



2025 Q3 Legislative Action Summary

Below is a summary of the actions that were taken during 2025 Q3 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.

Regional Issues and Collaboration LAP

- September 11, 2025 Sign on U.S. Conference of Mayors joint letter requesting inclusion of \$400 million in the FY2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) Appropriations package to address mobility and transit needs for the 2026 FIFA World Cup across the eleven U.S. host cities, submitted to Senate Committee on Appropriations Chair Susan Collins and Vice Chair Patty Murray; and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on THUD Chair Cindy Hyde-Smith and Ranking Member Kirsten Gillibrand
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Transportation Issues LAP

- September 10, 2025 Letter of support for SB 74 (Seyarto) – Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation: Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program submitted to State Senator Kelly Seyarto

Multiple Legislative Priorities

- September 9, 2025 Cities Association of Santa Clara County Legislative Action Committee Discussion Bills (Housing LAP, and LAP Policy Guiding Principle: "Support the League of California Cities and National League of Cities positions on priority bills that benefit Santa Clara.")



**THE UNITED STATES
CONFERENCE OF MAYORS**

September 11, 2025

Senator Susan Collins, Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations

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Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies

Dear Chair Collins, Vice Chair Murray, etc. or Senators:

As Mayors of the United States Host Cities for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, we write to thank you for including funding in your FY2026 THUD Appropriations bill to support transit agencies who will transport attendees to matches and other activities during the biggest month-long sporting event in the world. We request that as the FY2026 Appropriations process moves forward, you continue your critical efforts toward meeting the full needs for mobility during the fast-approaching 2026 matches.

The 2026 FIFA World Cup is the first of several major international events to be hosted by the United States in the coming years, including the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles and the 2034 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. The 2026 World Cup will mark a historic milestone as the first 48-team tournament, hosted across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. In the United States alone, 11 cities across 9 states will host 78 matches over 39 days, with six million visitors expected during that period. Including the matches, each city is required to host fan fests, cultural events, and support our small business community during this once in a generation event. To handle this influx of visitors while at the same time keeping our economies running with non-World Cup related business, our transportation systems must perform collectively at a level never seen before in the country.

A safe and efficient transit system is a fundamental focus for Mayors each day to support our cities. During the World Cup, this will be even more critical. Transit agencies for the eleven U.S. host cities have identified a collective federal funding need of \$400m for mobility at the 2026 World Cup matches. This funding will be used to support operations and specialized shuttle services, and to cover the costs of borrowed buses and operators across the United States to support this unique event. The Department of Homeland Security has designated many of these matches as a national security priority and we were glad to see Congress include \$625 million in the reconciliation package for security for the U.S. World Cup games. That funding, paired with the support for transit systems will allow our cities – in partnership with our state and federal governments – to produce a world class event that Americans will be proud of. With the FIFA World Cup occurring as we celebrate the 250th birthday of our nation, we know that the eyes of the world will be on us – and we know we will deliver.

We were also pleased to see the Senate include significant funding for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, which underscores the importance of federal investment in mobility for major international events – consistent with support provided for past U.S. hosted events, including the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. The 2026 FIFA World Cup is expected to generate \$17.2 billion in GDP. In order to fully realize the benefits of the World Cup being in the United States, our cities need to have safe, reliable, and frequent transit. As a coalition of Host Cities, we are grateful for the work you have already done and encourage you to support this request as part of the final FY2026 Appropriations package.

Sincerely,

Tom Cochran
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Dear Chairman Cole, Chairman Womack, Ranking Member DeLauro and Ranking Member Clyburn:

As Mayors of the Host Cities for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, we write to thank you for expressing your support during the FY2026 THUD markup for federal funding to help transit agencies transport attendees to matches and other activities during the biggest month-long sporting event in the world. While the House FY2026 THUD bill did not include dedicated funding for this purpose, funding was included in the Senate's version. As the FY2026 appropriations process moves forward, we respectfully seek your support to ensure that the identified \$400 million in federal funding needs for mobility needs are included in the final FY2026 appropriations package.

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The Center of What's Possible

Lisa M. Gillmor

Mayor

September 10, 2025

The Honorable Kelly Seyarto
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 7120
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Letter of Support for SB 74 (Seyarto): Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation:
Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program**

Dear Senator Seyarto:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I am writing to express our support for SB 74 (Seyarto), which would create a state-level grant program to assist local governments in addressing unmet infrastructure needs by providing financial support for the completion of critical infrastructure projects.

Local agencies across the state are facing growing infrastructure demands as communities expand and aging systems strain to meet modern expectations. At the same time, many local governments face ongoing fiscal challenges that limit their ability to finance essential projects. SB 74 responds to this challenge by establishing a gap-funding mechanism that would offer grants for eligible infrastructure projects such as transportation networks, water delivery systems, storm drains, and other public assets vital to community function and safety.

