

City of Torrance - Legislative Position Letters
 October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019 (Session 1)

Support			
Title/Author/Topic	Topic Overview	Letter Date	Status
SB 329 (Mitchell) - Discrimination: Housing Source of Income	<p>The California Fair Employment and Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination, including discrimination through public or private land use practices, decisions, or authorizations, based on specified personal characteristics, including source of income. Current law defines the term "source of income" for purposes of the provisions relating to discrimination in housing accommodations described above, to mean lawful, verifiable income paid directly to a tenant or paid to a representative of a tenant.</p> <p>Current law specifies that for the purposes of this definition, a landlord is not considered a representative of a tenant. This bill would instead define the term for purposes of those provisions, to mean verifiable income paid directly to a tenant or to a representative of a tenant, or paid to a housing owner or landlord on behalf of a tenant, including federal, state, or local public assistance and housing subsidies, as specified.</p>	October 2, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Signature	October 8, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 600, Statutes of 2019.
SB 531 (Glazer) - Sales Tax Shifting Agreements	<p>Would prohibit, on or after January 1, 2020, a local agency from entering into any form of agreement that would result, directly or indirectly, in the payment, transfer, diversion, or rebate of Bradley-Burns local tax revenues to any retailer, as defined, in exchange for the retailer locating or continuing to maintain a place of business that serves as the place of sale, as defined, within the territorial jurisdiction of the local agency if that place of business would generate revenue, from the sale of tangible property delivered to and received by the purchaser in the territorial jurisdiction of another local agency, for the local agency under the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law.</p>	September 30, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Signature	October 12, 2019 - Vetoed by the Governor. In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.
AB 54 (Ting) - The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act	<p>California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to annually designate convenience zones and requires that at least one certified recycling center that meets certain requirements be located within every convenience zone. This bill, until March 1, 2020, would exempt from those duties dealers located in a convenience zone that was served by a recycling center that closed between August 1, 2019, and September 1, 2019, at the initiation of the recycler.</p>	September 30, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Signature	October 12, 2019 - Signed by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 793, Statutes of 2019.
SB 552 (Archuleta) - Hazardous Waste: Household Hazardous Waste: Door-To-Door Collection Programs: Residential Pickup Services	<p>Current law authorizes a registered hazardous waste transporter operating a door-to-door household hazardous waste collection program or household hazardous waste residential pickup service to use a specified manifesting procedure for transporting household hazardous waste, if the transporter complies with certain operating and reporting requirements. Current law requires a transporter that uses the specified manifesting procedure to submit quarterly reports to the Department of Toxic Substances Control and requires the department to make all of the information in the quarterly reports available to the public, as provided. Current law requires a public agency to retain a copy of the manifest in a specified manner. Current law makes these manifesting requirements inoperative on January 1, 2020.</p> <p>This bill would extend the operation of those provisions indefinitely.</p>	September 30, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Signature	October 2, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 481, Statutes of 2019.

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AB 792 (Ting) - Recycling: Plastic Containers: Minimum Recycled Content and Labeling	Would, on and after January 1, 2021, would require the total number of plastic beverage containers filled with a beverage by a beverage manufacturer, as specified, to contain, on average, specified amounts of postconsumer recycled plastic content per year pursuant to a tiered plan that would require the total number of plastic beverage containers to contain, on average, no less than 50% postconsumer recycled plastic content per year on and after January 1, 2030, except as specified. The bill would impose civil penalties, in specified amounts, on a beverage manufacturer for a violation of these requirements, except as specified.	September 30, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Signature	October 12, 2019 - Vetoed by the Governor.
AB 614 (Eggman) - Income Taxes: Credits: Food Banks	The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws, including, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, and before January 1, 2022, a credit for qualified taxpayers, defined as the person responsible for planting a crop, managing the crop, and harvesting the crop from the land, in an amount equal to 15% of the qualified value of fresh fruits or vegetables donated to a food bank. This bill, under both laws, would expand the credit to apply to the donation of qualified donation items, defined as raw agricultural products or processed foods.	September 24, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Signature	October 2, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 431, Statutes of 2019.
ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) - Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure: Voter Approval	This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements. The measure would specify that these provisions apply to any city, county, city and county, or special district measure imposing an ad valorem tax to pay the interest and redemption charges on bonded indebtedness for these purposes that is submitted at the same election as this measure.	August 8, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry	August 19, 2019 - Read third time. Refused adoption. Motion to reconsider made by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry.
