



Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations

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Item 3.3 2023 Fall Intergovernmental Relations Report
Item 3.4 2024 Legislative Program and Priorities

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IGR By The Numbers

- ✓ \$390 Million Brought to the Region Together with Partners
- ✓ 395+ Bills Actively Monitored
- ✓ 42+ Advocacy Letters
- ✓ 1 Sponsored Bill Passed (AB 645)

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

2023 Fall Report

➤ Federal Highlights

- Funding Advocacy
- FY2024 Budget Negotiations

➤ State Highlights

- Funding Advocacy
- Key Legislation
- Next Session Preview

Federal Highlights

- **\$3.7 million in federal earmarks pending (EIH sites, Lake Cunningham, and Vision Zero projects)**
- **Awarded Grant Highlights:**
 - **\$6.6 million Urban Forestry grant for DOT and PRNS**
- **Pending Grant Applications**
 - **PRO Housing, 3 SMART Applications, Reconnecting Communities, Safe Streets and Roads for All, Federal-State Partnership**
- **November 17, 2023, President Biden signed a laddered continuing resolution to stagger funding deadline extensions:**
 - **January 19, 2024: Agriculture, Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, Energy and Water, and Transportation-Housing and Urban Development**
 - **February 2, 2024: 8 other appropriations bills**
- **If Congress is unable to pass an omnibus package, a 1% spending cut across non-defense and defense discretionary spending is slated to take effect on April 30, 2024, as previously negotiated in June 2023 under the debt ceiling deal.**
- **Biden submitted a \$56 billion supplemental funding request to Congress:**
 - **Childcare, disaster relief, and other urgent domestic needs**
 - **\$6 billion for the Affordable Connectivity Program**

State Highlights

- Protected BART TIRCP funding (\$375m awarded and \$375m in pipeline)
- Awarded Grant Highlights:
 - \$8.5 million for organized retail theft
- Sponsored Legislation
 - AB 645 (Automated Speed Enforcement): PASSED
 - SB 400 (Termination Disclosure): TWO YEAR
 - SB 8 (Gun Harm Liability Insurance): TWO YEAR
- Themes
 - CEQA streamlining
 - CHIPS Act
 - Homelessness funding accountability
 - Mental health services
 - Ballot measures (ACA 1, ACA 13 and MHSA reform)
- Cardrooms—SB 549 didn't move (+), and we got our amendment in AB 341
- Leadership changes (Asm. Rivas to Speaker and Sen. McGuire Pro Tempore)
 - Pivot to Northern California control of both Senate and Assembly
- Developed new partnerships with member offices



Two-Year Bills



**SB 450
(Atkins): ADU
Zoning**



**AB 441
(Haney): Night
Markets**



**AB 1567, SB
867, AB 305,
SB 638:
Climate Bonds**



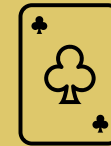
**AB 1505:
Seismic
Retrofitting**



**SB 511:
Greenhouse
Gas Emissions**



**SB 466: Costa
Hawkins
Reform**



**SB 549: PAGA
Provisions**

2024 Legislative Program & Priorities

- Legislative Priorities
- Legislative Program Development

2023 Legislative Priorities

(Approved by City Council December 2022)

- **Promote Safety and Vision Zero Initiatives**
- **Address Homelessness and Enable Affordable Housing**
- **Pursue Funding to Advance Equitable, Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure**
- **Drive Impactful Climate Action and Unlock San José's 2030 Climate Smart Goals**
- **Relentlessly advocate for regional policy solutions that result in equitable outcomes and prosperity for San José families**

Proposed 2024 Legislative Priorities

(Pending City Council Adoption)

