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Enclosed is a summary of bills introduced in the first year of the 2013-2014 legislative session that impact local government. The summary includes a brief description and final status of all bills, divided into four main categories: Land Use and Housing; Local Government Finance; Local Powers and Duties; and, Open Meetings and Conflict of Interest. For quick and easy reference, please see the table of contents in the front of this document or the index located at the end.

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Katcho Achadjian, Chair

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LAND USE AND HOUSING

AB 116 (Bocanegra) Land use: subdivision maps: expiration dates.

Provides an automatic 24-month extension for subdivision maps approved after January 1, 2000, that have not yet expired, and specifies a process for the approval of the extension of maps approved before January 1, 2000.

Status: Chapter 62, Statutes of 2013

AB 121 (Dickinson) Counties: disposition of real property.

Provides an exemption from current law governing the disposition of county property to allow Sacramento County to sell or lease its property on the former Mather Air Force Base or McClellan Air Force Base under specified conditions, and to allow Merced County to do the same for property sales on the former Castle Air Force Base.

Status: Chapter 224, Statutes of 2013

AB 192 (Hagman) Zoning violation: hotel operation.

Would create a misdemeanor for any person who violates a zoning ordinance that prohibits the operation of a hotel in an area zoned for residences. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, second hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.*

AB 253 (Levine) Floating home marinas: conversion: subdivision map requirements.

Extends the same subdivision requirements that apply to the conversion of mobilehome parks to floating home marinas.

Status: Chapter 432, Statutes of 2013

AB 325 (Alejo) Land use and planning: cause of actions: time limitations.

Revises the time limits for a party to initiate a challenge to certain city or county actions, including the adoption or amendment of a housing element.

Status: Chapter 767, Statutes of 2013

AB 371 (Salas) Sewage sludge: Kern County.

Would allow the Kern County Board of Supervisors to regulate or prohibit by ordinance, in a way that is more stringent than state or federal law and in a nondiscriminatory manner, the land application of sewage sludge, in unincorporated areas of the county. **Status:** *Ordered to Inactive File at the request of Assembly Member Salas.*

AB 416 (Gordon) State Air Resources Board: Local Emission Reduction Program.

Would require the Air Resources Board to establish the Local Emission Reduction Program to provide grants and other financial assistance to eligible local government recipients for the purposes of developing and implementing greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 427 (Mullin) Local government: Polanco Redevelopment Act. *

Would allow a successor agency or successor housing entity to implement hazardous cleanup pursuant to the Polanco Redevelopment Act, with regard to enforceable obligations, including brownfield cleanup. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government.*

AB 431 (Mullin) Regional transportation plan: sustainable communities strategy. *

Would allow specified metropolitan planning organizations, subject to voter approval, to impose a transaction and use tax of no more than 0.5% for the purpose of achieving the goals of the sustainable communities strategy. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Transportation. In Transportation Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 440 (Gatto) Hazardous materials: releases: local agency cleanup.

Authorizes a local agency to investigate and clean up releases or spills within the boundaries of the local agency, and provides immunity from further liability to the local agency and any person who enters into an agreement with that local agency to develop the property as well as future property owners.

Status: **Chapter 588, Statutes of 2013**

AB 453 (Mullin) Sustainable communities.

Would add local agency formation commissions (LAFCOs) to the list of eligible applicants for financial assistance grants and loans made by the Strategic Growth Council for the purpose of developing, adopting, and implementing a regional plan or other planning instrument to support the planning and development of sustainable communities, and would require that LAFCOs consider greenhouse gas emissions associated with development when reviewing proposals for a change of organization. **Status:** *In Senate Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.*

AB 551 (Ting) Local government: urban agriculture incentive zones.
Authorizes, until January 1, 2019, a county to establish, by ordinance, an "Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone" and allows landowners to enter into voluntary contracts restricting the use of the land to agricultural purposes in exchange for reduced property tax assessments.
Status: Chapter 406, Statutes of 2013

AB 564 (Mullin) Community redevelopment: successor agencies.
Would have prohibited the Department of Finance, once a finding of completion is issued, from future modification or reversal of an action of approval by an oversight board for specified enforceable obligations of a successor agency.
Status: Vetoed

AB 662 (Atkins) Local government: redevelopment: successor agencies to redevelopment agencies.
Would have allowed an infrastructure financing district to include portions of former redevelopment project areas, and would have made several changes to the laws governing the dissolution of redevelopment agencies.
Status: Vetoed

AB 667 (R. Hernández) Land use: development project review: superstores.
Would require a local agency to do an economic impact report prior to permitting the construction or alteration of a superstore in an economic assistance area, as defined, and would require the local agency to make a finding that the superstore will not adversely affect the economic welfare of the impact area, based on that report. **Status: In Senate Governance and Finance Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.**

AB 728 (Muratsuchi) Land use: school advertising displays.
Would authorize the governing board of a school district to render inapplicable a city or county zoning ordinance governing specified advertising displays. **Status: Referred to Assembly Committees on Education and Local Government. In Education Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.**

AB 743 (Logue) The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.
Makes permanent provisions of law that allow LAFCOs to waive the protest hearing for the annexation of unincorporated islands.
Status: Chapter 138, Statutes of 2013

AB 745 (Levine) Land use: housing element.

