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**2025 Summer Intergovernmental
Relations Report**

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Legislative Priorities

(Approved by City Council January 14, 2025)

- 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

IGR By The Numbers

- ✓ Advocated for \$6.5 million in federal earmark funding
- ✓ 391+ Bills Actively Monitored
- ✓ 69+ Advocacy Letters
- ✓ 4 Legislative Advocacy Days to Sacramento

And...dozens of meetings with Legislators and Agency Staff to advocate for San José priorities

Federal Highlights

- Budget Reconciliation – H.R.1 (The One Big Beautiful Bill Act)
 - Funding increases for border and immigration enforcement; funding cuts and programmatic changes to Medicaid and SNAP
 - Extension of Opportunity Zones and expansion of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
 - \$625 million for planning and security for 2026 FIFA World Cup host regions
- FY 2026 Appropriations bills in progress; Continuing Resolution needed by September 30
 - \$78 million included in draft THUD bill to support public transportation needs for World Cup host cities
- Community Project Funding (earmarks) - \$6.5 million for 5 projects
 - Seismic Retrofit Program (\$2M); Yerba Buena Bridge (\$2M); Guadalupe River Trail Construction (\$1M); Copper/Wire Theft Surveillance System (\$1M); Ending Sideshows (\$500K)
- Ongoing discussions on Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Reauthorization (WIOA funds the City's work2future program)
- Recent Key Executive Orders
 - *Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets (homelessness related)*
 - *Improving Oversight of Federal Grant Making*
- Continued engagement with federal delegation on priority issues, including BART FFGA, immigration, grant advocacy, quiet zones, housing, etc.

State Highlights

- FY 2025-2026 adopted budget:
 - Limited funding for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP)
 - Includes a commitment for \$500 million for HHAP in the FY 2026-2027 budget (by September 1, 2026)
 - New statutory exemptions from CEQA for certain infill housing development projects
 - \$10 million for security costs associated with the 2026 FIFA World Cup (between Bay Area and Los Angeles)
- Additional Funding Advocacy:
 - Trailer bill advocacy, in collaboration with the Big City Mayor's coalition, for continued flexibility of HHAP dollars [SB 158] – *On Governor's Desk*
 - Ongoing advocacy for flexible funding for interim homelessness solutions to be included in the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026 [AB 736 (Wicks) and SB 417 (Cabaldon)] – *two-year bills*
 - Supported VTA in securing \$100 million in SB 1 funding for the BART Silicon Valley Phase II project
- Legislative Advocacy:
 - Regional transportation measure [SB 63 (Wiener)] and Cap and Invest reauthorization [SB 840 (Limon) and AB 1207 (Irwin)] – *On Governor's Desk*
 - Advancing functional zero standard [SB 16 (Blakespear) and SB 606 (Becker)] – *two-year bills*

City Sponsored Legislation



AB 476 (González) Copper Theft

- Expands the information junk dealers and recyclers must collect before purchasing copper
- Prohibits the possession of additional types of scrap metal from public infrastructure
- Supporters: League of California Cities, County of Los Angeles, numerous cities, utility agencies, and law enforcement organizations
- *Governor's Desk: Action Required By October 13*



SB 753 (Cortese) Abandoned Shopping Carts

- Allows local governments to return carts directly to retailers and recover the actual costs of managing the program
- Supporters: League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, Santa Clara Valley Water District, numerous cities
- *Governor's Desk: Action Required By October 13*

Other Substantive Advocacy Efforts

- Transit Oriented Developments [SB 79 (Wiener)] – *On Governor's Desk*
- Immigration-specific legislation to protect residents from potential federal action [AB 49 (Muratsuchi) *On Governor's desk*; AB 421 (Solache), and AB 1025 (Pellerin) – *two-year bills*]
- Downtown Revitalization Package (Haney): [AB 507 (Haney) and AB 564 (Haney)] – *On Governor's desk*
- Speed limits in school zones [AB 382 (Berman)] – *On Governor's Desk*
- Data center usage requirements [AB 222 (Bauer-Kahan)] – *two-year bill*; [AB 93 (Papan)] – *On Governor's desk*
- Cost recovery for encampment clean-up on Caltrans properties [SB 569 (Blakespear)] – *two-year bill*
- Proposition 4 (Climate Bond) implementation [(AB 105 (Gabriel) – *On Governor's Desk*
- Prop 1, Prop 36, Care Court implementation [SB 28 (Umberg) and SB 38 (Umberg)] – *two-year bills*
- Provided comment on CA DOJ Bureau of Gambling Control rulemaking regulation that could impact the City's cardrooms

Council Actions

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