AB 161 (Ting) - Solid Waste: Paper Waste: Proofs-of-Purchase	This bill would require a business, as defined, that accepts payment through cash, credit, or debit transactions, subject to certain exceptions, to provide a proof of purchase to a consumer only at the consumer's option and would prohibit a business from printing a paper proof of purchase if the consumer opts to not receive a proof of purchase, unless otherwise required by state or federal law. The bill would prohibit a paper proof of purchase provided to a consumer by a business from containing bisphenol A or bisphenol S, and from including items not essential to the transaction, including, but not limited to, coupons or advertisements. The bill would specify that the first and 2nd violations of any of those provisions would result in a notice of violation and any subsequent violation would be punishable by a civil penalty of \$25 for each day the business is in violation, but not to exceed an annual total of \$300. The bill would authorize the Attorney General, a district attorney, or a city attorney to enforce those provisions. The bill would make these provisions operative on January 1, 2022.	August 8, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Anthony Portantino	August 30, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/12/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)
AB 228 (Aguiar-Cury) - Food, Beverage, and Cosmetic Adulterants: Industrial Hemp Products	This bill would require a manufacturer of food that includes industrial hemp to be able to demonstrate that all parts of the plant used in their food come from a state or country that has an established and approved industrial hemp program, as defined, that inspects or regulates hemp under a food safety program or equivalent criteria to ensure safety for human consumption and the industrial hemp cultivator or grower to be in good standing and compliance with the governing laws of the state or country of origin.	July 30, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Anthony Portantino	August 30, 2019 - In committee: Held under submission.

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AB 1694 (O'Donnell) - Addition of Dominguez Channel and L.A. Watersheds to San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)	<p>Existing law, for purposes of those provisions, defines "territory" to mean the territory of the conservancy that consists of those portions of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located within the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, as described. This bill would additionally include the Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island, as described, within that definition of territory, and would make various related changes to the boundaries of that territory.</p>	<p>July 9, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Henry I. Stern</p>	<p>August 30, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/12/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>
SB 344 (McGuire) - Local Prepaid Mobile Telephony Services Collection Act	<p>. By extending the application of the Fee Collection Procedures Law, the violation of which is a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill would provide that the local charges apply to the entire price unless the seller can identify the mobile data services and other services or products from its books and records kept in the ordinary course of business. This bill would make other nonsubstantive changes. The local prepaid MTS act authorizes a consumer to rebut the presumed location of a retail transaction for purposes of the collection of the local charges by filing a claim and declaration under penalty of perjury. By extending the local MTS act until January 1, 2021, the bill would expand the crime of perjury, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.</p>	<p>September 23, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Gavin Newsom Requesting Signature July 1, 2018 - Letter Sent to Senator Mike McGuire</p>	<p>October 8, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 642, Statutes of 2019.</p>
AB 293 (Eduardo Garcia) - Greenhouse Gases: Offset Protocols	<p>This bill would require the task force to consider the development of additional offset protocols, including, but not limited to, protocols for the enhanced management or conservation of agricultural and natural lands, and for the enhancement and restoration of wetlands. The bill would require the task force to develop recommendations for the state board on the inclusion of methodologies to allow groups of landowners to jointly develop natural and working lands offset projects under the approved offset protocols.</p>	<p>June 25, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia</p>	<p>July 12, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 85, Statutes of 2019.</p>
AB 187 (Cristina Garcia and Bigelow) - Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act	<p>This bill would revise and recast provisions of the act, including requiring the organization to review the plan and determine whether amendments to the plan are necessary every 5 years. The bill would require the organization to include additional specified information and goals in the plan, the budget, and the annual reports, and would require the advisory committee to prepare written recommendations for the organization. The bill would prohibit, commencing with the 2027–28 fiscal year, the organization's financial reserve from exceeding 60% of its annual operating expenses, except as specified, and would prohibit the organization from reducing the mattress recycling charge unless the organization is meeting all goals and requirements of the program. The bill would prohibit the revenue from the charge from being expended for specified purposes. The bill would also require the department to establish a process and schedule for an orderly transition of responsibility from a decertified mattress recycling organization to a successor organization, as specified.</p>	<p>September 30, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Signature June 25, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Cristina Garcia</p>	<p>October 9, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 673, Statutes of 2019.</p>
SB 667 (Hueso) - Greenhouse Gases: Recycling Infrastructure and Facilities	<p>Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at the community college campuses they operate and maintain. Existing law provides for a formula for the calculation of general purpose apportionments of state funds to community colleges. Existing law provides a separate formula for the allocation of apportionments of state funds to community colleges, which uses the numbers of full-time equivalent students as its basis, for use for apportionments for noncredit instruction and instruction in career development and college preparation. This bill would provide that instruction by community college districts under instructional service agreements with public safety agencies, as defined, would be funded under the apportionment formula used for instruction in career development and college preparation.</p>	<p>June 25, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Ben Hueso</p>	<p>August 30, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/21/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>

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<p>AB 516 (Chiu) - Authority to Remove Vehicles</p>	<p>This bill would delete the authority of a peace officer or public employee, as appropriate, to remove or immobilize a vehicle under those circumstances. The bill would also delete the authority to remove a vehicle parked or left standing for 72 or more consecutive hours in violation of a local ordinance, or a vehicle with a registration expiration date in excess of 6 months found or operated on the highway or on public lands or in an offstreet parking facility. The bill would repeal the related authority to conduct a lien sale to cover towing and storage expenses.</p>	<p>June 17, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Nancy Skinner</p>	<p>August 30, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/12/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>
