

The League of California Cities delivers for cities year after year. We defend local control through advocacy efforts in the Legislature, at the ballot box, in the courts, and through strategic storytelling that informs and educates the public, policymakers, and opinion leaders. Cal Cities also offers education and training programs designed to teach city officials about new developments in their field and exchange solutions to common challenges facing their cities.

Here are some ways that Cal Cities delivered in April-June 2024.

**8** **Legal wins** for cities on issues related to the Taxpayer Deception Act, anti-camping ordinances, SB 9, and planning for housing.

**14** **Regional Division events** with diverse speakers including CA Attorney General Rob Bonta and CA Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot.

**11** **Action alerts** on funding for homelessness, retail theft, Brown Act modernization, and housing and land use.

**19** **Roundtable discussions and webinars** with over 1,600 attendees on mental health, sleep hygiene, organic waste recycling, and priority legislation for cities.

April-June 2024, Cal Cities:

- **Secured a win for cities.** The California Supreme Court ruled the so-called Taxpayer Protection and Accountability Act – backed by the California Business Roundtable – amounts to a revision of the Constitution and will not be on the November ballot. The ruling was in response to the Governor and the Legislature who petitioned the court, as well as Cal Cities and other local government associations who submitted an amicus brief in support of that position. Defeating this measure was a top priority for Cal Cities with close to 250 cities passing resolutions opposing it.
- **Ensured flexibility for cities.** Cities gained back an important tool when the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling in *Johnson v. City of Grants Pass*, a major decision on regulating sleeping and camping on public property. Cal Cities earlier this year filed an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to reverse the lower court's decisions and provide greater clarity over such ordinances.
- **Restored essential homelessness funding.** After months of negotiations and Cal Cities advocacy, the Governor and Legislature agreed on a \$297.9 billion state budget. In a significant win for cities, the final budget restores \$1 billion in funding for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant program, a proven tool in our toolkit to support local homelessness initiatives.
- **Provided essential data.** Cal Cities released statewide survey results on how cities are responding to the homelessness crisis in California. The results provide unique insight into the scope of local efforts to serve homeless residents and underscore the urgent need for ongoing funding in the state budget to scale these efforts.
- **Protected local revenue streams.** Cal Cities led a local government coalition to stop a bill that would have significantly harmed local government revenue streams. SB 1164 (Newman) would have exempted certain newly constructed ADUs from property tax assessment for 10 years.
- **Brought together city officials to lobby lawmakers.** The Cal Cities City Leaders Summit hosted more than 330 city officials in Sacramento for three days of advocacy and education. City leaders received policy briefings on need-to-know issues — like threats to fiscal sustainability, redistricting, and artificial intelligence — in between over 50 meetings with lawmakers on city priorities.
- **Supported home-rule authority.** Cal Cities filed an amicus brief in support of the cities, arguing SB 9 deprives charter cities of their home-rule authority, and charter city voters and city councils are best suited to make land use decisions for their cities. The Los Angeles County Superior Court agreed that SB 9 (Atkins, 2021) violates the home-rule doctrine in the California Constitution.