



**MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Windsor

Finley Community Center
Manzanita Room
2060 West College Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Friday April 18, 2025
9:00 AM

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Cloverdale		Petaluma		Sebastopol	
Cotati		Rohnert Park		Sonoma	
Healdsburg		Santa Rosa		Windsor	

3. Public Comment

If members of the public would like to provide public comment, we encourage you to submit them via email to Lauren Berges, SCMCA Clerk, by 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting: scmcaclerk@gmail.com

4. Selection of Vice Chair of the Committee

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

6. Program

- A. 2025 Bills in Brief (Action Item)
- B. Monitoring Impacts of Federal Funding Losses
Proposal by Chair Jill McLewis
- C. Legislative Updates – Legislative Representatives

7. Adjournment to the Next Meeting: May 16, 2025

/s/ Lauren Berges, Association Clerk

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Minutes

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Cloverdale	A	Petaluma	X	Sebastopol	X
Cotati	A	Rohnert Park	X	Sonoma	X
Healdsburg	X	Santa Rosa	X	Windsor	X

3. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee

For Chair, Jill McLewis, of Sebastopol, self-nominated and was seconded by Ron Edwards of Healdsburg, the vote was unanimous to accept.

For Vice Chair, Jack Ding, of Sonoma, nominated Sandra Lowe, who was not present. The motion was seconded by Mark Stapp, of Santa Rosa, and the vote was unanimous to accept with the hope that the nomination would be accepted. If not accepted, it was asked to place the Vice Chair election on the next agenda.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment

5. Program

A. Legislative Updates – Legislative Representatives

Staff members from Assemblymember Rogers and Assemblymember Connolly's office reported that the date of the meeting was the legislative deadline.

B. 2025 Legislative Update

Nancy Hall Bennett, of Cal Cities, reported on the committee's legislative platform and that we would review bills in March for action.

6. Adjournment to Next Meeting: March 21, 2025

Bills In Brief

Recommendation

It is recommended the Committee discuss and potentially act on the following bills:

AB 1 (Connolly) Residential property insurance: wildfire risk.

Cal Cities Position: Support

This measure would require the Department of Insurance to include wildfire mitigation in the next draft of the Catastrophe Modeling regulations.

AB 650 (Papan) Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

Cal Cities Position: Sponsor/Support

This measure will significantly improve the housing element review process by encouraging local jurisdictions to begin planning earlier and providing greater clarity and certainty to a difficult and complex process. This measure would allow local jurisdictions to begin the housing element update six months earlier than what is required under existing law; support good faith actors that are working through the housing element review process; and require HCD to provide written communication that identifies specific deficiencies in the draft and text or analysis that HCD believes needs to be included to comply with the law.

AB 736 (Wicks) The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026. And SB 417 (Cabaldon) The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026.

Cal Cities Position: Support

This measure would create a \$10 billion housing bond to finance affordable rental housing and homeownership programs.

SB 79 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Transit-oriented Development.

Cal Cities Position: Oppose

This measure would require cities to approve higher-density residential projects up to 7 stories near public transit stops ministerially regardless of local zoning codes, limit the use of local development standards on the proposed project, and allow transit agencies full land authority over residential and commercial development on property they own or lease.

SB 239 (Arreguin) Open Meetings: Teleconferencing: Subsidiary Body.

Cal Cities Position: Support/Sponsor

This measure would modernize the Brown Act by allowing public members of non-decision-making advisory bodies to meet remotely without posting their location or making that location available to the public.

Would improve participation on advisory bodies, allowing them to establish a quorum more easily and help cities recruit and retain active members.

State advisory bodies already have this flexibility under SB 554 (2023)--these narrow exemptions should apply to local governments, too.

SB 346 (Durazo) Local Agencies: Transient Occupancy Taxes: Short-term Rental Facilitator.

Cal Cities Position: Support/Sponsor

This measure would provide local governments with tools to more effectively enforce their local ordinances against unlicensed short-term rentals and to ensure local agencies are receiving the correct amount of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). The bill contains three components:

- Upon request, requires short-term rental platforms to disclose the Assessor Parcel Number (APN) of a short-term rental listed on the platform to local governments;
- Requires the publishing of the local license number and TOT certification, if applicable, in the short-term rental listing;
- Authorizes local governments to audit TOT if it is collected by the platform.

SB 634 (Pérez) Homelessness: civil and criminal penalties.

Cal Cities Position: Oppose

This measure would prohibit local governments from adopting any regulation, policy, or guidance that imposes civil or criminal penalties on a person experiencing homelessness. By eliminating all enforcement mechanisms, SB 634 gives people the right to stand, sit, lay, sleep, or put up a tent in any public place.