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State Legislative and Funding Updates

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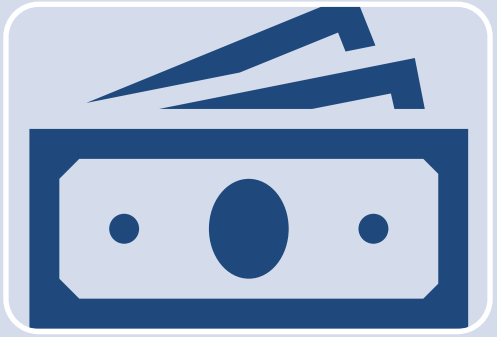
2025 Legislative Session: Bill Overview

11 years of Partnership



$21.2 million in funding secured

Strategic engagement on 50 + pieces of legislation including 4 sponsored bills signed into law

2025 Legislative Session: Bill Overview

- **Over 2,700** Bills Introduced
- **917** Bills Passed Legislature
- **794** Chaptered and **123** Vetoed
- **Veto Rate:** 13%

2025-26 Legislative Session: State Budget

$12B Budget Deficit: Borrowing, Reserves, and Cost Shifts

Prop 4 Climate Bond: $3.3B Appropriated

LAO Predicts **$18 billion deficit** for FY 26/27 (better outlook than last year)

Concerns Remain: Multi-year Deficits, CA/DC Dynamics

2025 Legislative Session: Major Issues

Cap and Invest Reauthorization (AHSC Funding)

Immigration Response

Congressional Redistricting

New Senate Leadership

2025 Legislative Session: Notable Legislation

SB 79 (Wiener) Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Upzoning

Details

- Requires certain housing projects near existing or planned transit-oriented development (TOD) stops to be allowed on residential, mixed-use, or commercial sites if certain conditions are met. Additionally authorizes transit agencies to set TOD zoning standards for their own land.
- **Only applies in a ½ mile radius around high-quality transit**
- TOD local alternative plan language
- Implementation delay timelines

Status

- Signed by the Governor and will take effect on July 1, 2026. Ongoing clean up legislation likely

2025 Legislative Session: Notable Legislation

SB 707 (Durazo) – Brown Act Modernization Act

Details

- This bill makes various changes to the rules for local agencies to hold public meetings pursuant to the Brown Act, including translation and public access requirements.

- Requires two-way public comment at all City Council Meetings

Strategic Actions: Worked with author's office and stakeholders to secure amendments, including:

- 6 month delayed implementation
- Clarifying procedures for lost public access connectivity during council meetings
- Agenda translation thresholds
- Liability protections

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2025-26 Legislative Session: Strategic Engagement

- Regular check-in meetings with City staff
- Ongoing engagement on homelessness funding stability (HHAP, SB 2), electrification legislation, wildfire resilience, affordable housing, and many other topics
- Consistent reports and updates on priority issues
- Earmark strategy and advocacy
- Sacramento Advocacy Trip planning
- Relationship development with Legislative Delegation and Leadership

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