



2025 Q2 Legislative Action Summary

Below is a summary of the actions that were taken during 2025 Q2 in alignment with the City of Santa Clara's 2025 Legislative Advocacy Positions (LAPs), guiding principles for legislative advocacy, approved City policies (e.g., City Council Goals and Priorities), and/or Council action.

Community Services LAP

- June 9, 2025 Letter of support to restore federal funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator Adam Schiff, and U.S. Representative Ro Khanna

Housing LAP

- May 19, 2025 Sign on Association of Bay Area Governments letter supporting a \$30 million State budget appropriation for the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority to California State Budget leadership: Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Scott Wiener, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee Jesse Gabriel, Chair of the Senate Budget Subcommittee #4 Christopher Cabaldon, and Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee
- June 9, 2025 Letter of support to protect funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator Adam Schiff, and U.S. Representative Ro Khanna
- June 19, 2025 Letter of support for AB 736 (Wicks) – The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026 to State Assemblymember Buffy Wicks

Public Safety LAP

- April 21, 2025 Letter of support for SB 701 (Wahab) – Signal jammers to State Senator Dr. Aisha Wahab
- May 22, 2025 Letter of support for SB 258 (Wahab) – Crimes: rape to State Senator Dr. Aisha Wahab

Sustainability and Environmental Protection LAP

- June 4, 2025 Letter of support for SB 496 (Hurtado) – Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions submitted to State Senator Melissa Hurtado

Transportation Issues LAP

- April 23, 2025 Letter of support for the City's Federal Community Project Funding Requests to U.S. Representative Ro Khanna
- June 12, 2025 Letter of support to protect State transit funding to California State leadership: Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire, and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas

Multiple Legislative Priorities

- April 2025 Sign on coalition letter supporting a \$50 million State budget appropriation per host city for the 2026 FIFA World Cup to California State leadership: Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire, and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (Public Safety, Regional Issues and Collaboration, and Transportation Issues LAPs)
- May 2, 2025 Letter of support for the City's State Budget Requests to State Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens (Community Services, Housing, and Transportation Issues LAPs)
- May 2, 2025 Letter of support for the City's State Budget Requests to State Senator Dr. Aisha Wahab (Community Services, Housing, and Transportation Issues LAPs)
- May 8, 2025 Cities Association of Santa Clara County Legislative Action Committee Discussion Bills (Housing, Emergency Management, and Sustainability and Environmental Protection LAPs)



June 9, 2025

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Letter of Support to Restore Funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services

Dear Senator Padilla,

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I am writing to express our support to restore funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to prior funding levels in the upcoming budget. As the only federal agency dedicated to ensuring that every community has access to essential library funding, IMLS plays a critical role in promoting early literacy, family literacy, and life-long learning in our city and across the country.

Eliminating or significantly reducing funding for IMLS would have a disproportionate and devastating impact on our residents. In our city and throughout the state of California, IMLS-funded programs are crucial community assets: they support literacy, digital access, workforce development, and lifelong learning for students, job seekers, veterans, seniors, people with disabilities, and new immigrants.

In Santa Clara, these cuts would eliminate access to vital resources including:

- *Encyclopedia Britannica, Gale, PebbleGo Science, TeachingBooks, and ProQuest* – which are used daily by K-12 students
- The *eBooks for All California* program
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In practice, this means that children will no longer have access to important academic support tools, adults will lose access to digital literacy training materials, and seniors will be deprived of critical community engagement opportunities.

Additionally, public libraries function as critical hubs during times of crisis, offering free emergency internet access, device charging stations, inclement weather relief facilities, and trusted public information. Defunding the IMLS will remove this essential community infrastructure for our most vulnerable community members.

Senator Alex Padilla

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For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to support restoring IMLS funding to prior funding levels. Thank you for your continued efforts to advocate for critical services that benefit all communities across the country.

