

**SUBJECT: FINAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT: 2019-2020 REGULAR SESSION
OF THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE**

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STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The City Council will receive the final legislative update with including the status of each bill for which the City took a position since the beginning of the 2019-2020 regular session of the California State Legislature (January 2019 through September 2020)

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive & File.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

This staff report has been prepared in accordance with the advocacy and lobbying plan approved by the City Council in December 2018. The report provides a final update on the outcome of the bills for which the City adopted a Support/Oppose position.

During this period, the legislative affairs team, which is comprised of City staff and the Sacramento-based lobbying firm Helyne Meshar & Associates (HM&A) has closely monitored a large number of bills that could have impacted the City. The team, after reviewing these bills, submitted its concerns and/or recommendations for amendments to the bills' authors and the City's representatives, Assemblymember Richard Bloom and Senator Ben Allen.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

During the 2019-2020 regular session of the California State Legislature, legislators and committees introduced a total of 5,423 bills (3,741 Assembly Bills and 1,682 Senate Bills) that either proposed new laws, repealed, or amended existing law.

As reported in the July 20, 2020 staff report that was submitted to the City Council (mid-year legislative report), the second year of the 2019-2020 regular session was seriously impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. An example of such impact on the Legislature's activities was the decision to pause the legislative session for almost three months and reconvene it in May 2020 with public access to committee hearings and deliberations of the two chambers available via video only. As a result of the shortened legislative calendar, the leadership of both chambers decided that only essential bills would be allowed to move forward. Bills deemed essential were those that addressed physical and behavioral health care, housing/homelessness, relief to renters and homeowners and emergency management, both of COVID-19 and wildfires.

As the legislative session came to a close at midnight on August 31st, some important bills that had been deemed high priority were among many bills that did not make the midnight deadline to be sent to the Governor. Among the bills left stranded were housing production proposals and a number of police reform proposals.

FINAL OUTCOME OF LEGISLATION

As of August 31, 2020, which was the last day of the second year of the two-year session, the City had adopted positions on 78 bills. The following provides a status on the outcome of the bills the City supported/opposed.

The City supported 72 bills, and of those 72:

- 29 were signed into law (chaptered).
- 1 resolution was chaptered
- 3 bills were vetoed by the Governor.
- 39 bills died.

The City opposed 6 bills; and of those 6:

- 1 bill was signed into law (chaptered).
- 3 bills were vetoed by the Governor.
- 2 bills died.

The section below shows the outcome of the seventy-eight bills the City took a position on, by topic/policy field.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Bill #	Author	Title	City Position	Outcome
AB 44	Friedman	Fur products: prohibition.	Support	Chaptered
AB 273	Gonzalez	Fur-bearing and nongame mammals: recreational and commercial fur trapping: prohibition.	Support	Chaptered
AB 366	Bloom	Animals: blood, blood components, and biologics.	Support	Dead
AB 1230	Quirk	Veterinary medicine: declawing animals.	Support	Dead
AB 1788	Bloom	Pesticides: use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides.	Support	Chaptered
AB 2059	Kamlager	Toxicological testing on dogs.	Support	Dead
AB 2152	Gloria	Public health: prohibition on the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits.	Support	Chaptered

CANNABIS

Bill #	Author	Title	City Position	Outcome
AB 37	Jones-Sawyer	Personal income taxes: deductions: business expenses: commercial cannabis activity.	Support	Chaptered
AB 286	Bonta	Taxation: cannabis.	Support	Dead
AB 1465	Bloom	Cannabis: consumption cafe/lounge license.	Support	Dead
SB 34	Wiener	Cannabis: donations.	Support	Chaptered
SB 67	McGuire	Cannabis: marketing: appellations of origin: county, city, or city and county of origin.	Support	Chaptered
SB 595	Bradford	Cannabis: state licensing fee waivers: needs-based applicants and licensees: local equity applicants and licensees.	Support	Chaptered
SB 627	Galgiani	Cannabis and cannabis products: medicinal use on an animal: veterinary medicine.	Support	Dead

