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**To:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Steven S. Carrigan, City Manager  
**Date:** September 6, 2019  
**Re:** City Council Information Report

## RAVELLO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT GRAND OPENING

Devin de Leon invited the community to celebrate the grand opening of Ravello's Italian Restaurant, formerly DiCicco's of Merced Italian Restaurant. The celebration was held on Sunday, Sept. 1, with family, friends, and dignitaries in attendance at the standing room only event. Councilmember Matt Serratto participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony and presented Devin with a Certificate of Achievement. Assistant City Manager Stephanie Dietz and



Director of Economic Development Frank Quintero attended the grand opening. Guests were treated to samples and bakery treats.

The DiCicco's to Ravello's ownership change represents the third transition where restaurant staff took over a restaurant from the owner. Pinocchio's to Destino's, Pizza Villa (same name, but new owner), and DiCicco's to Ravello's.

## **RAHILLY PARK SWING SET**

The swing set at Rahilly Park (Parsons Avenue north of Brookdale) has been replaced this week by Public Works crews. The swings will be open for use late next week after new Fibar has been added around the swing set area.



## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Please find attached the Townsend Public Affairs Monthly Report with the state and federal legislative update.

## **LETTER OF OPPOSITION SB 531**

Attached is a letter of opposition to SB 531, a bill by State Sen. Steve Glazer that would prevent the use of local sales taxes as incentives to attract or retain retailers or e-commerce businesses.

## **MCAG NEWSLETTER**

Please find attached the MCAG September newsletter.

## **INSPECTION SERVICES REPORT**

There were 46 new single family dwelling permits issued. See the attached biweekly Inspection Services Report

## MERCED PD UPDATE

### *Academy speakers*

On Sept. 4 Detective Cruz Jasso and Detective Calvin Haygood spoke at the Police Citizen Academy regarding the detective division and how detectives investigate cases.



### *Social media success story*

Officers responded to the 600 block of W. Yosemite Ave for a missing elderly female with dementia at 7:39 p.m. Tuesday. Officers checked the area and were not able to locate Lori Lewen so they posted the information on social media. Approximately 10 minutes after posting the information, a resident located her in the 300 block of Pepperdine Court. She was taken back to the residence and returned to her loved ones.

### *Badge traditions*

A big tradition among law enforcement agencies across the country is to share and trade police patches with each other. Earlier this year, the Department received a request for a patch from an officer of the Czech Republic. Staff sent him a patch and in return he sent one of his department's patches to the MPD. He also sent a photo of himself with the MPD patch.



## NEW OFFICER SWORN IN

Vincent, left, and Brandon Wilkins are brothers, and now brother police officers after Vincent was sworn into the Merced Police Department Friday. Brandon is celebrating six years with the Department this month. Officer Vincent Wilkins was sworn in Friday by Chief Goodwin. He had his badge pinned on by his girlfriend, Nidia Hartford, as his parents and family watched. Vince's younger brother, Brandon, can still claim seniority.



## **TARIFFS AND HOME PRICES**

The Sacramento Bee printed an article quoting California Building Industry Association officials estimating the tariffs on China are raising the price on the average California home \$20,000 to \$30,000. The article is attached.

## **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB FUNDRAISER**

Please find attached a flier and information on a Sept. 11 fundraiser at the Boys and Girls Club called “Murder at the Disco.”

## **NUT FESTIVAL**

Please find attached the flier for the Merced County Nut Festival planned for the Merced County Fairgrounds for Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## **LEAGUE DIVISION DINNER**

The League of Cities Division Dinner is in Lathrop at The Boathouse on Sept. 19 with social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. The Division officers will be elected, along with an update on legislation that is on the Governor’s desk that will be given. A flier and application form is attached. RSVP are due immediately and can be made to Stephen Qualls at 209-883-0653 or [squalls@cacities.org](mailto:squalls@cacities.org).

## **CRAFT BREWERS WORKSHOP**

The Economic Development Department is sponsoring a Craft Brewers Workshop on Sept. 11 to help people understand what it takes to open a microbrewery. The workshop takes the potential entrepreneur through the steps necessary from site selection to brewing. See the attached flier.

## **ACE OVERCOMERS DINNERS**

Please find attached a flier for the Ace Overcomers dinner on Thurs. Oct. 17 starting at 5 p.m.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

- Sept. 10 – Historical Society BBQ, Lake Yosemite, 5-9 p.m.
- Sept. 11 – Boys and Girls Club Fundraiser, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 13 – Accelerate Performance Personal Training Ribbon-Cutting, 1-3 p.m.
- Sept. 19 – League Division Dinner, Lathrop, 6 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner
- Sept. 20 – Quote Valley Insurance Ribbon-Cutting, 5-7 p.m.
- Oct. 2 – League of Cities Division Dinner, Long Beach, 6:30 p.m., Tequila Jacks
- Oct. 3 – MCOE Excellence in Education Awards, Merced Theatre, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26 – Merced County Nut Festival, Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Parade, Bob Hart Square, TBD
- Nov. 15 – Pearl Family Dentistry 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Event, 12:00 p.m.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:**           **City of Merced**  
Mayor and Council Members  
Steve Carrigan, City Manager  
Stephanie Dietz, Assistant City Manager

**From:**       **Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.**  
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**Date:**        **September 2, 2019**

**Subject:**     **Monthly Report—August 2019**

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**SUMMARY**

This memorandum is an overview of activities undertaken by Townsend Public Affairs (TPA) over the last month, working on behalf of the City of Merced, including the following subjects:

- **Legislative Activity and Updates**
  - *State Update*
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    - Police Use of Force Legislation
    - Cap and Trade Auction
    - State Bond Measures
    - Proposition 13 Reform
    - Opportunity Zone Updates
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    - Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations
    - FCC Cable Franchising
    - Sober Living Homes
- **Project Activity and Updates**
  - *Proposition 68 Grants*
- **Funding Program Updates**
  - *Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant Program*
  - *Storm Water Grant Program*
  - *Urban Flood Protection Program*
  - *Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program*
- **Upcoming Funding Opportunities**



## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY AND UPDATES

### State Update

#### Legislative Activity

On August 12, the Legislature reconvened from its month-long Summer Recess to complete this year's legislative agenda. Only two weeks remain in the 2019 legislative session. The Legislature has moved to floor session only in both houses to consider the remaining active bills for this year. Furthermore, August 30 was the last day for fiscal committees to report bills to the floor. Approximately 600 bills were considered by the Appropriations Committees in a span of just a few hours during their Suspense File hearings on August 30. The Legislature currently has over 800 bills to still consider and hear on the respective floors prior to the September 13 deadline.

Below is a list of the remaining legislative deadlines for 2019:

**September 3-13** – Floor session only

**September 6** – Last day to amend bills on the floor

**September 13** – Last day for each house to pass bills. Legislature recesses for Interim Recess

**October 13** – Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature

During the last two weeks of session, the Legislature is expected to focus heavily on measures related to housing, environmental protection, vaccines, and labor classification. Specifically, the Senate Appropriations Committee recently advanced a high-profile bill that would require companies such as Uber and Lyft to classify workers as employees instead of independent contractors. Companies that employ certain independent contractors would be required to provide workers with benefits such as overtime and sick leave and would be required to pay them a minimum wage. Governor Newsom expressed his support for the bill while Uber and Lyft have vowed to introduce a state ballot measure to overturn the bill if it passes the Legislature and is signed into law. The measure, AB 5, is expected to be a focal point of discussion in the last two weeks of the session.

Below is an update on legislation we have been tracking throughout the year's legislative session:

- *AB 302 (Berman) – Parking, Homeless Students*

This bill requires a community college campus that has parking facilities on campus to grant overnight access to those facilities, on or before July 1, 2020, to any homeless student who is enrolled in coursework, has paid enrollment fees that have not been waived, and is in good standing with the community college, for the purpose of sleeping in the student's vehicle overnight.

