internet Web site and establishes the requirements for exclusion. This bill would, commencing January 1, 2021, instead establish 3 tiers of registration based on specified criteria, for periods of at least 10 years, at least 20 years, and life, respectively, for a conviction of specified sex offenses, and 5 years and 10 years for tiers one and two, respectively, for an adjudication as a ward of the juvenile court for specified sex offenses, as specified.	Watch	Support



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<b><u>SB 540</u></b> <b>Roth D</b>	9/29/2017 – Signed by Governor  <b>Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone.</b>	Would authorize a local government, as defined, to establish a Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone by preparing an EIR pursuant to CEQA and adopting a specific plan that is required to include text and a diagram or diagrams containing specified information. The bill would require a local government that proposes to adopt a Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone to hold public hearings on the specific plan. The bill would authorize a local government, after a specific plan is adopted and the zone is formed, to impose a specific plan fee upon all persons seeking governmental approvals within the zone.	Neutral	Support
<b><u>SB 568</u></b> <b>Lara D</b>	9/27/2017 – Signed by Governor  <b>Primary elections: election date.</b>	Would, beginning in 2019, change the date of the statewide direct primary and the presidential primary to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March and would continue the requirement that those elections be consolidated.	Support	Watch
<b><u>SB 611</u></b> <b>Hill D</b>	10/04/2017 – Signed by Governor  <b>Vehicles.</b>	Current law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special license plates or distinguishing placards to disabled persons or disabled veterans or to organizations or agencies involved in the transportation of disabled persons or disabled veterans, for purposes of providing certain parking privileges. Current law also authorizes the department to issue temporary distinguishing placards to temporarily disabled persons or other permanently disabled persons, as specified. This bill would require an applicant for a special license plate, a distinguishing placard, or a temporary distinguishing placard to provide proof of his or her true full name and date of birth at the time of application by submitting specified documents to the department.	Support	Watch



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## Legislative Bill Position Matrix

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Bill ID/Topic	Location	Summary	Beverly Hills Position	California League of Cities Position
<b>SB 623 Monning D</b> <b>Water quality: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.</b>	9/1/2017-From committee: Without recommendation. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. Two Year Bill.	Would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board. The bill would require the board to administer the fund to secure access to safe drinking water for all Californians, while also ensuring the long-term sustainability of drinking water service and infrastructure. The bill would authorize the state board to provide for the deposit into the fund of federal contributions, voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, bequests, and settlements from parties responsible for contamination of drinking water supplies.	Oppose	Concerns
<b>SB 649 Hueso D</b> <b>Wireless telecommunications facilities.</b>	10/15/2017 – Vetoed by Governor	Current federal law recognizes the authority of a state or local government to manage public rights-of-way or to require fair and reasonable compensation from telecommunications providers, on a competitively neutral and nondiscriminatory basis, for the use of public rights-of-way on a nondiscriminatory basis, if the compensation required is publicly disclosed by that government. Current federal law provides that no state or local government has the authority to regulate the entry of, or the rates charged by, a commercial mobile service, but permits a state to regulate the other terms and conditions of commercial mobile services. This bill would provide that a small cell, as defined, is a permitted use, subject only to a specified permitting process adopted by a city or county, if the small cell meets specified requirements.	Oppose	Oppose
<b>SB 724 Lara D</b> <b>Oil and gas: wells and production facilities.</b>	10/10/2017 – Signed by Governor	Current law requires the operator of a well to file a written notice of intention to commence drilling with, and prohibits any drilling until approval is given by, the supervisor or district deputy. Under existing law, the notice is deemed approved if the supervisor or district deputy fails to respond to the notice in writing within 10 working days from receipt and is deemed canceled if operations have not commenced within one year of receipt. This bill would extend the time period to commence	Watch	Watch



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### Legislative Bill Position Matrix

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<b><u>SCA 12 Mendoza D</u></b>	9/14/2017-Read. Adopted. (Ayes 27. Noes 7.) Ordered to the Assembly. <b>Counties:</b> <b>governing body:</b> <b>county executive.</b>	operations from one year to 24 months before the notice is deemed canceled, would prohibit the notice from being extended, and would require the cancellation to be noted in the division's records.	Would, commencing January 1, 2022, in a county that is found at a decennial United States census, beginning with the 2020 United States census, to have a population of more than 5,000,000, require, and deem any applicable law, including a county charter, to require, a governing body consisting of either 5 members or a sufficient number of members so as to ensure that each member represents a district containing a population equivalent to no more than 2 districts in the United States House of Representatives. The measure would require that the members of the governing body serve for a term of 4 years and limit election to the governing body to no more than 3 terms.	Monitor No Position



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
**POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

**TO:** Legislative/Lobby Committee  
**FROM:** Cindy Owens, Senior Management Analyst  
**DATE:** December 7, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Update on Federal Legislation  
**ATTACHMENT:** None

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Verbal presentation to be given by Jamie Jones of David Turch & Associates.



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

**TO:** Legislative/Lobby Committee  
**FROM:** Cindy Owens, Senior Management Analyst  
**DATE:** December 7, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Direction for 2018 Legislative Platform  
**ATTACHMENT:** 2017 Legislative Platform

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### INTRODUCTION

The City's Legislative Platform provides direction for our legislative advocates and City staff as they work to secure clear and strategic initiatives locally as well as in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

### DISCUSSION

The objective of the Legislative Platform is to outline the City's position on legislative matters and serve as the foundation for the City to support or oppose various local, state and federal legislation. This platform seeks to not only secure critical resources for our City, but also outlines policy statements that will allow City staff and our legislative lobbyists to more effectively respond to and influence legislation at the local, state and federal level. This platform is meant to be an evolving document that will be amended year to year by City Council.

The legislative priorities were established to encompass the objectives of the City Council and the interests of the City of Beverly Hills. It is reflective of the specific needs of the City and its citizens. The 2017 Legislative Platform priorities are arranged by significance as shown below.

### Legislative Platform Priorities

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| 1. Local Control                              | 8. Transportation                    |
| 2. Pension Reform                             | 9. Environmental Sustainability      |
| 3. Fiscal and Administrative Initiatives      | 10. Community Services               |
| 4. Electoral Process                          | 11. Public Health                    |
| 5. Public Safety                              | 12. General Government               |
| 6. Emergency Management and Homeland Security | 13. Public Works – Stormwater        |
| 7. Housing and Land Use                       | 14. Public Works – Water & Utilities |

### NEXT STEPS

Staff is seeking direction from the City Council Legislative/Lobby Liaisons for developing the 2018 Legislative Platform. This would include modifying, removing, or adding new priorities. Additionally, staff will be consulting with Executive Staff for direction on modifying any existing priorities that are of major importance to their Department. Once compiled, the Platform will be presented back to the Liaisons in January.

# **Attachment 1**

# **CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

## **LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLATFORM**



**2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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## **City of Beverly Hills** **STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

### **Platform Overview**

The purpose of the legislative platform is to provide a means for summarizing the City's core legislative principles for the purpose of advocacy efforts at the regional, state and federal level. The Legislative Platform contains broad policy statements pertaining to a variety of issues that impact the City of Beverly Hills.

The legislative platform sets forth the City's legislative objectives for the 2017 legislative session and provides direction for our legislative advocates as they work to secure clear and strategic initiatives in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Approval of the legislative platform also streamlines the City's process and allows the City's Executive team to effectively respond and take immediate action on pressing legislation under City Council direction.

The policies established within the platform do not preclude City Council consideration of additional legislative matters arising throughout the year that may be brought forward for City Council action as presented to the City Council Legislative/Lobby Liaison Committee.

The City's primary legislative focus includes protecting local government control, maintaining local government revenue, pursuing homeland security funding, obtaining funding for environmental sustainability, transportation, recreational, technology and infrastructure improvements.

### **Local Control**

- Support legislation that enhances local control of resources and that allows Beverly Hills to address the needs of local constituents within a framework of regional cooperation.
- Support legislation that encourages the use of federal and state incentives for local government action rather than mandates.
- Oppose preemption of the City of Beverly Hills' local authority whether by state or federal legislation or ballot propositions.
- In general, oppose any county, state or federal mandates without the direct or indirect reimbursement for the costs associated with complying with new and/or modified laws, regulations, policies, procedures, permits and/or programs.
- Support measures increasing local autonomy, protecting privacy and maintaining local authority over public records. This includes measures that provide for the recovery of costs with regard to public records requests.
- Support transparent government and the role of the California Public Records Act while simultaneously observing and protecting the current Rule of Law in

California including better legislation in regards to protecting the privacy of public records and enhancing laws related to digital records.