Sincerely,

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Lisa M. Gillmor

Mayor

City of Santa Clara



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1020 N Street, Room 502
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Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8230
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Christopher Cabaldon
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee #4
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Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #5
1021 O Street, Suite 4210
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Budget Request – Sustaining the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority

Dear Chairs Wiener, Gabriel, Cabaldon, and Quirk-Silva:

As local elected leaders, we strongly support a \$30 million budget appropriation for the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) to sustain its regional leadership over the next three years - most importantly, preparing for a large-scale revenue measure in 2028 to raise billions of dollars for building and preserving affordable homes across the region. Especially considering the state and federal budget situation, this robust “self-help” is vital for meeting our constituents’ housing needs.

After the Legislature created BAHFA in 2019, agency staff formed close partnerships with our cities and counties. They foster a collaborative approach that stretches local housing resources further. Last year, BAHFA staff provided essential technical assistance as local staff explored statutorily required expenditure plans for the 80% of revenue from a regional measure that would have flowed directly to local jurisdictions.

BAHFA’s \$30 million request has two components. A \$15 million appropriation would maintain BAHFA’s capacity for three years, including the intensive work required to place a revenue measure on the ballot and the continued operation of the Doorway Housing Portal. The initial development of Doorway - a centralized search and application website for affordable housing in all nine counties - was seeded with a state grant in 2021. Doorway not only makes our residents’ housing search much easier, it also allows cities and counties to redirect resources from local portals to other housing priorities. It is an excellent example of the positive impact generated by operating at a regional scale.

We also encourage you to consider allocating BAHFA an additional \$15 million to launch a new lending program, with the goals of reducing development costs and assisting BAHFA in becoming self-sufficient. Modeled on the highly successful New York Housing Development Corporation, this program would offer financing to affordable housing developers at lower interest rates than private lenders, thereby reducing development costs. Modest interest and fees would generate self-sustaining operating support for BAHFA.

The Bay Area Housing Finance Authority is a vital resource that has already demonstrated value for our cities, counties, and residents. We can't afford to lose its powerful revenue-raising potential or the immediate housing affordability it creates. And the state needs BAHFA as a robust partner to meet shared housing goals. We respectfully request your support to sustain its work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Napa County

Anne Cottrell
Supervisor, Napa County

Joelle Gallagher
Supervisor, Napa County

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Supervisor, Napa County

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Supervisor, Napa County

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Board President, on behalf of the full Marin
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Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco

San Mateo County

City/County Association of Governments of
San Mateo County
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cover)

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Supervisor, San Mateo County

Noelia Corzo
Supervisor, San Mateo County

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Councilmember, City of East Palo Alto

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David Cohen
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Lisa Gillmor
Mayor, on behalf of the full City Council for
the City of Santa Clara

Linda Sell,
Vice Mayor, City of Sunnyvale

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MTC Commissioner

Eddie Ahn
MTC Commissioner

cc: Senator Josh Becker, Chair, Bay Area Caucus
Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, Vice-Chair, Bay Area Caucus
Members of the Bay Area Caucus



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OF SAN MATEO COUNTY**

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C/CAG is the County Transportation Agency (CTA) and also the designated Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for San Mateo County. C/CAG represents all of San Mateo County’s 764,442 residents through its 21-member Board of Directors that includes a seat for every jurisdiction in San Mateo County. C/CAG also supports the 21-Elements program that assists all jurisdictions with their housing efforts. C/CAG works to improve climate resiliency, mobility, the environment, and equity throughout San Mateo County. This budget appropriation aligns with all of C/CAG’s goals.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Adam Rak
Chair, C/CAG Board

cc: Senator Josh Becker, Chair, Bay Area Caucus
Assemblymember Diane Papan
Assemblymember Catherine Stephanie
Assemblymember Marc Berman
Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, Vice-Chair, Bay Area Caucus
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**RE: Support Continued Funding of Community Block Development Grants – FY26
Presidential Budget Request**

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Khanna:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I am writing to kindly request your support in protecting funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), which was proposed for elimination in the May 2nd [Presidential Budget Request](#).

CDBG is a cornerstone of community development efforts across the nation that represents a consistent, dependable federal investment in our city's infrastructure, public facilities, local homeowner assistance efforts, and public services for lower income residents. Through the utilization of CDBG entitlement funds, the City of Santa Clara is able to partner with nonprofit organizations and local agencies to provide support for housing services, services for individuals experiencing homelessness, services for individuals with physical disabilities, health services, domestic violence services, nutrition programs, and services for seniors. Without CDBG funding, the City of Santa Clara would not be able to fully leverage local resources, thereby resulting in a reduction in services to some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Since 1974, CDBG has driven neighborhood revitalization, economic growth, and affordable housing development nationwide. Eliminating or reducing funding for CDBG would strip our communities of one of the most stable and important federal programs on which we rely.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clara kindly requests your support to maintain funding for CDBG in the FY26 appropriations process. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Gillmor
Mayor
City of Santa Clara



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June 19, 2025

The Honorable Buffy Wicks
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8140
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 736 (Wicks): The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026
City of Santa Clara – Letter of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Wicks:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I am writing to express our support for AB 736 (Wicks) which authorizes the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026, a \$10 billion housing bond, to be placed on the March 2, 2026 primary ballot to fund the production of affordable housing and supportive housing.

Communities throughout California continue to struggle with mounting pressures from escalating housing costs. In Santa Clara, located in the heart of Silicon Valley, the region's high cost of living and limited supply of affordable housing units makes securing stable, affordable housing increasingly unattainable for many families, seniors, and low-income individuals. AB 736 directly addresses these local pressures by dedicating significant funding to programs that promote the development and long-term preservation of affordable housing.

The City of Santa Clara supports legislation that would establish additional ongoing funding streams for the construction, preservation, and operation of local affordable housing developments. AB 736 would provide a timely and strategic investment in the state's affordable housing infrastructure by directing funds to proven programs. Specifically, AB 736 would allocate \$5 billion to the Multifamily Housing Program to support the construction of affordable rental units for lower-income households. Additionally, \$1.7 billion would be directed toward supportive housing efforts under the same program to fund services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

These investments are essential to expanding affordable housing in Santa Clara and California and ensuring stable, affordable housing for vulnerable residents. For these reasons, the City of Santa Clara supports AB 736.

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April 21, 2025

The Honorable Aisha Wahab
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 8530
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 701 (Wahab): Signal Jammers
City of Santa Clara – Letter of Support**

Dear Senator Wahab,

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I am writing to express our support for SB 701 (Wahab), which aims to strengthen California's response to the illegal use of signal jammers by creating new penalties for their manufacture, importation, marketing, sale, and operation.

The City of Santa Clara is committed to ensuring public safety and supports initiatives that maintain existing tools/resources available to officers to respond to calls for service. The illegal use of signal jammers poses a significant threat by disrupting public safety communications, hindering emergency response efforts, and enabling criminal activity. These devices have been used to block law enforcement radios, interfere with emergency calls, and prevent victims from contacting first responders. Such actions put the safety of our residents and first responders at risk.

SB 701 provides much-needed enforcement tools by establishing clear penalties, including fines and potential imprisonment, for those who unlawfully use signal jammers, particularly when used in conjunction with criminal activities or to obstruct public safety communications. SB 701 will enable California to take crucial measures to safeguard critical emergency response systems and prevent the misuse of these hazardous devices.

We recognize the importance of protecting the integrity of communication networks and ensuring that law enforcement agencies have the necessary tools to combat criminal activities involving signal jammers.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clara supports SB 701 (Wahab).

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Gillmor
Mayor
City of Santa Clara

cc: Senate Public Safety Committee



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May 22, 2025

The Honorable Aisha Wahab
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 8530
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 258 (Wahab): Crimes: Rape
City of Santa Clara – Letter of Support**

Dear Senator Wahab,

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I am writing to express our support for SB 258, which seeks to amend Section 261 of the Penal Code by removing the spousal exception from the State of California's legal definition of rape.

Current California law defines rape as an act of sexual intercourse accomplished under specific circumstances, including situations where the victim is incapable of giving legal consent due to a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability. However, as currently written, Section 261 of the Penal Code excludes instances where the perpetrator is the spouse of the victim.

SB 258 rectifies this inconsistency by eliminating the spousal exception, thereby ensuring that all individuals, regardless of marital status, are afforded equal protection under the law. By removing outdated legal distinctions that differentiate between married and unmarried individuals in cases of sexual assault, SB 258 reinforces the principle that consent is a fundamental human right that must be respected in all relationships, including marriage.

The City of Santa Clara is committed to advancing legislation that aims to assist individuals in crisis. We commend you for your leadership on this critical issue and urge the Legislature to pass SB 258 to uphold the rights and dignity of all Californians.

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June 4, 2025

The Honorable Melissa Hurtado
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 6510
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 496 (Hurtado) Advanced Clean Fleets
City of Santa Clara – Letter of Support**

Dear Senator Hurtado,

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I am writing to express our support for SB 496 (Hurtado), which would create an Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Appeals Advisory Committee, ensure disaster service workers are able to effectively respond to emergency situations, and provide needed reforms for compliance.

The ACF has set ambitious compliance deadlines for fleets to transition to Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs). The ACF's ZEV transition requires access to adequate utility infrastructure for alternative fueling, such as EV charging, as well as access to ZEVs that operationally can deliver the full spectrum of important and highly specialized services that fleets provide, many of which are vital to the health and safety of Californians. While the ACF allows fleets to request exemptions in cases where fleets cannot meet the compliance timetables, the ACF does not provide clarity on how such exemption requests are to be evaluated and decided upon, nor does it provide a process for any administrative review of exemption request denials by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

The City of Santa Clara supports efforts to provide flexibility in the transition of local agencies' vehicle fleets to low- and zero-emission vehicles. SB 496 establishes an Appeals Advisory Committee by which local agencies may request a review of exemption request denials. Allowing a formal appeals process ensures transparency while protecting due process for those seeking further review. SB 496 would also update the emergency vehicle exemption, allowing those vehicles that respond to and support critical operations related to emergencies and disasters, often under austere conditions or in remote areas, to continue to protect our communities. Additionally, SB 496 modifies the requirements of the daily usage exemption, removing barriers for the applicant to comply with the mandate.

SB 496 will create essential reforms to the ACF that will protect the health and safety of Californians, avoid unnecessary costs detrimental to our shared long-term goals, and ensure that local agencies can continue to work diligently to decarbonize their fleet operations and comply with the ACF without being penalized for factors beyond their control. For these reasons, the City of Santa Clara supports SB 496.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Gillmor
Mayor
City of Santa Clara



April 23, 2025

The Honorable Ro Khanna
United States House of Representatives
306 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Letter of Support for Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding Requests from the City of Santa Clara

Dear Congressman Khanna:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to you, and your staff, for your leadership and support. We appreciate the opportunity to work with your office to bring investments and improvements to the residents, businesses, and visitors of our region.

I also want to highlight the City of Santa Clara's requests for community project funding in the Fiscal Year 2026 Federal Appropriations process and respectfully request your support. Our projects specifically seek to facilitate the development of regional community assets, increase opportunities for alternative modes of transportation, and create safe streets for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The City's priority projects are:

- **Pruneridge Avenue Complete Streets Project**

The City of Santa Clara adopted the Pruneridge Avenue Complete Streets Plan in 2022 to implement buffered bicycle lanes along the Pruneridge Avenue corridor in Santa Clara. This east-west roadway is an important part of the County of Santa Clara's cross-county bicycle corridor network and connects San Jose to Santa Clara and job centers in Cupertino. The project will remove portions of travel lanes along Pruneridge Avenue to complete this important cross-county bicycle network and enhance intersections along the corridor with pedestrian improvements such as quick-build curb extensions, ADA curb ramps, and pedestrian signal enhancements. When complete, Pruneridge Avenue will connect to jobs, schools, transit, and trails and provide direct access to the region's first under-development bicycle superhighway. The requested funding will support the City's design and construction of this priority bicycle and pedestrian improvement project in Santa Clara.