**AB 302 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendments that include a delayed implementation date of July 1, 2021, exemptions for facilities that are within 250 feet of an elementary school, and exemptions for colleges that instead provide either homeless grants, hotel vouchers, or repaid rehousing services. AB 302 is currently on the Senate floor.**





- *AB 516 (Chiu) – Authority to Remove Vehicles*

AB 516 would delete the authority for law enforcement and local officials to tow and impound or immobilize a vehicle that has five or more delinquent parking tickets or traffic violations, as specified. The bill would also modify the authority for those entities to tow and impound a vehicle left standing on a road for 72 hours or more in violation of a local ordinance by extending that time to five or more business days after a specified notice is affixed to the vehicle.

**AB 516 was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee. It is now a two-year bill.**

- *AB 849 (Bonta) – Elections, Local Redistricting*

AB 849 revises and standardizes the criteria and process to be used by counties and cities when they adjust the boundaries of the electoral districts that are used to elect members of the jurisdictions' governing bodies. Requires counties and cities to comply with substantial public hearing and outreach requirements as part of the process for adjusting the boundaries of electoral districts. Amendments have since reduced the number of required public hearings from six to four.

**AB 849 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee and is currently on the Senate Floor.**

- *AB 1184 (Gloria) – Retention of public records: writing transmitted by electronic mail*

AB 1184 requires a public agency to retain and preserve for at least two years every writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business that is prepared, owned, or used by the public agency and transmitted by electronic mail, unless a statute or regulation requires a longer retention period. This bill would require public agencies to store innocuous, mundane, and duplicative information for a minimum of two years, resulting in higher digital storage needs.

**AB 1184 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with an amendment that clarifies that emails that include public records only be retained as defined by the State Records Management Act. AB 1184 is currently on the Senate Floor.**

- *AB 1482 (Chiu) – Tenancy: Rent Caps*

This bill limits housing costs in California by placing a cap on annual rent increases at 7 percent plus inflation, up to a maximum of 10 percent, for specified housing that is over 10 years old. To prevent landlords from engaging in rent-gouging by evicting tenants, the bill also requires that a landlord have and state a just cause, as specified, for any eviction. Landlords with 10 or fewer rental properties are exempt. The bill sunsets after three years.



**AB 1482 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee and was re-referred to the Rules Committee. Additional amendments and legislative rule exceptions are expected for this bill in the next two weeks.**

- *AB 1484 (Grayson) – Mitigation Fee Act: Housing Development*

This bill requires a city or county to post on its website each developer impact fee and other fees that are imposed that are applicable to a housing project.

This bill is expected to be amended to create a more stringent standard for development impact fees that cities and special districts may charge developers. The bill is also expected to become a two-year bill. TPA will continue to monitor the status of this bill and provide timely updates as they become available.

**AB 1484 has passed the Senate Appropriations Committee and is currently on the Senate Floor.**

- *SB 5 (Beall) – Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program*

This bill creates the Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program for local agencies to use local property taxes for affordable housing and housing related projects.

**SB 5 passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is currently on the Assembly Floor.**

- *SB 330 (Skinner) – Housing Crisis Act of 2019*

This bill establishes the Housing Crisis Act of 2019, and makes numerous changes, until January 1, 2025, to various statutes related to housing development. These changes affect the Permit Streamlining Act, local housing approval processes and the Housing Accountability Act (HAA), impose restrictions on specified development standards and provide for delayed enforcement of certain code violations, among other things.

**SB 330 passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is currently on the Assembly Floor.**

- *SB 531 (Glazer) – Local Agencies: Retailers*

SB 592 would prohibit, on or after January 1, 2020, a local agency from entering into any form of agreement that would result in the payment, transfer, diversion, or rebate of Bradley-Burns local tax revenues to any retailer in exchange for the retailer locating or continuing to maintain a place of business that serves as the place of sale.

**SB 531 failed passage on the Assembly Floor but is currently awaiting a reconsideration vote.**



- *SB 592 (Wiener) – Housing Accountability Act*

SB 592 was recently gut and amended to become a housing related bill. Similar to SB 330 (Skinner), the bill prohibits a local agency from disapproving or conditioning approval in a way that deters a housing development project that complies with the local general plan, zoning, and subdivision standards. This bill would apply to any form of land use decision by a local agency, including a ministerial or use by right decision.

**SB 592 passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is currently on the Assembly Floor.**

#### Police Use of Force Legislation

On August 19, Governor Newsom signed AB 392 (Weber) into law. AB 392 sets new standards for police use of lethal force, stating that it is only allowed when necessary in defense of human life. The bill was introduced on the heels of the lethal shooting in March 2018 that resulted in Stephon Clark's death by police officers. AB 392 was amended to remove a provision that would hold officers more criminally liable in cases where lethal force is used, resulting in a neutral position from law enforcement advocates.

In the Senate, SB 230 by Assembly Member Caballero would overhaul police training regarding appropriate use of deadly force by emphasizing de-escalation techniques and other use of force alternatives. The bill would also require local agencies to make their individual use of force policies more accessible to the public. SB 230 passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 30 and is now on the Assembly Floor. The bill also includes a provision that states that it cannot become law unless AB 392 becomes law. Since AB 392 has been approved and signed into law, SB 230 will be considered as a police training companion bill to the updated use of force standards included in AB 392.

#### Cap and Trade Auction

On August 27, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) conducted their third Cap and Trade auction of 2019. The Cap and Trade program is a greenhouse gas emission reduction strategy that places a statewide cap on emissions and auctions off emission allowances on a quarterly basis. Major carbon emitters must bid on allowances in order to report their total emissions to the state each year. Once again, all available emission credits were sold, and the state expects to receive **over \$730 million** from the August 2019 auction.

Revenues generated from the Cap and Trade program currently fund various transportation projects, affordable housing, and sustainable community programs. Forty percent of the revenue is available through the discretion of the Legislature for future appropriations for projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The next Cap and Trade auction will take place in November 2019.



## State Bond Measures

In August, two bills were amended to place bond measures on the 2020 State ballot. The bills would both require two-thirds approval from the Legislature before going to California voters on November 3, 2020. Each measure would issue approximately \$4 billion in general obligation bonds to address climate change, wildfires, park parks, water, and flood management.

Although these bills are likely to be made two-year bills, TPA has been meeting with the bill's authors and stakeholders to advocate for funding that will benefit the local agency priorities. Below is a summary of the two draft bond measures as they currently stand:

- *AB 352 (Garcia) – Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation & Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020*
  - Total Funding: \$3.92 billion
  - Breakdown:
    - \$1.25 billion for natural disaster/climate change resilience
    - \$925 million for safe drinking water
    - \$725 million for parks
    - \$475 million for fish and wildlife
    - \$100 million for agriculture
    - \$215 million for coastal protection
    - \$230 million for climate education
  - **According to the author's office, AB 352 is expected to become a two-year bill.**
- *SB 45 (Allen) – Wildfire, Drought, Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020*
  - Total Funding: \$4.1 billion
  - Breakdown:
    - \$1 billion for reducing wildfire risk
    - \$200 million for areas impacted by wildfires
    - \$600 million for healthy forests and watersheds
    - \$300 million for urban climate impact reductions
    - \$600 million for protecting water supply and water quality
    - \$300 million for rivers, lakes and streams
    - \$300 million for multi-benefit flood management
    - \$300 million for fish and wildlife
    - \$200 million for agriculture
    - \$300 million for coastal lands
    - \$150 million for regional climate resilience
    - \$50 million for workforce development
  - **SB 45 has been re-referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.**



Additionally, a third bond measure, AB 1298 by Assembly Member Mullin (D-San Mateo), is expected to be amended to include funding for similar initiatives. Assembly Member Mullin’s AB 1298 is expected to be joined with Assembly Member Garcia’s AB 352 prior to any further action. TPA will continue to provide timely updates regarding these bond measures and their potential impacts and opportunities.

