



**MCCMC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019, 8:00 AM  
SAN RAFAEL CITY HALL – 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
1400 FIFTH AVENUE, SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901**

**AGENDA**

**A. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

**B. REPORTS**

David Jones/Kyra Ross – Emanuels Jones, Sacramento  
Carole Mills, District Representative – report from Senator Mike McGuire  
Melissa Apuya, District Representative – report from Assembly member Marc Levine  
Nancy Hall Bennett - League of California Cities

**C. UPDATES**

- LOCC's Mid-Legislation Session Update Webinar materials to share

**D. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**1. Action Items**

- a. SB 13 (Wieckowski) Accessory dwelling units (*Oppose Unless Amended*)<sup>1</sup>.
- b. SB 330 (Skinner) Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (*Oppose*).
- c. AB 291(Chu) Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund (*Support*)
- d. AB 881 (Bloom) Accessory dwelling units (*Oppose Unless Amended*)
- e. AB 1356 (Ting) Cannabis: local jurisdictions: retail commercial cannabis activity (*Oppose*)
- f. AB 1763 (Chiu) Planning and zoning: density bonuses: affordable housing (*Oppose Unless Amended*)

**2. Watch Items**

- a. SB 6 (Beall) Residential development: available land (*Watch*).
- b. SB 54 (Allen) and AB 1080 (Gonzales) California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act (*Support*).
- c. AB 69 (Ting) Land Use Accessory Dwelling Units (*Watch*)
- d. AB 1118 (Rubio) Land use: general plan: livability issues for older adults (*Watch*)
- e. AB 1279 (Bloom) Planning and zoning: housing development: high-resource areas (*Watch*)
- f. AB 1487 (Chiu) San Francisco Bay area: housing development: financing (*Watch*)

**E. CHAIRS REPORT**

- General Committee Update: Chair

**F. CALENDAR**

Upcoming General MCCMC Meetings:

- Wednesday, June 26, 2019 – City of Larkspur
- July, 2019 - No Meeting
- August, 2019 – No Meeting

<sup>1</sup> Notes in parenthesis and italics denote League of California Cities position at date of Agenda publication.

Upcoming MCCMC Legislative Committee Meetings:

- Monday, June 24, 2019
- July, 2019 – No Meeting
- Monday, August 26, 2019

**G. ADJOURN**

**ACTION ITEMS**

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[SB 13, as amended, Wieckowski. Accessory dwelling units.](#)

(1) The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes a local agency, by ordinance, or, if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, by ministerial approval, to provide for the creation of accessory dwelling units in single-family and multifamily residential zones. Existing law requires accessory dwelling units to comply with specified standards, including that the accessory dwelling unit is either attached to, or located within, the proposed or existing primary dwelling or detached if located within the same lot, and that it does not exceed a specified amount of total area of floor space.

This bill would, instead, authorize the creation of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling use. The bill would also revise the requirements for an accessory dwelling unit by providing that the accessory dwelling unit may be attached to, or located within, an attached garage, storage area, or other structure, and that it does not exceed a specified amount of total floor area.

(2) Existing law generally authorizes a local agency to include in the ordinance parking standards upon accessory dwelling units, including authorizing a local agency to require the replacement of parking spaces if a garage, carport, or covered parking is demolished to construct an accessory dwelling unit. Existing law also prohibits a local agency from imposing parking standards on an accessory dwelling unit if it is located within one-half mile of public transit.

This bill would, instead, prohibit a local agency from requiring the replacement of parking spaces if a garage, carport, or covered parking is demolished to construct an accessory dwelling unit. The bill would also prohibit a local agency from imposing parking standards on an accessory dwelling unit that is located within a traversable distance of one-half mile of public transit, and would define the term “public transit” for those purposes.

(3) Existing law authorizes a local agency to establish minimum and maximum unit size limitations on accessory dwelling units, provided that the ordinance permits an efficiency unit to be constructed in compliance with local development standards.

This bill would prohibit a local agency from establishing a minimum square footage requirement for either an attached or detached accessory dwelling unit that prohibits an efficiency unit, as defined. The bill would also prohibit a local agency from establishing a maximum square footage requirement for either an attached or detached accessory dwelling unit that is less than 850 square feet, and 1000 square feet if the accessory dwelling unit contains more than one bedroom.

(4) Existing law authorizes a local agency to include in an ordinance governing accessory dwelling units a requirement that a permit applicant be an owner-occupant, and authorizes a local agency, as a part of a ministerial approval process for accessory dwelling units, to require owner occupancy for either the primary or the accessory dwelling unit created by that process.

This bill would, instead, prohibit a local agency from requiring occupancy of either the primary or the accessory dwelling unit.