- **Silicon Valley Hopper On-Demand Micro-transit Shuttle**

The City of Santa Clara has partnered with the City of Cupertino to implement an on-demand micro-transit shuttle project, known as Silicon Valley Hopper, to serve those who live and work in Cupertino and Santa Clara. With support from a California State Transportation Agency State Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant, the goal is to continue the existing On-Demand Micro-Transit Shuttle Project and expand service into north Santa Clara with a fleet of zero-emissions vehicles. Service is being designed to focus on offering

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improved and affordable connections between local Caltrain, Amtrak, and Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) stations to job centers and other key destinations in Cupertino and Santa Clara while providing increased transit access for disadvantaged communities, high poverty zones, and senior populations.

Thank you for your consideration in championing these projects to help secure community project funding that will support the efforts of the City and benefit the region and State of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Gillmor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" being the most prominent part.

Lisa M. Gillmor

Mayor

City of Santa Clara



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June 12, 2025

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California State Senate
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RE: Support for Transit Funding in Cap-and-Invest Negotiations

Dear Governor Newsom, pro Tem McGuire, Speaker Rivas:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I write to voice our concerns with Governor Newsom's proposed Cap-and-Invest Plan and to request that you restore all Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) investments approved through Fiscal Year 2028-29 for several vital transportation programs. Additionally, we request that you maintain at least the current level of dedicated GGRF funding for transit capital projects and operations beyond 2030.

Santa Clara has committed significant resources to enhance mobility and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by launching an on-demand, zero-emission microtransit service in partnership with the City of Cupertino. Thanks to GGRF funding, the two cities were able to deliver Silicon Valley Hopper (SV Hopper), a multiagency zero-emission, on-demand service in 2023 with Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) support. The program provides first and last-mile transit access to major passenger rail operators (Caltrain, ACE, and Amtrak), regional medical facilities (El Camino Hospital Mountain View and Kaiser Santa Clara), and major commercial districts (Westfield Valley Fair) for residents of all ages and income levels. The project also supports disadvantaged communities defined by SB 535 in North Santa Clara. On average, SV Hopper avoids ~29.96 tonnes of CO₂e emissions annually.

The Cap-and-Invest Plan proposes to eliminate one-time expenditures to these programs and fails to maintain continuous investments in the California State Transportation Agency's (CalSTA) Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). This threatens more than \$3 billion in GGRF funding for public transit and other clean mobility options, including approximately \$2 billion in funding already programmed for individual projects and services.

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\$279 million of GGRF monies have been allocated over the next three fiscal years, including \$100 million of planned investment for FY 2025-26. The proposal eliminates this vital funding and jeopardizes SV Hopper.

Zero-emission microtransit has made a real difference and impact in our community and in communities across California, and we strongly urge that you prioritize support for these types of projects by reincluding their funding programs in the GGRF.

If this funding isn't maintained in the final Cap-and-Invest Plan, it will have potentially devastating impacts for Santa Clara County residents, commuters, and visitors. Without continued LCTOP and TIRCP support, SV Hopper may be eliminated and lose opportunities to expand into underserved parts of Santa Clara County, limiting access to transit for seniors, youth, and essential workers.

