

TO: SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FROM: JEFF KIERNAN, REGIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER,

LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES®

RE: UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 24 BOARD MEETING (as prepared 9/17/2020)

## Legislation

The End of the Legislative Session wrapped up on August 31 and was fraught with complications as squabbling between the two houses. Add to that the positive COVID-19 test of a State Senator meant that all but one of the Senate Republicans were forced to cast votes remotely, causing further delays and animosity. These complications resulted in just about 400 bills – about 40% of the usual number – making it to the Governors' Desk requiring his action by September 30. As of the preparation of this document, none of the League's Priority bills had been signed or vetoed.

## **State and Local Officials Respond to Multiple Disasters**

The League continues to work with State Officials to get information out to city officials about the multiple emergencies (COVID-19, wildfires, record heat, power outages & unhealthy air quality) facing Californians. State officials are back to holding briefing calls for local elected officials five days a week. Although the schedule and dial-in information for these calls rarely change, please let me know if you ever need those numbers or if there is other information you need that you cannot find on your own. It is especially important that local officials continue to use the Q&A portion of these calls to alert State officials about problems related to these disasters in your communities.

## **Upcoming Events**

- October 7 9: League of California Cities Annual Conference (virtual): Join your fellow city officials from throughout the state as we come together virtually to learn, collaborate, and celebrate at the League's 2020 Annual Conference & Expo. Full conference registration starts at \$50 for League member-city officials and includes:
  - Your ticket to all virtual educational sessions and networking opportunities
  - Access to recordings of all educational sessions for six months after the conclusion of the conference
  - Electronic access to all program materials
  - Access to the Virtual Expo

<u>UPDATE</u>: The full schedule of events is now available <u>HERE</u>, including the <u>LA County Division event</u> on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM featuring Paul Mitchell, owner of Redistricting Partners & VP of Political Data. Paul is a well-known expert on election demographics and redistricting. Please note that you do not need to register for the Annual Conference to attend this Division event.

Please also keep in mind that action at a Council Meeting is required to assign your city's voting delegate that will vote on the annual conference resolutions. Details on the resolution and voting process can be found at www.CACities.org/resolutions.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. EACH REGISTRATION IS FOR A SINGLE PERSON. VISIT www.CACITIES.ORG/AC FOR MORE INFORMATION.