<p>AB 1286 (Muratsuchi) - Share Mobility Devices</p>	<p>Existing law regulates contracts for particular transactions, including those in which one person agrees to give to another person the temporary possession and use of personal property, other than money for reward, and the latter agrees to return the property to the former at a future time. This bill would require a shared mobility service provider, as defined, to enter into an agreement with, or obtain a permit from, the city or county with jurisdiction over the area of use. The bill would require that the provider maintain a specified amount of commercial general liability insurance and would prohibit the provider from including specified provisions in a user agreement before distributing a shared mobility device within that jurisdiction. The bill would define shared mobility device to mean an electrically motorized board, motorized scooter, electric bicycle, bicycle, or other similar personal transportation device, except as provided.</p>	<p>June 14, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi</p>	<p>July 12, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was JUD. on 5/29/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>
<p>AB 619 (Chiu) - Retail Food: Reusable Containers: Multiuse Utensils</p>	<p>Existing law, the California Retail Food Code, provides for the regulation of health and sanitation standards for retail food facilities, as defined, by the State Department of Public Health. Under existing law, local health agencies are primarily responsible for enforcing the California Retail Food Code, and a person who violates any provision of the code is guilty of a misdemeanor, except as otherwise provided. This bill would instead provide that clean consumer-owned containers provided or returned to the food facility for filling may be filled by either the employee or the owner of the container, and would require the food facility to isolate the consumer-owned containers from the serving surface or sanitize the serving surface after each filling. The bill would require the consumer-owned containers to be designed and constructed for reuse, as specified. The bill would require the food facility to prepare, maintain, and adhere to written procedures to prevent cross-contamination, and to make the written procedures available to the enforcement agency.</p>	<p>May 30, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Richard Pan</p>	<p>July 12, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 93, Statutes of 2019.</p>
<p>SB 424 (Jackson) - Tobacco Products: Single-Use and Multi-Use as Amended</p>	<p>Under existing law, the Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement Act, an enforcing agency, as defined, may assess civil penalties against any person, firm, or corporation that sells, gives, or furnishes specified tobacco and cigarette related items, including cigarette papers, to a person who is under 21 years of age, except as specified. The existing civil penalties range from \$400 to \$600 for a first violation, up to \$5,000 to \$6,000 for a 5th violation within a 5-year period. This bill would prohibit a person or entity from selling, giving, or furnishing to another person of any age in this state a cigarette utilizing a single-use filter made of any material, an attachable and single-use plastic device meant to facilitate manual manipulation or filtration of a tobacco product, and a single-use electronic cigarette or vaporizer device. The bill would prohibit that selling, giving, or furnishing, whether conducted directly or indirectly through an in-person transaction, or by means of any public or private method of shipment or delivery to an address in this state.</p>	<p>May 23, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson</p>	<p>July 10, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was G.O. on 6/13/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>

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SB 54 (Allen, Wiener, Skinner) - Circular Economy & Plastic Pollution Reduction Act	<p>The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, generally regulates the disposal, management, and recycling of solid waste, including, among other solid waste, single-use plastic straws. This bill would enact the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would establish the policy goal of the state that, by 2030, manufacturers and retailers achieve a 75% reduction of the waste generated from single-use packaging and products offered for sale or sold in the state through source reduction, recycling, or composting. The bill would require the department, before January 1, 2023, to adopt regulations that require manufacturers and retailers to source reduce, to the maximum extent feasible, single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products, as defined, and to ensure that all single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products in the California market are recyclable or compostable. The bill would require manufacturers and retailers to annually report specified information to the department. The bill would require the department, before adopting the regulations, to develop a scoping plan, as specified.</p>	May 17, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Ben Allen	September 15, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was THIRD READING on 9/12/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)
AB 1080 (Gonzalez, Calderon, Friedman, and Ting) - California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act	<p>The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, generally regulates the disposal, management, and recycling of solid waste, including, among other solid waste, single-use plastic straws. This bill would enact the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would establish the policy goal of the state that, by 2030, manufacturers and retailers achieve a 75% reduction of the waste generated from single-use packaging and products offered for sale or sold in the state through source reduction, recycling, or composting. The bill would require the department, before January 1, 2023, to adopt regulations that require manufacturers and retailers to source reduce, to the maximum extent feasible, single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products, as defined, and to ensure that all single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products in the California market are recyclable or compostable. The bill would require manufacturers and retailers to annually report specified information to the department. The bill would require the department, before adopting the regulations, to develop a scoping plan, as specified.</p>	May 15, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez	September 15, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/14/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)
SB 726 (Caballero) - Hazardous Waste: Public Agencies: Materials Exchange Program	<p>This bill would additionally authorize a public agency's contractor to conduct that materials exchange program and would require the contractor to provide those same instructions to a recipient. The bill would authorize the operation of a hazardous waste collection facility for the additional purpose of accepting reusable household hazardous products or materials and providing those products or materials to recipients. The bill would require the determination as to which reusable household hazardous products or materials are suitable and acceptable for distribution to be made without regard as to whether the distribution would be to the public.</p>	September 30, 2019 - Hazardous Waste: Public Agencies: Materials Exchange Program August 8, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez February 8, 2019 - Letters of Support Sent to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Sen. Kamala Harris, Rep. Maxine Waters, Rep. Ted Lieu	October 2, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 485, Statutes of 2019.