- Support legislation that preserves local control of Airbnb

### **Pension Reform**

- Monitor, encourage, and lobby for legislative initiatives designed to achieve public employee pension reform.
- Inform the City Council of future legislative bills, statewide initiatives or other options as they emerge.
- Continue to support, where necessary and applicable, any future efforts that may impact Beverly Hills ability to achieve and/or maintain sustainable pensions.

### **Fiscal and Administrative Initiatives**

- Support fiscal sustainability and 'best in class' administrative initiatives to ensure the delivery of superlative city services.
- Monitor initiatives which seek changes in fiscal relationships at the local, state and federal level.
- Support legislation that guarantees ongoing revenue sources for local government.
- Pursue funding opportunities for public facilities and services including capital improvement projects, public works projects, homeland security, library, parks and social service facilities.
- Oppose any legislation that would undermine voter-approved initiatives to guarantee ongoing revenue sources for Beverly Hills.
- Oppose legislation that would preempt the City's authority over local taxes and fees.
- Protect the City's right to levy and collect Transient Occupancy Taxes from hotels, including online hotel intermediaries.
- Oppose any federal or state legislation that would provide immunity to online hotel intermediaries and/or prohibit the City from collecting (retroactively or otherwise) Transient Occupancy Taxes.
- Support continued or expanded funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
- Oppose the reduction to Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Grants.
- Oppose any attempt to eliminate or limit the traditional tax exemption for municipal bonds.
- Engage in and advocate for legislation or ballot measures to prevent the state from borrowing, raiding or otherwise redirecting local government funds (local taxes, property taxes, etc.).
- Continue to promote increased flexibility for the utilization of municipally generated revenues.

- Support California League of Cities legislative efforts for pension reform and other post-employment benefits (**OPEB**) unfunded liability.

### **Electoral Process**

- Monitor legislative or other initiatives which may address the integrity of the electoral process.
- Encourage safeguards ensuring that all eligible voters are provided with the mechanisms to exercise the right to vote.
- Support initiatives which promote government transparency regarding the election process.
- Support legislation that provides a mechanism to ensure non-eligible voters are unable to vote in an election.

### **Public Safety**

- Oppose legislation or other administrative actions that seek to limit the Beverly Hills Police Department's ability to collect and utilize asset forfeiture funds for a wide variety of police services.
- Support legislation that provides frontline funding to the Beverly Hills Police Department for costs associated with the early release of state prisoners as a result of state-mandated criminal justice realignment provisions.
- Support the development and use of new firefighting technology in order to produce higher levels of health and safety for the Beverly Hills Fire Department.
- Advocate for legislation/funding that would take advantage of current technology to prevent crime in Beverly Hills (i.e. - the ability to use surveillance cameras and automatic license plate recognition technology).
- Support the deployment and research of new and emerging technologies that will provide the Beverly Hills Police Department with tools to provide the highest level of service including:
  - Next Generation 911
  - Mobile and Body Worn Cameras
  - New Generation Investigative Technology - including unmanned aircraft
  - Digital Evidence - support funding for local jurisdictions to collect, store and retain digital evidence.
- Support legislation and seek funding that will assist in preventing and reducing crimes in Beverly Hills, primarily related to cyber-crime, drugs, gang violence, mental illness, and pedestrian safety.
- Oppose legislation to expand "early release" for low-risk, serious and violent offenders.
- Support legislation to increase funding to ensure responsible supervision by parole agents and for local agencies that provide post-release supervision.
- Support efforts to reverse all legislation, including AB 109, that created "early release" for low-risk, serious and violent offenders.