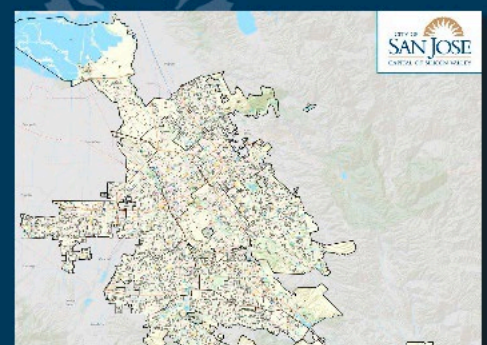
- **Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness, Support the Unhoused, and Increase Affordable Housing Supply**
- **Enhance Community Safety and Promote Vision Zero Initiatives**
- **Catalyze Downtown Revitalization and Cultivate Equitable Investment in our Neighborhoods**
- **Pursue Funding for Equitable, Sustainable,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

Bifurcation of Federal Priorities

- Distinct section on federal priorities for 2024
- Maximize engagement from federal delegation
- Further focus federal lobbying resources
- Enhance communication of the City's federal priorities to partners and stakeholders

2024 Federal Priorities

- **Increase Educational Opportunities**
Advocate for funding to support early education including Head Start, transitional kindergarten and new federal childcare/ preschool programs. Support increased grant and scholarship funding for community colleges and wrap-around supports for students including affordable housing and food. Support legislation and funding that bolsters transition services for high school students to community colleges and higher education institutions.
- **Financial Relief for Families**
Advocate for equitable access to credit and loans, including regulation to stop predatory lending. Support increased funding for education on the Earned Income Tax Credit. Support adoption of an expanded Child Tax Credit and SALT deductions for low-income households. Support increased funding for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to assist low-income



2024 Federal Priorities

Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness, Support Unhoused Residents, and Increase Affordable Housing Supply

- **Support Funding for Homelessness Programs, Affordable Housing Development, and Mental Health Services**
Support additional, flexible homelessness funding for emergency and temporary housing, outreach, and wraparound services. Support legislation to permanently lift the Community Development Block Grant public service cap. Support increased federal affordable housing funding and flexibility including expansion of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and HOME programs. Support the expansion of the federal Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance Services, Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program to provide an income and health insurance. Advocate for legislation that requires health insurance mental health benefits. Support funding for wraparound services including sanitary and environmental remediation. Advocate for federal support to housing people during federal emergency disaster orders prompted by safety and/or environmental remediation concerns.
- **Support Tenant Protections**
Support the allocation of sufficient federal resources for tenant protection and anti-displacement initiatives, including fair housing enforcement and education. Support additional rental vouchers to meet local needs and expand housing choices for residents experiencing homelessness, other vulnerable populations, and low-income participants in job training programs. Support voucher program rules and allocations that are appropriate for high-cost areas. Support, increase, and protect the effectiveness of laws to affirmatively furthering fair housing. Support efforts to permit race-conscious or race-conscious housing and community development assistance in jurisdictions where there are documented findings of past race-based housing discrimination.

2024 Federal Priorities

Enhance Community Safety and Promote Vision Zero Initiatives

- **Double Down on Safety and Vision Zero Initiatives**
Support efforts to achieve Vision Zero traffic safety goals to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries. Support proposals that provide funding, support, or local discretion for municipal governments to implement traffic safety programs and initiatives consistent with Vision Zero.
- **Support Local Control of Autonomous Vehicles (AV) and Autonomous Aerial Mobility (AAM)**
Support efforts to increase and/or enhance local authority relating to the emergence of AV and AAMs to ensure any implementation of their technology is done carefully, safely, and in concert with local transportation goals. Support regulation



2024 Federal Priorities

Advocate for Educational and Employment Opportunities that Foster Equitable Outcomes for San José Families