5) Existing law requires a local agency that has not adopted an ordinance governing accessory dwelling units to approve or disapprove the application ministerially and without discretionary review within 120 days after receiving the application.

The bill would require a local agency, whether or not it has adopted an ordinance, to consider and approve an application, ministerially and without discretionary review, within 60 days after receiving the application. The bill would also provide that, if a local agency does not act on the application within that time period, the application shall be deemed approved.

(6) Existing law requires fees for an accessory dwelling unit to be determined in accordance with the Mitigation Fee Act. Existing law also requires the connection fee or capacity charge for an accessory dwelling unit requiring a new or separate utility connection to be based on either the accessory dwelling unit's size or the number of its plumbing fixtures.

This bill would prohibit a local agency, special district, or water corporation from imposing any impact fee upon the development of an accessory dwelling unit if that fee, in the aggregate, exceeds specified requirements depending on the size of the unit. The bill would revise the basis for calculating the connection fee or capacity charge specified above to either the accessory dwelling unit's square feet or the number of its drainage fixture unit values, as specified.

(7) Existing law, for purposes of these provisions, defines "accessory structure" as an existing, habitable or nonattached or detached fixed structure, which includes a garage, studio, pool house, or other similar structure.

This bill would redefine "accessory structure" to mean a structure that is accessory and incidental to a dwelling located on the same lot.

(8) Existing law requires a local agency to submit a copy of the adopted ordinance to the Department of Housing and Community Development and authorizes the department to review and comment on the ordinance.

This bill would instead authorize the department to submit written findings to the local agency as to whether the ordinance complies with the statute authorizing the creation of an accessory dwelling unit, and, if the department finds that the local agency's ordinance does not comply with those provisions, would require the department to notify the local agency and would authorize the department to notify the Attorney General that the local agency is in violation of state law. The bill would authorize the department to adopt guidelines to implement uniform standards or criteria to supplement or clarify the provisions authorizing accessory dwelling units.

(9) Existing law requires the planning agency of each city and county to adopt a general plan that includes a housing element that identifies adequate sites for housing. Existing law authorizes the department to allow a city or county to do so by a variety of methods and also authorizes the department to allow a city or county to identify sites for accessory dwelling units, as specified.

This bill would state that a local agency may count an accessory dwelling unit for purposes of identifying adequate sites for housing in accordance with those provisions.

(10) Existing law, the State Housing Law, a violation of which is a crime, establishes statewide construction and occupancy standards for buildings used for human habitation. Existing law requires, for those purposes, that any building, including any dwelling unit, be deemed to be a substandard building when a health officer determines that any one of specified listed conditions exists to the extent that it endangers the life, limb, health, property, safety, or welfare of the public or its occupants.

This bill would authorize the owner of an accessory dwelling unit that receives a notice to correct violations or abate nuisances to request that the enforcement of the violation be delayed for 5 years if correcting the violation is not necessary to protect health and safety, as determined by the enforcement agency, subject to specified requirements. The bill would make conforming and other changes relating to the creation of accessory dwelling units.

By increasing the duties of local agencies with respect to land use regulations, and because the bill would expand the scope of a crime under the State Housing Law, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(11) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

- **League Position:** Oppose Unless Amended

[SB 330, as amended, Skinner. Housing Crisis Act of 2019.](#)

(1) The Housing Accountability Act, which is part of the Planning and Zoning Law, prohibits a local agency from disapproving, or conditioning approval in a manner that renders infeasible, a housing development project for very low, low-, or moderate-income households or an emergency shelter unless the local agency makes specified written findings based on a preponderance of the evidence in the record. The act specifies that one way to satisfy that requirement is to make findings that the housing development project or emergency shelter is inconsistent with both the jurisdiction's zoning ordinance and general plan land use designation as specified in any element of the general plan as it existed on the date the application was deemed complete. The act requires a local agency that proposes to disapprove a housing development project that complies with applicable, objective general plan and zoning standards and criteria that were in effect at the time the application was deemed to be complete, or to approve it on the condition that it be developed at a lower density, to base its decision upon written findings supported by substantial evidence on the record that specified conditions exist, and places the burden of proof on the local agency to that effect. The act requires a court to impose a fine on a local agency under certain circumstances and requires that the fine be at least \$10,000 per housing unit in the housing development project on the date the application was deemed complete. This bill, until January 1, 2025, would specify that an application is deemed complete for these purposes if a preliminary application was submitted, as described below.

