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**RE:** RPPG Monthly Legislative Summary – May 2024

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### *May a Whirlwind of Activity as Lawmakers Rush to Meet Deadlines*

May was a month of fiscal and legislative deadlines for the Administration and the Legislature:

- The [May Budget Revision](#) to the January Budget proposal for fiscal year 2024-25 was released by Governor Gavin Newsom on May 10.
- The last day for policy committees to meet prior to May 28 was May 17.
- The deadline for fiscal committees to hear and send bills introduced in their house to the Floor was also May 17.
- The week of May 20 was reserved for Floor session, where legislators met for long hours and deliberated on hundreds of bills before the house of origin deadline on May 24.
- May 30 Budget subcommittees of both houses held final hearings to take actions on all open items, so that the budget committees can craft language and a legislative Budget can be passed on time.
- Committee meetings resumed on May 28 and bills must pass both houses of the Legislature by August 31 in order to advance to the Governor's desk, where they will be approved or vetoed by September 30.

As of June 3, approximately 1,600 pieces of legislation of the more than 2,400 introduced since the start of the year continue to make their way through the legislative process. From this point onward, we can expect to see more to be halted in policy and fiscal committees, as well as on the Floor. For reference, last year, 1,406 of the more than 3,000 measures introduced made it all the way through both houses, with the Governor signing 890 bills into law and vetoing 156 bills.

## BUDGET UPDATE

On May 11, RPPG sent the City a summary of the Governor's [May Budget Revision](#) that had been released on May 10 for fiscal year 2024-25. As stated in the memo, total state Budget spending for 2024-25 as projected by the Administration is now \$288.1 billion, a \$3.4 billion decrease from the January Proposal, with a deficit of \$27.6 billion, a \$10.3 billion decrease from the January Proposal. RPPG will send a final 2024-25 Budget update for the year once it is finalized.

In an odd budget release, little detail was immediately made available by the Administration. On May 13, the Administration released a list of balancing proposals for the Budget that can be found [here](#). More budget detail was released in the budget subcommittee agenda packets over the weeks that followed, as committees met to wrap up proposed budget action by the Legislature.

On May 29, the Legislature [released](#) their Joint Legislative Budget Summary ([here](#) and [here](#)) which summarizes the action both houses have agreed to take on a legislative Budget deal. Budget subcommittee hearings had their final hearings late last week to take action on all open items. The Budget language that will accompany this package is being drafted by staff and will be voted on by both houses prior to the June 15 deadline. Discussions continue between the Administration and the Legislature, hammering out final details, and the Governor will sign a budget deal prior to July 1.

#### *Climate Bond*

On May 30, [Politico](#) leaked the rumored details of a climate bond, airing both the Senate and Assembly potential proposals. The Assembly has drafts for three versions: \$6 billion, \$8 billion and \$10 billion, while the Senate has drafts for two: \$6.8 billion and \$9 billion. The drafts show the decreased investments across the board in water, energy, outdoor and open spaces, and wildfire resiliency, but look to maintain small pots of funding for most. However, the level of proposed investments would then be very little on a statewide scale to be impactful. RPPG is following activity and will provide details as they become available. A deal must be made and passed by the Legislature no later than June 27 for it to make it to the Secretary of State to be placed on the November ballot.

#### **RPPG LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY**

RPPG continues to review priority bills—keeping City staff apprised of developments on legislation during our standing meetings and throughout the month as needed. RPPG continues to work hand in hand with City staff to gather client-specific information while actively engaging with lawmakers and agency officials on legislation of interest to the City.

#### *SB 1461*

On May 7, Sharon Gonsalves attended a meeting with the author's office.

#### *AB 2489 and AB 2557 Analyses*

On May 8, RPPG sent the City updated analyses of [AB 2489](#) (Ward) and [AB 2557](#) (Ortega). AB 2489 was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 17, while AB 2557 continues to advance as of this writing.

#### *Suspense File*

On May 17, RPPG sent the City a summary of the outcomes of the suspense file hearings that had been held that day for the Assembly and the Senate Appropriations Committees.

#### *House of Origin*

On May 28, RPPG sent the City a summary of the house of origin deadline. The memo also provided an update on the legislative session up to that point, as well as an outlook on the rest of the session, including what to expect in terms of process and deadlines for the rest of the year.

#### *SB 1123 Analysis*

On May 29, RPPG sent the City an analysis of [SB 1123](#) (Caballero).

#### *Update on Positioned Legislation*

RPPG is closely monitoring and providing updates on bills on which the City has adopted a position.

