



Legislative Action Committee
Meeting Agenda

April 8, 2021 | 6:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Discussion & action may be taken on any of the items below. Times are approximate.

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL – (Constantine, 6 PM)	
1.	CONSENT AGENDA
1a.	Approval of committee minutes from March 11, 2021 <i>Attachment:</i> Minutes
2.	Presentation on AB1091 Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority: board of directors.
	Presentation from Assemblymember Marc Berman, AB1091 Author and Glenn Hendricks, VTA Board President <i>Attachments:</i> Bill text Letter from VTA Board
3.	Consideration of legislative recommendations to the Board of Directors
	Potential bills include all those from the Bill Tracker: AB14, AB15, AB16, AB17, AB21, AB34, AB41, AB43, AB50, AB51, AB59, AB68, AB71, AB115, AB215, AB339, AB387, AB550, AB571, AB602, AB678, AB816, AB987, AB1091, AB1258, AB1322, AB1401, AB617, AB682, ACA1, SB1, SB3, SB4, SB5, SB6, SB7, SB8, SB10, SB11, SB12, SB15, SB51, SB52, SB55, SB60, SB83, SB290, SB418, SB477, SB478, SB555, SB612, SB649, SB765, SB109, SB45, SB9, SB99, SCA2 The committee will also be open to requests from members to consider other bills not already listed above. <i>Attachment:</i> Bill Tracker (last updated April 6, 2021) Bill Tracker also online at: https://citiesassociation.org/advocacy/
PUBLIC COMMENT	
ADJOURNMENT	

PUBLIC COMMENT

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**Legislative Action Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**March 11, 2021 | 6:00 PM
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WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Committee Members in attendance:

City	Member	Present?
Campbell	Hon. Elizabeth "Liz" Gibbons	Y
Cupertino	Hon. Liang Chao	Y – 6:46pm
Gilroy	Hon. Marie Blankley	Y
Los Altos	Hon. Neysa Fligor <i>Board Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Y
Los Altos Hills	Hon. Stanley Mok	Y
Los Gatos	Hon. Marico Sayoc <i>Board President</i>	Y – 6:34pm
Milpitas	Hon. Carmen Montano	Y
Monte Sereno	Hon. Rowena Turner	Y
Morgan Hill	Hon. Rich Constantine <i>LAC Chair</i>	Y
Mountain View	Hon. Ellen Kamei	Y
Palo Alto	Hon. Tom DuBois	Y
San Jose	Hon. Chappie Jones <i>Board 1st VP</i>	Y
Santa Clara	Hon. Kathy Watanabe	Y
Saratoga	Hon. Yan Zhao	Y
Sunnyvale	Hon. Gustav Larsson	Y

Others in attendance:

- Andi Jordan, CASCC Executive Director
- Laurel Prevetti, Los Gatos Town Manager
- Audin Leung, CASCC Board Clerk
- Assemblymember Robert Rivas, 30th District

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1a. Approval of minutes from October 8, 2020

Motion to approve by Jones. Seconded by Gibbons.

Motion adopted 12-0-1-2

AYES (12)

Gibbons

Blankley

Fligor

Montano

Turner

Constantine

Kamei

DuBois

Jones

Watanabe

Zhao

Larsson

NAYES (0)

ABSTENSIONS (1)

Mok

ABSENCES (2)

Chao, Sayoc

2. Information for Committee

Introductory information for LAC committee members:

- Legislative Guiding Principles
- Housing Priority
- Legislative Calendar
- Bill Tracker

3. Consideration of legislative recommendations to the Board of Directors

Potential bills include all those from the Bill Tracker:

AB14, AB15, AB16, AB17, AB21, AB34, AB41, AB43, AB50, AB51, AB59, AB68, AB71, AB115, AB215, AB339, AB387, AB550, AB571, AB602, AB678, AB816, AB987, AB1091, AB1143, AB1258, AB1322, AB1401, AB617, AB682, ACA1, SB1, SB3, SB4, SB5, SB6, SB7, SB8, SB10, SB11, SB12, SB15, SB51, SB52, SB55, SB60, SB83, SB290, SB477, SB478, SB555, SB612, SB649, SB765, SB109, SB45, SB9, SB99, SCA2

Possible discussion: SB 7 and SB 10

- [SB 7 information](#)
- [SB 10 information](#)

* The Association of Bay Area Governments supports SB 7 and SB 10

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4. Legislative visit from Assemblymember Robert Rivas (30th District)

Discussion of legislative session and Asm. Rivas' legislative priorities

5. Committee Member's Legislative Tracking and Discussion Requests for Future Meetings

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Audin Leung, Board Clerk

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1091

Introduced by Assembly Member Berman

February 18, 2021

An act to amend, repeal, and add Sections 100060 and 100060.2 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1091, as introduced, Berman. Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority: board of directors.