Existing law authorizes the applicant, a person who would be eligible to apply for residency in the development or emergency shelter, or a housing organization to bring an action to enforce the Housing Accountability Act. If, in that action, a court finds that a local agency failed to satisfy the requirement to make the specified findings described above, existing law requires the court to issue an order or judgment compelling compliance with the act within 60 days, as specified. This bill, until January 1, 2025, would additionally require a court to issue the order or judgment previously described if the local agency required or attempted to require certain housing development projects to comply with an ordinance, policy, or standard not adopted and in effect when a preliminary application was submitted.

Existing law authorizes a local agency to require a housing development project to comply with objective, quantifiable, written development standards, conditions, and policies appropriate to, and consistent with, meeting the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need, as specified. This bill, until January 1, 2025, would, notwithstanding those provisions or any other law and with certain exceptions, require that a housing development project only be subject to the ordinances, policies, and standards adopted and in effect when a preliminary application is submitted, except as specified.

(2) The Planning and Zoning Law, except as provided, requires that a public hearing be held on an application for a variance from the requirements of a zoning ordinance, an application for a conditional use permit or equivalent development permit, a proposed revocation or modification of a variance or use permit or equivalent development permit, or an appeal from the action taken on any of those applications. That law requires that notice of a public

hearing be provided in accordance with specified procedures. This bill, until January 1, 2025, would prohibit a city or county from conducting more than 5 de novo hearings, as defined, held pursuant to these provisions, or any other law, ordinance, or regulation requiring a public hearing, if a proposed housing development project complies with the applicable, objective general plan and zoning standards in effect at the time an application is deemed complete, as defined. The bill would require the city or county to consider and either approve or disapprove the housing development project at any of the 5 hearings consistent with the applicable timelines under the Permit Streamlining Act and prohibit a city or county from continuing a hearing to another date.

(3) The Planning and Zoning Law requires a county or city to designate and zone sufficient vacant land for residential use with appropriate standards, as provided. That law also authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a development that is subject to a specified streamlined, ministerial approval process and not subject to a conditional use permit if the development satisfies certain objective planning standards.

This bill, until January 1, 2025, with respect to land where housing is an allowable use on or after January 1, 2018, would prohibit a county or city in which specified conditions exist, determined by the Department of Housing and Community Development as provided, from imposing any new, increasing or enforcing any existing, requirement that a proposed housing development include parking in excess of specified amounts. If the city or county grants a conditional use permit approving a proposed housing development project and that project would have been eligible for a higher density under the city's or county's general plan land use designation and zoning ordinances as in effect on January 1, 2018, the bill would also require the city or county to allow the project at that higher density. The bill would require a project that requires the demolition of certain types of housing to comply with specified requirements, including the provision of relocation assistance and a right of first refusal in the new housing to displaced occupants. The bill would require that any units for which a developer provides relocation assistance or a right of first refusal be considered in determining whether the housing development project satisfies the requirements, if applicable, of an inclusionary housing ordinance of the county or city.

The bill would state that these provisions would prevail over any conflicting provision of the Planning and Zoning Law or other law regulating housing development in this state, except as specifically provided. The bill would also require that any exception to these provisions, including an exception for the health and safety of occupants of a housing development project, be construed narrowly.

(4) The Permit Streamlining Act, which is part of the Planning and Zoning Law, requires each state agency and each local agency to compile one or more lists that specify in detail the information that will be required from any applicant for a development project. That law requires the state or local agency to make copies of this information available to all applicants for development projects and to any persons who request the information. The bill, until January 1, 2025, for purposes of any state or local law, ordinance, or regulation that requires a city or county to determine whether the site of a proposed housing development project is a historic site, would require the city or county to make that determination, which would remain valid for the pendency of the housing development, at the time the application is deemed complete.

The bill, until January 1, 2025, would also require that each local agency make copies of any above-described list with respect to information required from an applicant for a housing development project available both (A) in writing to those persons to whom the agency is required to make information available and (B) publicly available on the internet website of the local agency.

The Permit Streamlining Act requires public agencies to approve or disapprove of a development project within certain timeframes, as specified. The act requires a public agency, upon its determination that an application for a development project is incomplete, to include a list and a thorough description of the specific information needed to complete the application. Existing law authorizes the applicant to submit the additional material to the public agency, requires the public agency to determine whether the submission of the application together with the submitted materials is complete within 30 days of receipt, and provides for an appeal process from the public agency's determination. Existing law requires a final written determination by the agency on the appeal no later than

60 days after receipt of the applicant's written appeal. This bill, until January 1, 2025, would provide that a housing development project, as defined, shall be deemed to have submitted a preliminary application upon providing specified information about the proposed project to the city or county from which approval for the project is being sought and would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt a standardized form that applicants for housing development projects may use for that purpose, as specified. After the submittal of a preliminary application, the bill would provide that a housing development project would not be deemed to have submitted a complete initial application under these provisions if the development proponent revises the project such that the number of residential units or square footage of construction changes by 20% or more until the development proponent resubmits the information required by the bill so that it reflects the revisions.