- Oppose any efforts to further decriminalize existing crimes in California or lessen the sentences of any offenses that would result in the release of serious criminals who would further harm the safety of the public and law enforcement personnel.
- Support interoperable communication solutions that meet radio spectrum needs of first responders.
- Support efforts to eradicate human trafficking.
- Support legislation that aids paramedics and other emergency medical service practitioners in their ability to be responsive to community needs.
- Seek grants and pilot project/demonstration project funding for public safety programs and priorities.
- Support funding initiatives for Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) and other law enforcement support organizations.
- Support and encourage legislation and budget negotiations that retain funding the Beverly Hills Police Department that includes behavioral health treatment, drug and trafficking taskforces; crisis intervention teams; and adequate patrol staffing.
- Identify opportunities for reimbursements to Beverly Hills for increased custodial and supervision costs resulting from prison realignment.
- Support funding for the increased demand being placed on Beverly Hills to respond to societal issues including homelessness; substance abuse and dependency; and unpredictable and potentially harmful behavior towards the public and peace officers.
- Support a more effective and relevant reporting of local agency data, and ensure that any disclosed data be fair and equitable.
- Support legislation that amends the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regulation *42 CFR 410.40 Coverage of Ambulance Services* (e) to allow Medicare reimbursement for beneficiaries not transported to the emergency department by the Beverly Hills Fire Department. This would include:
  - Allowing CMS to provide a benefit to local jurisdictions for 'dry runs'
  - Allowing CMS to provide a benefit for treatment in the field apart from transport, including reimbursement for mid-level practitioners, such as nurse practitioners, as many jurisdictions are moving towards a model of staffing Emergency Medical Services with a higher level of medical care.

### **Emergency Management and Homeland Security**

- Support strategies, legislation and funding that promotes emergency preparedness, resiliency and recovery efforts.
- Advocate for I.C.I. System (Interagency Communications Interoperability System) participation among jurisdictions and funding for equipment and operations.
- Support funding opportunities for local homeland security, public safety and emergency management programs including new technology and equipment (e.g., closed circuit television) that does not supplant other City funding, services or operations.

- Seek grants and pilot project/demonstration project funding for City homeland security, public safety and emergency management priorities.
- Support federal funding for the deployment and long-term sustainment of the Biowatch program in Beverly Hills.

## **Housing and Land Use**

- Pursue incentive-based housing legislation to encourage expanding the housing supply in our area including more flexibility for local jurisdictions to work together to provide housing that counts toward RHNA requirements.
- Support federal and state funding for affordable senior housing opportunities and projects.
- Monitor land use issues and support legislative and administrative efforts to maintain the integrity of local government's control over land use, planning and zoning matters.
- Emphasize local control related to land use planning.

## **Transportation**

- Support state and federal legislation that enhances the safety of the City's streets for automobile and pedestrian traffic, including issues related to photo speed radar enforcement, traffic congestion reduction programs and regional transportation improvements.
- Promote funding, policy goals and visibility for the development of autonomous vehicles.
- Support regional, state and federal efforts for the development of compatible autonomous vehicle infrastructure.
- Support measures and discretionary grant programs that provide funding for critical transportation infrastructure projects that improve mobility for residents and visitors in and around Beverly Hills.
- Support legislation that expands transportation planning, funding, and voluntary incentives to include an increasingly multi-modal perspective focusing on transit, alternative fuel vehicles and fleets, pedestrian ways, bikeways, multi-use trails and parking.
- Support measures which provide the City's fair share of funding from the State's cap and trade funding sources.
- Support legislation that would discourage the misuse of disabled placards.
- Work with other agencies in the region to support current state and federal funding levels and encourage increased funding and flexibility in both operating and capital funding for mass transit.
- In conjunction with the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCOG) and other agencies, support legislation that provides incentives for the development of local transportation corridors.
- Support local, regional, state and federal legislative, administrative, and regulatory efforts that will expand and/or supplement funding for maintaining and upgrading

major thoroughfares in Beverly Hills, allowing for better traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

- Support increased state and federal resources to mitigate traffic congestion on the City of Beverly Hills' streets and rebuild and maintain roads.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

- Advocate for cost-effective, sustainable, and responsible environmental policy and programs in the areas of energy efficiency, greenhouse gases, climate change, potable water, wastewater, solid waste removal and storm water, among others.
- Support legislation protecting, preserving and restoring the natural environment where it does not conflict with local control and land use designations.
- Support efforts to create partnerships among the City, Beverly Hills Unified School District, businesses, residents, and all other community stakeholders as necessary to achieve a sustainable community.
- Support legislation to combat climate change and improve air quality.
- Support funding to foster an energy efficient, walk-able community that provides ample goods, services and benefits to all residents while respecting the local environment.
- Support legislation and funding for the Metropolitan Transportation Agency (MTA) and other regional transit authorities to continue to create multi-modal transportation systems that minimizes pollution and reduces motor vehicle congestion while ensuring access and mobility for all.