Existing law creates the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) with various powers and duties relative to transportation projects and services and the operation of public transit in the County of Santa Clara. Existing law vests the government of the VTA in a 12-member board of directors whose terms of office are two years. Under existing law, only members of the county board of supervisors and city council members and mayors of cities in the county are authorized to serve on the board. Existing law provides for the appointment of the board members by those local governments, as specified.

This bill, on and after July 1, 2022, would reduce the size of the board to 9 members, increase their terms of office to 4 years, and provide for residents living in the county, rather than local officials, to serve on the board, as specified. The bill would require that expertise, experience, or knowledge relative to transportation, infrastructure or project management, accounting or finance, and executive management are represented on the board.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 100060 of the Public Utilities Code is
2 amended to read:

3 100060. (a) The government of the VTA shall be vested in a
4 board of directors which shall consist of 12 members, as follows:

5 (1) Two representatives of the county and one alternate who
6 shall be members of the board of supervisors of the county,
7 appointed by the board of supervisors.

8 (2) Five representatives of the City of San Jose and one alternate
9 who shall be city council members or the mayor of the City of San
10 Jose, appointed by the city council.

11 (3) Five city council members or mayors selected from among
12 the city councils and mayors of all of the cities in the county, other
13 than the City of San Jose, as provided by agreements among those
14 cities. The agreements may provide for the appointment of
15 alternates, who shall be city council members or mayors, for those
16 city representatives.

17 (b) An alternate may vote in the place of a director represented
18 by that alternate if the director is absent.

19 (c) To the extent possible, the appointing powers shall appoint
20 individuals who have expertise, experience, or knowledge relative
21 to transportation issues.

22 (d) *This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2022, and,*
23 *as of January 1, 2023, is repealed.*

24 SEC. 2. Section 100060 is added to the Public Utilities Code,
25 to read:

26 100060. (a) The government of VTA shall be vested in a board
27 of directors that consists of nine members, as follows:

28 (1) One resident of each county supervisorial district, nominated
29 by the supervisor and confirmed by the board of supervisors.

30 (2) Two residents of the City of San Jose, nominated by the
31 mayor and confirmed by the city council.

32 (3) Two residents of cities in the county, other than the City of
33 San Jose, consistent with the following:

34 (A) One resident of the City of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills,
35 Mountain View, Milpitas, Palo Alto, or Sunnyvale.

36 (B) One resident of the City of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy,
37 Los Gatos, Monte Serreno, Morgan Hill, Santa Clara, or Saratoga.

1 (b) A board member shall not simultaneously serve as an elected
2 official.

3 (c) The nominating authorities shall ensure that expertise,
4 experience, or knowledge relative to transportation, infrastructure
5 or project management, accounting or finance, and executive
6 management are represented on the board.

7 (d) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2022.

8 SEC. 3. Section 100060.2 of the Public Utilities Code is
9 amended to read:

10 100060.2. (a) Except as otherwise provided, the term of office
11 for each director shall be two years and until the appointment and
12 qualification of ~~his or her~~ *their* successor. A successor shall be
13 appointed not later than 30 days immediately upon the expiration
14 of a director's term. A vacancy exists whenever a director ceases
15 to hold office on the city council or board of supervisors from
16 which ~~he or she was~~ *they were* appointed. Any vacancy shall,
17 within 60 days of its occurrence, be filled for the balance of the
18 term by the body that made the original appointment.

19 (b) *This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2022, and,*
20 *as of January 1, 2023, is repealed.*

21 SEC. 4. Section 100060.2 is added to the Public Utilities Code,
22 to read:

23 100060.2. (a) Except as otherwise provided, the term of office
24 for each director shall be four years and until the appointment and
25 qualification of their successor. A successor shall be appointed
26 not later than 30 days immediately upon the expiration of a
27 director's term. Any vacancy shall, within 60 days of its
28 occurrence, be filled for the balance of the term by the original
29 appointing authority.

30 (b) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2022.

March 26, 2021

RE: Oppose Assembly Bill 1091 (Berman)

Dear Honorable Mayors and City Managers:

Assemblymember Marc Berman of Palo Alto introduced a bill (AB 1091) to replace VTA's Board of Directors with a nine-member board of appointed citizens. While I am sure Marc is well intentioned, there are major problems with his proposal.

Leaving aside the serious problem that there was no official outreach or preparation on his part, he makes the presumption that we, local elected officials, are incapable of serving on regional boards and committees. I believe this is not only incorrect, it will lead to isolation from the realities on the ground that we face as elected officials in our communities.

This proposal is not about improving governance, it is about trying to get different decisions made by the VTA Board. If you don't like the decisions, just get different decision makers. His presumed justification is Civil Grand Jury Reports. When you read the reports, it is clear they are written by people who disagree with a decision made by the Board. In one case, it was not building the Eastridge Light Rail Extension. In the latest, it was because the project was moving forward.