The bill, until January 1, 2025, would require the lead agency, as defined, if the application is determined to be incomplete, to provide the applicant with an exhaustive list of items that were not complete, as specified.

The bill, until January 1, 2025, would also provide that all deadlines in the Permit Streamlining Act are mandatory.

The Permit Streamlining Act generally requires that a public agency that is the lead agency for a development project approve or disapprove a project within 120 days from the date of certification by the lead agency of an environmental impact report prepared for certain development projects, but reduces this time period to 90 days from the certification of an environmental impact report for development projects meeting certain additional conditions relating to affordability. Existing law defines "development project" for these purposes to mean a use consisting of either residential units only or mixed-use developments consisting of residential and nonresidential uses that satisfy certain other requirements. This bill, until January 1, 2025, would reduce the time period in which a lead agency under these provisions is required to approve or disapprove a project from 120 days to 90 days, for a development project generally described above, and from 90 days to 60 days, for a development project that meets the above-described affordability conditions. The bill would recast the definition of "development project" for these purposes to mean a housing development project, as defined in the Housing Accountability Act.

(5) The Planning and Zoning Law, among other things, requires the legislative body of each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city and of any land outside its boundaries that relates to its planning. That law authorizes the legislative body, if it deems it to be in the public interest, to amend all or part of an adopted general plan, as provided. That law also authorizes the legislative body of any county or city, pursuant to specified procedures, to adopt ordinances that, among other things, regulate the use of buildings, structures, and land as between industry, business, residences, open space, and other purposes.

This bill, until January 1, 2025, with respect to land where housing is an allowable use on or after January 1, 2018, except as specified, would prohibit a county or city, including the electorate exercising its local initiative or referendum power, in which specified conditions exist, determined by the Department of Housing and Community Development as provided, from enacting a development policy, standard, or condition, as defined, that would have the effect of (A) changing the land use designation or zoning of a parcel or parcels of property to a less intensive use or reducing the intensity of land use within an existing zoning district below what was allowed under the general plan or specific plan land use designation and zoning ordinances of the county or city as in effect on January 1, 2018; (B) imposing or enforcing a moratorium on housing development within all or a portion of the jurisdiction of the county or city, except as provided; (C) imposing or enforcing new design standards established on or after January 1, 2018, that are not objective design standards, as defined; or (D) establishing or implementing certain limits on the number of permits issued by, or the population of, the county or city, unless the limit was approved prior to January 1, 2005, in a predominantly agricultural county, as defined. The bill would, notwithstanding these prohibitions, allow a city or county to prohibit the commercial use of land zoned for residential use consistent with the authority of the city or county conferred by other law. The bill would state that these prohibitions would apply to any zoning ordinance adopted or amended on or after January 1, 2018, and that any development policy, standard, or condition on or after that date that does not comply would be deemed void. The bill would state that these prohibitions would prevail over any conflicting provision of the Planning and Zoning Law or other law regulating housing development in this state, except as specifically provided. The bill would also require that any exception to these provisions, including an

exception for the health and safety of occupants of a housing development project, be construed narrowly. The bill would also declare any requirement to obtain local voter approval or supermajority approval of any body of the county or city for specified purposes related to housing development against public policy and void.

(6) The State Housing Law, among other things, requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to propose the adoption, amendment, or repeal of building standards to the California Building Standards Commission, and to adopt, amend, and repeal other rules and regulations for the protection of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the occupant and the public, governing hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartment houses, and dwellings, and buildings and structures accessory thereto. That law specifies that the provisions of the State Housing Law and the building standards and rules and regulations adopted pursuant to that law apply in all parts of the state and requires specified entities within each city, county, or city and county to enforce within its jurisdiction those pertaining to the maintenance, sanitation, ventilation, use, or occupancy of apartment houses, hotels, or dwellings. That law authorizes an enforcement agency to institute an appropriate action or proceeding to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate violations of that law, or building standards, rules, or regulations adopted pursuant to that law, after providing 30 days' notice, or a shorter period of time under certain circumstances. A violation of the State Housing Law, or any building standard, rule, or regulation adopted pursuant to that law, is a misdemeanor. This bill would authorize the owner of an occupied substandard building or unit in a zone where residential use is a permitted use that receives a notice to correct a violation of a building standard under the State Housing Law or abate a nuisance to submit an application to the enforcement agency requesting that enforcement of the violation or nuisance be delayed for up to 7 years. The bill would require the enforcement agency to grant a request to delay enforcement if it determines that correcting the violation or abating the nuisance is not necessary to protect health and safety. The bill would repeal these provisions as of January 1, 2025.

(7) This bill would include findings that the changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities, including charter cities.

(8) By imposing various new requirements and duties on local planning officials with respect to housing development, and by changing the scope of a crime under the State Housing Law, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that with regard to certain mandates no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

With regard to any other mandates, this bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs so mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

(9) This bill would provide that its provisions are severable.

- **League Position:** Oppose

[AB 291, as amended, Chu. Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund.](#)

The California Emergency Services Act creates within the office of the Governor the Office of Emergency Services, which is responsible for the state's emergency and disaster response services, as specified. Existing federal law requires a state mitigation plan as a condition for disaster assistance and authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency to condition mitigation grant assistance upon state, local, and Indian tribal governments undertaking coordinated disaster mitigation planning and implementation measures.

Existing law requires the Office of Emergency Services, in coordination with all interested state agencies with designated response roles in the state emergency plan and interested local emergency management agencies, to jointly establish by regulation a standardized emergency management system for use by all emergency response agencies.

This bill would establish a Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund to support staffing, planning, and other emergency mitigation priorities to help local governments meet emergency management, preparedness, readiness, and resilience goals. The bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the Controller to transfer \$500,000,000 to the fund. The bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish the Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund Committee under the Standardized Emergency Management System Advisory Board. The bill, on or before July 1, 2020, would require the committee to adopt guidelines identifying eligible uses of the funds by establishing an outline of standard activities for the mitigation, prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery phases of emergency management that supports the development of a resilient community. The bill would require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Office of Emergency Services to receive \$1,000,000 annually and each county to receive \$500,000 annually for specified purposes. The bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to distribute funds to lead agencies, subject to certain requirements and restrictions, as specified. The bill would require lead agencies to further distribute those funds to local governments pursuant to a specified schedule for specified purposes, and impose various requirements on local governments that receive funds pursuant to these provisions. The bill would include related legislative findings.

The California Disaster Assistance Act limits the state share for any eligible project to no more than 75% of total state eligible costs, except that the state share shall be up to 100% of total state eligible costs connected with certain events. That act requires the director to administer its provisions.

This bill would prohibit the director from using funds received by a local government pursuant to the provisions of this bill to calculate the allocation amounts for the local government pursuant to the California Disaster Assistance Act.

- **League Position:** Support

[AB 881, as amended, Bloom. Accessory dwelling units.](#)

(1) The Planning and Zoning Law provides for the creation of accessory dwelling units by local ordinance, or, if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, by ministerial approval, in accordance with specified standards and conditions. Existing law requires the ordinance to designate areas where accessory dwelling units may be permitted and authorizes the designated areas to be based on criteria that includes, but is not limited to, the adequacy of water and sewer services and the impact of accessory dwelling units on traffic flow and public safety.

This bill would instead require a local agency to designate these areas based on the adequacy of water and sewer services and the impact of accessory dwelling units on traffic flow and public safety.

(2) Existing law authorizes a local agency to require an applicant for a permit to be an owner-occupant of either the primary or accessory dwelling unit as a condition of issuing a permit.

This bill, until January 1, 2025, would delete the provision authorizing a local agency to require owner-occupancy as a condition of issuing a permit.

(3) Existing law prohibits a local agency from imposing parking standards for an accessory dwelling unit if, among other conditions, the accessory dwelling unit is located within 1/2 mile of public transit.

This bill would make that prohibition applicable if the accessory dwelling unit is located within 1/2 mile walking distance of public transit, and would define public transit for those purposes.

(4) Existing law requires a local agency to ministerially approve an application for a building permit to create within a zone for single-family use one accessory dwelling unit per single family lot of the unit that is contained within the existing space of a single-family residence or accessory structure.

This bill would instead require a local agency to ministerially approve an application for a building permit to create an accessory dwelling unit that is contained within an existing structure, including the primary residence or an accessory structure. The bill would define “accessory structure” for purposes of those provisions.

(5) By increasing the duties of local agencies with respect to land use regulations, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

(6) This bill would include findings that the changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities, including charter cities.

- **League Position:** Oppose Unless Amended

[AB 1356, as amended, Ting. Cannabis: local jurisdictions: retail commercial cannabis activity.](#)

The Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act of 2016 (AUMA), an initiative measure approved as Proposition 64 at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, authorizes a person who obtains a state license under AUMA to engage in commercial adult-use cannabis activity pursuant to that license and applicable local ordinances. The Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), among other things, consolidates the licensure and regulation of commercial medicinal and adult-use cannabis activities, including retail commercial cannabis activity. MAUCRSA gives the Bureau of Cannabis Control in the Department of Consumer Affairs the power, duty, purpose, responsibility, and jurisdiction to regulate commercial cannabis activity in the state as provided by the act. MAUCRSA does not supersede or limit the authority of a local jurisdiction to adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate commercial cannabis businesses within that local jurisdiction.