Would authorize a city or county to request the appropriate council of governments to adjust a density to be deemed appropriate if it is inconsistent with the city's or county's existing density. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. In Housing and Community Development Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 873 (Chau) Land use: general plan: housing element. *

Would clarify the definition of "supportive housing" for purposes of Housing Element Law. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.*

AB 981 (Bloom) Redevelopment dissolution.

Would allow successor agencies greater flexibility for bond obligation proceeds issued between January 1, 2011 and June 28, 2011. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 1002 (Bloom) Vehicles: registration fee: sustainable communities strategies.

Would increase the tax on vehicle registrations by \$6 for local and regional implementation of SB 375 (Steinberg), Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1161 (Salas) Nuisance: mining activities.

Would excuse specified commercial surface mining activities, operations, or facilities from nuisance laws under certain conditions. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Natural Resources and Local Government. In Natural Resources Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1179 (Bocanegra) Regional transportation plan: sustainable communities strategy: schoolsites.

Would require metropolitan planning organizations to identify, in consultation with local educational agencies, how the sustainable communities strategy may impact school enrollments and school capacities in the areas targeted for infill. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Hearing postponed by committee.*

AB 1229 (Atkins) Land use: zoning regulations.

Would have authorized the legislative body of a city or county to establish inclusionary housing requirements as a condition of development. **Status: Vetoed**

AB 1259 (Olsen) **Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.**
Enacts conforming changes as a follow-up to SB 1278 (Wolk), Chapter 553, Statutes of 2012, and AB 1965 (Pan), Chapter 554, Statutes of 2012, which revised the flood hazard planning and development requirements for cities and counties located in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.
Status: Chapter 246, Statutes of 2013

AB 1273 (Ting) **Tidelands and submerged lands: City and County of San Francisco: Piers 30-32: multipurpose venue.**
Authorizes the State Lands Commission to approve a multi-use development on public trust lands in San Francisco (Piers 30-32) that includes a multipurpose venue for Golden State Warriors basketball games and other events.
Status: Chapter 381, Statutes of 2013

AB 1320 (Bloom) **Redevelopment: allocation of property tax: passthrough payments.**
Would allow schools to continue to receive the amount of property taxes, equal to the amount they would have received in pass-through payments if redevelopment agencies still existed, and would not count those property taxes toward the Proposition 98 funding formula. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1343 (Bonilla) **Local government: general plan: housing element.**
Would require the housing element to identify adequate sites for housing, including, but not limited to, rental housing, factory-built housing, mobilehomes, and emergency shelters, and make adequate provision for the existing and projected needs of all economic segments of the community. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government.*

SB 133 (DeSaulnier) **Redevelopment.**
Would make various reforms to the activities of redevelopment agencies in fulfilling the requirements to increase, preserve and improve low- and moderate-income housing.
Status: *Ordered to Inactive File on request of Senator DeSaulnier.*

SB 339 (Cannella) **Counties: disposition of real property.**
Would provide an exemption from current law governing the disposition of county property to allow a county to sell or lease property the county acquired from the federal government due to the closure of a military base. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

SB 341 (DeSaulnier) **Redevelopment.**
Revises the activities required for entities that assumed the housing functions of a former redevelopment agency.
Status: Chapter 796, Statutes of 2013

SB 470 (Wright) **Community development: economic opportunity.**

Creates a process for a city, county, or city and county to sell or lease properties, that are returned to them as part of the long-range property management plan of a former redevelopment agency, for an economic development purpose.

Status: Chapter 659, Statutes of 2013

SB 510 (Jackson) Land use: subdivisions: rental mobilehome park conversion.

Allows local agencies to consider the level of support among existing homeowners when deciding whether to approve a subdivision map for the conversion of a rental mobilehome park to resident ownership.

Status: Chapter 373, Statutes of 2013

SB 731 (Steinberg) Environment: California Environmental Quality Act.

Would enact the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Modernization Act of 2013 and make a number of changes to provisions of CEQA law. **Status:** *In Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

SB 743 (Steinberg) CEQA: entertainment and sports center in the City of Sacramento.

Establishes special administrative and judicial review procedures under CEQA for the City of Sacramento's proposed entertainment and sports center project (i.e., Sacramento Kings arena) and also revises a CEQA streamlining bill (AB 900) to correct legal defects and extend its operation.

Status: Chapter 386, Statutes of 2013

SB 758 (Block) General plans: City of Coronado.

Extends the amount of time allowed under current law for the City of Coronado to amend specified land use plans after an amendment to the airport land use compatibility plan that applies to the City.

Status: Chapter 606, Statutes of 2013

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

AB 28 (V. M. Pérez) Economic development: enterprise zones.

Would make a number of programmatic and fiscal improvements to geographically-targeted economic development area programs relating to cost, transparency and accountability. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy and Local Government.*

AB 93 (Budget) Economic development: taxation: credits, deductions, exemptions, and net operating losses.

Institutes two new tax programs – a Sales and Use Tax exemption for manufacturing and bio-tech equipment and similar purchases, and a hiring credit under the Personal Income Tax and Corporation Tax for employment in specified geographic areas, and phases out tax provisions related to Enterprise Zones and similar tax incentive areas.

Status: Chapter 69, Statutes of 2013

AB 146 (Gorell) Economic development: enterprise zones: joint application.

