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

Events and Programs

Los Angeles County Division Annual Installation Ceremony & Dinner: August 4, 6-8:30 p.m. Join cities from throughout the region for a celebratory meeting to install Diamond Bar Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Chou as the 2022-23 Division President. Register at: <http://www.lacities.org>

Roundtable Discussions: Ongoing. Roundtable Discussions are available to all elected and appointed city officials and staff as an exclusive member benefit. Discussions and topics are member driven. Register at: <https://www.calcities.org/home/education-and-events>

Annual Conference & Expo Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2022 Annual Conference and Expo in Long Beach at the Long Beach Convention Center, Sept. 7-9!

This year's conference will feature a variety of speakers and timely presentations on key topics for local leaders, plus numerous opportunities for peer-to-peer sharing with other city leaders throughout California.

Our popular Expo Hall will be filled with new and familiar faces and brimming with opportunities to engage with companies and organizations that provide services to cities.

Registration information can be found on the [Annual Conference and Expo page](#) of the Cal Cities website.



Request for Budget Surplus to Fund New Housing Program, Organic Waste Recycling, and Past Due Mandate Costs

The state's budget surplus gives lawmakers an opportunity to make historic investments in California.

The League of California Cities is calling upon the state to use a portion of the surplus to:

- \$500 million to establish a new housing and economic development program;
- \$933.5 million to reimburse local governments for state-mandated costs that have not been paid;
- \$180 million to help fund organic waste recycling programs.

Cal Cities is urging lawmakers to allocate \$500 million in the 2022-23 State Budget for [a new housing and economic development program](#). This program would encourage partnerships between state and local agencies by providing matching funds to cities that adopt local tax increment financing tools to support affordable housing, upgrade essential infrastructure, and spur economic development. A strong state-local partnership would propel significant investments in affordable housing, public infrastructure, and spur much-needed economic development and job creation, all of which would help further the state's ambitious housing goals.

According to data obtained from the State Controller's Office, the state owes cities, counties, and special districts more than \$933.5 million for costs related to state mandates incurred after 2004. Of that amount, \$466.6 million — not counting interest — is owed to cities. Cal Cities and others are calling on the state to reimburse the full amount by appropriating \$933.5 million in the 2022-23 State Budget for [unfunded mandate costs](#). The pandemic demonstrated the vital role that cities play in California's economy and the important services they provide to the public. City budgets and financial stability are critical to the economic success of the state and cities rely on the state reimbursing them for state-mandated program costs.

Cal Cities and a coalition of local government associations are also asking the state to include \$180 million in the 2022-23 State Budget to help cities and counties develop and implement [SB 1383 \(Lara, 2016\)](#). The [requested \\$180 million in funding](#) would build on the \$60 million in grant funding approved by the Legislature in 2021, the largest amount ever set aside for cities in a single



fiscal year for SB 1383 implementation. This additional funding for the grant program would help local governments implement collection, education, outreach, edible food recovery, procurement activities, and capacity planning.

Priority Bills for 2022 Legislative Session

The League of California Cities continues to track legislation impacting local governments.

Many bills continue to undergo significant changes and as the legislative session progresses, updated letters and action alerts will be available in the [Cal Cities' Action Center](#).

It is critical that the Legislature hears from California cities about how bills will affect communities, and we urge all cities to submit position letters on these important measures.

For additional information or concerns on any of these issues, please contact Jennifer Quan at 626-786-5142 or jquan@calcities.org