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AB 729 (Chu) - Carpet Recycling: Carpet Stewardship	<p>This bill would require a carpet stewardship organization to include in the carpet stewardship plan a contingency plan should the carpet stewardship plan expire without approval of a new carpet stewardship plan or should the carpet stewardship plan be revoked. The bill would require a carpet stewardship organization to set up a trust fund or an escrow account, into which the bill would require the organization to deposit sufficient funds to implement the programs in the carpet stewardship plan for a period of one year, in the event that the carpet stewardship plan terminates or is revoked. The bill would require, if a carpet stewardship plan is revoked or terminated, the trustee or escrow agent to accept carpet stewardship assessment payments directly from manufacturers and to make payments from the trust fund or escrow account as the department directs, in writing, to implement the most recently approved carpet stewardship plan. The bill would authorize the department, if a new carpet stewardship plan has not been approved within one year after termination or revocation, to make modifications to the previously approved plan, as it deems necessary, and continue to direct payments from the trust fund or escrow account to implement the modified plan.</p>	<p>September 30, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Signature August 5, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Anthony J. Portantino May 13, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Kasen Chu May 8, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Budget Committee Chairs Phil Ting and Holly Mitchell</p>	<p>October 9, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 680, Statutes of 2019.</p>
SB 724 (Stern and Glazer) - The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act	<p>Existing law, the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to annually designate convenience zones and requires that at least one certified recycling center that meets certain requirements be located within every convenience zone. Existing law authorizes the department to grant a convenience zone an exemption from certain redemption requirements, including certain dealer and recycling center redemption requirements, based on certain factors. Existing law limits the total number of exemptions that may be granted to 35% of the total number of convenience zones identified as having one or more of those factors applicable. This bill would increase the total number of exemptions that may be granted to 50% of the number identified as eligible. The bill would require the department to review exemptions every 5 years to determine if each exemption still meets the prescribed exemption criteria. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>May 13, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Anthony J. Portantino</p>	<p>May 16, 2019 - May 16 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.</p>
AB 142 (Garcia) - Lead-Acid Batteries	<p>The Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Act of 2016 prohibits a person from disposing, or attempting to dispose, of a lead-acid battery at a solid waste facility or on or in any land, surface waters, watercourses, or marine waters, but authorizes a person to dispose of a lead-acid battery at certain locations. The act requires, until March 31, 2022, a manufacturer battery fee of \$1 to be imposed on a manufacturer of lead-acid batteries for each lead-acid battery it sells at retail to a person in California, or that it sells to a dealer, wholesaler, distributor, or other person for retail sale in California. The act requires the manufacturer battery fee to be paid to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and requires dealers and manufacturers of lead-acid batteries to register with the department. The act defines "manufacturer" for these purposes. This bill would, on and after April 1, 2022, increase the amount of the manufacturer battery fee to \$2 and would provide that the fee would continue indefinitely.</p>	<p>September 30, 2019 - Letter Sent Governor Newsom Requesting Signature May 9, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Cristina Garcia</p>	<p>October 13, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 860, Statutes of 2019.</p>

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<p>SB 457 (Hueso) - Biomethane: Gas Corporations</p>	<p>Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including gas corporations. Existing law authorizes the commission to fix the rates and charges for every public utility and requires that those rates and charges be just and reasonable. Existing law requires the commission to adopt policies and programs that promote the in-state production and distribution of biomethane, as defined, and that facilitate the development of a variety of sources of in-state biomethane. The commission has adopted 2 decisions implementing these requirements, the 2nd of which adopted a 5-year monetary incentive program effective June 11, 2015, for biomethane projects. Existing law requires the commission to modify the monetary incentive program in specified respects and to extend the program, as modified, until December 31, 2021. This bill would require the commission to extend the program until December 31, 2026. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>September 30, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Signature June 25, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Ben Hueso May 9, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Ben Hueso</p>	<p>October 2, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 479, Statutes of 2019.</p>
<p>AB 144 (Aguilar-Curry) - Public Resources Management: Organic Waste</p>	<p>Existing law declares that a thriving in-state forest products sector provides public benefits, including employment opportunities in both rural and urban areas, and economic development for rural communities. Existing law establishes the Forest Management Task Force pursuant to a specified executive order issued by the Governor, and requires the task force or its successor entity, on or before July 1, 2020, in consultation with specified entities, to develop recommendations for the siting of additional wood product manufacturing facilities in the state. Existing law specifies that it is the intent of the Legislature, in developing those recommendations, that the location and activities of the mass timber production facilities be, among other things, located in, or be proximate to, areas that are near the locations of large landscape fires, as described, and in areas identified as federal opportunity zones or in areas that have an average household income of 5% below the state's median household income. This bill would add a definition of the task force for purposes of those provisions and recast the median household income threshold from 5% below to at or below 5% of the state's median household income. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>May 9, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez</p>	<p>May 17, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 4/24/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>