HOUSING/LAND USE

Bill #	Author	Title	City Position	Outcome
AB 234	Nazarian	Income taxes: credit: seismic retrofits.	Support	Dead
AB 377	Garcia, E	Microenterprise home kitchen operations.	Oppose	Chaptered
AB 1118	Rubio, B	Land use: livability issues for older adults.	Support	Chaptered
AB 1286	Muratsuchi	Shared mobility devices: agreements.	Support	Chaptered
ACA 1	Aguiar-Curry	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval	Support	Dead
SB 5	Beall	Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program.	Support	Vetoed
SB 50	Wiener	Planning and zoning: housing development: streamlined approval: incentives.	Oppose	Dead
SB 58	Wiener	Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale.	Support	Dead
SB 521	Portantino	Income and corporation taxes: credits: leased or rented property: persons receiving Section 8 assistance.	Support	Dead
SB 757	Allen	California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership projects: fixed guideway	Support	Vetoed
SCA 1	Allen	Public housing projects.	Support	Dead

TENANTS' RIGHTS

Bill #	Author	Title	City Position	Outcome
AB 36	Bloom	Residential tenancies: rent control	Support	Dead
AB 53	Jones-Sawyer	Rental housing unlawful housing practices: applications: criminal records.	Support	Dead
AB 828	Ting	Temporary moratorium on foreclosures and unlawful detainer actions: coronavirus (COVID-19).	Support	Dead

AB 1399	Bloom	Residential real property: rent control: withdrawal of accommodations.	Support	Chaptered
AB 1436	Chiu	Tenancy: rental payment default: mortgage forbearance: state of emergency: COVID-19.	Support	Dead
AB 1481	Grayson	Tenancy termination: just cause.	Support	Dead
AB 1482	Chiu	Tenant Protection Act of 2019: tenancy: rent caps.	Support	Chaptered
AB 3088	Chiu	Tenancy: rental payment default: mortgage forbearance: state of emergency: COVID-19	Support	Chaptered
SB 18	Skinner	Keep Californians Housed Act.	Support	Chaptered
SB 248	Glazer	Taxation: renters' credit.	Support	Dead
SB 329	Mitchell	Discrimination: housing: source of income.	Support	Chaptered
SB 939	Wiener	Emergencies: COVID-19: commercial tenancies: evictions.	Support	Dead

HOMELESSNESS

Bill #	Author	Title	City Position	Outcome
AB 344	Calderon	New Beginnings California Program.	Support	Vetoed
AB 653	Bloom	State armories.	Support	Chaptered
AB 761	Nazarian	State armories: homeless shelters.	Support	Chaptered
SB 258	Hertzberg	California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program: grants: homeless shelters: pets and veterinary services.	Support	Dead

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Bill #	Author	Title	City Position	Outcome
AB 31	Garcia, C	Sales and use taxes: exemption: menstrual hygiene products.	Support	Dead
AB 1989	Garcia, C	Menstrual Products Right to Know Act of 2020.	Support	Chaptered
AB 2003	Garcia, C	Community college: restrooms: feminine hygiene products.	Support	Dead
SB 24	Leyva	Public health: public university student health centers: abortion by medication techniques.	Support	Chaptered

THE ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

Bill #	Author	Title	City Position	Outcome
AB 161	Ting	Solid waste: paper waste: proofs of purchase.	Support	Dead
AB 1080	Gonzalez	Solid waste: packaging and products.	Support	Dead

AB 1672	Bloom	Solid waste: premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes.	Support	Dead
SB 54	Allen	Solid waste: packaging and products.	Support	Dead
SB 210	Leyva	Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program.	Support	Chaptered
SB 424	Jackson	Tobacco products: single-use and multiuse components.	Support	Dead
SB 638	Allen	Leases: electric vehicle charging stations: insurance coverage.	Support	Chaptered
SB 732	Allen	Transactions and use tax: South Coast Air Quality Management District.	Support	Dead
SB 795	Beall	Economic development: housing: workforce development: climate change infrastructure.	Support	Dead