This bill, if more than 50% of the electorate of a local jurisdiction voted in favor of AUMA, would require a local jurisdiction to issue a minimum number of local licenses authorizing specified retail cannabis commercial activity within that jurisdiction that would be permitted by a retailer license issued under MAUCRSA. The bill would require the minimum number of those local licenses required to be issued in that jurisdiction to be 25%<sup>1</sup>/<sub>6</sub> of the number of currently active on-sale general licenses for alcoholic beverage sales in that jurisdiction, as specified, unless the minimum number would result in a ratio greater than one local license for retail cannabis commercial activity for every 10,000 15,000 residents of the local jurisdiction, in which case the bill would require the minimum number to be determined by dividing the number of residents in the local jurisdiction by 10,000 15,000 and rounding down to the nearest whole number. The bill would authorize a local jurisdiction to impose a fee on licensees to cover the regulatory costs of issuing those local licenses. The bill would exempt from these provisions a local jurisdiction that, on or before after January 1, 2017, and until January 1, 2020, submitted to the electorate of the local jurisdiction a specified local ordinance or resolution relating to retail cannabis commercial activity that received a specified vote of the electorate.

This bill would allow any local jurisdiction subject to the requirements of this bill that wants to establish a lower amount of these local licenses to submit an ordinance or other law, that clearly specifies the level of participation in the retail commercial cannabis market it would allow, to the electorate of that local jurisdiction at the next regularly scheduled local election following the operative date of this bill. The bill would provide that the local ordinance or other local law becomes effective if approved by more than 50% of its electorate. The bill would require the local jurisdiction to issue those licenses as otherwise required by this bill within a specified period of time if a local jurisdiction subject to the requirements of this bill does not submit a local ordinance or other local law regarding the lower amount of licenses to the electorate, or that local ordinance or other local law fails to receive more than 50% of the approval of the electorate voting on the issue. The bill would provide that these provisions are prohibited from being construed to require a local jurisdiction to authorize adult-use retail cannabis commercial activity. By imposing additional requirements on local jurisdictions the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

AUMA authorizes the Legislature to amend its provisions with a 2/3 vote of both houses to further its purposes and intent.

This bill would declare that its provisions further the purposes and intent of AUMA.

- **League Position:** Oppose

[AB 1763, as amended, Chiu. Planning and zoning: density bonuses: affordable housing.](#)

Existing law, known as the Density Bonus Law, requires a city or county to provide a developer that proposes a housing development within the jurisdictional boundaries of that city or county with a density bonus and other incentives or concessions for the production of lower income housing units, or for the donation of land within the development, if the developer agrees to construct a specified percentage of units for very low income, low-income, or moderate-income households or qualifying residents and meets other requirements. Existing law provides for the calculation of the amount of density bonus for each type of housing development that qualifies under these provisions.

This bill would additionally require a density bonus to be provided to a developer who agrees to construct a housing development in which 100% of the total units, exclusive of managers' units, are for lower income households, as defined. The bill would also require that a housing development that meets this criteria receive 4 incentives or concessions under the Density Bonus Law. The bill would generally require that the housing development receive a density bonus of 80%, but would exempt the housing development from any maximum controls on density if it is located within ½ mile of a major transit stop or a high-quality transit corridor, as defined, and additionally require the city, county, or city and county to allow an increase in height and floor area ratio in specified amounts that vary depending on whether the development is located within ½ mile of a major transit stop or a high-quality transit corridor. The bill would also make various nonsubstantive changes to the Density Bonus Law.

By adding to the duties of local planning officials with respect to the award of density bonuses, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

- **League Position:** Oppose Unless Amended

## **WATCH ITEMS**

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[SB 6, as amended, Beall. Residential development: available land.](#)

Existing law requires each state agency to make a review of all proprietary state lands over which it has jurisdiction, subject to certain exceptions, and to report to the Department of General Services on those lands in excess of its foreseeable needs. Existing law requires the jurisdiction over lands reported excess to be transferred to the department upon request. Existing law requires the Department of General Services to report to the Legislature annually on the lands declared excess. Existing law requires a city or county to have a general plan for development with a housing element and to submit the housing element to the Department of Housing and Community Development prior to adoption or amendment. Existing law requires that the housing element include an inventory of land suitable and available to residential development, as specified.

This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to furnish the Department of General Services with a list of local lands suitable and available for residential development as identified by a local government as part of the housing element of its general plan. The bill would require the Department of General Services to create a database of that information and information regarding state lands determined or declared excess and to make this database available and searchable by the public by means of a link on its internet website. The bill would require for any housing element adopted on or after January 1, 2021, that an electronic copy of the inventory of land suitable for residential development be submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development. By requiring local

governments to electronically submit the inventory of land suitable for residential development to the department, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

This bill would authorize the Department of Housing and Community Development to review, adopt, amend, and repeal the standards, forms, or definitions to implement provisions regarding the inventory of land suitable and available to residential development. The bill would require a local government to prepare the inventory pursuant to those standards, forms, and definitions.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

- **League Position:** Watch

[SB 54, as amended, Allen, and AB 1080 \(Gonzales\) California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act.](#)

(The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, generally regulates the disposal, management, and recycling of solid waste, including, among other solid waste, single-use plastic straws.

The Sustainable Packaging for the State of California Act of 2018 prohibits a food service facility located in a state-owned facility, operating on or acting as a concessionaire on state property, or under contract to provide food service to a state agency from dispensing prepared food using a type of food service packaging unless the type of food service packaging is on a list that the department publishes and maintains on its internet website that contains types of approved food service packaging that are reusable, recyclable, or compostable.

Existing law makes a legislative declaration that it is the policy goal of the state that not less than 75% of solid waste generated be source reduced, recycled, or composted by 2020.

This bill would enact the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would establish the policy goal of the state that, by 2030, manufacturers and retailers achieve a 75% reduction of the waste generated from single-use packaging and products offered for sale or sold in the state through source reduction, recycling, or composting. The bill would require the department, before January 1, 2023, to adopt regulations that require manufacturers and retailers to source reduce, to the maximum extent feasible, single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products, as defined, and to ensure that all single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products in the California market are recyclable or compostable. The bill would require manufacturers and retailers to annually report specified information to the department. The bill would require the department, before adopting the regulations, to develop a scoping plan, as specified.

The bill would require the department to develop criteria to determine which types of single-use packaging or priority single-use plastic products are reusable, recyclable, or compostable. The bill would require local governments, solid waste facilities, recycling facilities, and composting facilities to provide information requested by the department for purposes of developing that criteria. By imposing additional duties on local governments, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The bill would require a manufacturer of single-use plastic packaging or priority single-use plastic products to demonstrate a recycling rate of not less than 20% on and after January 1, 2024, not less than 40% on and after January 1, 2028, and not less than 75% on and after January 1, 2030, as a condition of sale, and would authorize the department to impose a higher recycling rate as a condition of sale, as specified.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

- **League Position:** Support

[AB 69, as amended, Ting. Land use: accessory dwelling units.](#)

Existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to propose building standards to the California Building Standards Commission, and to adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations governing, among other things, apartment houses and dwellings, as specified.

This bill would require the department to propose small home building standards governing accessory dwelling units smaller than 800 square feet, junior accessory dwelling units, and detached dwelling units smaller than 800 square feet, as specified, and to submit the small home building standards to the California Building Standards Commission for adoption on or before January 1, 2021.

- **League Position:** Watch

[AB 1118, as introduced, Blanca Rubio. Land use: general plan: livability issues for older adults.](#)

Existing law requires the Office of Planning and Research to implement various long-range planning and research policies and goals that are intended to, among other things, encourage the formation and proper functioning of local entities and, in connection with those responsibilities, to adopt guidelines for the preparation and content of the mandatory elements required in city and county general plans.

This bill would require the office, commencing January 1, 2020, upon the next revision of the guidelines, to amend the guidelines to include elements of the domains of livability developed by the World Health Organization that specifically address livability issues for older adults.

- **League Position:** Watch

[AB 1279, as introduced, Bloom. Planning and zoning: housing development: high-resource areas.](#)

The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for its physical development, and the development of certain lands outside its boundaries, that includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. That law allows a development proponent to submit an application for a development that is subject to a specified streamlined, ministerial approval process not subject to a conditional use permit if the development satisfies certain objective planning standards, including that the development is (1) located in a locality determined by the Department of Housing and Community Development to have not met its share of the regional housing needs for the reporting period, and (2) subject to a requirement mandating a minimum percentage of below-market rate housing, as provided.

