



SAN MATEO COUNTY 2014 LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT

(*Indicates that a position letter has been sent on behalf of the Board of Supervisors or a position has been taken by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) or the Urban Counties Caucus (UCC) on behalf of the County).

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County Sponsored/Priority State Legislation

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
Item 9210 Local Government Financing	Triple Flip Shortfall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10.7M in State General Funds are being appropriated through the state budget process to the County as reimbursement for a FY 12-13 Triple Flip shortfall 	Support*	Assembly Sub 4 (3/25) & Senate Sub 4 (3/27)
AB 2028 (Mullin)	All-mailed ballot election: counties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would authorize a special election to be conducted in a county, including a charter county, wholly by mail, under specified conditions. 	Support/Sponsor*	A—Elections & Redistricting (5/6)

Early Childhood Education

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 837 (Steinberg)	Schools: transitional kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would make one year of high quality, voluntary transitional kindergarten available to every four-year-old child in the state. 	Watch	S—Appropriations
AB 1902 (Bonta)	California State Preschool Program: party-day preschool: fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would eliminate family fees for children who attend a part-day state preschool program. 	Support*	A—Appropriations
AB 2302 (Mullin)	Child care and developmental services: facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would make changes to the Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund to improve its ability to provide critical funding for the renovation of 	Support*	A—Education (4/30)

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	existing buildings, the purchase of new buildings, to provide critical early education to low income children.		
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Elections

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 963 (Torres)	Elections: payment of expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would provide that expenses incurred on or after 1/1/13 for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly or to fill a vacancy in Congress, shall be paid by the state. 	Support/CSAC & UCC	S—Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1873 (Gonzales)	Mail ballot elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would authorize a board of supervisors to conduct a special election or special consolidated election to fill a congressional or legislative vacancy wholly by mail, under specified conditions. 	Support*	A—Elections & Redistricting (5/6)

Employee Relations

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
AB 2126 (Bonta)	Meyers-Milias-Brown Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would impose mandatory mediation under the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA) 	Oppose	A—Appropriations

Environment

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 270 (Padilla)	Solid waste: single-use carryout bags <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would restrict single-use plastic grocery bags and place a ten cent minimum charge on paper and reusable bags. 	Support*	A—Natural Resources
SB 1014 (Jackson)	Pharmaceutical waste: home-generated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would ask producers of pharmaceuticals to create, finance and manage a collection system for state consumers to safely and conveniently dispose of expired and unwanted pharmaceuticals. 	Support*	S—Appropriations
AB 1970 (Gordon)	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Community Investment and Innovation Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates the Community Investment and Innovation Program that would provide financial support to local governments for projects that aim to reduce their carbon footprints and spur innovation. 	Support*	A—Appropriations
AB 2193 (Gordon)	Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would create a simplified permitting process for landowners, businesses, local governments, and NGOs wanting to implement small-scale and voluntary ecosystem restoration projects. 	Under review	A—Appropriations 94/30)
AB 2371 (Mullin)	Solid waste: household hazardous waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would require counties and cities to review its household hazardous waste element and program to determine its effectiveness in the 	Support	A—Local Government (4/30)

	collection, recycling, treatment, and disposal of household hazardous waste as part of its annual report to the Department of Resources Recycling & Recovery.		
AB 2516 (Gordon)	Sea level rise planning: database <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would establish the Planning for Sea Level Rise Database to be a centrally located source of information on how California is preparing for, and adapting to, sea level rise. 	Support*	A—Natural Resources Supervisor Pine to testify in support on (4/28).

Health and Hospitals

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 1000 (Monning)	Public health: sugar-sweetened beverages: safety warnings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would establish the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Safety Warning Act and would require a safety warning on all sealed sugar-sweetened beverage containers. 	Support*	S—Appropriations (4/28)
SB 1005 (Lara)	Health care coverage: immigration status Would create the California Health Exchange Program For All Californians and would extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to persons who are otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status.	Watch	S—Health (4/30)
SB 1054 (Steinberg)	Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would require the BSCC to administer and award mentally ill offender crime reduction grants on a competitive basis to counties that expand or establish a continuum of swift, certain, and graduated responses to reduce crime and criminal justice costs. 	Watch	S—Budget & Fiscal Review
SB 1081 (Hernandez)	Federally qualified health centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would require the Department of Health Care Services to create a three-year Medi-Cal alternative payment methodology pilot project for county and community-based federally qualified health centers willing to participate in the program. 	Support*	S—Health (4/30)
AB 1621 (Lowenthal)	Emergency medical services: data and information system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would facilitate the adoption and integration of electronic pre-hospital care reports for emergency medical services to improve the consistency and quality of data collection at the state level for EMS. 	Watch	A—Health (4/29)
AB 1644 (Medina)	Medi-Cal: Drug Medi-Cal Program Providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would require a county or DHCS, before contracting with a certified Drug Medi-Cal provider, to obtain criminal background information to determine if the owner has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving fraud. 	Watch	A—Appropriations (4/30)
AB 1725 (Maienschein)	Mental health: conservatorship hearings for the gravely disabled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would, among other things, allow family members, friends or other interested persons to initiate Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) conservatorships and not just rely on the officer providing the investigation to initiate such proceedings. 	Watch	A—Judiciary (4/29)
AB 1805 (Skinner)	Medi-Cal: reimbursement provider payments	Watch	A—Appropriations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would increase the reimbursement rates to doctors and others by 10 percent who provide healthcare services to Medi-Cal recipients. 		
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Land Use