Recent disasters, including the severe wildfires in Southern California, have underscored the importance of resilient and well-maintained infrastructure. Investments in fire-resistant materials, reliable roadways, and upgraded transportation systems can help reduce the risk of future catastrophes and improve emergency response. Reliable roads and bridges improve access for emergency personnel, while resilient public buildings and communication systems help protect vulnerable populations and coordinate disaster response. SB 74 acknowledges these needs and offers a targeted funding approach to help local agencies move projects forward.

The City of Santa Clara supports legislation that provides funding for local infrastructure as listed in the proposed bill including broadband, fire stations, schools, health and safety improvements and road projects. SB 74 is a meaningful step towards closing the infrastructure funding gap, supporting economic vitality, and enhancing public safety. This measure represents a vital investment in California's local communities and a recognition that local agencies need support to deliver the services and infrastructure their residents rely on.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clara supports SB 74 (Seyarto) and urges its passage.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Gillmor
Mayor
City of Santa Clara



Bill Summary and Positions

Bill Number	Summary	City Position	LAP Alignment	Notes
AB 670 (Quirk-Silva) Planning and zoning: housing element: converted affordable housing units	This bill adds a number of requirements, in relation to demolished and replacement housing units, to the annual progress report (APR) that local cities and counties are required to submit to the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and allows a city or county to report specified housing units that were converted to affordable housing for up to 25% of its regional housing need allocation (RHNA) for lower income units.	Support	Housing LAP – <i>“Support legislation that creates a more equitable Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process that takes into account local factors including existing proportion of deed restricted affordable housing stock in each City, availability of developable land, and other factors related to developing the regional allocation of housing units.”</i>	Aims to provide more detailed and consistent reporting on the creation and conversion of affordable housing units across different jurisdictions. No concerns from City.
AB 726 (Avila Farias) Planning and zoning: annual report: rehabilitated units	This bill authorizes a city or county to include in the annual progress report (APR) that it is required to submit to the state Department of Housing and Community Development, the number of units of deed-restricted affordable housing that have been substantially rehabilitated. The bill also provides that any units included in the APR pursuant to this bill shall not be considered when HCD evaluates progress in meeting RHNA targets for purposes of determining if a local government is subject to the streamlined,	Support	Housing LAP – <i>“Support legislation that creates a more equitable Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process that takes into account local factors including existing proportion of deed restricted affordable housing stock in each City, availability of developable land, and other factors related to developing the regional allocation of housing units.”</i>	Incentivizes local governments to preserve existing, deeply-affordable housing by allowing them to receive housing element credit for rehabilitating these at-risk units. No concerns from the City.

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	ministerial approval process created by SB 35 (Wiener, Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017).			
AB 476 (Gonzalez) Metal Theft	This bill expands prohibitions for junk dealers and recyclers to be in possession of various types of scrap metal (fire hydrant, manhole cover, and backflow device); incorporates additional record-keeping requirements for junk dealers and recyclers and; increases fines related to scrap metal theft.	Support	LAP Policy Guiding Principle – <i>“Support the League of California Cities and National League of Cities positions on priority bills that benefit Santa Clara.”</i>	AB 476 will help bring some much-needed regulation to the junk dealer and recycling industry.
SB 346 (Durazo) Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator	This bill enacts the Short-Term Rental Facilitator Act of 2025, which permits local agencies to enact ordinances to require short-term rental facilitators to provide specified information on their platform’s rentals to the local agency. If enacted, a local ordinance may require each short-term rental facilitator to report, pursuant to a specified schedule and in the form and manner prescribed by the local agency, the physical address including nine-digit zip code of each short-term rental during the reporting period. If the information provided by the short-term rental facilitator is not sufficient for the local agency to identify a specific short-term rental at the provided address, the local agency may request additional	Support	LAP Policy Guiding Principle – <i>“Support the League of California Cities and National League of Cities positions on priority bills that benefit Santa Clara.”</i>	This bill will help ensure compliance with local short-term rental ordinances and tax compliance.

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AB 650 (Papan) Housing element reform	This bill would extend a number of timelines in the process of determining regional housing needs and regional housing needs allocations (RHNA) and housing element revisions and require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to provide specific analysis or text to local governments to remedy deficiencies in their draft housing element revisions.	No Action	Most of the bill aligns with the following position statement within the Housing LAP . – <i>“Support legislation that creates a more equitable Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process that takes into account local factors including existing proportion of deed restricted affordable housing stock in each City, availability of developable land, and other factors related to developing the regional allocation of housing units.”</i>	The bill removes language that would have protected cities from builder’s remedy risk while working on revising a noncompliant housing element. The City has concerns about the removal of this protection.