This bill would require the department to designate areas in this state as high-resource areas, as provided, by January 1, 2021, and every 5 years thereafter. The bill would authorize a city or county to appeal the designation of an area within its jurisdiction as a high-resource area during that 5-year period. In any area designated as a high-resource area, the bill would require that a housing development project be a use by right, upon the request of a developer, in any high-resource area designated pursuant be a use by right in certain parts of the high-resource area if those projects meet specified requirements, including specified affordability requirements. For certain development projects where the initial sales price or initial rent exceeds the affordable housing cost or affordable rent to households with incomes equal to or less than 100% of the area median income, the bill would require the applicant agree to pay a fee equal to 10% of the difference between the actual initial sales price or initial rent and the sales price or rent that would be affordable, as provided. The bill would require the city or county to deposit the fee into a separate fund reserved for the construction or preservation of housing with an affordable housing cost or affordable rent to households with a household income less than 50% of the area median income.

This bill would require that the applicant agree to, and the city and county ensure, the continued affordability of units affordable to lower income and very low income households for 45 years, for rented units, or 55 years, for owner-occupied years. The bill would provide that a development housing is ineligible as a use by right under these provisions if it would require the demolition of rental housing that is currently occupied by tenants, or has been occupied by tenants within the past 10 years, or is located in certain areas. The bill would include findings that the changes proposed by this

bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities, including charter cities.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA does not apply to the ministerial approval of projects.

This bill, by requiring approval of certain development projects as a use by right, would expand the exemption for ministerial approval of projects under CEQA.

By adding to the duties of local planning officials with respect to approving certain development projects, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

- **League Position:** Watch

[AB 1487, as amended, Chiu. San Francisco Bay area: housing development: financing.](#)

Existing law provides for the establishment of various special districts that may support and finance housing development, including affordable housing special beneficiary districts that are authorized to promote affordable housing development with certain property tax revenues that a city or county would otherwise be entitled to receive.

This bill, the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Housing Finance Act, would establish the Housing Alliance for the Bay Area (hereafter the entity) and would state that the entity's purpose is to increase affordable housing in the San Francisco Bay area, as defined, by providing for enhanced funding and technical assistance at a regional level for tenant protection, affordable housing preservation, and new affordable housing production. The bill would establish a governing board of the entity. The membership, size, and geographic representation of the board shall be determined by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments. The bill would authorize the entity to exercise various specified powers, including the power to raise revenue and allocate funds throughout the San Francisco Bay area, subject to applicable voter approval requirements and other specified procedures, as provided. The bill would also require the board to provide for annual audits of the entity and financial reports, as provided. The bill would include findings that the changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities within the San Francisco Bay area, including charter cities.

The bill would authorize the entity to, among other things, raise and allocate new revenue, incur and issue indebtedness, and allocate funds to the various cities, counties, and other public agencies and affordable housing projects within its jurisdiction to finance affordable housing development, preserve and enhance existing affordable housing, and fund tenant protection programs, as specified, in accordance with applicable constitutional requirements. In this regard, the bill would authorize the entity to impose various special taxes, including a parcel tax, certain business taxes, and a transactions and use tax, within its jurisdiction and to issue bonds, including revenue bonds, subject to specified procedures. The bill would also authorize the entity to impose a commercial linkage fee, as defined, and require a city or county in the San Francisco Bay area that has jurisdiction over the approval of a commercial development project, as defined, to collect that fee as a condition of that approval and remit the amount of fee to the entity, as provided. The bill would authorize the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to propose a ballot measure to establish any of those funding mechanisms at the November 3, 2020, election, as specified, provided that the entity assumes administration of the funding mechanism upon the approval of the measure. The bill would require that revenue generated by the entity pursuant to these provisions be used for specified housing purposes and require the entity to distribute those funds as provided.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the San Francisco Bay area.

By adding to the duties of local officials with respect to (1) providing staff for the entity and (2) elections procedures for revenue measures on behalf of the entity, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

- **League Position:** Watch

#### **LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR**

- May 27, 2019 - Memorial Day
- May 28-31, 2019 - Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to A.R. 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(7))
- May 31, 2019 - Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(a)(8))
- June 3, 2019 - Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(a)(9))
- June 15, 2019 - Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3))
- July 10, 2019 - Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees (J.R. 61(a)(10))
- July 12, 2019 - Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(11)). Summer Recess begins on adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(a)(3))
- August 12, 2019 - Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(a)(3))
- August 30, 2019 - Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(12)).
- September 3-13, 2019 - Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose, except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(13)).
- September 6, 2019 - Last day to amend on floor (J.R. 61(a)(14)).
- September 13, 2019 - Last day for any bill to be passed (J.R. 61(a)(15)). Interim Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
- October 13, 2019 - Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before Sept. 13 and in the Governor's possession after Sept. 13 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(1)).

#### **LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CALENDAR**

- June 19 – 20, 2019 - Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum
- June 21, 2019 – Mayors and Councilmembers Advanced Leadership Workshops
- June 24, 2019 - Avoiding Total Disaster: The Law & Emergencies
- October 16 - October 18, 2019 – 2019 Annual Conference and Expo