Would allow the City of Oxnard, the City of Port Hueneme, and the Oxnard Harbor District to jointly submit an application to the Department of Housing and Community Development for designation as an enterprise zone. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Committees on Transportation and Housing and Governance and Finance.*

AB 164 (Wieckowski) Infrastructure financing.

Requires the use of performance bonds and payment bonds in local government infrastructure projects that are financed through public-private partnerships.

Status: Chapter 94, Statutes of 2013

AB 210 (Wieckowski) Transactions and use taxes: County of Alameda and the County of Contra Costa.

Extends the current authority for Alameda County to adopt an ordinance imposing a transactions and use tax from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2020, and allows Contra Costa County to adopt an ordinance imposing a transactions and use tax in the same manner as Alameda County.

Status: Chapter 194, Statutes of 2013

AB 279 (Dickinson) Financial affairs.

Authorizes local agencies, until January 1, 2017, to invest up to 30% of their surplus funds through a private sector deposit placement service, as specified.

Status: Chapter 228, Statutes of 2013

AB 294 (Holden) Local-State Joint Investment Partnership Pilot Program.

Would create the Local-State Joint Investment Partnership Pilot Program to allow local government entities, upon approval by the Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, to reallocate specified Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) payments in order to fund public works projects. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 392 (Jones-Sawyer) State mandates: pro-rated claims.

Makes changes to the allocation method and reporting requirement for prorated state mandate claims.

Status: Chapter 77, Statutes of 2013

AB 483 (Ting) Local government: taxes, fees, assessments, and charges: definitions.

Defines "specific benefit" and "specific government service" for the purposes of determining whether a levy is a tax pursuant to Article XIII C of the California Constitution.

Status: Chapter 552, Statutes of 2013

AB 561 (Ting) Taxation: documentary transfer tax.

Would make changes to the types of transfers of real property that are subject to the Documentary Transfer Tax Act. **Status: Re-referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.**

AB 610 (Achadjian) State hospitals: involuntary treatment.

Requires the county of commitment to pay the non-treatment costs associated with any hearing for an order seeking involuntary treatment with psychotropic medication of a mentally disordered offender whose commitment in a state hospital has been extended beyond the expiration of parole.

Status: Chapter 705, Statutes of 2013

AB 621 (Wagner) Local government: bonds.

Would prohibit local agencies from entering into financial or legal advisory relationships or underwriting relationships with an individual or firm regarding a bond issue if that individual or firm provided or will provide bond campaign services to the bond campaign. **Status: In Senate Governance and Finance Committee: held without recommendation.**

AB 683 (Mullin) Local government: fines and penalties: assessments.

Would have authorized, until January 1, 2020, a city, county, or special district, after notice and public hearing, to impose a special assessment and to record a lien against real property that has incurred fines or penalties for violating public health and safety ordinances.

Status: Vetoed

AB 701 (Quirk-Silva) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments: County of Orange.

Increases the vehicle license fee adjustment amount for Orange County by \$53 million and repeals a statute that requires a \$50 million increase in the annual amount of ad valorem property tax allocated to Orange County.

Status: Chapter 393, Statutes of 2013

AB 741 (Brown) Local government finance: tax equity allocation formula: qualifying cities.

Would, commencing with the 2012–13 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, increase the allocation of property tax revenues under a new Tax Equity Allocation formula, as specified, for qualifying cities. **Status: Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.**

AB 750 (Garcia) Economic development: cities.

Would allow cities, including charter cities, that dispose of real property or provide compensation to a private party under specified conditions to be exempt from provisions in the California Constitution governing gifts of public funds. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 767 (Levine) Vehicles: additional registration fees: vehicle-theft crimes.

Makes permanent provisions of law that allow Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties to increase the fee on vehicle registration to fund the prevention of vehicle theft crimes, and expands authorization to all counties.

Status: Chapter 241, Statutes of 2013

AB 792 (Mullin) Utility user tax: exemption: distributed generation systems.

Prohibits a local jurisdiction, until January 1, 2020, from levying a utility user tax (UUT) on the consumption of electricity generated by a clean energy resource.

Status: Chapter 534, Statutes of 2013

AB 892 (Daly) Parcel taxes.

Would require the Board of Equalization to report annually to the Governor on the imposition of each locally assessed parcel tax, as specified. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 920 (Ting) Property taxation: tax bill information.

Would establish the Property Tax Transparency and Accountability Program that would require three participating counties to include on each county tax bill a comprehensive account of revenues and services funded by local governments for each tax rate area, and would eliminate the requirement that counties pay interest on property tax refunds at a minimum of 3% per year.

Status: *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 934 (Cooley) Local agencies: unclaimed money.

Requires local agencies to document a reasonable effort to locate and notify crime victims to whom restitution is owed if the local agency elects to use unclaimed restitution funds for general victim services.

Status: Chapter 457, Statutes of 2013

AB 941 (Rendon) Controller: reports.

Would expand the State Controller's authority to perform audits or investigations of counties, cities, and special districts if the Controller makes specified findings that any of these local government entities is violating financial requirements in state law, state grant agreements, local charters, or local ordinances. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 1035 (Muratsuchi) Local agencies: financial reports.

Would increase forfeiture amounts for local agencies that fail to file their annual financial transaction reports with the State Controller's Office in a timely manner, and would require the Controller to conduct an independent financial audit report for an agency that fails to file for three or more consecutive years. **Status:** *In Senate Governance and Finance Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1112 (Ammiano) Transportation transactions and use taxes: Bay Area. **

Removes a statutory cap of 1% that applies to the combined rate of any transactions and use tax approved pursuant to the Bay Area County Traffic and Transportation Funding Act and the Transactions and Use Tax Law.