<p>AB 1236 (Lackey and Flora) - Public Resources: Greenhouse Gases: Recycling: California Environmental Quality Act</p>	<p>The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. The act authorizes the state board to adopt a regulation that establishes a system of market-based declining annual aggregate emissions limits for sources or categories of sources that emit greenhouse gases, applicable from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2030, as specified. This bill would authorize \$200,000,000 from the annual proceeds of the fund to be subsequently appropriated to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for the department's Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>May 9, 2019 - Letters Sent to Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez</p>	<p>May 17, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/8/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>
<p>AB 1509 (Mullin and Berman) - Solid Waste: Rechargeable Batteries: Rechargeable Consumer Products</p>	<p>This bill would establish the Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Program in the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery. The bill would require a covered entity, as defined, on or before March 1, 2021, to provide a list of covered products that it sells or offers for sale in the state to the department and the total number of each covered product it sold in the state during the prior year, and to update those lists annually.</p>	<p>May 9, 2019 - Letters Sent to Assembly Members Kevin Mullin and Marc Berman</p>	<p>July 10, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was E.Q. on 6/6/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>

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AB 470 (Limon) - California Green Business Program	<p>The city of Torrance supports AB 470 (Limon), which would establish the California Green Business Program (CGBP) within the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA). Through the CGBP, Torrance receives free technical assistance in sustainability best practices, as well as increased access to rebates and other financing mechanisms that they may not be aware of. The program is focused on making internal business operations more aware of their implications for the environment by recommending specific measures to be implemented in the areas of energy and water efficiency, solid waste reduction, carbon emissions reduction, and green chemistry. The CGBP currently operates within the Dept of Toxic Substances Control. Based on the scope of environmental issues the CGBP is involved in, it is clear that CalEPA is a more logical home for this program. In addition, funding for the CGBP was appropriated to CalEPA as part of the 2018-19 Budget Act to support the objectives of the CGBP, and CalEPA has administered that funding for the past two years.</p>	<p>April 3, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Monique Limon</p>	<p>May 17, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 4/3/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>
AB 720 (Muratsuchi) - Community Colleges: Funding: Instructional Service Agreements with Public Safety Agencies	<p>The city of Torrance supports AB720, requires that courses offered by California's community colleges to public safety agencies via instructional service agreements (ISAs) be funded outside the new student-centered funding formula. The impact of the change in FTES funding will limit the ability of colleges to serve this important role in our state and may jeopardize public safety training in our communities. Time is of the essence on this issue. The funding formula's oversight committee has until 2022 to determine whether to incorporate ISAs into the funding formula - far too long given the urgency of resolving the problem. Therefore, the legislative solution provided by AB 720 - separating this category of FTES from the current metrics and keeping ISA classes outside the funding formula.</p>	<p>August 26, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Anthony Portantino July 30, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Anthony Portantino June 27, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Anthony J. Portantino June 13, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Connie Leyva May 13, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez March 27, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Jose Medina</p>	<p>August 30, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 7/1/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>
AB 1500 (Carrillo) - Relating to Hazardous Substances	<p>This bill would repeal the provision authorizing a UPA to suspend or revoke a unified program facility permit, or an element of a unified program facility permit, for not paying the permit fee or a fine or penalty associated with the permit. The bill would authorize the UPA, if a permittee does not comply with a written notice from the UPA to make those payments by the specified date, in addition to suspending or revoking the permit or permit element, to withhold issuance of the permit or permit element. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>March 20, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Bill Quirk</p>	<p>August 30, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/12/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>
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AB 931 (Boerner Horvath) - Local Boards and Commissions: Representation: Appointments	<p>Current law establishes the policy of the Legislature to ensure equal access to specific information about the many local regulating and advisory boards, commissions, and committees and to ensure equal opportunity to be informed of vacancies on those boards. Current law requires each legislative body of a local agency to prepare an appointments list of all regular and ongoing boards, commissions, and committees that are appointed by the legislative body of the local agency. This bill, on and after January 1, 2030, would require, with respect to a city with a population of 50,000 or more, that the city not appoint members of nonsalaried, nonelected boards or commissions consisting of 5 or more members such that individuals of the same gender identity comprise more than 60% of the board or commission's membership.</p>	<p>October 4, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Veto</p>	<p>October 12, 2019 - Signed by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 813, Statutes of 2019.</p>

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<p>AB 1184 (Gloria) - Public Records: Writing Transmitted by Electronic Mail: Retention</p>	<p>Would, unless a longer retention period is required by statute or regulation, or established by the Secretary of State pursuant to the State Records Management Act, require a public agency, for purposes of the California Public Records Act, to retain and preserve for at least 2 years every public record, as defined, that is transmitted by electronic mail.</p>	<p>October 3, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Veto</p>	<p>October 13, 2019 - Vetoed by the Governor.</p>