### Proposition 13 Reform

On August 13, ballot organizers submitted initiative 17-0055, The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act to be eligible for the November 3, 2020 general election. The ballot measure, commonly referred to as “Split Roll” or “Proposition 13 Reform,” requires certain commercial and industrial real property to be taxed based on fair-market value and dedicates portions of any increased revenue to education and local services. This change to assessment of property taxes is likely to result in an additional \$10.8 – \$12 billion in annual revenues across the state, of which 40 percent would go to education and 60 percent would go to local services.

#### *Proposition 13 Background*

The People’s Initiative to Limit Property Taxation, or Proposition 13, was passed in 1978 in response to increasing property values and the corresponding increases in property taxes. Proposition 13 ensures that valuations of property may not grow by more than 2 percent annually and that market value reassessment may only occur with a change of ownership or the completion of new construction. Proposition 13 also created a requirement that all state and local tax increases must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting public or the Legislature.

Proposition 13 was intended to prevent increasing property values and taxes from making homeownership too costly for residents. However, the measure did not differentiate between residential properties and commercial properties. Residential properties change ownership, and are therefore reassessed, every 10 years on average. Larger commercial properties in the State rarely change ownership and are therefore not reassessed on a regular basis. The unintended result has been that the proportion of property tax revenues paid by residents and commercial owners have shifted over the last 40 years.

Commercial property taxes accounted for roughly 50 percent of property tax revenue prior to Proposition 13. Today, that number is closer to 28 percent, and a variety of independent studies have shown that this shift represents roughly \$11 billion per year over the last decade that would have otherwise been paid in property taxes by commercial entities.

In an effort to address this shifting dynamic, proponents of the split roll reform have proposed returning certain commercial properties to the previous assessment schedule—every three years—while allowing residential property owners to still benefit from the property tax protections put forth under Proposition 13.

#### *Support and Opposition*

Although California is more than a year away from the 2020 General Election, campaigns are already rolling out in support and opposition to the split roll reform.



Proponents of the measure argue that the corporations have been abusing the intent of Proposition 13 to avoid paying their fair-share and note that the \$11 billion in annual revenues would have gone to supporting schools, county and city services, and other local needs. They also state that reassessment of property taxes will level the playing field for small business that are adversely impacted by newer property rates and shift land-use policy to make building affordable housing more appealing.

Opponents of the measure argue that taxes in California are already too high and that creating a split property tax policy will create a more hostile business climate throughout the state. They also note that dramatic increases for locally owned business could cause some companies to go out of business and could drive larger entities to other markets, resulting in increased unemployment and lower overall revenues for the State.

### *Next Steps*

Proponents of the ballot initiative have indicated that they intend to refile the initiative to include the following changes:

- Expanded small business protections
- Stronger education financing language to ensure every school receives funding equitably
- Stronger zoning language to ensure large corporations cannot avoid reassessment

### Opportunity Zone Updates

As you know, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act created Opportunity Zones (OZ) to spur investment in distressed communities throughout the country and New investments in these zones can receive preferential tax treatment. States nominated low-income communities to be designated as Qualified Opportunity Zones, and the U.S. Treasury Secretary certified those submittals.

We have been working with Senator Anna Caballero on her legislation—Senate Bill 25—which would establish specified procedures for the administrative and judicial review of the environmental review and approvals granted for projects funded by public agencies in an OZ.

Governor Newsom has proposed conforming State and federal tax law for OZs, but only for investments in affordable housing and green technology. Efforts are also looking at ways to combine incentives—for example, with Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs). We have also been meeting with State Treasurer Fiona Ma and her team as they work to support the Governor’s policy efforts and focus on outreach and acceleration of projects.

We are now working with the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development to identify specific projects and success stories in OZs that can be used to demonstrate the need for the tool. While affordable housing and green technology are key focus areas, the State stands to lose significant manufacturing and industrial development to other states if OZs are maximized.



## Federal Update

Prior to recessing for the majority of the month of August, Congress focused primarily on the budget and debt ceiling. On August 1, the Senate approved a 2-year, \$2.7 trillion budget deal that raises the debt ceiling and lifts spending caps. In a 67-28 vote in the Senate, the budget agreement narrowly cleared the 60-vote threshold. Five Democrats joined 23 Republicans in opposing the measure. President Trump's signature of the agreement on August 2 eliminated \$126 billion in automatic spending cuts and suspends the debt ceiling through July 2021. The bipartisan budget package also increases military and non-military spending by \$320 billion above the budget caps that would have taken effect if Congress failed to stop the scheduled decreases in spending.

Under the deal, defense programs will see a 3 percent increase in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, up to \$738 billion. Non-defense programs would increase 4 percent over current levels to a total of \$632 billion, which includes a \$2.5 billion adjustment for the 2020 Census. The agreement also includes approximately \$77 billion in spending offsets, which are expected to be phased in over the course of the next decade.

Both chambers of Congress are scheduled to return from their 6-week recess on September 9, and Democrats are eager to tackle issues now center stage in the political sphere. Chief among issues that are not appropriations-related will be gun control legislation, which remains at the forefront of political debate nearly a month after the mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio. Democrats and some Republicans are using September as the first opportunity to develop legislative measures to respond to gun violence, particularly legislation to strengthen background checks and allow law enforcement authorities to confiscate weapons using state "red flag" laws.

### Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations

Due to the August recess, no new progress on the appropriations process has been made. With the September 30 deadline looming, the Senate must work expeditiously to prevent a lapse in federal funding. The aforementioned budget deal does not specifically fund federal agencies and only sets the top line amounts. Thus, a government shutdown is possible if Congress fails to pass the 12 FY 2020 funding bills.

As a reminder, to date, the House has passed 10 of its 12 FY 2020 appropriations bills, while the Senate has not introduced any FY 2020 appropriations bills. Because Senate appropriators indicated that they wanted to finalize a budget deal prior to introducing any appropriations bills, the Senate will not begin introducing and marking up legislation until after legislators return from August recess.

This delay means it is increasingly likely that at least one temporary stopgap funding measure (known as a Continuing Resolution) will be necessary to maintain federal funding.

Please see below for an update on several appropriations line items, where they are in the process, and how the House-proposed levels compare to last year's levels and the President's recommended levels.



**Housing/Community Development:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2019 enacted</b>	<b>FY 2020 President's Request</b>	<b>FY 2020 House</b>	<b>FY 2020 Senate</b>	<b>FY 2020 Enacted</b>
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$3.3 billion	\$0	\$3.6 billion	N/A	N/A
HOME Investment Partnerships	\$1.25 billion	\$0	\$1.75 billion	N/A	N/A
Homeless Assistance Grants	\$2.64 billion	\$2.6 billion	\$2.8 billion	N/A	N/A
Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	\$40 million	\$0	\$40 million	N/A	N/A
HUD Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$22.5 billion	\$22.2 billion	\$23.8 billion	N/A	N/A
HUD Project-Based Rental Assistance	\$11.74 billion	\$12 billion	\$12.6 billion	N/A	N/A
Economic Development Administration (EDA)	\$304 million	\$0	\$540 million	N/A	N/A
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)	\$155 million	\$0	\$167.5 million	N/A	N/A
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)	\$155 million	\$0	\$167.5 million	N/A	N/A
Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)	\$242 million	\$0	\$267 million	N/A	N/A





**Transportation:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2019 enacted</b>	<b>FY 2020 President's Request</b>	<b>FY 2020 House</b>	<b>FY 2020 Senate</b>	<b>FY 2020 Enacted</b>
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants	\$900 million	\$1 billion	\$1 billion	N/A	N/A
Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants	\$1 billion	\$2.035 billion	\$1 billion	N/A	N/A
Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Program (New Starts)	\$2.6 billion	\$1.5 billion	\$2.3 billion	N/A	N/A
Federal Aviation Administration	\$17.5 billion	\$17.1 billion	\$17.7 billion	N/A	N/A
Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment	\$390 million	\$391 million	\$389 million	N/A	N/A