Do we really want to hang our justification for such a major change on a Grand Jury report that recommended the voter approved Eastridge Light Rail Extension project should be stopped? Yes, the Grand Jury Report recommended going against the voters.

The VTA Board started a governance review prior to the latest Grand Jury Report. This review led to a list of over 80 items to be reviewed. The Board is in the process of implementing many of these.


While no system of representation is perfect and not every member is as diligent as we would like, this proposal is unwise and will have significant negative consequences to regional representation. More importantly, I believe this will have a negative impact on the service that VTA provides to our residents.

His proposal will reduce accountability, reduce representation of the small cities in the County, increases the workload on the Board Members, and loses the connection we have of County Wide Transportation decisions and Land Use decisions in our cities.

I urge you to oppose this ill-conceived effort to undermine public trust and make an important regional body subject to individuals without a connection to the communities they serve.

Attached is a sample letter of opposition to the bill. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,


Glenn Hendricks
Chairperson, Board of Directors
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

cc: City Clerks

Hon. Celia M. Aguiar-Curry, Chair
California State Assembly
Committee on Local Government
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento CA, 94249

Re: Oppose AB 1091 (Berman)

Dear Ms. Aguiar-Curry

Please accept this letter as our opposition to AB 1091. The proposed legislation would change the established Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to an appointed Board.

VTA serves as the public transit operator, congestion management agency and construction entity for transit facilities and authorized highway projects for Santa Clara County. The Board of Directors consists of elected councilmembers from member cities and the County Board of Supervisors.

The Board was constituted in this way to recognize the importance of land use decisions in the creation of transit and transportation policy. Those best able to balance those priorities are local elected officials who have knowledge local and regional needs as well as the land use authority of their jurisdictions.

Further, the Board was established after much debate to create a balance between the need for proportional representation and regional representation. This was a challenge in a county that has a large city (City of San Jose) with over 50% of the population and more than 70% of the transit ridership.

In addition, the proposed legislation would remove public accountability for the policy makers. It would have a slightly realigned version of the current appointing authorities. But more importantly, proposes changes without consultation with the current Board or consideration of the factors that supported the decision to constitute it in this way.

While no system of representation is perfect, the current organization represents the best balance available. Therefore, we respectfully request you oppose this proposed legislation.

Yours truly,

CASCC 2021-22 Legislative Action Committee Bill Tracker

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Bill #	Sponsor	Title	Issue	Description	LAC Actions	LCC Actions	Initiated by	Status
AB 14	Aguiar-Curry	Communications: broadband services: California Advanced Services Fund.	Broadband	Existing law establishes the State Department of Education in state government, and vests the department with specified powers and duties relating to the state's public school system. This bill would authorize local educational agencies to report to the department their pupils' estimated needs for computing devices and internet connectivity adequate for at-home learning. The bill would require the department, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, to compile that information and to annually post that compiled information on the department's internet website.		Support		Referred to Coms. on C. & C. and L. GOV., set for hearing 4/14 1:30pm
AB 15	Chiu	COVID-19 relief: tenancy: Tenant Stabilization Act of 2021.	COVID-19/Housing	This bill extends and expands COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 protections, some of which include: It extends the definition of "COVID-19 rental debt", pushes out the repeal date of the act to January 1, 2026, and prohibits a landlord from charging or attempting to collect late fees, providing different terms or conditions of tenancy, or withholding a service or amenity when related to COVID-19 rental debt.		Watch		01/11/21 Referred to Com. on H. & C. D.
AB 16	Chiu	Tenancies: COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Act of 2021.	COVID-19/Housing	This bill addresses the long-term financial impacts of COVID-19 on renters, small landlords, and affordable housing providers by ensuring ongoing housing stability for tenants at risk of eviction and stabilizing rental properties at risk of foreclosure.		Watch		01/13/21Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.
AB 17	Cooper	Peace officers: disqualification from employment.	Public Safety	Would disqualify a person from being a peace officer if the person has been discharged from the military for committing an offense that would have been a felony if committed in California or if the person has been certified as a peace officer and has had that certification revoked by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.		Support in Concept		01/13/21Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.
AB 21	Bauer-Kahan	Forestry. Electrical Transmission and Distribution Lines. Clearance. Penalties.	Environmental Quality	Would impose a civil penalty of up to \$100,000 for a violation of vegetation and brush clearance laws surrounding electrical transmission or distribution lines upon mountainous or forest covered land and impose a penalty of \$1,000 per acre of land burned by fire resulting from such a violation.		Watch		01/11/21 Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and JUD.
AB 34	Muratsuchi	Communications: Broadband for All Act of 2022.	Broadband	Would propose a \$10 billion general obligation bond measure on the November 2022 ballot to provide funding for statewide broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved communities throughout the State, and funds could be allocated to cities, among other entities.		Support In Concept		3/17/21 Re-referred to C&C, set for hearing 4/14 1:30pm

