



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION  
SPECIAL MEETING**

July 27, 2021  
10:00 a.m.  
Remote Meeting – GotoWebinar Login  
Information Below

Eric Friedman, Chair  
Meagan Harmon  
Kristen Sneddon

Office of the City Administrator

Office of the City Attorney

Matt Fore  
Senior Assistant to the City Administrator

Ariel Pierre Calonne  
City Attorney

AGENDA

**1. Public Comment**

Any member of the public may address the Committee for up to three minutes on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Committee that is not scheduled for public discussion before the Committee.

**2. Review of Purpose and Contents of City's Current Legislative Platform**

Recommendation: That the Council Committee on Legislation receive a presentation on the purpose and contents of the City's Current Legislative Platform.

**3. Discussion of Priority Legislative Bills**

Recommendation: That the Council Committee on Legislation:

- 1) Receive a presentation from staff and the League of California Cities on priority legislative bills, including Senate Bills 9 and 10;
- 2) Refer select bills to the City Council for discussion and a potential recommendation of support or opposition; and,
- 3) Direct Staff to prepare advocacy letters that are consistent with the City's Legislative Platform.

**4. Adjourn**

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# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** July 27, 2021

**TO:** Council Committee on Legislation Members

**FROM:** City Administrator's Office

**SUBJECT:** Discussion of Agenda Items

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** That the Council Committee on Legislation:

1. Receive a presentation on the purpose and contents of the City's Current Legislative Platform;
2. Receive a presentation from staff and the League of California Cities on priority legislative bills, including Senate Bills 9 and 10;
3. Refer select bills to the City Council for discussion and a potential recommendation of support or opposition; and,
4. Direct Staff to prepare advocacy letters that are consistent with the City's Legislative Platform.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In the past, City Council adopted a resolution when it wished to take a formal position on a piece of legislation. This process involved substantial lead time to place the item on a City Council agenda and was rather cumbersome. To allow the Council to nimbly respond to proposed legislation, some years ago, City Council adopted a Legislative Platform, which sets forth the City's position on myriad policy issues. With the adoption of the Platform, Council also empowered the Mayor to advocate on various bills in a manner consistent with the Platform. Council revises the Legislative Platform from time to time, most recently in June of 2019. [The current Legislative Platform is available on the City's website.](#)

While most proposed bills are covered by the Legislative Platform, City Council may still wish to publicly discuss some bills due to their gravity or public interest. At its May 17, 2021 meeting, the Council Committee on Legislation (Legislative Committee) briefly discussed two such bills, Senate Bills 9 and 10. [Senate Bill 9](#) would require a local government to ministerially approve a housing development containing two residential units in single-family zones. Additionally, this measure would require local governments to ministerially approve urban lot split.

[Senate Bill 10](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB10) “would, notwithstanding any local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances, authorize a local government to adopt an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area or an urban infill site, as those terms are defined. The bill would prohibit a local government from adopting an ordinance pursuant to these provisions on or after January 1, 2029. The bill would specify that an ordinance adopted under these provisions, and any resolution to amend the jurisdiction’s General Plan, ordinance, or other local regulation adopted to be consistent with that ordinance, is not a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act. The bill would prohibit an ordinance adopted under these provisions from superceding a local restriction enacted or approved by a local initiative that designates publicly owned land as open-space land or for park or recreational purposes.” (Text copied from the California Legislative Information website - [https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220SB10](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB10)).

Should the Council Committee on Legislation wish to refer these bills to the full Council for further discussion, it may simply make the referral or may wish to recommend a formal position on these bills for Council consideration.

At its May 17, 2021 meeting, the Legislative Committee requested that staff prepare advocacy letters on AB 897, SB 1, and SB 556. Copies of these letters are attached to this agenda report.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Advocacy Letters

**PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:** Matthew R. Fore, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator



# City of Santa Barbara

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June 18, 2021

**Cathy Murillo**  
Mayor

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
Chair, Committee on Governance and Finance  
State Capitol Building, Room 408  
Sacramento, CA 95814

City Hall  
735 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara, CA  
93101-1990

**RE: AB 897 (Mullin, Bennett, Quirk, and Ward) - Regional Climate Networks: Climate Adaptation Plans - Support with Revisions**

Mailing Address:  
PO Box 1990  
Santa Barbara, CA  
93102-1990

Tel: (805) 564-5322  
Fax: (805) 564-5475

Dear Chair McGuire:

The City of Santa Barbara supports (with revisions) AB 897 (Mullin, Bennett, Quirk, and Ward) related to the establishment of climate action networks and climate action plans, but would ask that existing climate networks be grandfathered, in order to avoid having to reconstitute themselves or to duplicate actions already completed.