For the reasons above, we urge the Governor and Legislature to ensure the final Cap-and-Invest Plan restores vital GGRF funding to the Sustainable Community Strategies Programs, TIRCP, and LCTOP through 2030, and maintains at least the level of dedicated GGRF funding for transit capital projects and operations beyond 2030.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Lisa M. Gillmor
Mayor
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Cc: Senator Aisha Wahab, Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens

2026 World Cup Coalition Letter Sign-On Request
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RE: Support for State Investment in the 2026 FIFA World Cup as a Critical
Economic and Recovery Opportunity

Dear Governor Newsom, Senate President Pro Tem McGuire, and Speaker Rivas,

The World Cup represents more than just an event, it is an investment in California's economic future, workforce development, and international reputation. The World Cup will provide an unprecedented opportunity to uplift our economy, uplift communities, and showcase California's resilience on the world stage through the 2026 FIFA World Cup (FWC26) tournament. In light of the recent wildfires in Los Angeles, the economic development associated with the event could certainly help the recovery process.

The undersigned coalition of organizations, businesses, locally elected officials, and community leaders across California strongly supports the budget request for \$50 million per host city to help Los Angeles and the Bay Area prepare for this once-in-a-generation event. The World Cup will bring over 500,000 visitors to California, generate an estimated \$1.1 billion in economic impact, and reinforce California's position as a global tourism, business, and cultural hub. However, hosting a safe and successful World Cup requires significant state investment to address the following key areas:

-Public Safety & Security – Ensuring California is prepared to protect millions of residents, visitors, and global dignitaries across stadiums, public transit, and large fan events.

-Transit & Transportation – Improving public transit capacity and efficiency to accommodate record-breaking crowds, while ensuring continued accessibility for local communities.

-Community & Economic Development – Investing in fan experiences, local business engagement, and tourism marketing to maximize long-term benefits for California beyond the event.

With states like Texas, the only other state with two host cities (Dallas and Houston), already committing \$50 million per host city, California must remain competitive to fully capitalize on this opportunity.

We urge the State Legislature and Governor's Office to prioritize this budget request,

ensuring that Los Angeles and the Bay Area have the necessary resources to deliver a safe, world-class event while fostering long-term economic resilience for California.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

May 2, 2025

Honorable Patrick Ahrens
California State Assembly, 26th District
1021 O Street, Suite 6110
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: 2025 State Budget Requests from the City of Santa Clara

Dear Assemblymember Ahrens:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I want to express my appreciation to you and your staff for your support and commitment to the priorities of the City. I look forward to a long, and successful, working relationship between you, your office, and the City to improve the lives of the residents, businesses, and visitors to our great city.

As the State Legislature continues the process of shaping the state budget and evaluating where the state's resources are best invested, I understand things are uncertain at best. If the opportunity arises for district requests to be included in the Legislature's budget, I would like to respectfully present a list of priority funding needs for the City and request your partnership to help secure these critical dollars.

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Bill Summary and Positions

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SB 79 (Wiener) Transit-oriented development	This bill would make transit oriented development an allowable use on any site zoned residential, mixed, commercial, or light industrial development; make changes to the surplus lands act related to transit agencies; and exempt certain projects on land owned by a public transit agency from CEQA. The bill would establish various height, density, and FAR standards for transit-oriented development, based on a project's proximity to various modes of transit.	No Action	Housing LAP — <i>"Oppose measures that reduce local control over land use and planning decisions and are punitive in nature towards local government."</i>