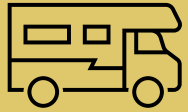
- **Invest in Safe and Equitable Employment Opportunities**
Support CHIPS Act implementation in San José and advocate for workforce development pipelines from our community colleges. Support policies and funding opportunities to expand youth workforce development programs, such as AmeriCorp's State and National grant program. Support legislation to prevent and address sexual harassment and assault in the workplace. Support family friendly workplaces including quality childcare, lactation accommodations, and parental leave. Improve access and reduce barriers to quality childcare including increasing the income eligibility for federal programs.
- **Further Immigrant Rights**
Support federal protections against discrimination based on immigration status for residents who seek government benefits. Support federal expansion of social safety net services for undocumented immigrants. Support policies that protect the rights of all immigrants, regardless of immigration status and provide pathways for citizenship or legal permanent residency. Support legislation that holds employers accountable for withholding passports or other immigration documents from workers and requires employers provide a "Workers Bill of Rights." Support policies that increase administrative, wage and services, and strengthen protections for all humanitarian-based immigrants. Oppose policies that separate immigrant or refugee families, require long-term detention, remove due process rights, undermine the humanity of immigrants and refugees, and weaken data privacy or confidentiality rights. Oppose federal action to withhold public safety funds based on local immigration policies.
- **Elevate Inclusion and Access for All**
Support legislation that protects and strengthens rights for the LGBTQIA+ community, including marriage equality, and transgender individuals' right to healthcare and gender identity expression. Support affirmative action and other race- and gender-conscious policies to provide equitable opportunities in education, contracting, and employment. Support funding and policy change to increase disability and language access and inclusion. Support legislation that protects and promotes reproductive freedom including access to abortion and reproductive care.
- **Voting Rights**
Support the right to vote including the use of absentee ballots and early voting, as well as legislation that increases translated voting materials. Support legislation that further free and fair elections including voter review of electoral maps to protect against racial and partisan gerrymandering. Oppose legislation that would discourage voter registration, fair voter access and/or discrimination against Black, Latino/a/x, Indigenous and People of Color communities.
- **High Cost of Living Adjustments**
Support regulatory changes to federal funding allocations based on population size and/or local cost of living adjustments, increased income eligibility above current state and federal poverty levels. Update guidelines for childcare and early education, healthcare, nutrition, and workforce development programs.
- **Strengthen Family Safety Net**
Support increased resources for youth in foster care. Support funding and legislation to increase access to nutrition programs and moderate housing.

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Potential Sponsored Legislation (Top tier-major legislative effort)



**Legislation on Blight
and Recreational /
Lived-in Vehicles**



**SB 634 (Becker):
Streamlining for
Emergency Interim
Housing**



**Establishment of
Entertainment
Zones**



**SB 8 (Blakespear):
Gun Harm Liability
Insurance**

Other Substantive Legislative Efforts

- **Second tier—other areas with expected considerable effort**
 - Ballot measures (ACA 1, ACA 13, Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act, Climate Bonds, Mental Health Reform, Statewide Housing Bond)
 - Builder's Remedy
 - Preserving City's tax revenue
 - Cardrooms (expected action to reintroduce PAGA provisions)
- **Third tier—will actively monitor for potential opportunities**
 - Legislation on Common Application for Affordable Housing Funding
 - Construction Defect Liability Reform
 - Pre-Leasing for Condominium Development
 - Additional legislation on Housing, Economic Development, Transportation, Mental Health, Energy, and Resiliency

Coalitions Key to Driving Legislative Wins

- **City engages with many key coalitions in California**
 - **Big City Mayors: Homelessness Funding, Youth Workforce, Budget**
 - **League of California Cities: Local Control, Transportation, Ballot measures**
 - **California City Transportation Initiative (CaCTI): Transportation, Vision Zero, AV regulation**
- **Nationwide Coalitions are important for Federal priorities**
 - **U.S. Conference of Mayors: Public Safety, Housing / Homelessness, Budget, Transportation**
 - **National League of Cities: Family-Focused legislation, Local Control, Fiscal Stability, Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Transportation**

IGR FY 23-24 Focus

- Continue to drive on regional coordination
- Greater Citywide legislative team engagement
- Continuing to expand alliances/work with coalitions
 - Maximize the City's reach through expanded partnership with trade associations and organizations to further our priorities
- Federal bifurcation
- Raise the profile of San José on focused areas (tell our story!)
- Focused engagement with District offices (State and Federal)
- Embracing automation: letters of support request form
 - Allows for the quantification of our impact

Council Actions

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Item 3.3 2023 Fall Intergovernmental Relations Report

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

Item 3.4 2024 Legislative Program and Priorities

- ✓ Adopt the 2024 Legislative Program and Legislative Priorities

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