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 968 (Hill)	Public lands: Martin's Beach property: access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would direct the State Lands Commission to begin negotiations with the property owner as a precursor to eminent domain proceedings to purchase all or part of the property on behalf of the state. 	Support*	S-Appropriations (5/5)
AB 1799 (Gordon)	Land use: mitigation lands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would eliminate the requirement of an endowment or other financial mechanism for long-term stewardship of mitigation property, and replace that requirement with more flexible alternatives to finance mitigation obligations. 	Support	A—Water, Parks & Wildlife (4/29)
AB 1961 (Eggman)	Land use: planning: Sustainable Farmland Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would require counties to adopt "Sustainable Farmland Strategies" to retain agricultural land, based on a map of their agricultural resources, and a review of their current goals, plans and policies related to the retention of farmland. 	Watch	A—Appropriations (4/30)

Local Government

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 1129 (Steinberg)	Redevelopment: successor agencies to redevelopment agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would amend several statutes governing redevelopment agencies' dissolution. 	Under review	S—Appropriations (5/5)
SB 1337 (DeSaulnier)	Public records: electronic copies and media requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would require a state or local agency to provide an electronic copy of a public record when the public record is made available in response to a request and respond to the request within 14 days. 	Watch	S—Judiciary (4/29)
AB 194 (Campos)	Open meetings: actions for violations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would allow a district attorney or interested party to seek "null and void" judicial determinations for violations of the Brown Act. 	Oppose/UCC	S—Government & Finance
AB 418 (Mullin)	Local government: special tax, assessment, or property-related fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would authorize the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo to pursue local funding on behalf of its member agencies for stormwater pollution prevention programs. 	Support*	A—Unfinished Business
AB 1448 (Mullin)	Local government: part-time elected officials: lifetime healthcare benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would prohibit the legislature or governing body of a city, county and school board, special district, or any other entity of local government from granting lifetime healthcare benefits to an elected official who serve part time. 	Watch	A—Local Government
AB 1948 (Mullin)	Counties: officers: qualifications for office	Watch	A—Appropriations (4/30)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would apply specific education standards to the position of County Treasurer-Tax Collector, ensuring that those charged with handling county resources are well qualified. 		
AB 2040 (Garcia)	<p>Public official compensation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would require a local agency to report to the state Controller the annual compensation of its public officials, including separately listing the name and title of each public official and their monthly salary. Would also require a local agency that maintains its own website to either post the annual compensation of its public officials or post a link to the Controller's Government Compensation in California website. 	Watch	A—Appropriations (4/30)

Public Safety and Justice

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 833 (Liu)	<p>Jails: discharge of prisoners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would allow a County Sheriff to offer a voluntary program to inmates to remain in custody for 16 hours until normal business hours resume the next day, so they can be discharged, transported and admitted directly to a treatment center or other facility. 	Watch	A—Desk
SB 962 (Leno)	<p>Advanced mobile communication devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would require any smartphone or tablet sold in the state to include a technological solution that renders the essential features of the device inoperable when stolen. 	Watch	S—Third Reading
SB 1054 (Steinberg)	<p>Mentally ill offender crime reduction grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would require the Board of State and Community Corrections to administer and award mentally ill offender crime reduction grants on a competitive basis to counties that expand or establish a continuum of swift, certain and graduated responses to reduce crime and criminal justice costs related to mentally ill offenders. Appropriates \$50 M statewide and requires that the funds be used for adults and juveniles offenders. 	Watch	S—Budget & Fiscal Review
SB 1388 (Lieu)	<p>Human Trafficking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would authorize the court to order a defendant convicted of a violation of purchasing a commercial sex act from a minor to pay an additional fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000 to be deposited into the newly created Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Services Fund. Funding would pay for child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse victim counseling centers and programs, as well as services for child victims of human trafficking. 	Watch	S—Appropriations (5/5)