Status: Chapter 595, Statutes of 2013

AB 1172 (Bocanegra) Property tax: intercounty base year value transfers.

Would expand the conditions in existing law that allow homeowners over the age of 65 to transfer a property's factored base year value from an existing residence in one county to a replacement residence in another county. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1188 (Bradford) Fire protection: general obligation bonds.

Would make changes to the voting requirements for bonded indebtedness for fire protection districts, contingent upon the passage and voter approval of Assembly Constitutional Amendment 3 (Campos). **Status:** *In Senate Governance and Finance Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1225 (Maienschein) State and local fund allocations.

Would authorize a county or city and county to reallocate up to 10% of the amount deposited each fiscal year in the local health account, or local social services account, or both, to the local mental health account. **Status:** *In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1235 (Gordon) Local agencies: financial management training.

Would have required specified local agency officials to complete financial management training once per term of office.

Status: Vetoed

AB 1237 (Garcia) Local government finance.

Would have established the Committee on City Accounting Procedures, specified the membership of the Committee, required the State Controller, in consultation with the Committee, to prescribe uniform accounting and reporting procedures for cities, and established the City Budget Act. **Status:** *From Assembly Local Government Committee without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).*

AB 1248 (Cooley) Controller: internal control guidelines applicable to local agencies.
Requires the State Controller to develop internal control guidelines applicable to local agencies to prevent and detect fraud.
Status: Chapter 190, Statutes of 2013

AB 1324 (Skinner) Vehicles: additional registration fees: vehicle theft crimes.
Would authorize the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to increase the fee on vehicle registration to fund the prevention of vehicle theft crimes. **Status:** *In Senate Transportation and Housing Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1359 (R. Hernández) Quimby Act: use of fees.
Allows Quimby Act fees to be used for the purpose of developing new or rehabilitating existing park or recreational facilities in a neighborhood other than the neighborhood in which the fees were paid, if certain requirements are met.
Status: Chapter 412, Statutes of 2013

ACA 3 (Campos) Local government financing: public safety services: voter approval.
Would amend the California Constitution to allow a city, county, or special district to incur bonded indebtedness in order to fund certain fire, emergency response, police, or sheriff buildings or facilities, and equipment, with 55% voter approval of that city, county, or special district. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Appropriations.*

ACA 8 (Blumenfield) Local government financing: voter approval.
Would amend the California Constitution to allow a city, county, city and county, or special district to incur bonded indebtedness in order to fund specified public improvements and facilities, with 55% voter approval of that city, county, city and county, or special district.
Status: *In Senate Governance and Finance Committee: Hearing postponed by committee.*

SB 56 (Roth) Property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.
**
Would establish vehicle license fee adjustment amounts for newly incorporated cities and city annexations. **Status:** *Re-referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.*

SB 69 (Roth) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments. **
Would establish vehicle license fee adjustment amounts for newly incorporated cities and city annexations. **Status:** *Re-referred to Assembly Rules Committee. From committee with author's amendments.*

SB 90 (Galgiani) Economic development: taxation: credits: exemption.
Makes a number of changes to AB 93 (Committee on Budget) related to economic development.
Status: Chapter 70, Statutes of 2013

SB 181 (Governance and Finance) Validations.

Enacts the First Validating Act of 2013, which legally conforms the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts, school districts, and other public bodies.

Status: Chapter 57, Statutes of 2013

SB 182 (Governance and Finance) Validations.

Enacts the Second Validating Act of 2013, which legally conforms the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts, school districts, and other public bodies.

Status: Chapter 207, Statutes of 2013

SB 183 (Governance and Finance) Validations.

Enacts the Third Validating Act of 2013, which legally conforms the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts, school districts, and other public bodies.

Status: Chapter 209, Statutes of 2013

SB 536 (Berryhill) Property-related services.

Would provide that a county shall not be obligated to provide subsidies to cure any deficiencies in funding of property-related services provided under specified circumstances, if the voters in the district reject or reduce a property-related fee. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

SB 825 (Governance and Finance) Government finance.

Makes changes to property tax collection laws.

Status: Chapter 607, Statutes of 2013

SCA 4 (Liu) Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval. **

Would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition. **Status:** *Re-referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.*

SCA 7 (Wolk) Local government financing: public libraries: voter approval. **

Would amend the California Constitution to allow a city, county, or library district to incur bonded indebtedness or impose a special tax with 55% voter approval of that city, county, or special district. **Status:** *Re-referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.*

SCA 8 (Corbett) Transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval. **
Would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition. **Status:** *Re-referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.*

SCA 9 (Corbett) Local government: economic development: special taxes: voter approval. **
Would amend the California Constitution to allow a city, county, or special district to impose a special tax to fund specified local communities and economic development projects with 55% voter approval of that city, county, or special district. **Status:** *Re-referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.*

SCA 11 (Hancock) Local government: special taxes: voter approval. **
Would lower the vote threshold for local agencies imposing, extending, or increasing any special tax from two-thirds to 55% provided certain requirements are met. **Status:** *Re-referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.*