- [AB 1779 \(Irwin\) Theft: jurisdiction](#)
  - Status: Senate Public Safety
  - City Position: Support
- [AB 1794 \(McCarty\) Crimes: larceny](#)
  - Status: Senate Public Safety

- City Position: Support
- [AB 1802 \(Jones-Sawyer\) Crimes: organized theft](#)
  - Status: Senate Public Safety
  - City Position: Support
- [AB 1886 \(Alvarez\) Housing Element Law: substantial compliance: Housing Accountability Act](#)
  - Status: Senate Housing
  - City Position: Oppose
- [AB 1893 \(Wicks\) Housing Accountability Act: housing disapprovals: required local findings](#)
  - Status: Senate Housing
  - City Position: Oppose
- [AB 1960 \(Soria\) Sentencing enhancements: property loss](#)
  - Status: Senate Public Safety
  - City Position: Support
- [AB 1972 \(Alanis\) Regional property crimes task force](#)
  - Status: Senate Public Safety
  - City Position: Support
- [AB 1990 \(Carrillo, Wendy\) Criminal procedure: arrests: shoplifting](#)
  - Status: Senate Public Safety
  - City Position: Support
- [AB 2560 \(Alvarez\) Density Bonus Law: California Coastal Act of 1976](#)
  - Status: Senate Rules awaiting assignment
  - City Position: Oppose
- [AB 2583 \(Berman\) School zones and walk zones](#)
  - Status: Senate Transportation
  - City Position: Support
- [AB 2715 \(Boerner\) Ralph M Brown Act: closed sessions](#)
  - Status: Senate Local Government
  - City Position: Support
- [AB 3209 \(Berman\) Crimes: theft: retail theft restraining orders](#)
  - Status: Senate Public Safety
  - City Position: Support
- [ACA 10 \(Haney\) Fundamental human right to housing](#)
  - Status: Assembly Floor
  - City Position: Oppose
- [SB 982 \(Wahab\) Crimes: organized theft](#)
  - Status: Assembly Public Safety
  - City Position: Support
- [SB 1037 \(Wiener\) Planning and zoning: housing element: enforcement](#)
  - Status: Assembly Rules awaiting assignment
  - City Position: Oppose
- [SB 1242 \(Min\) Crimes: fires](#)
  - Status: Assembly Public Safety
  - City Position: Support
- [SB 1461 \(Allen\) State of emergency and local emergency: landslide](#)
  - Status: Assembly Rules awaiting assignment
  - City Position: Support

### *Priority Bills*

RPPG has tagged 113 bills for the City as “priority,” which may be of potential interest, or may impact operations or priority issues, per the legislative platform. We will continue to bring bills of potential interest to staff for the City’s review in the coming weeks.

## **ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS**

### *AT&T Carrier of Last Resort Update*

The PUC recently [announced](#) that they proposed to reject AT&T’s request to withdraw as carrier of last resort. According to a CalMatters [article](#), there were no telecommunications companies that responded to AT&T’s application to replace it as the carrier of last resort. The PUC’s decision is not final until it votes at a June 20 meeting, when it will also consider changing rules for carriers of last resort.

### *Prop 1 Update*

On May 14, in San Mateo County, the Governor held a press conference to provide an update on the availability of funding from Proposition 1. The two part initiative, known as the Mental Health Services Act, includes a bond to build treatment facilities and [permanent supportive housing for people with mental health](#) and addiction challenges. The initiative also makes changes to a longstanding tax on personal incomes over \$1 million.

Joined by Senator Susan Eggman, Senator Josh Becker, Business, Consumer Services, and Housing (BCSH) Secretary Moss, and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Secretary Dr. Ghaly, Governor Newsom announced the first installment of \$3.1 billion that would be made available this summer, with applications due in the fall. Originally it was expected that the Notice Of Funding Assistance (NOFA) would not be released until 2025, which would delay when the funding would be available to communities. Additionally, it is understood that local agencies and organizations have been briefed by the California Health and Human Services Agency, California Veterans Affairs Agency (CalVet), and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on what resources and tools will be available.

Additionally, a bond guidance for supportive housing (\$2 billion overall, with \$1 billion for veterans) is expected by the end of 2024 from HCD.

A new website has become available to serve as a resource for those in need of mental health support services and will include updates on the state’s ongoing progress to implement Proposition 1. The website is [mentalhealth.ca.gov](https://mentalhealth.ca.gov).

The press conference can be viewed [here](#).

## **LOOKING FORWARD**

- **JUNE 15:** Legislature must pass the main budget bill
- **JUNE 30:** Governor must sign the main budget bill
- **JULY 5—AUGUST 4:** Summer Recess
- **AUGUST 31:** Last day for the Legislature to pass bills; end of the 2023-2024 legislative session
- **SEPTEMBER 30:** Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills