



Acronyms in Local Government

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501 (c) (3) – Charitable organization/foundations (federal)	CAO – Chief Administrative Officer or Citizens Assistance Officer
A-95 – Grant review clearinghouse	CAPIO – CA Association of Public Information Officers
AB – Assembly Bill	CAPPO – CA Association of Public Purchasing Officers
ABX1 4 – i.e. Assembly Extraordinary Session 1, Bill 4	CATV – Cable access television
ACA – Assembly Constitutional Amendment	CBD – Central Business District
ACR – Assembly Concurrent Resolution	CBMA – City Ballot Measure Academy
ACWA – Assn of California Water Agencies	CBO – Community based organization
ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)	CC&R – Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions
ADU – Accessory Dwelling Unit	CCAC – City Clerks Association of CA
AFSCME – American Federal, State, County, and Municipal Employees	CCLI – CA Civic Leadership Institute
AG – Attorney General	CCMF – CA City Management Foundation
AIA – American Institute of Architects	CCMP – CA Coastal Management Program
AICP – American Institute of Certified Planners	CCR – CA Code of Regulations
AJR – Assembly Joint Resolution	CCS Partnership – Cities, Counties & Schools Partnership
APA – American Planning Association	CD – Certificate of Deposit
APN – Assessor’s Parcel Number	CDBG – Community Development Block Grant
APWA – American Public Works Association	CDF – CA Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection
AQMD – Air Quality Management District	CEPO – Continuing Education for Public Officials
ARB – Air Resources Board	CEQA – CA Environmental Quality Act
ARMA – Assn of Records Managers & Administrators	CFD – Community Facilities District
ASCE – American Society of Civil Engineers	CHFA – CA Housing Finance Agency
ASPA – American Society for Public Administration	CIP – Capital Improvement Program
BAN - Bond Anticipation Notes	CITIPAC – League of CA Cities Political Action Committee (PAC)
BID – Business Improvement District	CIWMB – CA Integrated Waste Management Board
BOCA – Bldg Officials & Code Administrators	CLCA – CA Land Conservation Act (Williamson Act)
BLM – Bureau of Land Management	CLETS – CA Law Enforcement Telecommunication Systems
BMR – Below-Market Rate Dwelling Unit	CMP – Congestion Management Plan
BOE – Board of Equalization	CMTA – CA Municipal Treasurers Assn
BRAC - Base Realignment and Closure	CNEL – Community Noise Equivalent Level
CAD – Computer Aided Design	COBRA – Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
CAFR – Comprehensive Annual Financial Report	COG – Council of Government
CALAFCO – CA Local Agency Formation Commission	COLA – Cost of living adjustment
CALBO – CA Building Officials	COP - Certificates of Participation
CALCOG – CA Association of Councils of Governments	COPS – Citizens Options for Public Safety
CALED – CA Association for Local Economic Development	COSM – Commission on State Mandates
CalEPA – CA Environmental Protection Agency	CPI – Consumer Price Index
CALFED – CA Bay Delta Authority	CRA – Community Redevelopment Agency
CAL-ICMA – CA Chapter of ICMA	CSAC – CA State Association of Counties
CALPELRA – CA Public Employer Labor Relations Association	CSBA – CA School Boards Assn
CALPERS – CA Personnel Retirement System	CSD – Community Service District
CALTRANS – CA Dept. of Transportation	CSDA – CA Special Districts Assn.

CSMFO – CA Society of Municipal Finance Officers	HHS – Dept. of Health & Human Services (federal)
CTA – CA Teachers Association	HOV – High-Occupancy Vehicle
CUP – Conditional Use Permit	HUD – Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (federal)
CVC – CA Vehicle Code	ICA – Independent Cities Association
DHS – Dept. of Homeland Security	IDB – Industrial Development Bond
DOE – Dept. of Energy (federal)	IIMC – Int'l Institute of Municipal Clerks
DOT – Dept. of Transportation (federal)	ILG – Institute for Local Government
DTSC – Dept. of Toxic Substances Control	ICMA – Int'l City/County Management Assn
DWR – Dept. of Water Resources	IMLA – Int'l Municipal Lawyers Association
E.C. – Elections Code	INET – Institutional or fiber network
EEOC – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (federal)	INS – Immigration & Naturalization Service
EIR – Environmental Impact Report (California)	IPO – Initial Public Offering
EJ – Environmental Justice	ISTEA – Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
EMF – Electromagnetic Field	ISO – Insurance Service Office
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency	JPA – Joint Powers Authority
ERAF – Education Revenue Augmentation Fund	LAO – Legislative Analyst Office
ERP – Emergency Response Plan	LCC – League of California Cities
ERS – Employee Relations Seminar (LCC meeting)	LCP – Local Coastal Program
ESA – Endangered Species Act	LHA – Local Housing Authority
ESHA – Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area	LOS – Level of Service
FAA – Federal Aviation Administration	LRT – Light-duty Rail Transit
FAR – Floor area ratio	MBE – Minority Business Enterprise
FCC – Federal Communications Commission	MF – Multifamily
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency	MH – Manufactured Housing
FERC – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	MISAC - Municipal Information Systems Association of California
FHA – Federal Housing Administration	MMANC – Municipal Management Assistants of Northern California
FHWA – Federal Highway Administration	MMASC – Municipal Management Assistants of Southern California
FIA – Fiscal Impact Analysis	MMB – Meyers Miliias Brown
FIRM – Flood Insurance Rate Map	MOU – Memorandum of Understanding
FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act	MPD – Master Planned Community
FmHA – Farmers Home Administration	MPO – Metropolitan planning organization
FPPC – Fair Political Practices Commission	MXD – Mixed Use Development
FTB – Franchise Tax Board	NAHRO – Nat'l Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials
FTE – Full-time Equivalent Position	Neg Dec – Negative Declaration
FY – Fiscal year	NEPA – Nat'l Environmental Policy Act
GAN – Grant Anticipation Notes	NFIP – Nat'l Flood Insurance Program
GASB – Governmental Accounting Standards Board	NHL – National Historic Landmark
G.C. - Government Code	NHPA – Nat'l Historic Preservation Act
GIS – Geographic Information Systems	NIMBY – “Not in my backyard”
GLA – Gross Leasable Floor Area	NLC – Nat'l League of Cities
GO – General Obligations	NOA – Notice of Availability
GP – General Plan	NOC – Notice of Completion (CEQA)
GPS – Global Positioning System	NOD – Notice of Determination (CEQA)
HCD – Dept. of Housing & Community Development (state)	NPDES – Nat'l Pollution Discharge Elimination System
HCED – Housing, community & economic development (LCC policy committee)	NPRM – Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
HCP – Habitat Conservation Plan	OMB – Office of Mgmt & Budget (federal)
	OPEB – Obligations for Post Employment Benefits

OPER – Other Post Employment Retirement Benefits	TCPW – Transportation Communication & Public Works (LCC policy committee)
OPM – Office of Personnel Management	TDM – Transpiration Demand Management
OPR – Governor’s Office of Planning & Research (California)	TDR – Transfer of Development Rights
PAC – Political Action Committee	TEA -21 – Federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century
PC – Planning Commission	TEFRA – Tax Equity & Fiscal Responsibility Act
PDA – Hand held device	TIF – Tax Increment Financing
PEG – Public education & government	TIN – Taxpayers Identifying Number
PIC – Private Industry Council	TOD – Transit-Oriented Development
PIO – Public Information Officer	TOT – Transient Occupancy Tax
POST – Commission on Peace Officers Standards & Training	TRAN – Tax & Revenue Anticipation Notes
PSAP – Public Safety Answering Points (i.e. local dispatch centers)	TSM – Transportation Systems Management
PTAP – Property Tax Administration Program	UA – Underwriting Agreement
PUD – Planned unit development	UBC – Uniform Building Code
PWOI – Public Works Officers Institute (LCC meeting)	UEC – Uniform Electrical Code
QOL – Quality of Life	UFC – Uniform Fire Code
RDA – Redevelopment Agency	UAGB – Urban Growth Boundary
RFP/RFQ – Request for Proposal/Qualifications	UHC – Uniform Housing Code
RHNA – Regional Housing Needs Assessment	UMTA – Urban Mass Transportation Administration
RLUIPA – Religious Land Use & Institutionalized Persons Act	UPC – Uniform Plumbing Code
ROW – Right-of-Way	USCM – U.S. Conference of Mayors
RPA – Regional Planning Agency	USDA – U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
RTPA – Regional Transportation Planning Agency	UUT – Utility Users Tax
SAFETEA-LU – Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users	VA – Veterans Administration
SB – Senate Bill	VLF – Motor Vehicle License Fee
SBA – Small Business Administration (federal)	VMT – Vehicle-Miles Traveled
SBX1 4 – i.e. Senate Extraordinary Session 1, Bill 4	W-2 – Earnings statement
SCA – Senate Constitutional Amendment	W-4 – Withholding Statement
SCR – Senate Concurrent Resolution	WDR – Waste discharge requirements
SEC – Securities & Exchange Commission	WIC – Women, Infants, Children Nutrition Program
Section 8 – Low income housing (federal)	WiFi – Wireless fidelity
SFD – Single-Family Dwelling	ZLL – Zero Lot Line
SGP – Strategic Growth Plan	
SHSP – Strategic Highway Safety Plan	
SJR – Senate Joint Resolution	
SLAPP – Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation	
SMSA – Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area	
SRO – Single-Room Occupancy	
SSA – Social Security Administration	
SSI – Supplemental Security Income	
STIP/TIP – State Transportation Improvement Plan/Transportation Improvement Plan	
SWRCB – State Water Resources Control Board	
TAC – Technical Advisory Committee	
TAN – Tax anticipation Notes	