LOCAL POWERS AND DUTIES

AB 22 (Blumenfield) Sidewalks: repairs.
Would prohibit cities and counties from repealing an ordinance that requires them to repair or reconstruct streets, sidewalks, or driveways that have been damaged as a result of tree growth unless the repeal is ratified by the local electorate. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 61 (Gatto) Parking: parking meters.
Prohibits, until January 1, 2017, a local authority, by ordinance or resolution, from prohibiting or restricting the parking of vehicles in a space that is regulated by an inoperable parking meter or inoperable parking payment center, and makes conforming and technical changes.
Status: Chapter 71, Statutes of 2013

AB 72 (Holden) Municipal water district: board of directors.
Requires that directors of a municipal water district, once elected into office, take office at noon on the first Friday in December following their election.
Status: Chapter 8, Statutes of 2013

AB 130 (Alejo) Health care districts: chief executive officers: benefits.
Enacts changes to a contract of employment between a healthcare district and a hospital administrator.
Status: Chapter 92, Statutes of 2013

AB 151 (Olsen) Local government: disabled veterans: assistance.

Allows the governing board of any county to grant financial assistance, relief, and support to a disabled veteran.

Status: Chapter 689, Statutes of 2013

AB 162 (Holden) Wireless telecommunications: 911 emergency assistance.

Would make legislative findings and declarations relating to the criticalness of maintaining signal strength and call reliability for 911 calls from cellular telephones, and would state the intent of the Legislature to subsequently amend this bill to include provisions that would increase network capacity on existing wireless structures in order to serve the needs of safety personnel and the people of the state. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 195 (Hall) Counties: construction projects: design-build.

Extends the sunset for the use of design-build by counties from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2016.

Status: Chapter 121, Statutes of 2013

AB 223 (Olsen) Civil actions: disabled access.

Would permit a local government, as defined, to file a request for a court stay and early evaluation conference upon being served with a summons and complaint asserting a construction-related accessibility claim. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Judiciary and Local Government. In Judiciary Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 229 (John A. Pérez) Local government: infrastructure and revitalization financing districts.

Would create infrastructure and revitalization financing districts (modeled after infrastructure financing districts in existing law), authorize a military base reuse authority to form a district, and allow these districts to finance a broader range of projects and facilities to clean-up and develop former military bases. **Status:** *Ordered to Inactive File at the request of Assembly Member John A. Pérez.*

AB 240 (Rendon) Mutual water companies.

Increases transparency requirements for mutual water companies that operate a public water system, as defined, by enacting the Mutual Water Company Open Meeting Act, and allows mutual water companies to impose liens to collect unpaid charges.

Status: Chapter 633, Statutes of 2013

AB 243 (Dickinson) Local government: infrastructure and revitalization financing districts.

Would create infrastructure and revitalization financing districts, (modeled after infrastructure financing districts in existing law), broaden the range of projects and facilities they can finance, lower the voter approval threshold necessary to form an IRFD and issue bonds to 55%, and extend the life of districts to 40 years. **Status:** *Ordered to Inactive File at the request of Assembly Member Dickinson.*

AB 254 (Dahle) Registrar of voters: County of Modoc.

Authorizes the Modoc County Board of Supervisors to appoint a registrar of voters separate from the county clerk.

Status: **Chapter 12, Statutes of 2013**

AB 265 (Gatto) Local government liability: dog parks.

Provides that a local public entity that owns or operates a dog park shall not be liable for harm to a person or pet resulting solely from the actions of a dog in a dog park.

Status: **Chapter 74, Statutes of 2013**

AB 268 (Holden) Transit: Metro Gold Line extension. **

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would enable the Metro Gold Line extension to be completed at a final terminus of Ontario Airport with intermediate stops in San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont, and Montclair. **Status:** *Re-referred to Assembly Rules Committee pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.*

AB 312 (Wieckowski) Local government: employees: firefighters.

Makes changes to the placement of eligible displaced firefighters on the hiring list and to the time period during which they remain on the hiring list that is administered by the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Program.

Status: **Chapter 195, Statutes of 2013**

AB 345 (Pan) Counties: coroners.

Would eliminate the authority of county coroners to determine whether a death is the result of a criminal act for purposes of imposing a charge for keeping and holding the deceased and, instead, would grant this authority to the law enforcement agency investigating the death.

Status: *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Held without recommendation.*

AB 355 (Ting) Property tax agents. **

Would state the intent of the Legislature to improve the tax appeals process and create transparency by establishing a public registration process for property tax agents.

Status: *Amended, and re-referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.*

AB 380 (Dickinson) California Environmental Quality Act: notice requirements.
Would establish uniform procedures for electronic posting of California Environmental Quality Act documents by county clerks and the Office of Planning and Research. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Environmental Quality Committee.*

AB 408 (Bonta) Municipal utility districts: elections.
Establishes appointment procedures for municipal utility districts that have a seven-member board of directors, if no candidate or only one candidate files for candidacy on the board.
Status: Chapter 108, Statutes of 2013

AB 546 (Stone) Local government: consolidation of offices.
Authorizes the board of supervisors in Santa Cruz County, by ordinance, to consolidate the duties of the offices of Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector into the elected office of Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector.
Status: Chapter 14, Statutes of 2013

