

## Current Legislative Priorities:

### **Active Priorities:**

1. Oppose California Business Roundtable Measure: This measure is slated to appear on the November 2024 ballot. It would revise the California Constitution with provisions that limit voters' authority and input, adopt new and stricter rules for raising taxes and fees, and may make it more difficult to impose fines and penalties for violation of state and local laws. The measure puts billions of local government tax and fee revenues at risk statewide with related core public service impacts. The measure includes a provision that any taxes and fees adopted after January 1, 2022 that do not comply with the new rules are void unless reenacted. The League of California Cities recommends opposing this measure on their "Take Action" webpage (Attachment 3). The Town has already submitted a letter with an "oppose" position.
2. Monitor AB 3109 (Muratsuchi) – Theft: Existing law, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, enacted as an initiative statute by Proposition 47, as approved by the electors at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election, makes the theft of money, labor, or property petty theft punishable as a misdemeanor whenever the value of the property taken does not exceed \$950 and grand theft when the value exceeds \$950. Proposition 47 requires shoplifting, defined as entering a commercial establishment with the intent to commit larceny if the value of the property taken does not exceed \$950, to be punished as a misdemeanor. The bill would, if a person has one conviction for a specified theft offense, make a second or subsequent conviction punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or 16 months, or 2 or 3 years. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
3. Clarifications regarding SB 9: The Town may want to support legislation that clarifies SB 9 lot splits and developments in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

### **Passive Priorities:**

4. Fire Protection and Insurance: Fire protection is one of the Town Council's Strategic Priorities and the Town may want to support legislation that furthers fire protection funding and efforts that could be beneficial to the Town. Legislation to ensure the availability of fire insurance for residents could become more important if insurance becomes harder to obtain.
5. Beach Traffic: Legislation to support the Town in reducing impacts of beach cut-through traffic could be beneficial. One possibility could involve prohibiting

navigation applications from directing cut-through traffic through High Fire Severity Zones on high fire risk days.

6. Protect Vehicle License Fee (VLF) and Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF): As the State may consider how it will address future budget shortfalls, it is critical that the State not take funding from local government. In the past, these two funding sources have been redirected to the State for its own budgeting purposes.
7. Internet Sales Tax: With the exception of our Measure G district sales tax, internet sales tax goes into a pool and is distributed based on a jurisdiction's share of the overall sales tax collected in the respective County. In contrast, the Town's Measure G district sales tax is distributed based on the buyer's location, yielding higher revenue for the Town. The Town may want to support changes to the general distribution of sales tax that would benefit Los Gatos.
8. Mental Health: Mental health support is important to the Los Gatos community and the Town may want to support legislation that furthers mental health through funding, emphasis in Policing, or other methods could be beneficial to the Town.
9. Housing: When effective, the Town may have interest in participating in certain housing bills.
10. Unfunded Mandates: Unfunded mandates strain the Town's already limited resources and should be opposed.
11. Water: Support local water agency requests when beneficial to the Town.
12. Transportation – Speeding: The Town may want to support legislation to reduce speeding that could be beneficial for the Town.
13. Misuse of Artificial Intelligence in Elections: Support legislation aimed at protecting elections from misinformation and the potential misuse of artificial intelligence and deepfake technology, including SB 1228 (Padilla), AB 2839 (Pellerin), and AB 2655 (Burman).