### **Community Services**

- Support legislation related to the Internet and filtering in public facilities.
- Support funding for literacy and English-as-a-second language programs.
- Support protection against censorship and restriction of free speech.
- Support funding for ADA facility and park upgrades.
- Promote legislation that provides for increased services to or funding for at-risk populations such as the frail elderly, homeless, disabled and other challenged populations.
- Support legislation that provides opportunities for healthy aging in place options.
- Support funding and policy initiatives that support mental health care (e.g., access to psychiatric facilities, behavioral health care treatment, and street-based services).
- Support legislation that addresses the need for housing and supportive services, (e.g. health, mental health and social services) for the City's homeless population.

### **Public Health**

- Continue to promote legislation that enhances the health of the general population, with an emphasis on programs that focus on youth, the elderly and at-risk populations.

- Monitor opportunities to expand the City's 'Fresh Air Dining' ordinance to other communities or through state legislation.
- Support legislation that will increase funding for mental health at the local level in order to address mental health issues and the impact those with mental health issues have on Beverly Hills.
- Support legislation that expands the treatment of, and response to, mentally ill persons and the growing issues associated with the mentally ill.
- Support legislative efforts to regulate the smoking of any substance at multi-family complexes.

### **General Government**

- Support legislation that would prohibit the flying of helicopters or other aircraft at low altitudes over residential neighbors excluding police, fire or other public safety aircraft.
- Support efforts to increase state resources for local arts, cultural events and library programs, including performing and visual arts programs.
- Support legislation that encourages policies and programming that promote healthy lifestyles; e.g. physical activity, preventative screenings, healthful eating and core wellness for people of all ages and abilities.
- Support legislation that would establish state wide regulations prohibiting the use of unmanned aircraft to record or transmit any visual audio recording of any person or private real property in which the subject person or owner of property has a reasonable expectation of privacy.

### **Public Works - Stormwater**

- Support state and county efforts to develop avenues for agencies to collect revenue to support stormwater retention efforts.
- Support legislation that would classify stormwater as a utility similar to water, wastewater and solid waste services.
- Support legislation for funding stormwater infrastructure improvements, including building facilities to capture stormwater runoff and integrate with local, regional and statewide water resources.
- Support legislation that would provide pragmatic compliance goals in statewide and regional NPDES permits.
- Ensure the state continues to fund the California Department of Transportation (Cal Trans) capital construction budget for offsetting their requirements to limit their total maximum daily load (TMDL) for pollutant discharge. Encourage Cal Trans to continue to enter into Cooperative Implementation Agreements with local jurisdictions to fund stormwater capture and retention projects.
- Ensure that the State (State Water Resources Control Board) continues to provide Cal Trans Stormwater a Compliance Based Credit System that includes compliance based on using funds to support stormwater projects that would meet statewide TMDLs.

## **Public Works – Water & Utilities**

- Support measures that uphold the ability of the City of Beverly Hills City Council to regulate and manage their publicly owned water utility so that local authority is not eroded by state or federal agencies, authorities, or other regulatory bodies.
- Oppose legislation that adds requirements to provide services that customers do not value, want, or need.
- Support legislation that ensures local ratemaking authority is preserved and remains meaningful.
- Support policies that recognize, support, and credit the role of water conservation and water use efficiency in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Support local control of groundwater uses and groundwater rights unless otherwise contraindicated.
- Support local control for planning management and use of water supplies to address local needs and contribute to long-term sustainability, unless otherwise contraindicated.
- Support efforts that seek to bring federal sources of funding to California for water infrastructure development and renewable energy development through water management.
- Support cost effective water conservation programs and incentives that are funded by the state or federal government.
- Support flexible funding options that will help Beverly Hills upgrade and replace water and wastewater infrastructure.
- Support legislation for state funding for the development of local water supply and water conservation efforts.
- Support legislation that provides the City of Beverly Hills the flexibility to implement community choice aggregation for the purchase of electricity and oppose legislation that would place overly strict requirements on the establishment of, and activities by, community choice aggregators.
- Oppose legislation that makes it more difficult for community-choice aggregators to begin operation.
- Support legislation that ensures equitable cost-sharing between investor-owned utilities and community choice aggregation for stranded costs.
- Support funding and legislation for water recycling projects.

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