**Water:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2019 enacted</b>	<b>FY 2020 President's Request</b>	<b>FY 2020 House</b>	<b>FY 2020 Senate</b>	<b>FY 2020 Enacted</b>
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	\$1.7 billion	\$1.12 billion	\$1.8 billion	N/A	N/A
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	\$1.18 billion	\$863 million	\$1.3 billion	N/A	N/A
Bureau of Reclamation	\$1.57 billion	\$1.1 billion	\$1.63 billion	N/A	N/A
WIFIA	\$68 million	\$25 million	\$45 million	N/A	N/A



**Public Safety:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2019 enacted</b>	<b>FY 2020 President's Request</b>	<b>FY 2020 House</b>	<b>FY 2020 Senate</b>	<b>FY 2020 Enacted</b>
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)	\$225.5 million	\$99 million	\$323 million	N/A	N/A
Recidivism/Reentry Grants	\$87.5 million	\$85 million	\$80 million	N/A	N/A
Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grants	\$350 million	\$344 million	\$375 million	N/A	N/A
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants	\$350 million	\$344 million	\$375 million	N/A	N/A
FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program	\$250 million	\$0	\$250 million	N/A	N/A

**Science:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2019 enacted</b>	<b>FY 2020 President's Request</b>	<b>FY 2020 House</b>	<b>FY 2020 Senate</b>	<b>FY 2020 Enacted</b>
National Science Foundation (NSF)	\$8.1 billion	\$7.1 billion	\$8.64 billion	N/A	N/A
National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)	\$15.2 billion	\$16.5 billion	\$15.9 billion	N/A	N/A



**Education:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2019 enacted</b>	<b>FY 2020 President's Request</b>	<b>FY 2020 House</b>	<b>FY 2020 Senate</b>	<b>FY 2020 Enacted</b>
Head Start	\$10.1 billion	\$10.1 billion	\$11.6 billion	N/A	N/A
Title (I) Grants	\$16.54 billion	\$15.9 billion	\$16.9 billion	N/A	N/A
Title (III) Grants	\$737 million	\$737 million	\$980 million	N/A	N/A
GEAR UP	\$360 million	\$0	\$395 million	N/A	N/A
TRIO	\$1 billion	\$840 million	\$1.1 billion	N/A	N/A
Federal Work Study	\$1.13 billion	\$500 million	\$1.4 billion	N/A	N/A
Pell Grants	\$22.5 billion	\$22.5 billion	\$24.9 billion	N/A	N/A
Carl D. Perkins	\$1.3 billion	\$1.3 billion	\$1.3 billion	N/A	N/A
Job Training/WIOA	\$2.8 billion	\$2.8 billion	\$3 billion	N/A	N/A
Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS)	\$50 million	\$15 million	\$60 million	N/A	N/A
Strengthening Community College Training Grants (SCCTG)	--	--	\$150 million	N/A	N/A



**Environment:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2019 enacted</b>	<b>FY 2020 President's Request</b>	<b>FY 2020 House</b>	<b>FY 2020 Senate</b>	<b>FY 2020 Enacted</b>
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Land Acquisition and State Assistance	\$153 million	\$104 million	\$280 million	N/A	N/A
Brownfields Grants	\$87 million	\$62 million	\$105 million	N/A	N/A
National Parks Service Operations	\$2.51 billion	\$2.43 billion	\$2.65 billion	N/A	N/A
Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository	\$0	\$31.7 billion	\$0	N/A	N/A
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	\$500 million	\$465 million	\$500 million	N/A	N/A

**Welfare Assistance:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2019 enacted</b>	<b>FY 2020 President's Request</b>	<b>FY 2020 House</b>	<b>FY 2020 Senate</b>	<b>FY 2020 Enacted</b>
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	\$73.48 billion	\$69.1 billion	\$71.1 billion	N/A	N/A
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	\$6.075 billion	\$5.8 billion	\$6 billion	N/A	N/A
Community Service Block Grant (CSBG)	\$725 million	\$0	\$796 million	N/A	N/A
Senior Community Service Employment Program	\$400 million	\$0	\$464 million	N/A	N/A



## FCC Cable Franchising

New rules from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) governing local cable agreements were published in the Federal Register and will take effect on September 26. The FCC first unveiled the proposed new rules in September 2018. On August 1, the Commission voted, 3-2, to adopt the rules despite a flood of concerns received during the public comment period.

The changes mean that cable-related, in-kind contributions required by local franchising authorities from cable operators will be subject to the statutory 5% cap on franchise fees. The franchise fee rulings in the August 1 order are prospective, and cable operators and local franchising authorities must now assign a fair market value to the cable-related, in-kind contributions.

The definition of “in-kind, cable-related contributions” includes any non-monetary contributions, including but not limited, to free or discounted cable service to public buildings, costs in support of PEG (Public, Educational and Governmental) access other than capital costs, and costs attributable to the construction of I-Nets. It does not include the costs of complying with build-out and customer service requirements.

The key issue is that any loss of revenue and support would force municipalities to dramatically reduce or eliminate PEG channels, or to divert resources away from core municipal and school services in order to maintain PEG programming.

The NLC will be filing an emergency Stay of Proceedings in federal court in an effort to temporarily delay legal proceedings.

## DOJ Patient Enforcement Letter: Sober Living Homes

U.S. Congressman Mike Levin (D-CA) recently sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General William Barr requesting information on the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) enforcement of federal law that prohibits kickbacks for patient referrals to recovery homes and clinical treatment facilities.

The letter seeks to address the challenges of incentive systems that contribute to homelessness and patient relapse and sometimes death. Congressman Levin’s letter lists several issues that he sees as potential contributing factors. The first is the concern of patients being treated as commodities. The letter described that brokers will recruit patients and send them to disreputable—and often distant—facilities without meaningful supervision and support, to earn finders’ fees up to tens of thousands of dollars.

The second issue stems from facilities paying the client’s initial private insurance premium in order to secure lucrative reimbursement rates. Once the benefits are exhausted, patients are quickly discharged, often leaving them with nowhere else to go. The letter explained that brokers then create the opportunity for patient relapse by promising lavish lifestyles and providing drugs so they can qualify for new insurance and reenter addiction treatment, generating additional fees.

While some states have enacted laws to address this issue, they widely vary. California, in particular, provides the Department of Public Health with authority to penalize only certified



programs and counselors or licensed facilities, with no specified fines. Because many patients are brokered across state lines, it is critical that the federal government intervene. Congress sought to do this by passing the Support for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT) Act, which President Trump signed into law last year. The bill includes a provision that prohibits the knowing and willful solicitation, receipt, payment or offer of remuneration with respect to patient referrals to recovery homes, clinical treatment facilities, and certain laboratories.

Congressman Levin's letter requests the DOJ provide Congress with information on the number of cases charged under the SUPPORT Act, how many of the cases have led to convictions, and what additional resources the DOJ needs to address patient brokering. Attorney General Barr was asked to provide a written response to Congress no later than September 5, which could potentially lead to more enforcement from lawmakers.

## PROJECT ACTIVITY AND UPDATES

### Proposition 68 Grants

TPA and City staff continue to work on funding opportunities for park projects from Proposition 68. The California Department of Parks and Recreation is coordinating the **Statewide Park Program (SPP)—Round 3**, which the City applied for in August. A total of 480 applications were received, requesting more than \$2.2 billion in funding (there is \$254 million available).

We worked with City staff on applications for the development of several parks. The City has led efforts on the community-based planning and soliciting input for park design.

Three applications were submitted on August 5 and are now working with our legislative delegation on letters of support and telephone calls to the Department. We are hoping to hear that our projects are selected for a site visit.



## FUNDING PROGRAM UPDATES

### Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant Program (Proposition 68)

The Trails and Greenways grant program, funded by Proposition 68, will fund projects that provide nonmotorized infrastructure development and enhancements that promote new or alternate access to parks, waterways, outdoor recreational pursuits, and forested or other natural environments to encourage health-related active transportation and opportunities for Californians to reconnect with nature. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.