Social Services

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 899 (Mithchell)	<p>CalWORKs: eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would repeal the Meximum Family Grant rule in the CalWORKs program 	Support*	S—Appropriations (4/28)

	to provide a newborn child with basic needs.		
SB 1029 (Hancock)	CalWORKs and CalFresh eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would allow persons previously convicted of a nonviolent drug felony, who meets all other eligibility rules, to receive basic needs services, employment training and work support through CalWORKs and CalFresh programs, provided they are complying with conditions of release and/or have successfully completed their probation or parole. 	Support*	S—Appropriations (4/28)
SB 1341 (Mitchell)	Medi-Cal: Statewide Automated Welfare System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would codify the existing agreement between the Administration, Covered California and the counties regarding the respective roles of the State Automated Welfare System (SAWS) and the California Health Eligibility Enrollment and Retention System (CalHEERS). 	Support*	S—Health
AB 1502 (Mullin)	CalWORKs Family Unity Act of 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would repeal current law which penalizes two-parent families in the CalWORKs program who work for low wages and clarifying exceptions to the program work requirements for relative caregivers. 	Support	A—Human Services (4/30)
AB 1614 (Stone)	Electronic benefits transfer cards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would make a number of statutory changes to impose better consumer protections for EBT card recipients. 	Support*	A—Appropriations
AB 1653 (Garcia)	CalWORKs: victims of domestic violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would require the DSS to establish a standard, statewide notice and process to ensure that applicants for or recipients of CalWORKs aid who are past or present victims of domestic violence are not placed at further risk or unfairly penalized by program requirements, rule or procedures. Would also require human services agencies to develop a domestic violence service plan consistent with federal law. 	Support	A—Human Services (4/29)

Tax and Finance

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 983 (Leno)	Local sales tax: card lock fuel: place of sale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would designate the point of sale for fuel dispensed from card lock fuel systems, as the point of delivery of the fuel. 1156 	Watch	S—Governance and Finance (4/30)
SB 1156 (Steinberg)	California Carbon Tax Law of 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would raise a carbon tax, in lieu of some portion of the state's current cap and trade policy, for GHG reduction. A portion of the new tax would be used to fund a state Earned Income Tax Credit. 	Watch	S—Governance & Finance
AB 2231 (Gordon)	State Controller: property tax postponement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would restart the existing Senior Property Tax Postponement Law, which authorized a claimant to file a claim with the Controller to postpone the payment of ad valorem property taxes, based on household income. 	Watch	A—Revenue & Taxation (4/28)

Transportation

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 1430 (Hill)	Malicious mischief: airport property: transportation services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would make the sale of transportation services to the airport property to members of the public without written consent of the airport governing board a misdemeanor. 	Watch	S—Transportation & Housing (4/29)

Other State Issues

Bill Number & Author	Description	Position	Status
SB 1226 (Correa)	Political Reform Act of 1974: local campaign finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would enable the County of Orange to contract with the Fair Political Practices Commission for the administration and enforcement of local campaign finance ordinance. 	Watch	S—Appropriations (5/5)
SB 1262 (Correa)	Medical marijuana: regulation of physicians, dispensaries and cultivation sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would impose a tighter regulatory structure on medical marijuana, including greater oversight by local law enforcement and county health departments. 	Watch	S—Health (4/30)
SB 1445 (DeSaulnier)	California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeks to place a major library construction bond measure on the upcoming 2014 statewide ballot. 	Watch	S—Appropriations (5/5)
Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI)	Update on CCI Implementation in San Mateo County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periodic update on roll out of CCI in the County 		Joint letter sent on (4/1) from the County & Health Plan of San Mateo to County's Delegation

FY 14-15 Proposed State Budget

Issue	Description	Position	Status
Cap & Trade Expenditure Plan	Sustainable Communities Allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy for more funding either through the sustainable communities allocation of a separate funding stream directly to local governments. 	Support	Urban Counties Caucus sent 2/26/14 Senate Budget Subcommittee #2—OPEN Assembly Sub No. 3 Resources & Transportation—OPEN
Infrastructure Financing Districts	Local Economic Development Proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would, among other things, allow IFDs to be used as a local economic development tool as a replacement to RDAs and lower the vote threshold to create IFDs. 	Watch	Senate Budget Subcommittee #4—OPEN
CalFresh	Administration Match Waiver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for a five year phase-out of the currently proposed one year phase-out. 	Support*	Senate Budget Sub #3 Assembly Sub No. 1 Health & Human Services—OPEN
California Department of Public Health	Black Infant Health Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for the restoration of state funding in the 2014-15 State Budget 	Support*	Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 Assembly Subcommittee No. 1 Health & Human Services

CalRecycle	Beverage Container Recycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to oppose proposed cuts to the City and County Beverage Container local grant program 	Support	Senate Budget Subcommittee #2—OPEN Assembly Subcommittee No. 3 Resources & Transportation—OPEN
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Federal Issues

Issue	Description	Position	Status
Title IV-E for Court Dependents	Request to restore California Probation's authority to claim Title IV-E administrative costs for eligible youth	Support	Letters sent to federal delegation members
Health System	Institutions for Mental Disease <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking changes to existing IMD language that makes claiming under Medi-Cal for certain AOD services ineligible 	Support	Letter sent to Center for Medicaid & State Operations by Congresswoman Jackie Speier on behalf of the County.