<p>AB 1600 (Kalra) - Discovery: Personnel Records: Peace Officers and Custodial Officers</p>	<p>Would limit the written notice requirement with respect to motions pertaining to the discovery of peace or custodial officer personnel records to civil actions. The bill would prescribe an accelerated timeframe for requesting peace or custodial officer personnel records in criminal actions. The bill would require written notice to be served and filed at least 10 court days before the appointed hearing, all papers opposing a motion to be filed with the court at least 5 court days before the hearing, and all reply papers to be filed at least 2 court days before the hearing. The bill would also require proof of service of the notice to be filed no later than 5 court days before the hearing. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>September 23, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Veto</p>	<p>October 8, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 585, Statutes of 2019.</p>
<p>SB 592 (Wiener) - Housing Accountability Act</p>	<p>The Housing Accountability Act, among other things, prohibits a local agency from disapproving or conditioning approval in a manner that renders infeasible a housing development project that complies with applicable, objective general plan, zoning, and subdivision standards and criteria in effect at the time the application for the project is deemed complete within the meaning of the Permit Streamlining Act, unless the local agency makes specified written findings based on a preponderance of the evidence in the record. This bill would additionally prohibit a local agency from disapproving or conditioning a housing development project that is determined to be complete, as provided, and would make other related conforming changes. The bill would provide that the act applies to a housing development project regardless of whether the local agency's review of the project is a ministerial or use by right decision, or a discretionary approval. By increasing the duties on local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.</p>	<p>July 3, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member David Chiu</p>	<p>September 11, 2019 - Re-referred to Com. on RLS. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.</p>
<p>AB 1763 (Chiu) - Density Bonus: 100% Affordable Housing</p>	<p>This bill would additionally require a density bonus to be provided to a developer who agrees to construct a housing development in which 100% of the total units, exclusive of managers' units, are for lower income households, as defined. However, the bill would provide that a housing development that qualifies for a density bonus under its provisions may include up to 20% of the total units for moderate-income households, as defined. The bill would also require that a housing development that meets these criteria receive 4 incentives or concessions under the Density Bonus Law. The bill would generally require that the housing development receive a density bonus of 80%, but would exempt the housing development from any maximum controls on density if it is located within ½ mile of a major transit stop or a high-quality transit corridor, as defined, and additionally require the city, county, or city and county to allow an increase in height and floor area ratio in specified amounts that vary depending on whether the development is located within ½ mile of a major transit stop or a high-quality transit corridor.</p>	<p>October 2, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Veto July 2, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member David Chiu</p>	<p>October 9, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 666, Statutes of 2019.</p>

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<p>SB 266 (Leyva) - Public Employees' Retirement System: Disallowed Compensation: Benefit Adjustments</p>	<p>This bill would establish new procedures under PERL for cases in which PERS determines that the benefits of a member or annuitant are, or would be, based on disallowed compensation that conflicts with PEPPRA and other specified laws and thus impermissible under PERL. The bill would also apply these procedures retroactively to determinations made on or after January 1, 2017, if an appeal has been filed and the employee member, survivor, or beneficiary has not exhausted their administrative or legal remedies. At the threshold, after determining that compensation for an employee member reported by the state, school employer, or a contracting agency is disallowed, the bill would require the applicable employer to discontinue the reporting of the disallowed compensation. The bill would require that contributions made on the disallowed compensation, for active members, be credited against future contributions on behalf of the state, school employer, or contracting agency that reported the disallowed compensation and would require that the state, school employer, or contracting agency return to the member any contributions paid by the member or on the member's behalf.</p>	<p>July 1, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez</p>	<p>September 15, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was DESK on 9/11/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>
<p>AB 68 (Ting) - Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units</p>	<p>The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes a local agency to provide, by ordinance, for the creation of accessory dwelling units in single-family and multifamily residential zones and sets forth required ordinance standards, including, among others, lot coverage. This bill would delete the provision authorizing the imposition of standards on lot coverage and would prohibit an ordinance from imposing requirements on minimum lot size.</p>	<p>June 26, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez</p>	<p>October 9, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 655, Statutes of 2019.</p>
<p>SB 542 (Stern) - Worker's Compensation</p>	<p>Under existing law, a person injured in the course of employment is generally entitled to receive workers' compensation on account of that injury. Existing law provides that, in the case of certain state and local firefighting personnel and peace officers, the term "injury" includes various medical conditions that are developed or manifested during a period while the member is in the service of the department or unit, and establishes a disputable presumption in this regard. This bill would provide that in the case of certain state and local firefighting personnel and peace officers, the term "injury" also includes a mental health condition or mental disability that results in a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress or mental health disorder that develops or manifests itself during a period in which the firefighting member or peace officer is in the service of the department or unit. These provisions would apply to claims for benefits filed or pending on or after January 1, 2020</p>	<p>June 18, 2019 - Letters Sent to Senator Anthony Portantino & Assembly Member Tom Daly</p>	<p>October 1, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 390, Statutes of 2019.</p>
