



# City Manager's Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations

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**Item 3.5: 2025 Fall Intergovernmental Relations Report**  
**Item 3.6: 2026 Legislative Program and Priorities**

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# 2025 Fall IGR Report

- IGR Impact
- Federal Highlights
  - Federal Advocacy
  - 2026 Federal Preview
- State Highlights
  - State Advocacy
  - 2026 State Preview

# IGR Impact

## ✓ **Advocated for \$7.5 million in federal earmark funding**

- ✓ \$2M - Seismic Resilience Financing Program (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development)
- ✓ \$2M - Yerba Buena Bridge Construction (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development)
- ✓ \$1M - Guadalupe River Trail Reconstruction (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development)
- ✓ \$500K - Sideshow Deterrence (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development)
- ✓ \$1M - Copper Theft Surveillance System (Commerce, Justice, Science)
- ✓ \$1M - Overfelt Gardens Park project (Interior and Environment)

## ✓ **Legislative Achievements:**

- ✓ SB 753, a City-sponsored bill addressing abandoned shopping carts
- ✓ AB 476, a City-sponsored bill addressing copper theft
- ✓ AB 382, a City-supported bill addressing speeding in school zones
- ✓ SB 63, a City-supported bill authorizing a regional transportation measure for the Nov. 2026 ballot
- ✓ SB 158, A City-supported bill accelerating timing of HHAP Round 7 funding

## ✓ **Two Legislative Advocacy Trips to Sacramento**

In addition to dozens of meetings with legislators and agency staff to advocate for San José's priorities

# 2025 Federal Advocacy

- Funding Advocacy:
  - FY 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks)
  - Federal government shutdown – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
  - Surface Transportation Reauthorization
  - Major sporting events – Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding opportunities
- Legislative/Regulatory Advocacy:
  - Executive Orders on immigration, artificial intelligence, federal funding, etc.
  - Local control on Federal Communications Commission (FCC) proposed rulemaking regarding wireline deployment
  - Supported Housing for the 21st Century Act / Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act
  - Supported Research for Environmental Uses and Sustainable Economies (REUSE) Act

# 2026 Federal Preview

- Funding Advocacy:
  - FY 2026 Budget – Continuing Resolution through January 30
    - Potential impacts to SJC Airport operations
  - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding
  - BART Silicon Valley Phase II Full Funding Grant Agreement – targeting submission by end of 2026
  - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act reauthorization
  - FY 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks)
- Legislative/Regulatory Advocacy:
  - Federal immigration actions
  - Continued advocacy for Housing for the 21st Century Act / ROAD to Housing Act
  - FEMA reform – restructures agency function and shifts responsibilities
  - Potential federal preemption – artificial intelligence and autonomous vehicles

# 2025 State Advocacy

- Funding Advocacy:
  - Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (with Big City Mayors)
  - BART Silicon Valley Phase II California Transportation Commission funding award
  - Cap-and-Trade reauthorization
  - Funding for public safety for FIFA World Cup games
  - Continued efforts to protect revenues generated by the City's cardrooms
- Legislative/Regulatory Advocacy:
  - Sponsored bills: abandoned shopping carts (SB 753) and copper theft (AB 476)
  - Protected City's Measure E and Construction & Conveyance revenues from proposed legislation
  - Advocated for immigration protection bills
  - Activated the City's delegation to engage on regional transportation revenue measure
  - Preservation of local control (land use, local procurement, Brown Act reform)
  - Enabled the City's Family Camp at Yosemite to remain operational through construction issues

# 2026 State Preview

- Funding Advocacy:
  - Governor's Proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget
    - Projected deficit of \$3 billion
  - Accountability of housing and homelessness funding
  - Affordable Housing Bond
  - Protecting transit funding (Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program)
  - Climate Bond funding opportunities
  - Taxpayer Protection Act November 2026 ballot measure
- Legislative/Regulatory Advocacy:
  - Cost of living and affordability (utilities, housing, groceries, education, etc.)
  - Expansion of artificial intelligence
  - Development of data centers

# 2026 Legislative Program & Priorities

- Proposed Legislative Priorities
- Legislative Program Development
- Potential Sponsored Legislation
- Roadmap to Success

# Proposed 2026 Legislative Priorities

## Pending City Council Adoption

- Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness, Support Unhoused Residents, and Increase Opportunities for Affordable Housing
- Enhance Community Safety Initiatives and Realize Vision Zero
- Advocate for Educational and Employment Opportunities that Foster Equitable Outcomes for San José Families
- Drive Downtown Revitalization and Cultivate Equitable Investment in our Neighborhoods
- Pursue Funding for Equitable, Sustainable, and Resilient Infrastructure and Accelerate San José's Climate Smart Goals

# Key Changes to Legislative Program

## Key Changes to Funding Needs:

- Homelessness Funding – restoration of HHAP in state budget
- Transportation Infrastructure Funding – funding to advance rail projects
- Sporting Event Safety Funding – state and federal funding for the safety of events and activations

## Key Changes to State and Federal Policy Positions:

- Economic Stability and Mobility – supporting access to food and housing assistance, childcare, and healthcare
- Advanced Air Mobility – regulations of drones and advanced air mobility technologies
- Youth Workforce Development – expansion of youth workforce development programs
- Paramedic Resources – expanding access to and addressing shortage of paramedics
- Rideshare Safety and Accountability – prioritizing rider and traffic safety while promoting innovation
- Data Centers – promoting development of data centers
- Protecting City Revenue – opposing limits on the City's ability to expand or protect revenue sources
- Recycling Infrastructure (*Federal*) - promoting federal guidelines on the reuse and recycling of hazardous waste

# Potential Sponsored Legislation

**Towing  
Abandoned  
Recreational  
Vehicles**

**Diridon Station  
Infrastructure  
CEQA  
Exemption**

**Preservation of  
Local Control**

**Condominium  
Development  
Deposit  
Reform**

**Local Agencies:  
Automated  
Decision  
Systems**

- Additional legislation is being contemplated on data centers, safe and affordable housing construction, energy affordability, and affordable childcare, where IGR will have an active role (pending decisions from State representatives).

# Roadmap to Success

- Leveraging California coalitions:
  - Big City Mayors, League of California Cities, California Community Choice Aggregators, California City Transportation Initiative, Bay Area Council, Cities Association of Santa Clara County
- Participating in nationwide coalitions:
  - U.S. Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities
- Collaborating with Local Partners:
  - Civil Prosecutors Coalition, County of Santa Clara, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Silicon Valley Clean Energy
- Engaging Elected Officials:
  - Mayor and City Councilmembers
  - State and Federal Delegations

# Council Actions

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## Item 3.5: 2025 Fall Intergovernmental Relations Report

- ✓ Accept the 2025 Fall IGR Report
- ✓ Reaffirm City positions in Federal Legislative Log
- ✓ Reaffirm City positions in State Legislative Log

## Item 3.6: 2026 Legislative Program and Priorities

- ✓ Adopt the 2026 Legislative Program and Legislative Priorities

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