AB 562 (Williams) Economic development subsidies: review by local agencies.
Requires local agencies, beginning January 1, 2014, to provide specified information to the public before approving any economic development subsidy of \$100,000 or more.
Status: Chapter 740, Statutes of 2013

AB 583 (Gomez) County free public libraries: withdrawal: use of private contractors.
Requires a city or library district in which a withdrawal from the county free library system became effective on or after January 1, 2012, to comply with specified requirements before entering into a contract to operate a library or libraries with a private contractor.
Status: Chapter 196, Statutes of 2013

AB 603 (Cooley) Public contracts: design-build: Capitol Southeast Connector Project.*
Would allow the Capitol Southeast Connector Joint Powers Authority, if authorized by the California Transportation Commission, to utilize design-build procurement for the Southeast Connector Project in Sacramento County, as specified. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Transportation and Local Government pursuant to Assembly Rule 96. In Transportation Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 642 (Rendon) Publication: newspaper of general circulation: Internet Web site.
**
Would provide that a newspaper that is available on an Internet Web site may also qualify as a newspaper of general circulation, provided that newspaper meets certain criteria. **Status:** *In Assembly Judiciary Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 664 (Williams) Gold Coast Transit District.
Creates the Gold Coast Transit District Act.
Status: Chapter 503, Statutes of 2013

AB 678 (Gordon) Health care districts: community health needs assessment.
Would require a healthcare district that leases or transfers its assets to a corporation to conduct a community health needs assessment, and place new requirements on local agency formation commissions to consider these community health needs assessments in their municipal service reviews. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.*

AB 690 (Campos) Jobs and education financing districts: voter approval.
Would revise existing infrastructure financing district law to allow for the creation of jobs and education financing districts, without voter approval. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Hearing postponed by committee.*

AB 730 (Alejo) Monterey-Salinas Transit District.
Expands the Monterey-Salinas Transit District's authority to issue revenue bonds.
Status: Chapter 394, Statutes of 2013

AB 738 (Harkey) Public entity liability: bicycles.
Would provide that a public entity or an employee of a public entity acting within his or her official capacity shall not be liable for an injury caused to a person riding a bicycle while traveling on a roadway, if the public entity has provided a bike lane on that roadway.
Status: *Referred to Assembly Committees on Judiciary and Local Government. In Judiciary Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 774 (Donnelly) County service areas: zone dissolution.
Would eliminate responsibility and liability for counties, county service areas (CSAs) and CSA zones for street and other services when a CSA or zone is dissolved or divested of authority, or when a board of supervisors is unable to raise revenues. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Judiciary. In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 797 (Gordon) Transit districts: contracts. **
Authorizes the Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority and the San Mateo Transit District to utilize the construction manager/general contractor project delivery method for transit projects within their respective jurisdictions.
Status: Chapter 320, Statutes of 2013

AB 822 (Hall) Local government retirement plans.
Would have required local agencies to procure and make public an independent actuarial statement of the impact on future annual costs of local ordinances or measures that propose a change to municipal employee retirement benefit plans, and would have required the statement or a summary of the statement to be printed in the voter information portion of the sample ballot preceding arguments for and against such measures, if any.
Status: Vetoed

AB 850 (Nazarian) Public capital facilities: water quality.
Authorizes joint powers authorities to issue rate reduction bonds to finance local publicly-owned water utility projects, until December 31, 2020.
Status: Chapter 636, Statutes of 2013

AB 935 (Frazier) San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority: terms of board members.
Would revise the membership of the Board of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority. **Status: Referred to Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.**

AB 946 (Stone) Transit buses: Counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz.
Allows the Monterey-Salinas Transit District and the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, with the approval of the Department of Transportation and the California Highway Patrol, to conduct a transit bus-only program on the shoulders of certain highways.
Status: Chapter 426, Statutes of 2013

AB 1008 (Buchanan) Alameda County Medical Center Hospital Authority.
Prohibits the Alameda Health System (AHS) from privatizing services provided by physicians and surgeons, as specified, and establishes eligibility for retirement benefits for employees of a facility that is acquired or merged into AHS.
Status: Chapter 311, Statutes of 2013

AB 1052 (Quirk) Community facilities: district formation.
Would change the date by which the governing body of an initiating city is required to provide certification to the board of supervisors for a bond election. **Status: Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.**

AB 1058 (Chavez) San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.
Makes a number of updating, clarifying and technical changes to statutes governing the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.
Status: Chapter 83, Statutes of 2013

AB 1080 (Alejo) Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities.
Would authorize local entities to form a Community Revitalization and Investment Authority to use tax increment revenues to invest in disadvantaged communities. **Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.**

AB 1147 (Gomez) Massage therapy. **
Would revise the qualifications for certification as a massage practitioner and massage therapist, and would allow a city, county, or city and county to require the owner of a massage business to obtain a revocable certificate of registration, as specified. **Status: Re-referred to Senate Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee.**

AB 1149 (Campos) Identity theft: local agencies.

Extends the provisions of the state's existing information privacy breach notice law to local public agencies.

Status: Chapter 395, Statutes of 2013

AB 1151 (Ting) Tax agent registration.

Would require tax agents, as defined, to register with the Secretary of State, and would prohibit certain persons from acting as tax agents. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

AB 1156 (V.M. Perez) Palo Verde Irrigation District Act.

Makes changes to the weighted vote of a landowner in the Palo Verde Irrigation District.