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AB 41	Wood	Broadband infrastructure.	Broadband	This measure states the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation to improve California's "Dig Once" policy and expedite the deployment of broadband infrastructure in communities currently unserved and underserved.		Watch		12/08/20From printer. May be heard in committee January 7.
AB 43	Friedman	Traffic Safety	Transportation	Allow more flexibility for cities to set speed limits.			San Jose	01/11/21 Referred to Com. on TRANS.
AB 50	Boerner Horvath	Climate Change. Climate Adaptation Center and Regional Support Network. Sea Level Rise.	Environmental Quality	Would establish the Climate Adaptation Center and Regional Support Network in the Ocean Protection Council to provide local governments facing sea level rise challenges with information and scientific expertise necessary to proceed with sea level rise mitigation.		Watch		01/11/21 Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
AB 51	Quirk	Climate Change. Adaptation. Regional Climate Adaptation Planning Groups. Regional Climate Adaptation Plans.	Environmental Quality	Would require the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), by July 1, 2022, to establish guidelines for the formation of regional climate adaptation planning groups. The measure would also require the SGC, by July 1, 2023, and in consultation with certain state entities, to develop criteria for the development of regional climate adaptation plans.		Watch		01/11/21 Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
AB 59	Gabriel	Mitigation Fee Act: fees: notice and timelines.	Housing	Current law authorizes any party to protest the imposition of a fee, dedication, reservation, or other exactions imposed on a development project within 90 or 120 days of the imposition of the fee, as applicable, and specifies procedures for those protests and actions. The Mitigation Fee Act imposes the same requirements on a local agency for a new or increased fee for public facilities. Current law, for specified fees, requires any judicial action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul an ordinance, resolution, or motion adopting a new fee or service charge or modifying an existing fee or service charge to be commenced within 120 days of the effective date of the ordinance, resolution, or motion. Current law also provides that, if an ordinance, resolution, or motion provides for an automatic adjustment in a fee or service charge and the adjustment results in an increase in the fee or service charge, that any action to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the increase to be commenced within 120 days of the increase. This bill would increase, for fees and service charges and for fees for specified public facilities, the time for mailing the notice of the time and place of the meeting to at least 45 days before the meeting.				01/11/21 Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.

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AB 71	Rivas	Homelessness funding: Bring California Home Act.	Housing/Unhoused	This bill supports legislation to create a comprehensive, statewide homelessness solutions program. This bill would create the Bring California Home Fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of providing at least \$2,400,000 annually to fund a comprehensive, statewide homeless solutions program.		Watch		01/15/21 Referred to Coms. on REV. & TAX. and H. & C. D. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.
AB 115	Bloom	Planning and zoning: commercial zoning: housing development.	Housing	Would, notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of a city's or county's general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation, would require that a housing development be an authorized use on a site designated in any local agency's zoning code or maps for commercial uses if certain conditions apply. Among these conditions, the bill would require that the housing development be subject to a recorded deed restriction requiring that at least 20% of the units have an affordable housing cost or affordable rent for lower income households, as those terms are defined, and located on a site that satisfies specified criteria.				Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.
AB 215	Chiu	Housing element.	Housing	The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a general plan for land use development within its boundaries that includes, among other things, a housing element. That law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to determine whether the housing element is in substantial compliance with specified provisions of that law. That law also requires HCD to notify a city, county, or city and county, and authorizes HCD to notify the office of the Attorney General, that the city, county, or city and county is in violation of state law if HCD finds that the housing element or an amendment to the housing element does not substantially comply with specified provisions of the Planning and Zoning Law, or that the local government has taken action or failed to act in violation of specified provisions of law. This bill would add the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 to those specified provisions of law.				4/5/21 Passed L. Gov w/ amendments, re-referred to H. & C.D., set for hearing 4/15 10:30am
AB 339	Lee	State and local government: open meetings.	Governance	Current law requires all meetings, as defined, of a house of the Legislature or a committee thereof to be open and public, and requires all persons to be permitted to attend the meetings, except as specified. This bill would require all meetings, including gatherings using teleconference technology, to include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option that provides closed captioning services and requires both a call-in and an internet-based service option to be provided to the public.				01/29/21 From printer. May be heard in committee February 28.