The City of Santa Barbara has been a leader in climate planning for many years, adopting its [first Climate Action Plan](#) in September 2012. This initial plan was one of the first in California. In 2020, the Santa Barbara City Council adopted a goal of carbon neutrality by 2035. Therefore, The City is beginning the process to revise its initial Climate Action Plan to include a new community-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory and new climate action strategies. While the updated plan will be a product of the City of Santa Barbara, the City is working collaboratively with neighboring jurisdictions and other partners through our membership in the [Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative](#).

The City of Santa Barbara understands the value of and has actively embraced a collaborative approach to climate planning. AB 897, which facilitates the development of regional climate networks and regional planning efforts, affirms the value of existing climate networks. The City of Santa Barbara would request that existing climate networks be grandfathered in to any adopted legislation to avoid having to reconstitute themselves or duplicate actions that have already been completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathy Murillo".

Cathy Murillo  
Mayor

cc: Monique Limón, State Senator  
Steve Bennett, Assembly Member  
Dave Mullinax, League of California Cities (via email)



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Mayor

The Luz Rivas  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Natural Resources  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

City Hall  
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Santa Barbara, CA  
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**RE: SB 1 (Atkins) – Coastal Resources – Sea Level Rise - Support**

Dear Chair Rivas:

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Santa Barbara, CA  
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The City of Santa Barbara supports Senate Bill 1 (Atkins). As a coastal community, the City of Santa Barbara understands the risks posed by sea level rise and has worked diligently in recent years to identify hazards and to develop adaptation strategies to mitigate the risks posed by sea level rise.

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In February 2021, the City Council adopted the City's [Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan](#). The Plan outlines a phased approach to planning for sea-level rise based on monitoring changing shoreline conditions and taking actions to reduce vulnerabilities when defined thresholds are reached. The Adaptation Plan includes detailed recommendations for necessary actions in the next ten years and a structure for future decision-making.

The City supports the collaborative approach to information sharing at all levels that is contained in SB 1 in order to facilitate identification, assessment, planning, and, where feasible, the mitigation of the adverse environmental, social, and economic effects of sea level rise. The City also supports the provision of State grant funding for use in updating local adaptation plans.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Barbara supports SB 1.

Sincerely,

Cathy Murillo  
Mayor

cc: Monique Limón, State Senator  
Steve Bennett, Assembly Member  
Dave Mullinax, League of California Cities (via email)



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June 18, 2021

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Mayor

The Honorable Assembly Member Miguel Santiago  
Chair, Committee on Communication and Conveyance  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0053

City Hall  
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RE: SB 556 (Dodd) Street Light Poles, Traffic Signal Poles, Utility Poles, and Support Structures

Dear Chair Santiago,

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Santa Barbara, CA  
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The City of Santa Barbara respectfully opposes SB 556 (Dodd), related to wireless broadband infrastructure deployment, which we believe will limit the ability of local governments to regulate the use of, and effectively manage the public rights-of-way, and to receive fair compensation for its use.

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The City opposes the proposals on two points. First, this measure requires local governments to make space available to telecommunications providers without recognizing local authority to manage the public right-of way preserved in federal law. FCC regulations explicitly enable local governments to ensure that such installations meet appearance and design standards, maintain traffic safety, protect historical resources' integrity, and safeguard citizens' quality of life. The built environment in the City of Santa Barbara is widely recognized for its unique character. The City builds and maintains this aesthetic through strict development design standards and strong oversight provided by Council-appointed commissions, including the Architectural Board of Review and Historic Landmarks Commission. These boards and commissions ensure that proposed development is compatible with the City's high standards. Loss of local control in the right of way as proposed by SB 556 is of grave concern to the City.

Second, SB 556 limits the ability of jurisdictions to recover their costs through the collection of rents and fees for the use of the public right-of-way. SB 556 creates ambiguity in the fees local governments can charge for access to their infrastructure by diverging from the conditions for financial compensation that are already set forth by existing FCC orders. This change in cost recovery is counterproductive.

The City of Santa Barbara supports efforts to close the digital divide, but must oppose SB 556 for the reasons stated above.

Sincerely,

Cathy Murillo  
Mayor



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The Honorable Miguel Santiago  
Chair, Committee on Communication and Conveyance  
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