Status: Chapter 245, Statutes of 2013

AB 1158 (Waldron) Vehicles: on-street parking for electric vehicles.

Would authorize local authorities to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution regarding designating and enforcing on-street parking spaces for electric vehicles.

Status: *Referred to Assembly Committees on Transportation and Local Government. In Transportation Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1175 (Bocanegra) Public employee benefits: postemployment health care.

Would provide a process for administering the retirement benefits of employees of the redevelopment agency of the City of Los Angeles. **Status:** *In Senate Governance and Finance Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1192 (B. Gaines) Vehicles: parking: motorcycles.

Would prohibit an owner or operator of a public or private offstreet parking facility from prohibiting motorcycles from using the facility, and also prohibit a local authority from prohibiting a motorcycle from parking at a location at which other motor vehicles are authorized to park. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Transportation and Local Government. In Transportation Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1193 (Ting) Bikeways.

Would provide design immunity for specified bikeway projects if a design exception is determined to be consistent with generally accepted professional engineering practice and is approved pursuant to procedures adopted by the Department of Transportation. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Transportation. In Local Government Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 1253 (Blumenfield) Vehicles: mobile advertising displays.

Adds civil penalties to the existing list of penalties a local government can establish in an ordinance or resolution regulating mobile billboard advertising displays.

Status: Chapter 652, Statutes of 2013

AB 1327 (Gorell) Unmanned aircraft systems.

Would establish parameters for the use of unmanned aircraft systems by state and local government agencies, including law enforcement agencies. **Status:** *In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to Appropriations suspense file. Hearing postponed by committee.*

AB 1333 (R. Hernández) Local government: contracts.

Would require a local legislative body to adopt a resolution to either exercise, or decline to exercise, an option to rescind an "evergreen" contract or memorandum of understanding with a total annual value of \$250,000. **Status:** *In Senate Governance and Finance Committee: Held without recommendation.*

AB 1337 (Allen) Solid waste: plastic bag: recycling.

Would have pre-empted any local government from enacting or enforcing any rule prohibiting the distribution of plastic single-use carryout bags or imposing a fee on the distribution of non-plastic single-use carryout bags (i.e., paper). **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Natural Resources and Local Government. From Natural Resources Committee without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62 (a).*

AB 1427 (Local Government) Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

Makes several minor, non-controversial changes to the laws affecting local government organization and reorganization.

Status: Chapter 87, Statutes of 2013

HR 24 (Bradford) Jackie Robinson.

Resolves that the California State Assembly urges the Cities of Los Angeles, Inglewood, Downey, South Gate, and Norwalk, and the County of Los Angeles to work together to rename Manchester Avenue and Firestone Boulevard (formerly State Route 42) after the Hall of Fame baseball player Jackie Robinson.

Status: Adopted.

SB 1 (Steinberg) Sustainable Communities Investment Authority.

Would allow local governments to establish a Sustainable Communities Investment Authority to finance specified activities within a sustainable communities investment area. **Status:** *Ordered to Inactive File on request of Senator Steinberg.*

SB 7 (Steinberg) Public works: charter cities.

Prohibits the receipt or use of state funding or financial assistance for specified construction projects by charter cities that allow contractors to not comply with the state's prevailing wage law on public works contracts.

Status: Chapter 794, Statutes of 2013

SB 33 (Wolk) Infrastructure financing districts: voter approval: repeal.

Would eliminate the voter approval requirement for a city or county to create an infrastructure financing district and expand the types of projects that may be financed by a district.

Status: Ordered to Inactive File on request of Assembly member Atkins.

SB 39 (De Leon) Local agencies: public officers: claims and liability. **

Requires an elected or appointed local public officer to forfeit any contract or similar claim for retirement or pension benefits, other than those accrued benefits which he or she may be entitled to under the applicable public retirement system, if he or she has been convicted of specified felonies under state or federal law.

Status: Chapter 775, Statutes of 2013

SB 128 (Emmerson) Community facilities districts: transfer of governance authority.

Authorizes the Hemet Unified School District to transfer the Hemet Unified School District Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 to the Temecula Valley Unified School District upon written agreement between the governing boards of the school districts.

Status: Chapter 206, Statutes of 2013

SB 142 (DeSaulnier) Public transit.

Authorizes a governing board of a transit district, municipal operator, or other public agency operating transit, until January 1, 2021, to levy a special benefit assessment on real property to finance the acquisition, construction, development, operation, maintenance, or repair of eligible transit projects.

Status: Chapter 655, Statutes of 2013

SB 159 (Fuller) Public cemetery districts: Kern River Valley Cemetery District.

Allows the Kern River Valley Cemetery District to inter nonresidents under specified conditions.

Status: Chapter 55, Statutes of 2013

SB 171 (Hueso) Drainage: Coachella Valley County Water District.

Authorizes the Coachella Valley County Water District to impose a fee in compliance with Proposition 218.

Status: Chapter 119, Statutes of 2013

SB 184 (Governance and Finance) Local government: omnibus bill.

Enacts the Local Government Omnibus Act of 2013, which proposes 13 technical, noncontroversial changes to state laws affecting local agencies' powers and duties.

Status: Chapter 210, Statutes of 2013

SB 246 (Fuller) Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency.

Revises the special act governing the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency, and makes other changes to existing law that governs the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency.

Status: Chapter 343, Statutes of 2013

SB 279 (Hancock) San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.