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AB 387	Lee	Social Housing Act of 2021.	Housing	Existing law establishes the Department of Housing and Community Development and sets forth its powers and duties. Existing law establishes various programs providing assistance for, among other things, emergency housing, multifamily housing, farmworker housing, homeownership for very low and low-income households, and downpayment assistance for first-time homebuyers. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to subsequently amend this bill to include provisions that would enact the Social Housing Act of 2021 to establish the California Housing Authority for the purpose of developing mixed-income rental and limited equity homeownership housing and mixed-use developments to address the shortage of affordable homes for low and moderate-income households.				3/25/21 Re-referred to H&CD
AB 550	Chiu	Pedestrian Safety	Transportation	Pilot program for speed safety cameras.			San Jose	02/11/21From printer. May be heard in committee March 13.
AB 571	Mayes	Planning and zoning: density bonuses: affordable housing.	Housing	The Density Bonus Law requires a city or county to provide a developer that proposes a housing development in the 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, among other things, construct a specified percentage of units for very low income, low-income, or moderate-income households or qualifying residents, including lower income students. Current law requires the amount of a density bonus and the number of incentives or concessions a qualifying developer receives to be pursuant to a certain formula based on the total number of units in the housing development, as specified. This bill would prohibit affordable housing impact fees, including inclusionary zoning fees, in-lieu fees, and public benefit fees, from being imposed on a housing development's affordable units or bonus units.				3/25/21 Re-referred to H&CD, set for hearing 4/15 2pm
AB 602	Grayson	Development fees.	Housing	The Mitigation Fee Act, among other things, prohibits a fee or exaction imposed as a condition of approval of a proposed development or development project from exceeding the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service or facility for which the fee or exaction is imposed. The act defines various terms for these purposes. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the definitions under the act.				02/12/21From printer. May be heard in committee March 14.

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AB 678	Grayson	Housing development projects: fees and exactions cap	Housing	Current law, the Mitigation Fee Act, imposes various requirements with respect to the establishment, increase, or imposition of a fee by a local agency as a condition of approval of a development project, including requiring a local agency, in any action establishing, increasing, or imposing such a fee, to determine how there is a reasonable relationship between the fee's use and the type of development on which the fee is imposed. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this requirement.				3/24/21 Passed H&CD w/ amendments, re-referred to L. Gov
AB 816	Chiu	State and local agencies: homelessness plan.	Housing/Unhoused	Current law requires the Governor to create the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council and to appoint up to 19 members of that council, as provided. Current law specifies the duties of the coordinating council, including creating partnerships among state agencies and departments, local government agencies, and specified federal agencies and private entities, for the purpose of arriving at specific strategies to end homelessness. This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature or upon receiving technical assistance offered by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), if available, would require the coordinating council to conduct, or contract with an entity to conduct, a statewide needs and gaps analysis to, among other things, identify state programs that provide housing or services to persons experiencing homelessness and create a financial model that will assess certain investment needs for the purpose of moving persons experiencing homelessness into permanent housing.				02/25/21 Referred to Com. on H. & C. D., set for hearing 4/15 10:30am
AB 987	Low	Electrical corporations: reporting.	Energy	Would require increased reporting for Investor Owned Utilities on planned and unplanned electricity outages.			San Jose	02/19/21 From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.

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AB 1091	Berman	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority: board of directors.	Transportation	Current law creates the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) with various powers and duties relative to transportation projects and services and the operation of public transit in the County of Santa Clara. Current law vests the government of the VTA in a 12-member board of directors whose terms of office are two years. Under existing law, only members of the county board of supervisors and city council members and mayors of cities in the county are authorized to serve on the board. Current law provides for the appointment of the board members by those local governments, as specified. This bill, on and after July 1, 2022, would reduce the size of the board to 9 members, increase their terms of office to 4 years, and provide for residents living in the county, rather than local officials, to serve on the board, as specified.				03/04/21 Referred to Com. on L. GOV
AB 1258	Nguyen	Housing element: regional housing need plan: judicial review.	Housing	Current law requires each city, county, or city and county to prepare and adopt a general plan for its jurisdiction that contains certain mandatory elements, including a housing element. Under existing law, a part of the housing element is an assessment of housing needs, which includes the locality's share of the regional housing need. Under existing law the appropriate council of governments, or for cities and counties without a council of governments, the Department of Housing and Community Development, adopts a final regional housing need plan that allocates a share of the regional housing need to each locality in the region. This bill would subject the final regional housing need plan to judicial review.				3/23/21 Re-referred to H&CD