<p>AB 1112 (Friedman) - Motorized Scooters, Local Regulation</p>	<p>The bill would require shared mobility devices to include a single unique alphanumeric ID. The bill would allow a local authority to require a shared mobility device provider to provide the local authority with deidentified and aggregated trip data as a condition for operating a shared mobility device program. The bill would prohibit the sharing of individual trip data, except as provided by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. The bill would prohibit a local authority from imposing any unduly restrictive requirements on mobility device providers that have the effect of prohibiting the operation of all shared mobility providers in its jurisdiction. The bill would allow a local authority to require shared mobility device providers to deploy shared mobility devices in accordance with fleet caps, reasonable insurance and indemnification requirements, equitable access requirements, and speed limits, as a condition of operating a shared mobility fleet. The bill would prohibit a local authority from subjecting users of shared mobility devices to requirements more restrictive than those applicable to users of personally owned similar transportation devices.</p>	<p>June 14, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Jim Frazier</p>	<p>July 12, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was TRANS. on 5/29/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)</p>

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SB 330 (Skinner) - Housing Crisis Act of 2019	<p>The act specifies that one way to satisfy that requirement is to make findings that the housing development project or emergency shelter is inconsistent with both the jurisdiction's zoning ordinance and general plan land use designation as specified in any element of the general plan as it existed on the date the application was deemed complete. The act requires a local agency that proposes to disapprove a housing development project that complies with applicable, objective general plan and zoning standards and criteria that were in effect at the time the application was deemed to be complete, or to approve it on the condition that it be developed at a lower density, to base its decision upon written findings supported by substantial evidence on the record that specified conditions exist, and places the burden of proof on the local agency to that effect. The act requires a court to impose a fine on a local agency under certain circumstances and requires that the fine be at least \$10,000 per housing unit in the housing development project on the date the application was deemed complete.</p>	<p>October 2, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Veto June 14, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Nancy Skinner</p>	<p>October 9, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 654, Statutes of 2019.</p>
SB 13 (Wieckowski) - Accessory Dwelling Units	<p>The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes a local agency, by ordinance, or, if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, by ministerial approval, to provide for the creation of accessory dwelling units in single-family and multifamily residential zones. Existing law requires accessory dwelling units to comply with specified standards, including that the accessory dwelling unit is either attached to, or located within, the proposed or existing primary dwelling or detached if located within the same lot, and that it does not exceed a specified amount of total area of floor space. This bill would, instead, authorize the creation of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling use. The bill would also revise the requirements for an accessory dwelling unit by providing that the accessory dwelling unit may be attached to, or located within, an attached garage, storage area, or other structure, and that it does not exceed a specified amount of total floor area.</p>	<p>October 2, 2019 - Letter Sent to Governor Newsom Requesting Veto September 6, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Anthony Portantino June 13, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Anthony Portantino</p>	<p>10/9/2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 653, Statutes of 2019.</p>
AB 881 (Bloom) - Accessory Dwelling Units	<p>The Planning and Zoning Law provides for the creation of accessory dwelling units by local ordinance, or, if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, by ministerial approval, in accordance with specified standards and conditions. Existing law requires the ordinance to designate areas where accessory dwelling units may be permitted and authorizes the designated areas to be based on criteria that includes, but is not limited to, the adequacy of water and sewer services and the impact of accessory dwelling units on traffic flow and public safety. This bill would instead require a local agency to designate these areas based on the adequacy of water and sewer services and the impact of accessory dwelling units on traffic flow and public safety.</p>	<p>June 13, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez</p>	<p>October 9, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 659, Statutes of 2019.</p>
AB 881 (Bloom) - Accessory Dwelling Units	<p>The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, which is administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, establishes an integrated waste management program. Existing law requires each city, county, and regional agency, if any, to develop a source reduction and recycling element and a household hazardous waste element of an integrated waste management plan. The act requires the source reduction and recycling element to divert from disposal 50% of all solid waste subject to the element through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities, with specified exceptions. This bill would require the department to consider whether the jurisdiction has implemented a dual stream recycling program, as defined, when considering if the jurisdiction has made a good faith effort to implement its source reduction and recycling element or household hazardous waste element.</p>	<p>May 28, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Benjamin Allen</p>	<p>August 30, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 182, Statutes of 2019.</p>

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AB 1356 (Ting) - Cannabis: Local Jurisdiction: Retail Commerical Cannabis Activity	<p>This bill, if more than 50% of the electorate of a local jurisdiction voted in favor of AUMA, would require a local jurisdiction to issue a minimum number of local licenses authorizing specified retail cannabis commercial activity within that jurisdiction that would be permitted by a retailer license issued under MAUCRSA. The bill would require the minimum number of those local licenses required to be issued in that jurisdiction to be 1/6 of the number of currently active on-sale general licenses for alcoholic beverage sales in that jurisdiction, as specified, unless the minimum number would result in a ratio greater than one local license for retail cannabis commercial activity for every 15,000 residents of the local jurisdiction, in which case the bill would require the minimum number to be determined by dividing the number of residents in the local jurisdiction by 15,000 and rounding down to the nearest whole number. The bill would authorize a local jurisdiction to impose a fee on licensees to cover the regulatory costs of issuing those local licenses. The bill would exempt from these provisions a local jurisdiction that, on or after January 1, 2017, and until January 1, 2020, submitted to the electorate of the local jurisdiction a specified local ordinance or resolution relating to retail cannabis commercial activity that received a specified vote of the electorate.</p>	May 17, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez	May 30, 2019 - Ordered to inactive file at the request of Assembly Member Ting.