Applications are due on **October 11, 2019**, and eligible applicants include local agencies, State conservancies, Native American tribes, joint powers authorities, and nonprofit organizations.

All projects must provide non-motorized infrastructure development and enhancements that promote new or alternate access to nature (parks, waterways, outdoor recreational pursuits, and forested or other natural environments) to encourage health-related active transportation and opportunities for Californians to reconnect with nature.

At least 20 percent of program funds will be allocated to projects serving severely disadvantaged communities. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- New/alternate non-motorized trails where one does not currently exist.
- New non-motorized trail segments to expand and connect to an existing trail or trail system to provide access to parks, waterways, outdoor recreational pursuits and forested or other natural environments
- Non-motorized bridges that continue a trail over a waterway or other physical obstacle.
- Access enhancements including trailhead facility, parking lot, restrooms, interpretive signage, kiosks, entry gate, and planting of trees and shrubs to provide shade, carbon sequestration, habitat values, and erosion control
- Acquisition of land for purposes of future development into an eligible project type.
- Planning-only or operation and maintenance projects are not eligible

The total funding available for the program is \$27.7 million with maximum awards of \$4 million. The program requires a 20 percent match unless located in or serving a disadvantaged community.

- Disadvantaged Community means a community with an annual median household income less than 80 percent of the statewide average
- Serving a Disadvantaged or Severely Disadvantaged Community means a project that is located within one mile of a disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged community and providing direct benefits to the disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged residents. "Direct benefits" include, but are not limited to, recreational and educational opportunities, training and workforce education, job opportunities, reduced pollution burden and increased resilience to climate change

Projects that leverage private, federal, or local funding will also be given priority.



## Storm Water Grant Program (Proposition 1)

The Storm Water Grant Program is funded by Proposition 1 (2014), which among other funds provided \$200 million for matching grants to public agencies and other organizations for multi-benefit storm water management projects. The program is administered the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Round 1 planning and implementation solicitations were completed in 2016—SWRCB awarded \$10 million for planning grants and \$80 million for implementation grants. The upcoming Round 2 implementation grants will fund multi-benefit storm water management projects which may include, but shall not be limited to: green infrastructure, rainwater and storm water capture projects and storm water treatment facilities.

Draft Round 2 guidelines are available for comment until September 20, 2019, with applications expected to be due by the end of the year. Eligible applicants include public agencies, nonprofit organizations, mutual water companies, and Native American tribes.

Multi-benefit storm water management projects which may include, but shall not be limited to:

- Green infrastructure
- Rainwater and storm water capture projects
- Storm water treatment facilities
- Demonstration or pilot projects that are consistent with the eligibility requirements of Prop 1, Chapter 7, meet all requirements identified in Round 2 Guidelines, and are designed to lead to widespread implementation of the practice throughout the watershed.
- “Nature-based” projects, which may include creation of green space, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, promotion of community engagement, and restoration of native habitat.

Projects must be included in an adopted IRWMP, included in a Storm Water Resource Plan, respond to climate change, contribute to regional water security, and contain a minimum of two benefits, which include:

- Water supply benefits
- Water quality benefits
- Flood management
- Environmental benefits
- Community benefits

Round 2 has approximately \$99 million available—\$13 million of unused or re-appropriated funding from Proposition 84, Proposition 13, Proposition 40, and Proposition 50 may also be used. Minimum project awards are \$250,000 and maximum awards are \$10 million. The program requires a 50 percent match of non-State funds and waivers are available for projects located in and benefitting a disadvantaged community.





## Urban Flood Protection Program (Proposition 68)

The Urban Flood Protection grant program, funded by Proposition 68, will fund multi-benefit projects in urbanized areas to address flooding. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. This program emphasizes and gives priority to projects that serve the State's severely disadvantaged communities.

The program is currently in the public comment process for the draft guidelines through October 14, 2019. Applications are expected to be due by the end of the year. Eligible applicants include local and State agencies, joint powers authorities, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized Native American tribes.

Projects containing the following elements will be given priority consideration in funding decisions:

- Projects that leverage private, federal, or local funding or produce the greatest public benefit.
- Projects that propose to use, where feasible, the services of the California Conservation Corps or certified community conservation corps.
- Projects that include water efficiencies, stormwater capture for infiltration or reuse, or carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emission reduction features in the project design, where feasible.

General Requirements:

- At least twenty percent (20 percent) of program funds shall be allocated for projects serving severely disadvantaged communities.
- Unless the project has been identified as serving a disadvantaged community, an entity that receives an award shall be required to provide a match of twenty-five percent (25%).
- Projects must be located in an urbanized area.
- Projects must protect persons and property from flood damage.
- Projects must provide workforce education and training, contractor, and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities, where practicable.
- Projects shall include the planning, monitoring, and reporting necessary to ensure successful implementation of the project objectives and be available to the State upon request.
- Measurement of greenhouse gas emissions reductions and carbon sequestration associated with the project is required, where practicable.
- Projects should include, where feasible:
  - Efficient use and conservation of water supplies.
  - Use of recycled water.
  - Stormwater capture to reduce stormwater runoff, reduce water pollution, or recharge groundwater supplies, or a combination thereof.
  - Provision of safe and reliable drinking water supplies to park and open-space visitors



All projects must address flooding in urbanized areas and protect persons and property from flood damage. Projects must address flooding in urbanized areas and provide multiple benefits. Eligible projects shall include, but are not limited to, stormwater capture and reuse, planning and implementation of low-impact development, restoration of urban streams and watersheds, and increasing permeable surfaces to help reduce flooding. The list below provides examples of project elements that meet statutory conditions:

- Create green alleys or streets to reduce impervious areas, treat polluted stormwater runoff and mitigate localized flooding.
- Remove or improve culverts, bridges, at-grade stream crossings, or other structures that impede flood flows, block fish passage, or have other negative environmental impacts.
- Install bio-swales, vegetated curb bump-outs, rain gardens, or other green infrastructure to capture/infiltrate/detain/retain stormwater to treat polluted runoff and mitigate localized flooding.
- Restore natural floodplains to accommodate periodic flooding.
- Restore urban streams through bio-engineered erosion control, bank stabilization, and revegetation.
- As part of a flood management plan or project, acquire lands to accommodate periodic flooding.

Approximately \$92.5 million is available for Urban Flood Protection projects. Two funding cycles are anticipated, with approximately \$46.25 million to be awarded per cycle. The minimum award for individual projects is \$200,000. The maximum award is \$6 million.

### **Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program (Senate Bill 1)**

Funds local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region's RTP Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) where applicable, contribute to the State's GHG reduction targets, and assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives.

Eligible planning projects must have a transportation nexus. Successful planning projects are expected to directly benefit the multi-modal transportation system. Sustainable Communities Grants will also improve public health, social equity, environmental justice, the environment, and provide other important community benefits.

Applications are due on **October 11, 2019**, and awards are expected in Spring 2020. Those eligible to apply as a primary applicant include: MPOs with sub-applicants, RTPAs, transit agencies, cities and counties, Native American tribal governments, and other public transportation planning entities.