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AB 1322	Bonta	Land use: local measures: conflicts	Housing	would authorize a governing body, defined as a city council or board of supervisors, to commence proceedings pursuant to specified provisions, to determine whether a local measure, defined as any provision of the charter, general plan, or ordinances of the city, county, or city and county that has been approved by the electorate, is in conflict with any of the specified state laws regarding housing. The bill would provide that the governing body cannot be compelled to undertake those proceedings. The bill would also specify what procedures apply if the governing body elects to determine whether there is a conflict between a local measure and the specified housing provisions, including adopting a resolution declaring that the local measure conflicts with state law, and therefore, the city, county, or city and county does not have a duty to defend or enforce the local measure in whole or in part. The bill would provide the parameters under which an interested party could bring an action or proceeding challenging the resolution, and would provide that in that action or proceeding, neither a governing body nor its officers or employees would be required to defend, enforce, or otherwise assert the validity of the local measure.				4/5/21 Re-referred to L. Gov
AB 1401	Friedman	Residential and commercial development: parking requirements.	Transportation/Housing	Would prohibit a local government from imposing a minimum parking requirement, or enforcing a minimum parking requirement, on residential, commercial, or other development if the development is located on a parcel that is within one-half mile walking distance of public transit, as defined, or located within a low-vehicle miles traveled area, as defined.				4/5/21 Passed H&CD w amendments, re-referred to L. Gov (will be heard 4/21 1:30pm)
AB 617	Davies	Planning and zoning: regional housing needs: exchange of allocation.	Housing	Would authorize a city or county, by agreement, to transfer all or a portion of its allocation of regional housing need to another city or county. The bill would allow the transferring city to pay the transferee city or county an amount determined by that agreement, as well as a surcharge to offset the impacts and associated costs of the additional housing on the transferee city. The bill would also require the transferring city or county and the transferee city or county to report to the council of governments and the department specified information about the transfer, as provided.				02/25/21 Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.

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AB 68	Salas	Affordable housing: California State Auditor's Report.	Housing	This bill supports legislation that would implement recommendations made in the California State Auditor's Report 2020-108, issued on November 17, 2020, relating to affordable housing.		Watch		03/22/21 Re-referred to Com. on H. & C. D., set for hearing 4/15 2pm
AB 682	Bloom	Planning and zoning: cohousing buildings.	Housing	Would require a city or county with a population of more than 400,000 people to permit the building of cohousing buildings, as defined, in any zone where multifamily residential buildings are permitted. The bill would require that cohousing buildings be permitted on the same basis as multifamily dwelling units. The bill would set minimum standards for the construction of cohousing buildings, including floor-space ratios and setback requirements. The bill would require that specified percentages of cohousing buildings be set aside for affordable housing, as specified.				02/25/21 Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV. 03/04/21 Set FOR Hearing ON 15-MAR-21 Upon adjournment of Session
ACA 1	Aguiar-Curry	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.	Housing	The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements.				12/08/20From printer. May be heard in committee January 7.

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SB 1	Atkins	Coastal Resources. Sea Level Rise.	Environmental Quality	Would make numerous changes, including creating the California Sea Level Rise State and Regional Support Collaborative to provide state and regional information to the public and support to local, regional, and other state agencies for the identification, assessment and the mitigation of sea level rise. The measure would also, upon appropriation, provide \$100 million in grants to local governments to update local and regional plans to take into account sea level rise.		Watch		02/17/21 Set for hearing March 16.
SB 3	Caballero	Tenancy: COVID-19	COVID-19/Housing	This bill extends and expands COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 protections, some of which include: This bill would extend the covered time period of COVID-19 related rental debt protection and transition time to March 31, 2021. The bill also expands the time period a tenant may deliver a declaration of COVID-19-related financial distress and expands the crime of perjury.		Watch		01/28/21 Referred to Com. on JUD.
SB 4	Gonzalez	Communications: California Advanced Services Fund.	Broadband	Existing law establishes the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, known as "GO-Biz," within the Governor's office to serve the Governor as the lead entity for economic strategy and the marketing of California on issues relating to business development, private sector investment, and economic growth. This bill would require the office to coordinate with other relevant state and local agencies and national organizations to explore ways to facilitate streamlining of local land use approvals and construction permit processes for projects related to broadband infrastructure deployment and connectivity.		Support		01/28/21 Referred to Coms. on E., U. & C. and JUD.
SB 5	Atkins	Housing: bond act.	Housing/Unhoused	This bill supports legislation that would authorize the issuance of bonds and would require the proceeds to be used to finance housing-related programs that serve the homeless and extremely low-income Californians.		Watch		01/28/21 Referred to Com. on RLS.
SB 6	Caballero	Local planning: housing: commercial zones.	Housing	This bill designates a housing development project, a parcel within a commercial zone not adjacent to an industrial site, as an allowable use on a neighborhood lot if it complies with various requirements, one of which includes: the density for a housing development must meet or exceed the density appropriate for lower income households according to the local jurisdiction.		Watch		03/08/21 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-

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	Atkins	Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021		Would enact the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021, which would reenact the former leadership act, with certain changes, and would authorize the Governor, until January 1, 2024, to certify projects that meet specified requirements for streamlining benefits related to CEQA. The bill would additionally include housing development projects, as defined, meeting certain conditions as projects eligible for certification. The bill would, except for those housing development projects, require the quantification and mitigation of the impacts of a project from the emissions of greenhouse gases, as provided. The bill would revise and recast the labor-related requirements for projects undertaken by both public agencies and private entities. The bill would provide that the Governor is authorized to certify a project before the lead agency certifies the final EIR for the project.		Watch		03/01/21In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

