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2022 Hot Topics

The diagram consists of four blue hexagons arranged in a cluster. The top hexagon is labeled 'State Budget'. The middle-left hexagon is labeled 'Housing and Land Use'. The middle-right hexagon is labeled 'Continued COVID-19 Response'. The bottom-left hexagon is labeled 'General Election Ballot Measures'. There are also two smaller, lighter blue hexagons at the bottom corners of the cluster.

State Budget

Housing and Land Use

Continued COVID-19 Response

General Election Ballot Measures

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POST MEETING MATERIAL

State Budget

Legislature approved a state budget for FY 2022-23 that contains \$234.4 billion in General Fund spending and total Reserves of \$37.2 billion.

Provides over \$17 billion in financial relief to Californians, small businesses, and non-profit organizations, including \$9.5 billion to provide direct tax refunds to Californians to offset inflationary increases.

Invests over \$47 billion in California infrastructure, including transportation, housing, school facilities, student housing, broadband, zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, libraries, and other water infrastructure.

Contains a direct appropriation of \$800,000 for Santa Clara for the Magical Bridge All-Inclusive Playground

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Land Use and Zoning

Housing and Zoning Legislation – The Legislature continues to consider bills that would remove local discretion over the approval housing developments meeting certain criteria. Bills such as AB 2011 (Wicks) and SB 6 (Caballero) would authorize housing as a use by right in commercial, industrial, and other mixed-use zoned areas if certain project requirements, and workforce requirements are met.

Local Transportation Projects – The Legislature has been considering bills that would limit the ability of local agencies to approve and carry out certain transportation projects that impact certain communities or otherwise do not align with certain state climate goals. Additionally, the Legislature again is reconsidering legislation that would impact local governments' ability to establish parking requirements for certain housing developments.

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Continued COVID-19 Response

Brown Act Modifications – The Legislature has considered two measures that would build on the temporary Brown Act modifications that were enacted with AB 361. Both AB 1944 (Lee) and AB 2449 (Rubio) would provide local governments with a level of flexibility to participate remotely in public meetings subject to the Brown Act.

These bills would modify the requirements for the posting of private addresses and requirements for members of the public having access to private locations from which electeds participate in the meetings.

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Ballot Measures

Taxpayer Protection Initiative Fails to Qualify for 2022 Ballot - The proposed initiative would amend the California Constitution to restrict the ability of the state, local governments, and the electorate to approve or collect taxes, fees, and other revenues. It would require voter approval of all state taxes, would further restrict local fee authority by limiting it to the "minimum amount necessary" to provide government services, and would require voter approval for local measures such as franchise fees. Initiative proponents were unable to submit enough signatures to qualify for the 2022 ballot, but have indicated their intention to attempt to qualify the measure for 2024.

Legislature Places Ballot Measures on November Ballot – The Legislature has approved two measures for the November ballot, SCA 10 (Atkins) would amend the state constitution to establish a right to reproductive decision making. Additionally, SB 54 (Allen) will aim to reduce the usage of single-use plastics in California. The bill represents a compromise with proponents that had qualified their own measure for the November 2022 ballot. With this compromise, only SB 54 will appear before voters at the General Election.

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Questions?



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