HEALTH/HIV/AIDS/CIVIL RIGHTS

Bill #	Author	Title	City Position	Outcome
ACR 99	Low	Civil rights: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer people.	Support	Chaptered
ACR 108	Chu	Compassionate California	Support	Dead
AB 288	Aguiar-Curry	Food, beverage, and cosmetic adulterants: industrial hemp products.	Support	Dead
AB 388	Limon	Alzheimer's disease	Support	Dead
AB 3215	Bloom	Commission on the State of Hate.	Support	Dead
SB 159	Wiener	HIV: preexposure and postexposure prophylaxis.	Support	Chaptered
SB 233	Wiener	Immunity from arrest.	Support	Chaptered
SB 851	Atkins	Blood donations.	Support	Dead
SB 882	Wiener	CalFresh	Support	Dead
SB 961	Gonzalez, L	The Equal Insurance HIV Act.	Support	Dead*

**SB 961's language and legislative intent was incorporated into SB 1255 by the Committee on Insurance.*

ELECTIONS/ADMINISTRATIVE LAW/EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Bill #	Author	Title	City Position	Outcome
AB 291	Chu	Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund.	Support	Dead
AB 516	Chiu	Authority to remove vehicles.	Oppose	Dead
AB 857	Chiu	Public banks.	Support	Chaptered
AB 860	Berman	Elections: vote by mail ballots.	Support	Chaptered
AB 1184	Gloria	Public records: writing transmitted by electronic mail: retention.	Oppose	Chaptered
AB 1112	Friedman	Micro-mobility devices: relocation.	Oppose	Dead
AB 1442	Rivas, L	Income taxes: credits: Share Our Values Tax Credit.	Support	Dead
AB 1659	Bloom	Income taxes: credits: Share Our Values Tax Credit.	Support	Dead
AB 1862	Santiago	Public postsecondary education: California State University: tuition.	Support	Dead
SB 27	McGuire	Primary elections: ballot access: tax returns.	Support	Chaptered
SB 51	Durazo	California Competes tax credit: refunds.	Support	Dead
SB 160	Jackson	Emergency services: cultural competence.	Support	Chaptered
SB 266	Leyva	Public Employees' Retirement System: disallowed compensation: benefit adjustments.	Oppose	Dead
SB 355	Portantino	Joint powers agencies: Clean Power Alliance of Southern California: meetings.	Support	Chaptered
SB 748	Stern	California Youth Poet Laureate.	Support	Chaptered

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As it is customary, during the next two months, the legislative affairs team will work with City staff from different departments to gather input on ways to update the current legislative priorities to address emerging issues in West Hollywood. Staff will then consult with each councilmember as to additional policy areas that the legislative priorities should touch on. Staff will then present a draft of the proposed legislative priorities for the 2021-2022 legislative session for the City Council's consideration and approval.

CONFORMANCE WITH VISION 2020 AND THE GOALS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD GENERAL PLAN:

This item is consistent with the Primary Strategic Goal(s) (PSG) and/or Ongoing Strategic Program(s) (OSP) of:

- OSP-12: Actively Participate in Regional Issues.

In addition, this item is compliant with the following goal(s) of the West Hollywood General Plan:

- G-1: Ensure that the community is active and engaged in the decision-making process.

EVALUATION PROCESSES:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH:

N/A

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

CL&A Division staff has taken steps to make more readily available information related to the City's advocacy and legislation-related activities. One of these steps is the posting of updated information on the City's web site about bills supported or opposed by the City. In addition, the Governmental Affairs Liaison has made presentations to advisory boards about advocacy efforts on different bills impacting the City.

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

CITY MANAGER'S DEPARTMENT / COMMUNITY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.