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SB 8	Skinner	Density Bonus Law.	Housing	Would make a nonsubstantive change to the definition of "development standard" for purposes of the Density Bonus Law.				1/28/21 Referred to Com. on RLS.
SB 9	Atkins	Housing development: approvals.	Housing	This bill would require a proposed housing development containing 2 residential units within a single-family residential zone to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, if the proposed housing development meets certain requirements.		Oppose Unless Amend		03/03/21 March 18 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author
SB 10	Wiener	Planning and zoning: housing development: density.	Housing	This bill would authorize a local government to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site. This type of ordinance would not be subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.		Watch		02/24/21 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING.
SB 11	Rubio	Residential property insurance: ratemaking strategies.	Housing	This bill would require the commissioner to convene a stakeholder group of expert parties to identify ways to measure and incorporate fire damage mitigation strategies into the homeowners' insurance ratemaking process and report the group's findings to the Legislature.		Watch		03/01/21 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on INS.
SB 12	McGuire	Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires.	Housing	This bill would require a city or county to adopt a comprehensive retrofit strategy to reduce wildfire related property loss and damage, identify all very high fire risk areas and policies to address these risks, and prohibits a city or county from entering into a development agreement, approving discretionary permits, or approving maps for property that is located within a very high fire risk area.		Watch		01/28/21 Referral to Com. on N.R. & W. rescinded because of the limitations placed on committee hearings due to ongoing health and safety risks of the COVID-19 virus.

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SB 15	Portantino	Housing development: incentives: rezoning of idle retail sites.	Housing	This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a program to provide grants to local governments that rezone idle sites used for a big box retailer or a commercial shopping center to instead allow the development of workforce housing.		Watch		03/08/21From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HOUSING. 02/17/21Set for hearing March 16.
SB 45	Portantino	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022.	Environmental Quality	Would place a \$5.51 billion bond on the 2022 ballot to finance wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation and flood protection projects.		Watch		
SB 51	Durazo	Surplus residential property: sale procedures: City of Los Angeles.	Housing	This bill would require a state agency within the City of Los Angeles to dispose of surplus residential property that is not sold to a former owner by offering it at fair market value to current tenants who have occupied the property for 5 years or more and are in good standing or the property is offered to a housing entity to use for low- and moderate-income rental housing		Watch		03/08/21From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D. 02/25/21Set for hearing March 9.
SB 52	Dodd	State of Emergency. Local Emergency. Sudden and Severe Energy Shortage. Planned Power Outage.	Environmental Quality	Would expand the definition of "sudden and severe energy shortage" to include a "deenergization event," defined as a planned power outage, and would make a deenergization event one of the conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.		Watch		
SB 55	Stern	Very high fire hazard severity zone: state responsibility area: development prohibition.	Housing	This bill would prohibit the creation or approval of new development in a very high fire hazard severity zone or a state responsibility area. By imposing new duties on local governments with respect to the approval of new developments in very high fire hazard severity zones and state responsibility areas, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.		Watch		03/03/21Re-referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and HOUSING.
SB 60	Glazer	Residential short-term rental ordinances: health or safety infractions: maximum fines.	Housing	This bill would raise the maximum fines for violation of an ordinance relating to a residential short-term rental that is an infraction and poses a threat to health or safety.		Watch		3/18/21 "Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 32. Noes 5.) Ordered to the Assembly."

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SB 83	Allen	California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank. Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program.	Environmental Quality	Would create the Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program within the IBank to provide low- interest loans to local jurisdictions for the purchase of coastal properties in their jurisdictions identified as vulnerable coastal property.		Watch		02/17/21Set for hearing March 16. 01/28/21 Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and GOV. & F.
SB 99	Dodd	Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021.	Environmental Quality	Would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans. The measure would require the plan to ensure that a reliable electricity supply is maintained at critical facilities and identify areas most likely to experience a loss of electrical service.		Watch		01/28/21 Referred to Com. on E., U. & C.
SB 109	Dodd	Office of Emergency Services. Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development.	Environmental Quality	Would establish the Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development (The Office) within the Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) under the direct control of the Director of Cal OES. The measure would make The Office responsible for studying, testing, and advising regarding procurement of emerging technologies and tools in order to more effectively prevent and suppress wildfires, and serving as the central organizing hub for the state government'		Watch		02/25/21Set for hearing March 9. 01/28/21 Referred to Com. on G.O.
SB 290	Skinner	Density Bonus Law: qualifications for incentives or concessions: student housing for lower income students: moderate-income persons and families: local government constraints.	Housing	Current law requires the amount of a density bonus and the number of incentives or concessions a qualifying developer receives to be pursuant to a certain formula based on the total number of units in the housing development, as specified. This bill would require a unit designated to satisfy the inclusionary zoning requirements of a city or county to be included in the total number of units on which a density bonus and the number of incentives or concessions are based. The bill would require a city or county to grant one incentive or concession for a student housing development project that will include at least 20% of the total units for lower income students.				02/24/21Set for hearing March 18. 02/22/21Joint Rule 55 suspended. (Ayes 32. Noes 4.) 02/10/21 Referred to Coms. on HOUSING and GOV. & F.
SB 418	Laird	Sea level rise planning: database.	Climate Change	This bill would extend the sunset provision for the Planning for Sea Level Rise Database (PSLRD) until January 1, 2028.			Office of Senator Laird	03/25/21 Set for hearing April 27. (Natural Resources and Water Committee)

