

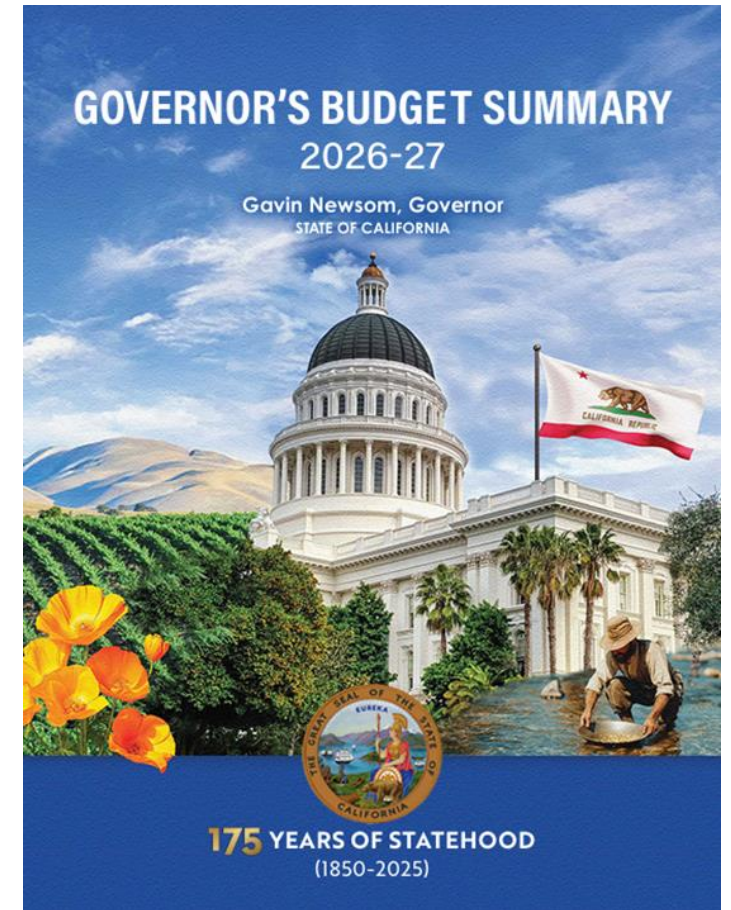
# Budget and Legislative Update

*Speaker: Caroline Grinder, League of California Cities*

# Community services in the budget

## Homelessness:

- Includes \$500 million for round seven of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) grant program promised in last year's budget.
- Funding is contingent on new accountability metrics that will be finalized this year.



# Cal Cities Sponsored Bill

## **AB 1708 (Solache) HHAP Pathways for Cities Act.**

This measure would:

- Create an **opportunity** for cities with populations under 300,000 to access state homelessness funding.
- Require clear accountability metrics to access the funds.
- Give priority to cities that are collaborating with local partners.

**Cal Cities Position:** Sponsor



**Cal Cities, Asm. Solache partner to expand access to state homelessness funding for all cities**

# Recovery housing: Sponsored Bills

## **SB 490 (Umberg) Alcohol and other drug programs.**

This measure would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to meet specific timelines for investigating allegations of unlicensed treatment services, allow counties to work with the department to conduct site visits and enforce licensure laws themselves, and require follow-up site visits to ensure unlawful activity has stopped.



State oversight of recovery housing is 'broken,' say lawmakers and city leaders

## **SB 329 (Blakespear) Alcohol and drug recovery or treatment facilities: investigations.**

This measure requires DHCS to complete timely investigations into complaints about alcohol or drug treatment facilities.



**Cal Cities Position:** Sponsor

# Childcare

## **AB 1914 (Schiavo) General plan elements: childcare.**

This measure would require that childcare be included in local general plans any time two or more elements are being updated after January 2028. Cities would be required to update all elements to include childcare, including land use, circulation, housing, safety, and environmental justice elements.

**Cal Cities Position:** Take to Policy Committee

# Social Safety Net Programs

## **AB 2072 (Solache) CalFresh and WIC Contingency Fund.**

This measure would create a state contingency fund to ensure the continued distribution of CalFresh and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits during any federal shutdown through January 20, 2029.

## **AB 2309 (Bains) CalFresh Protection Act.**

This measure would require the State Department of Social Services to utilize state funds to ensure that CalFresh benefits continue to be issued to existing recipients.