AB 849 (Bonta) - Elections: Local Redistricting	<p>Existing law establishes criteria and procedures pursuant to which cities and counties adjust or adopt council and supervisorial district area boundaries, as applicable, for the purpose of electing members of the governing body of each of those local jurisdictions. This bill would revise and recast these provisions. The bill would require the governing body of each local jurisdiction described above to adopt new district boundaries after each federal decennial census, except as specified. The bill would specify redistricting criteria and deadlines for the adoption of new boundaries by the governing body. The bill would specify hearing procedures that would allow the public to provide input on the placement of boundaries and on proposed boundary maps. The bill would require the governing body to take specified steps to encourage the residents of the local jurisdiction to participate in the redistricting process. By increasing the duties of these local jurisdictions, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.</p>	May 3, 2019 - Letter Sent to Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry	October 8, 2019 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 557, Statutes of 2019.
SB 50 (Wiener) - Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Incentives	<p>Existing law authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a multifamily housing development that satisfies specified planning objective standards to be subject to a streamlined, ministerial approval process, as provided, and not subject to a conditional use permit. This bill would authorize a development proponent of a neighborhood multifamily project located on an eligible parcel to submit an application for a streamlined, ministerial approval process that is not subject to a conditional use permit. The bill would define a "neighborhood multifamily project" to mean a project to construct a multifamily structure on vacant land, or to convert an existing structure that does not require substantial exterior alteration into a multifamily structure, consisting of up to 4 residential dwelling units and that meets local height, setback, and lot coverage zoning requirements as they existed on July 1, 2019. The bill would also define "eligible parcel" to mean a parcel that meets specified requirements, including requirements relating to the location of the parcel and restricting the demolition of certain housing development that may already exist on the site.</p>	May 1, 2019 - Letter Sent to Senator Mike McGuire	June 4, 2019 - Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/13/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)
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S. 2012 - Restoring Local Control over Public Infrastructure Act of 2019	This bill would return local government's ability to balance competing interests for the use of the public rights-of-way by overturning actions of the FCC in August and September of 2018. While we support the Commission's goal of ensuring affordable broadband access for every American, the Commission's action do nothing to achieve that goal. It puts the interests of national corporations over the needs of our communities by making it impossible for local governments to manage the public rights-of-way effectively and equitably.	July 24, 2019 - Letter of Support Sent to Senator Dianne Feinstein	
H.R.1487 - Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Study Act	The City has identified benefits of this expansion to include: Increased Economic Development efforts to promote the City of Torrance and other South Bay cities; marketing the beaches along the coastline; pursuing potential funding opportunities for Torrance Beach, open space and watershed areas in Torrance including the Madrona Marsh Preserve and water retention basins that are open for recreational use in Torrance; working with the assistance of National Parks staff on research projects related to biology, limnology and hydrology.	May 16, 2019 - Letter of Support Sent to Congressman Ted W. Lieu	
H.R. 530 - Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019	The city of Torrance supports H.R. 530 which repeals recent harmful FCC regulations limiting the ability of local governments to regulate the deployment of 5G wireless infrastructure. The city of Torrance urges elected officials to support and cosponsor H.R. 530 and to work with local governments to find solution for effective 5G deployment that meets the diverse needs of our nation's many unique communities.	February 8, 2019 - Letters of Support Sent to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Sen. Kamala Harris, Rep. Maxine Waters, Rep. Ted Lieu	
MB Docket No. 05-311 (Pai) - Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984. Amended by Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992.	The City of Torrance is writing to express concern on the subject of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) proceeding "Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992" (MB Docket No. 05-311). The FCC proposes new rules allowing cable companies to apportion a value to PEG channels along with other franchise obligations, considering them "in-kind" contributions, and deducting that amount and the value placed on any other in-kind contributions, from the franchise fee the cable company pays to the local franchising authorities (LFA's). Further, in-kind contributions would be subject to the statutory 5% fee cap and counted as part of the cable franchise fee.	June 28, 2019 - Letter Sent to Chairman Ajit V. Pai November 1, 2018 - Letter Sent to Chairman Ajit Pai, Commissioner Michael O'Rielly, Brendan Carr, and Jessica Rosenworcel	August 1, 2019 - The Federal Communications Commission adopted new rules to promote broadband investment and deployment.