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SB 477	Wiener	General plan: annual report.	Housing	The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a general plan for land use development within its boundaries that includes, among other things, a housing element. That law requires the planning agency of a city or county to provide, by April 1 of each year, an annual report to, among other entities, the Department of Housing and Community Development that includes, among other specified information, the number of applications submitted, the location and total number of developments approved, the number of building permits issued, and the number of units constructed pursuant to a specific streamlined, ministerial approval process. This bill would, commencing January 1, 2023, require a planning agency to include in that annual report specified information on costs, standards, and applications for proposed housing development projects and specified information on housing development projects within the jurisdiction.		Watch		03/02/21Set for hearing March 18. 02/25/21 Referred to Com. on HOUSING
SB 478	Wiener	Planning and Zoning Law: housing development projects.	Housing	The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a general plan for land use development within its boundaries that includes, among other things, a housing element. The law also requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to notify the city, county, or city and county, and authorizes the department to notify the Attorney General, that the city, county, or city and county is in violation of state law if the department finds that the housing element or an amendment to that element, or any specified action or failure to act, does not substantially comply with the law as it pertains to housing elements or that any local government has taken an action in violation of certain housing laws. This bill would prohibit a local agency, as defined, from imposing specified standards, including a minimum lot size that exceeds an unspecified number of square feet on parcels zoned for at least 2, but not more than 4, units or a minimum lot size that exceeds an unspecified number of square feet on parcels zoned for at least 5, but not more than 10, units.		Watch		02/25/21 Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and HOUSING.
SB 555	McGuire	Local Agencies: Transit occupancy taxes: online short-term rental facilitator: collection.	Revenue and taxation	Would authorize a local agency to enact an ordinance delegating its authority to collect any transient occupancy tax imposed by that local agency on short-term rentals to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and to enter into a contract with the department for purposes of registration, rate posting, collection, and transmission of revenues necessary to collect and administer any transient occupancy tax imposed on a short-term rental as specified in this bill. Local agencies that do not currently have a TOT collection agreement would be able to opt-in to the program.		Watch	Campbell	03/03/21 Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and JUD.
SB 612	Portantino	Electrical corporations: allocation of legacy resources.	Clean Energy	Would address rising Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) costs for both CCA and utility customers.		Watch	San Jose	03/03/21 Referred to Com. on RLS.

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SB 649	Cortese	Local governments: affordable housing: local tenant preference.	Housing	Would define people at risk of displacement as a category of people for the purposes of providing a tenant preference in affordable housing developments.		Watch	San Jose	03/03/21 Referred to Coms. on HOUSING and JUD.
SB 765	Stern	Accessory dwelling units: setbacks.	Housing	The Planning and Zoning Law, among other things, 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. Current law prohibits a local agency's accessory dwelling unit ordinance from imposing a setback requirement of more than 4 feet from the side and rear lot lines for an accessory dwelling unit that is not converted from an existing structure or a new structure constructed in the same location and to the same dimensions as an existing structure. This bill would remove the above-described prohibition on a local agency's accessory dwelling unit ordinance, and would instead provide that the rear and side yard setback requirements for accessory dwelling units may be set by the local agency. The bill would authorize an accessory dwelling unit applicant to submit a request to the local agency for an alternative rear and side yard setback requirement if the local agency's setback requirements make the building of the accessory dwelling unit infeasible.		Watch		02/22/21Joint Rule 55 suspended. (Ayes 32. Noes 4.) 02/22/21(Ayes 32. Noes 4.) 02/22/21Art. IV. Sec. 8(a) of the Constitution dispensed with. 02/22/21Read first time.
SCA 2	Allen	Public housing projects.	Housing	The California Constitution prohibits the development, construction, or acquisition of a low-rent housing project, as defined, in any manner by any state public body until a majority of the qualified electors of the city, town, or county in which the development, construction, or acquisition of the low-rent housing project is proposed approve the project by voting in favor at an election, as specified. This measure would repeal these provisions.				12/08/20From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 7.