Specifies, for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA), procedures for conducting a multi-county election to approve a special tax measure for SFBRA.

Status: Chapter 514, Statutes of 2013

SB 298 (Wyland) Local government: supplemental law enforcement services.

Allows Orange County or a city within Orange County to contract for supplemental law enforcement services to enforce the Vehicle Code on a homeowners' association's privately owned and maintained road.

Status: Chapter 626, Statutes of 2013

SB 311 (Padilla) Local elections: charters and charter proposals.

Requires certain city charter proposals and city charter amendments to be presented to the voters at a statewide general election.

Status: Chapter 184, Statutes of 2013

SB 328 (Knight) Counties: public works contracts.

Authorizes, until January 1, 2018, counties to use construction manager at-risk contracts for projects in excess of \$1 million on county-owned or leased buildings.

Status: Chapter 517, Statutes of 2013

SB 407 (Hill) Local government: officers and employees: contracts.

Extends specified limits on executive compensation to any employee not covered by the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, who is a deputy chief executive officer, an assistant chief executive officer, or whose employment is covered by an employment contract.

Status: Chapter 213, Statutes of 2013

SB 553 (Yee) Local government: assessment: elections procedures.

Imposes additional requirements on local governments when conducting property-related fee ballot proceedings pursuant to Proposition 218.

Status: Chapter 215, Statutes of 2013

SB 614 (Wolk) Irrigation districts: directors.

Would remove the landownership requirement from the list of qualifications to serve as a director of an irrigation district if the district receives a majority of its operating and non-operating revenue from sources other than irrigation water sales, standby or availability charges, service type assessments, and property assessments as reported in the most recent Special Districts Annual Report issued by the Controller. **Status:** *Amended and re-referred to Assembly Local Government Committee.*

SB 620 (Wright) Water replenishment districts.

Amends state laws governing water replenishment districts' annual budget reserves and the penalties a district can impose on water-producing facility operators.
Status: Chapter 638, Statutes of 2013

SB 628 (Beall) Infrastructure financing: transit priority projects.

Would allow a city or county to create an infrastructure financing district to implement a transit priority project without having to hold an election and require the local entity to use 25% of the tax increment revenues for affordable housing. **Status:** *Withdrawn from engrossing and enrolling. Ordered held at the Desk.*

SB 692 (Hancock) Local government: community facilities districts.

Expands powers of local agencies to use the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1992 and the Marks-Roos Local Bond Pooling Act of 1985.
Status: Chapter 219, Statutes of 2013

**SB 725 (Anderson) Veterans buildings and memorials: county and city property:
veterans service organizations: nonprofit veteran service agencies:
retrofit and remodel.**

Clarifies the conditions under which the dedicated use of facilities by veterans' organizations can be revoked by cities and counties.
Status: Chapter 697, Statutes of 2013

SB 777 (Calderon) Public safety: fireworks.

Would allow for licenses to sell fireworks during the week before New Year's Day, and allow local governments to impose permit fees on fireworks retailers. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Governmental Organization and Local Government. In Governmental Organization Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

SJR 7 (Lieu) Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2013.

Resolves that the California Legislature supports the Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2013 and memorializes Congress to enact and the President to sign the legislation.
Status: Res. Chapter 101, Statutes of 2013

OPEN MEETINGS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

AB 185 (R. Hernández) Open and public meetings: televised meetings.

Would require a local agency that collects a franchise fee pursuant to the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act to televise the open and public meetings of its legislative body and planning commission, and would provide that an audio or video recording of an open and public meeting may be erased or destroyed after two years. **Status:** *In Assembly Local Government Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 194 (Campos) Open meetings: protections for public criticism: penalties for violations.

Would create a misdemeanor penalty for a member of a legislative body who, while acting as the chairperson of that legislative body, prohibits public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or of the acts or omissions of the legislative body, as protected under the Ralph M. Brown Act. **Status:** *In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 246 (Bradford) Local government: open meetings.

Includes the Governor in the list of individuals and agencies with which a local agency's legislative body may meet in closed session pursuant to the 'public security' exemption of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Status: Chapter 11, Statutes of 2013

AB 382 (Mullin) State and local government: alternative investments: public access.

Amends the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) to include information about alternative investments among the types of information already exempted from the Brown Act.

Status: Chapter 326, Statutes of 2013

AB 792 (Mullin) Local government: open meetings.

Would clarify that legislative bodies of local agencies may conduct regular and special meetings and take official actions even if technical barriers have prevented pre-meeting posting of agendas and notices on their Web sites. **Status:** *In Senate Governance and Finance Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

AB 913 (Chau) Charter schools.

Would subject charter schools to the Ralph M. Brown Act, the California Public Records Act, and the state's conflict-of-interest laws and would make a number of other changes to the permissible activities of charter school governing boards, councils and advisory committees.

Status: *In Senate Education Committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

SB 751 (Yee)

Meetings: publication of action taken.

Requires local agencies to publicly report the vote of each member of their governing bodies on actions taken.

Status: Chapter 257, Statutes of 2013

SCA 3 (Leno)

Public information.

Proposes amendments to the California Constitution that require local agencies to comply with the California Public Records Act and the Ralph M. Brown Act and that exempt the state from reimbursing local agencies for related costs.

Status: Res. Chapter 123, Statutes of 2013

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