



San Leandro  
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# Trump-Vance Administration

- President-elect Donald Trump
- Vice President-elect JD Vance
- Certification: January 6, 2025
- Inauguration Day: January 20, 2025
- Trump-Vance Administration will assume office with a Republican “trifecta” across Executive & Legislative Branches
- Cabinet nominees to be considered by the Senate
- First 100 days ends April 30, 2025

# 119<sup>th</sup> Session of Congress

- Historically slim margins in the House & Senate
  - Senate: 53 Republicans, 47 Democrats
    - Majority Leader John Thune
      - GOP lacks filibuster-proof majority of 60 seats
  - House: 219 Republicans, 215 Democrats, 1 current vacancy
    - Speaker Mike Johnson
      - Two more GOP departures should leave 217-215 majority
- Bay Area Delegation
  - Welcoming Senator Schiff and Representative Simon

# Legislative Priorities

- House adopted Rules Package outlines 12 priority bills
  - Immigration enforcement, sanctuary jurisdictions, Title IX, & proof of US citizenship for voter registration
- Debt Ceiling and Deficit Reduction
- Current Continuing Resolution Expires March 14, 2025
  - Resolution on FY 2025 Budget
  - Work Begins on FY 2026 Spending Bills
- Expiring Authorizations
- *Congressional Review Act*



# Budget Reconciliation

- Reconciliation process will be used by GOP lawmakers to advance Trump-Vance priorities with a simple majority
- “Byrd Rule” requires that legislative provisions produce changes to spending or revenue receipts with a budgetary impact that is not “merely incidental” to the proposed policy change
- Senate Parliamentarian will scrub merely incidental provisions in “Byrd Bath”

# Budget Reconciliation

- \$5 trillion package targeted for April/May consideration
- National Security
  - Immigration enforcement & border security
  - Energy security
- Economic Policy
  - Extension/expansion of the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017*
    - Exclusion of tips and adjustment of SALT cap likely in
    - Opportunity for housing tax credits
    - Risk for clean energy tax credits
  - Tariffs as revenue source

# Executive Actions

- Repeal Biden-era regulations
  - Immigration
  - Climate & Environmental Justice
  - DEI Initiatives
- Pursue a deregulatory agenda across the whole of government
- DOGE advisors to offer recommendations to:
  - rescind burdensome regulations;
  - find efficiencies by reforming administrative process and reducing personnel; and
  - realize cost savings to taxpayers

# Immigration Policy

- Rescinding Biden-era enforcement priorities and expanding powers of CBP and ICE to detain and deport undocumented individuals
- Terminating legal status by ending Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designations or programs like CHNV parole, Operation Allies Welcome, etc.
- Restricting lawful immigration and capping refugee admissions
- Conducting raids, deputizing local law enforcement using 287(g) agreements, and increasing expedited removals
- Restricting public assistance to individuals or mixed-status families
- Restricting sanctuary jurisdictions' eligibility for federal funding

# Infrastructure Programs

- Federal budget funded by Continuing Resolution through 3/14
- Biden Administration executed majority of grant funding authorized by the *Inflation Reduction Act* to support climate resiliency, but cities may engage grantees for resources
- Trump-Vance Administration will administer final rounds of programs authorized by the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*
- Few adjustments to federal grants available for local projects, such as Shoreline Project
- Consider potential investments in the City's Opportunity Zone

# Thank You

- Thank you for your public service and willingness to engage at the federal level
- My colleagues and I appreciate your ongoing partnership and your time and attention to these developments
- We look forward to supporting the City's federal priorities in 2025 and continued collaboration in hopes of securing good outcomes for your constituents

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