<u>SB 753 (Cortese)</u> Local authority on shopping cart retrieval and fines	This bill would allow cities and counties, for shopping carts located away from a store location, to retrieve and return carts to the parking area of the store owner or impound the cart if the retailer does not retrieve a cart within three days of receiving notice. The measure also removes the \$50 limit that a city/county can charge a retailer for failing to retrieve a shopping cart (for each occurrence in excess of three in a six-period) to instead cover the actual cost for retrieval/return.	No Action	Outside of scope of LAPs
<u>SB 457 (Becker)</u> Misuse of builders remedy	This bill revises Housing Element Law to specify that a local agency's housing element is in compliance the date it is adopted if the element is subsequently certified by the Department of Housing and Community Development or a court of competent jurisdiction, and changes the vesting period for builder's remedy projects.	No action (Note: this measure failed in Senate Housing Committee (1-2) and is ineligible for additional consideration until January 2026)	Outside of scope of LAPs
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	from disasters and requires Cal OES to prioritize state disaster relief to communities that do not meet thresholds for federal disaster assistance programs.		<i>emergencies and emergent crises and threats, including offsetting lost revenue and reimbursing incurred costs.”</i>
AB 846 (Connolly) Incidental take permit for endangered species	This bill establishes a process to facilitate the approval of an incidental take permit (ITP) for listed species, if any, needed by a local agency to undertake wildfire preparedness activities. The bill would, among other things, 1) Authorize a local agency to submit to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) a wildfire preparedness plan (plan) to conduct wildfire preparedness activities on land designated as a fire hazard severity zone (FHSZ) that minimizes impacts to wildlife and habitat for candidate, threatened, and endangered species (listed species), and meets additional specified criteria. 2) Allow DFW to impose a fee on a local agency for the cost of reviewing the plan submitted by that local agency, consistent with DFW's fee authority.	Support	Sustainability and Environmental Protection LAP – <i>“Support legislation, regulations, and funding to strengthen forest management and fire prevention activities and improve emergency preparedness and response. These include, but are not limited to, the modernization of vegetation and forest management practices for wildfire prevention and carbon sequestration and biomass production for energy, forest thinning, and other activities to improve the health of forests damaged by infestation of bark beetles, plant pathogens, drought, or other hazards that exponentially increase wildfire dangers.”</i>
SB 326 (Becker) California Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Planning Act	This bill would require the Deputy Director of Community Wildfire	Support	Sustainability and Environmental Protection LAP –

	Preparedness and Mitigation within the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to prepare and regularly update a Wildfire Risk Mitigation Planning Framework to quantitatively evaluate wildfire risk mitigation actions, a Wildfire Risk Baseline and Forecast to evaluate targeted wildfire risk mitigation actions, and a Wildfire Mitigation Scenarios Report.		<i>“Support legislation, regulations, and funding to strengthen forest management and fire prevention activities and improve emergency preparedness and response. These include, but are not limited to, the modernization of vegetation and forest management practices for wildfire prevention and carbon sequestration and biomass production for energy, forest thinning, and other activities to improve the health of forests damaged by infestation of bark beetles, plant pathogens, drought, or other hazards that exponentially increase wildfire dangers.”</i>
SB 252 (Valladares) CEQA exemption for undergrounding powerlines	This bill would exempt from the provisions of CEQA a project to underground powerlines.	No Action (Note: this bill was not considered by a policy committee prior to the deadline and is therefore not eligible for additional consideration until January 2026)	Outside of scope of LAPs
AB 66 (Tangipa) CEQA exemption for emergency egress routes	This bill would exempt from CEQA egress route projects in subdivisions reviewed by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF) where the BOF recommends creation of secondary access to the subdivision.	No Action	Appears to be outside of scope of LAPs. The City requires additional time to review this bill.
AB 300 (Lackey) State Fire Marshall: revision of fire hazard severity maps	This bill would add a minimum time frame, of five years, to the frequency in which the State Fire Marshall (SFM) must review lands within state responsibility areas identified as	No Action	Appears to be outside of scope of LAPs. The City requires additional time to review this bill.

	fire hazard severity zones (FHSZ) and areas in the state identified as moderate, high, and very high FHSZs, and requires the SFM to re-review areas in the state and lands in the SRA not previously identified or classified as FHSZs and if applicable, identify or classify new areas.		
AB 261 (Quirk-Silva) State Fire Marshall: fire hazard severity zones	This bill would authorize the State Fire Marshal to confer with, and receive documentation from, entities on actions that may impact the degree of fire hazard in an area or the area's recommended fire hazard severity zone designation and authorizes the SFM to provide a written response to an entity, which must be posted on the SFM's website along with any related documentation provided by an entity.	No Action	Appears to be outside of scope of LAPs. The City requires additional time to review this bill.