**Cal Cities Position:** Take to Policy Committee

# Food Deserts

## **AB 1674 (Ahrens) Food Affordability Act.**

This measure would create a food desert elimination grant program to award grants to:

- A developer or grocery store operator seeking to locate a grocery store in a food desert; or
- An existing grocery store that provides food access in a low-access area to continue operation.

Requires local governments in a food desert to require an application for a new housing development to demonstrate that the project does not reduce site capacity for a large grocery store or require dedication of an equivalent space for grocery store use.

**Cal Cities Position:** Take to Policy Committee

# Youth Homelessness

## **SB 492 (Menjivar) Youth Housing Bond Act of 2026.**

This measure would create the Youth Housing Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and authorizes \$1 billion to be available for youth centers (\$100 million) and youth housing (\$900 million). The program would make awards to local agencies, nonprofit organizations, or joint ventures, for the purpose of acquiring, renovating, constructing, and purchasing equipment for youth housing.

**Cal Cities Position:** Take to Policy Committee

# Emergency Preparedness

## **AB 2037 (Patterson) Wildfire Aging and Disability Grant Program.**

This measure would establish a grant program administered by the California Department of Aging to award grants to seniors to mitigate against wildfires on properties they own.

## **SB 837 (Reyes) Disaster and emergency preparedness.**

This measure would require Aging and Disability Resource Connection programs to provide disaster and emergency preparedness training to help older adults prepare for emergencies.

## **AB 1602 (Rubio) Foster youth: disaster aid assistance.**

This measure would create the Child Welfare Disaster Response Account to support the needs of foster children and youth and their caregivers during a disaster.

**Cal Cities Position:** Pending Support

# Other Pending Support Bills

## **AB 1996 (Bonta) California Child Poverty Reduction Council.**

This measure would establish the California Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council to evaluate the impacts of policy proposals and budget provisions affecting children and child well-being.

## **SB 1314 (Menjivar) Smoke shops: locations, hours of operation.**

This measure would prohibit a smoke shop's retail location from being within 600 feet of a school or day care center, and prohibit a smoke shop from making retail sales between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

## **AB 1954 (Ward) Municipal golf courses: reservations.**

This measure would prohibit an operator of a third-party golf reservation service platform from advertising or selling reservations for a golf course owned by a local public agency without written authorization.

**Cal Cities Position:** Pending Support

# Other Healthy Food Bills

## **AB 1731 (Wilson) California Healthy Food Procurement Fund Program.**

This measure would establish the California Healthy Food Procurement Fund Program to increase procurement of healthy foods, including for institutions serving pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12.

## **AB 2213 (Lee) California Healthy Food Financing Initiative**

This measure would create the California Healthy Food Financing Initiative to expand access to eliminate food deserts and prepare recommendations on actions to promote food access.

## **SB 1025 (Hurtado) Office of Food Security and Affordability.**

This measure would establish the Office of Food Security and Affordability to coordinate outreach for food insecurity programs, establish and maintain a 24-hour toll-free hunger hotline, and establish best practices for food banks.

**Cal Cities Position:** Watch

# Spot Bills to Keep an Eye on

**[AB 1924](#) (Gabriel) Statewide homelessness prevention strategy**

**[SB 865](#) (Ashby) Music Festivals**

**[SB 866](#) (Blakespear) Emergency and Interim Shelter**

**[SB 989](#) (Blakespear) Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program.**

**[SB 1016](#) (Blakespear) Transitional housing bond.**

**Cal Cities Position: Watch**

# Other Recovery Housing Bills

**[AB 1779](#) (Davies) Ticket for round-trip transportation (CCAP)**

**[AB 1882](#) (Ellis) Spot bill**

**[AB 2562](#) (Davies) Spot bill**

**[AB 2614](#) (Dixon) Body brokering misdemeanor (Newport)**

**[SB 1060](#) (Valladares) 6+ 1,000 ft away from school or daycare**

**[SB 1353](#) (Valladares) Spot bill**

# Homelessness (Two-year bills)

## **SB 569 (Blakespear) Department of Transportation: homeless encampments.**

This bill would increase communication between the Department of Transportation and local governments to address encampments on state property.

**Cal Cities Position:** Co-sponsor/Support

## **SB 16 (Blakespear) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program: housing element.**

This measure would require all but 14 cities to provide additional information in their housing element on how their jurisdiction is responding to homelessness.

**Cal Cities Position:** Oppose unless amended