Example projects include, but are not limited to:

- Studies, plans or planning methods that advance a community's effort to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips and transportation related GHG through strategies including, but not limited to, advancing mode shift, demand management, travel cost, operational efficiency, accessibility, and coordination with future employment and residential land use



- Studies, plans or planning methods that assist transportation agencies in creating sustainable communities and transit-oriented development
- Sustainable Communities Strategy development
- Long range transportation plans for tribal governments
- Community to school studies or safe routes to school plans
- Studies, plans, or outreach for school public transit, school pool ridesharing
- Community Needs Assessments
- Studies, plans or planning methods that advance a community's effort to address the impacts of climate change, such as sea level rise, flooding, wildfires, and mudslides, which may include the use of natural infrastructure to reduce the impacts of climate change
- Studies that promote greater access between affordable housing and job centers
- Context-sensitive streetscapes or town center plans
- Complete street plans
- Active transportation plans, including bicycle, pedestrian and trail master plans
- Bike and pedestrian plans with a safety enhancement focus, including Vision Zero plans
- Plans for bike parking facilities
- Educational outreach for mode shifts to electric forms of transportation
- Traffic calming and safety enhancement plans
- Corridor enhancement studies

Land use planning activities in coordination with a transportation project are also eligible. Examples include:

- An update to a general plan land use element or zoning code that increases development opportunities around key transportation corridors or nodes
- Creation of a Transit-Oriented Development overlay zone or other special zoning district around key transportation corridors or nodes
- Studies, plans, and policies that address land use conflicts with major transportation corridors such as major highways, ports, shipping and freight corridors, etc. that are near sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, parks, etc. or potentially impacted by climate change

The program has \$17 million available this year, with minimum awards of \$50,000 for disadvantaged communities and \$100,000 for all others. Maximum awards are \$1 million. There is also an 11.47 percent match required—it can be all cash, all third-party in-kind contributions, or combination of the two. Staff time from the primary applicant counts as cash match.



## UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Included below is a list of several upcoming grant programs, descriptions and due dates:

- **Recreational Trails and Greenways Program (October 11)**—\$27.7 million available for trail projects. Competitive to local agencies, State conservancies, federally recognized Native American tribes, non-federally recognized California Native American tribes, joint powers authorities, and nonprofit organizations.
- **Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants (October 23)**—Successful planning projects are expected to directly benefit the multi-modal transportation system. Sustainable Communities Grants will also improve public health, social equity, environmental justice, and provide other important community benefits. The grant program will fund local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region’s RTP SCS, contribute to the State’s GHG reduction targets, and assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Program Objectives.
- **COPS Hiring Program (October 2019)**—The COPS Hiring Program is open to all state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority. This nationwide program is designed to advance public safety through community policing by addressing specific problems, such as public trust, through the hiring of full-time sworn officer positions. Funding is provided directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new and/or rehire career law enforcement officers, and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.
- **Senate Bill 2 Planning Grant Program (November 30)**—This grant program is meant to facilitate planning activities that will foster an adequate supply of homes affordable to Californians at all income levels. It is designed to help meet the challenges of preparing and adopting land use plans and integrating strategies to promote housing development.
- **Infill Infrastructure Grant Program (November 2019)**—The IIG Program provides grants on a competitive basis and limited over-the-counter funding for infrastructure improvements in support of residential or mixed-use infill development projects. Specific eligible improvements include development or rehabilitation of parks or open space, transit shelters, streets, sidewalks, and streetscape improvements.
- **Storm Water Grant Program (December 2019)**—Funded from Proposition 1, funding will be available for multi-benefit storm water management projects which may include, but shall not be limited to: green infrastructure, rainwater and storm water capture projects and storm water treatment facilities.
- **Transformative Climate Communities Grant Programs (December 2019)**—Individual grants of up to \$200,000 are available to planning activities possibly leading toward a Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant. Planning activities must further goals of a locally adopted plan or Strategic Growth Council (SGC) efforts, and directly benefit a disadvantaged community. The SGC will also be accepting applications



for the Implementation Grant to fund neighborhood-level proposals that include multiple, coordinated projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve other community benefits (two awards of \$28 million each).

- **Urban Flood Protection Program (January 2020)**—\$100 million from Proposition 68 shall be available to the Natural Resources Agency for competitive grants for the purposes of multi-benefit projects in urbanized areas to address flooding. Eligible projects shall include, but are not limited to, stormwater capture and reuse, planning and implementation of low-impact development, restoration of urban streams and watersheds, and increasing permeable surfaces to help reduce flooding.
- **Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (January 2020)**—The TIRCP provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California’s intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion.
- **Local Partnership Program (January 2020)**—Jurisdictions with voter approved taxes, tolls, and fees, or with imposed fees, will be eligible for this competitive grant program if the taxes, tolls, or fees are dedicated solely to transportation. The initial programming cycle will cover 2017-18 through 2019-20. The program will match up to \$5 million for the construction of transportation projects.
- **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (January 2020)**—The objective of the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program is to fund infrastructure improvements on federally designated Trade Corridors of National and Regional Significance, on the Primary Freight Network, as identified in the California Freight Mobility Plan, and along other corridors that have a high volume of freight movement as determined by the Commission. The program will fund projects that benefit the movement of goods along identified trade corridors.
- **Urban and Community Forestry Program (Spring 2019)**—The Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program works to optimize the benefits of trees and related vegetation through multiple-objective projects. These projects further the goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32), result in a net greenhouse gas benefit, and provide environmental services and cost-effective solutions to the needs of urban communities and local agencies. Co-benefits of the projects include increased water supply, clean air and water, reduced energy use, flood and storm water management, recreation, urban revitalization, improved public health, and producing useful products such as biofuel, clean energy, and high-quality wood.
- **Per Capita Park Grant Program (Spring 2020)**—Funds are available for local park rehabilitation, creation, and improvement grants to local governments on a per capita basis. Recipients are encouraged to utilize awards to rehabilitate existing infrastructure and to address deficiencies in neighborhoods lacking access to the outdoors.





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September 3, 2019

The Honorable Steve Glazer  
California State Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Senate Bill 531 (Glazier)—Local agencies, retailers  
Notice of opposition**

Dear Senator Glazier:

On behalf of the City of Merced, I want to express our opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 531. If passed, this bill would prevent local agencies from entering into local sales tax agreements with retailers in exchange for local job creation and retention.

These e-commerce jobs are making a real difference in people's lives in the Central Valley where the unemployment rate is often double the state's unemployment rate. This bill would limit the ability of cities like Merced to attract and retain retailers in a highly competitive market.

Merced is an economically challenged area that could benefit from the ability to offer incentives that are tied to local job creation. SB 531 would prevent a local agency from entering into performance-based agreements that create jobs for our residents. Under these agreements, if jobs are not created then the incentives are not provided. SB 531 takes away the local control and authority needed to create those jobs. As a result, California will lose more jobs to neighboring states such as Nevada and Arizona.

Merced, like other Central Valley towns, is positioned to serve as a hub for distribution centers. This suits the skillset of our workforce. Bringing additional retailers to the local economy – even through the use of incentives – ultimately expands the City's sales tax base and enhances our ability to offer additional services to the community in the form of police and fire protection, infrastructure repair, and youth recreation services.

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SB 531 would tie the City's hands when it is negotiating with businesses. Merced must be able to attract and retain businesses in the best interests of its residents. This bill does not protect our residents, it punishes them. We need the local control that we already have to offer sales tax incentives when it is in the best interests of our residents.

For these reasons, the City of Merced opposes SB 531.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael W. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michael W. Murphy, Mayor  
City of Merced

## SEPTEMBER 2019

### MEASURE V IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RELEASED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

MCAG released the draft 2019 Measure V Implementation Plan for review by the public. The Implementation Plan is updated and published every two years as outlined in the Measure V Expenditure Plan, which was passed by the voters in 2016.



*First Regional Project - Henry Miller Avenue  
Rehabilitation*

The Implementation Plan outlines how Measure V dollars will be distributed to regional transportation projects on both the east and west sides of the county. According to the Expenditure Plan, 44 percent of all monies (27 percent for east side and 17 percent for west side) must be spent on regional projects. Transportation projects are considered 'regional' when they are on the State Highway System, the Regional Road System, the Regional Transportation System, are located in more than one jurisdiction, or directly benefit more than one jurisdiction.

The Implementation Plan also includes programs and projects related to public transit. The Measure V Expenditure Plan provides that five percent of total revenue be used for transit services. Since its inception, Measure V has supported a bus fare subsidy for veterans, seniors, and ADA-eligible passengers. As a result of this program, the county-wide transit system has experienced an increase of seven percent in its overall ridership and provided 327,828 free rides to eligible passengers.

MCAG held two public hearings on both the east and west side of the county to hear public comments on the Implementation Plan. Individuals who were not able to attend the hearings may still send comments to the MCAG office at 369 W. 18th Street, Merced or via email to [matt.fell@mcagov.org](mailto:matt.fell@mcagov.org). Comments are due by 5:00pm on Thursday, September 12th.

The draft 2019 Implementation Plan can be found online at: [www.mcagov.org/MeasureV](http://www.mcagov.org/MeasureV).

### MCAG SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

MCAG is seeking student applicants for appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC is a 17-member committee comprised of individuals from both the private sector and the community, who provide input regarding MCAG programs and advise the MCAG Governing Board on monthly agenda items. Meetings are held the first Friday of every month at 8:30 am at the MCAG office in Merced. The Committee members are appointed by the MCAG Governing Board to serve a four-year term.

Applications for the CAC can be obtained at [www.mcagov.org](http://www.mcagov.org) or at the MCAG office: 369 W. 18th Street, Merced.

### MERCED COLLEGE AND THE BUS PARTNER IN EFFORT TO PROVIDE FREE RIDES TO STUDENTS

The Bus and Merced College have partnered in an effort to offer Merced College students unlimited rides countywide. A recent study of ridership data showed that approximately 111,057 trips are taken to Merced College each year. This month students will be given the opportunity to vote for a \$9.95 registration fee increase per semester on the Associated Students of Merced College (ASMC) ballots. If approved, all Merced College students will benefit from unlimited, fare-free access to the entire Merced county fixed route transit system by simply showing their current Merced College ID card when boarding any of our buses. For more information please visit:

[www.mercedthebus.com/mcbus4me](http://www.mercedthebus.com/mcbus4me)





## SEPTEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS:

- 09/02** Labor Day, MCAG offices closed
- 09/04** MCAG Presentation at the Planada MAC, 9167 Standford Ave, Planada, 6:00 pm
- 09/06** Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, MCAG office, 8:30 am
- 09/07** Highway 59 & Billy Wright landfills open until 3:30 pm
- 09/08** Sacred Heart Church Festival & Resource Fair, 562 W. 13th St. Merced, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 9/11** Technical Review Board meeting, 12 pm, City of Livingston
- 09/14** Dash Out For Cancer  
5K Run/Walk, for more info visit: [www.mercedcancersociety.org/](http://www.mercedcancersociety.org/)
- 09/15** Merced County Hispanic Chamber 2nd Annual Amigos Unidos Golf Tournament, For more info call 209.384.9537
- 09/19** Governing Board meeting, Gustine Council Chamber, 3:00 pm
- 09/21** Household Hazardous Waste event, 403 F St. Los Banos, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 9/20-22** Livingston Sweet Potato Festival, For more info visit: [www.livingstoncity.com](http://www.livingstoncity.com)
- 09/28** FREE YARTS service to Yosemite, visit [yarts.com](http://yarts.com) for more information

*For more information about these events, or if your City or community has public events you would like published in our newsletter, contact Eva Garibay at: [eva.garibay@mcaagov.org](mailto:eva.garibay@mcaagov.org)*



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jewel and then enjoy culinary delights as part of your adventure. For more information visit: [www.yarts.com](http://www.yarts.com)



The Merced County Regional Waste Authority Highway 59 and Billy Wright landfills are open every Saturday from 8:00 am to Noon. In addition, both landfill locations have extended hours until 3:30 pm during the first Saturday of the month and on any Saturday following a closed holiday. For more information please visit: [www.mcrwma.org](http://www.mcrwma.org)

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7:00 am - 3:30 pm

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# MeasureV

SEPTEMBER 2019—UPDATE

Measure V, Merced County's ½ cent transportation sales tax, was passed by Merced County voters with 71% approval in November 2016. In an effort to keep the community informed about this transformative measure, MCAg will feature monthly updates in this newsletter. You can also visit [www.mcagov.org/measureV](http://www.mcagov.org/measureV) for the latest!

Over the past year, local jurisdictions have made steady progress on Measure V projects around the County. The City of Atwater recently completed their Juniper Avenue Pedestrian and Bike Path Infill project. This project was a major improvement to the City's bicycle and pedestrian system. The project consisted of installing sidewalks and bike paths where they did not exist along Juniper Avenue from Vann Terrace to Bridgewater Street and on Bridgewater Street from Juniper Avenue to Joan Faul Park. Upgrades also included the addition of curb ramps. The new sidewalks will serve as a safe route to school for those going to Buhach Colony High School. Also, those enjoying Faul Park will now be able to ride their bicycles around the park while sharing the path with pedestrians.

## HAVE YOU SPOTTED MEASURE V AT WORK IN MERCED COUNTY?

Snap a picture and send it to  
[measurev@mcagov.org](mailto:measurev@mcagov.org)  
or tag us on Facebook, Instagram  
and Twitter

@mcag\_merced  
or use the hashtag #MeasureV\_mcag



Work along Juniper Ave near Joan Faul Park



Work along Juniper Ave

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Inspection Services CI

**For the period of August 12<sup>th</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, there were 46 New Single Family Dwelling Permits Issued.**

The running total of New Single Family Dwellings in Plan Review is **38**.

Multi Family Permits in review:

Gateway Terrace Apartments located at 405 W 12<sup>th</sup> St, 1 Office/Lounge and 6, 2 story Apartments; 2 buildings have 16 units, 3 buildings have 30 units, and 1 building has 4 units.

Yosemite at Lake Apartments located at 2850 E. Yosemite Ave.; 15- 27,276 SF 3-story apartment buildings each with 15 units, and a 1,200 SF maintenance building.

Compass Pointe phase II: 128 units in 16, 8-plex buildings plus a clubhouse.

There were 0 multi-family permits issued during this period.

(No change since last report)

There were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.

There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for flooring, paint, cabinets, countertops, electrical, doors, walls, and lighting improvements for Golden State Dermatology located at 388 E Yosemite Ave. #100, and one for a new floor sink, storage closet, and beverage station for Teriyaki Don Restaurant located at 755 E Yosemite Ave, Ste H.

There were 0 new commercial submittals during this period.

There was 1 new tenant improvement submittal during this period; for the installation of moveable panels and electrical relocation for Gateway Community Church located at 353 E. Donna Dr.

There was 1 CofO issued for this period; for a tenant improvement for Rockin' Jump, the 22,031 SF trampoline park located at 1230 W. Main St.

# Trump's tariffs made California's housing crisis worse: A 'perfect storm of the wrong kind'

[BY KATE IRBY](#)

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President Donald Trump's tariffs have created the "perfect storm" at the wrong moment for the housing industry, California builders say.

The California Building Industry Association estimates tariffs have driven up the cost of an average-size new home by \$20,000 to \$30,000.

That comes from tariffs appliances, certain counter tops and other miscellaneous items that "at the end of the day, really add up," according to Dennis Fitzpatrick, owner of Fitzpatrick Homes in Modesto.

The industry was already struggling, particularly in California, because of increased costs. They face rising fees from local governments and a shortage of space and labor to build. The added cost and uncertainty of tariffs have pushed it that much further, builders say.

"This created the perfect storm of the wrong kind," said David Logan, director of Tax and Trade Policy at the National Association of Home Builders. "All the stars aligned for the worst outcome."

The tariffs against China increased from 10 percent to 25 percent in May on about 500 items involved in housing, such as appliances, nails, lighting, laminate, tile, cabinets and other common finishes in housing made from aluminum, steel and lumber.

The home builders association estimates the tariffs will ultimately cost home buyers \$2.5 billion per year nationwide. Facing those costs, builders such as Fitzpatrick have to find

other materials to use in homes or pass the charges directly on to their customers — those looking to build or renovate their homes.

Trump has billed the tariffs as necessary to fight unfair actions by China, including intellectual property theft. He consistently says that China is paying the tariffs, though experts agree that consumers are the ones who end up paying for tariffs.

While the tariffs are not the most cost prohibitive part of building a home, particularly in California, they can price some families out of the market.

Dan Dunmoyer, president of the California Building Industry Association, said increasing the cost of \$500,000 home in the state by even \$10,000 would price out thousands of families. The median price of a home in [California in June was \\$611,000](#) according to state data.

“So it is a tipping point for those families,” Dunmoyer said. “But so many other things have pushed it up to that point,” he added, citing the expensive and unregulated community fees assessed by local governments.

[New tariffs are going into effect this week](#). They don’t target housing products, but the builders worry that the costs to consumers will make it more difficult for people to save up money for a down payment.

Logan says the long-term effects of these tariffs could choke off new construction, and they’re leading builders to focus on catering to people with higher incomes or encouraging those with moderate incomes to build with less space.

“I’ve heard of instances when projects have had to stop because of pricing changes in the the middle of a project,” Logan said.

Fitzpatrick said his company has stopped offering some products, such as quartz, because of the tariffs. If customers ask for it, Fitzpatrick said the company warns them it will cost them a lot more.

His company stopped buying cabinets from China, which nearly doubled in price, and instead started buying them from Mexico. Trump has said the tariffs would encourage the buying of more American-made products.

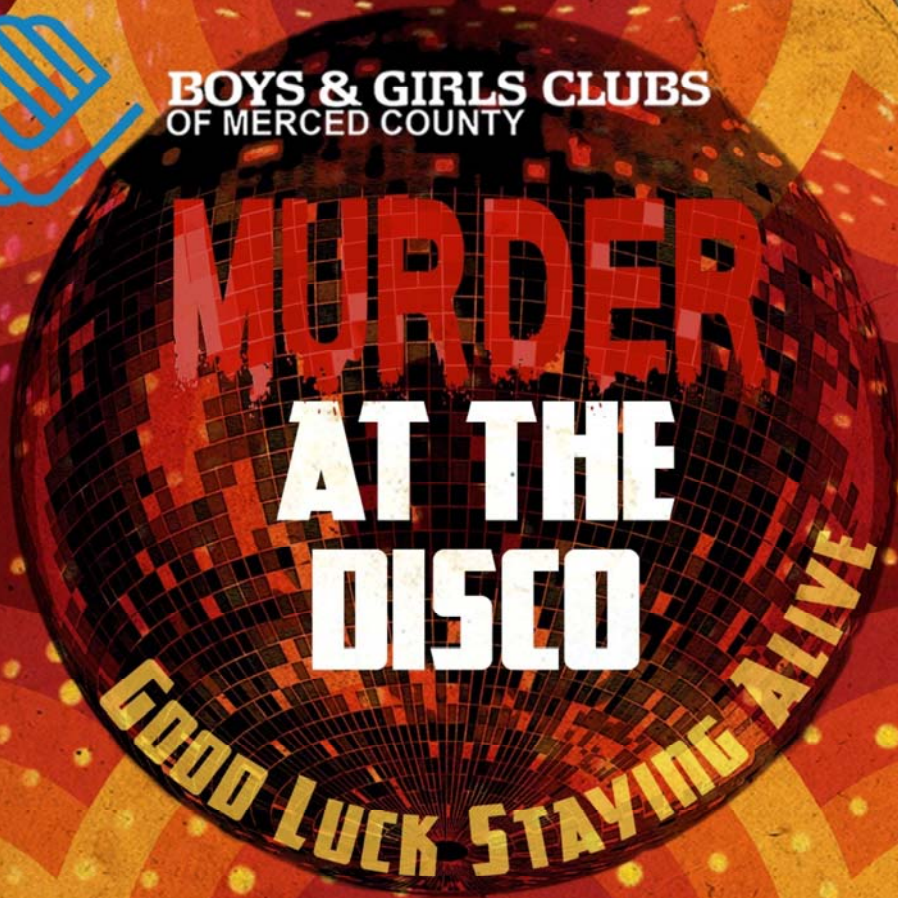
Already, the inflationary tendencies of tariffs have meant that many distributors will increase costs before a tariff has gone into effect, Fitzpatrick said. If a project will take a year or more, distributors anticipate a tariff might happen and therefore increase costs to cover that possibility.

“Then you’re trying to get loans when you don’t know what the cost will be in a few months,” Fitzpatrick said. “I’d say the uncertainty is costing more than the actual tariffs.”

Read more here: <https://www.sacbee.com/news/business/article234699897.html?#storylink=cpy>



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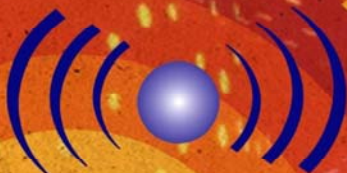
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September 3, 2019

City of Merced and City Council Members  
678 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Merced, CA 995340

Attn: City Council Members

Prepare to go *Nuts* for the First Annual Merced County Nut Festival on Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 10am-6pm. The Festival will be held at the Merced County Fairgrounds G street entrance. This event is free to the public.

The Merced Multicultural Arts Center is a proud sponsor of the Merced County Nut Festival which supports local culture and diversity and showcases our rich agricultural history and community. It is our hope that the city of Merced and it's Council Members, will support the Merced County Nut Festival by donating one police officer for the day, along with several police explorer's to help with security and traffic. We would also like the city to purchase 100 tickets at \$5.00 each to be divided between the city parks and recreation department and the Boys and Girls club. These tickets would be used to ride the zip line and entry to climb the 25 foot rock wall.

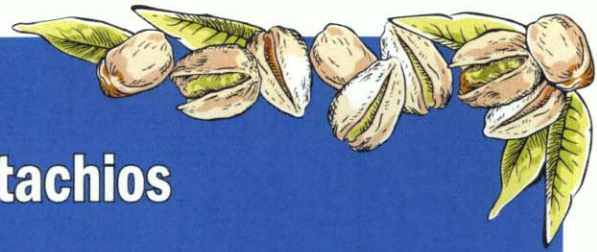
The goal of the Nut Festival is to celebrate Merced County's prominent history of supplying many countries all over the world with the best walnuts, almonds, and pistachios; currently we have over a \$700 *million dollar* industry in our county. California is the number one producer of almonds in the world, producing over 80% of world's almonds and around 40% of the world's pistachios in 2010. The Orange County Register in a July 27, 2017 article stated that, "California's 77,500 farms produce more than 400 commodities, and two-thirds of the nation's fruits and nuts. About one-quarter of what California produces is exported around the world." These figures make the celebration of one of California's most important commodities, nuts, a must.

Those attending the Merced County Nut Festival will have the opportunity to learn how almond, walnuts and pistachios are grown and harvested, view and sample nuts galore, taste creative dishes and enjoy local entertainment. This day of celebration will include: a cooking demo by 510 Bistro, a nut drawing contest for kids, music by the G Street Revolution Band, a Reggae band, a bake-off, and dance performances. This family friendly event is open to the public and free of charge. Local Vendors, businesses, and artists have been invited to participate in this day of cultural diversity, and fun.

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Necola Adams



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Hosted by the City of Lathrop  
Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 2019

The Boat House at River Islands  
980 Lakeside Dr, Lathrop, CA 9533

6:00 p.m. No host social  
7:00 p.m. Dinner

**Thank you to our sponsor California Water Service for covering the cost of the dinner for city staff. All others and no shows will be charged for their meal. (cost TBD)**

Kindly RSVP by September 13<sup>th</sup> to: Stephen Qualls @ (209) 614-0118 or [squalls@cacities.org](mailto:squalls@cacities.org)

Please make checks payable to: League of California Cities Central Valley  
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**League of California Cities**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Central Valley Division**

**Required Information About the Nominee:** *(please make sure to provide an email address!)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Years in office \_\_\_\_\_

City Hall Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone no. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date Current Term Expires \_\_\_\_\_ Does City Impose Term Limits? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If eligible, Nominee's next election date \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Former Elected or Appointed Positions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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