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PROPOSITION 42 PAYMENTS MADE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO YEARS

The State Controller's office made the first Proposition 42 payments to local governments in two years on Oct. 16. The distributions are made automatically and the total allocations, by city and county, for this quarter are available at: <http://www.sco.ca.gov/ard/payments/traffic/index.shtml>.
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CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD RELEASES AB 32 SCOPING PLAN League Schedules Informational Calls for City Officials

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) released the next draft of its Scoping Plan. Originally scheduled for release Oct. 3, the draft came out on Wednesday, Oct. 15. The proposed Scoping Plan, which is the state's plan for how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, will be considered by ARB in December, in time to meet the Jan. 1, 2009 approval deadline established by the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). *For more, see Page 2.*



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE RELEASES PROP. 1B REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

The Department of Finance (DOF) released reporting instructions this week for the FY 2007-08 allocation of Proposition 1B Local Streets and Roads (LSR) funds. The report is due by Nov. 26, and the instructions can be found at www.dof.ca.gov/bonds/proposition_1b_disbursements/2007-08_appropriation/. *For more, see Page 2.*

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Prop. 42, also known as the Traffic Congestion Relief Program, was under scrutiny in this year's budget negotiations as part of the potential legislative borrowing scheme from local government, which was later scrapped due largely to staunch opposition from cities.

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AB 32 requires ARB to prepare a Scoping Plan to meet California's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals. The state must reduce emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. ARB released its initial draft on June 26.

The League scheduled statewide conference calls to give city officials an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on the draft Scoping Plan. The calls are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 24, are open to all city officials, and scheduled for 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Each call will have the same information and should last no more than one hour. Call-in numbers will be available Tuesday, Oct. 21 and will be distributed through the League's regional public affairs managers.

ARB has posted its notice for public hearing on its Web site at www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/document/scopingplandocument.htm

Visit www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/document/scopingplandocument.htm to access a copy of ARB's Scoping Plan.

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Prop. 1B requires local agencies to submit a report on their Prop. 1B LSR expenditure plan to the DOF. Project expenditure reporting will continue to occur on an annual basis at the end of each fiscal year until all bond funds are exhausted. In addition, the FY 2008-09 budget requires cities to submit the report before requesting a second allocation of Prop. 1B LSR funding.

Further instructions for the FY 2008-09 application process will be released soon. Please watch for information in future *Priority Focus* articles.

Transit Oriented Development and Infill Incentive Grant Program Meeting Oct. 20

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is hosting a meeting in Sacramento on Monday, Oct. 20 on Proposition 1C transit oriented development and infill incentive grant program funds. The meeting is the third meeting HUD scheduled around the state on this topic. Previous meetings were held on Oct. 15 in San Diego and Oct. 17 in Los Angeles.

Additional information about the meetings can be found on HCD's Web site at www.hcd.ca.gov. (www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/Bond_Program_Workshops.pdf)

Meeting Schedule

The meeting is scheduled from 9 a.m.– 4 p.m. with an hour break at noon for lunch. The morning session will address infrastructure funding (water, sewer, traffic, site cleanup, etc.). The afternoon session will focus on funding for housing and related infrastructure near transit stations.

Oct. 20: Sacramento

400 R Street, River Room

Budget Fallout: Suspended Mandates

The Department of Finance (DOF) has notified local agencies of the suspended state mandate programs for FY 2008-09. The decision comes as a result of one of the many budget cuts the Legislature found to balance the budget. This was the first time such a notice was given as required by provisions of a statute adopted in 2007.

Until the FY 2009-2010 Budget Act is enacted, 29 mandates including full compliance with Megan's law, and activities associated with SIDS babies have been suspended and local agencies are not required to implement or give effect to any mandate that has been suspended.

Only the legislature can suspend mandates, the Governor has no role in this other than to recommend to the Legislature that it suspend a mandate. If a city elects to implement a suspended mandate, it can assess fees to persons or entities which benefit from the statute.

The statute declares that "No local agency shall be required to implement or give effect to any statute or executive order, or portion thereof, during any fiscal year and for the period immediately following that fiscal year for which the Budget Act had not been enacted for the subsequent fiscal year."

The League has posted a full list of suspended mandates on its Web site.
(http://www.cacities.org/resource_files/27281.suspended_mandates.pdf)

Allan Burdick with Maximus is the director of the California State Association of Counties and League of California Cities' SB 90 Program, and staffs the State Mandates Committee. He is available to answer any questions. Please contact him by e-mail at allanburdick@maximus.com.

Apply Now for League Policy Committee Membership

City officials interested in participating in League policy committees during 2009 should apply immediately. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 31.

There are several ways to join a policy committee:

Division

Elected or appointed officials should contact their division president to express interest in serving on a policy committee. Each division president has two appointments per committee.

Department

City staff should contact their department president to express interest in serving on a policy committee. Each department president has one appointment per committee.

Affiliate

Several statewide associations have been granted affiliate status with the League (CAPIO, CSMFO, etc.). Some members designate one representative to each policy committee; others only designate a representative to committees pertinent to their organization. Certain affiliates (CALBO, CALCOG, CALPELRA, CTA and NORCAL) may designate an ex-officio (non-voting) member to specified League policy committees.

Presidential

Elected officials or city staff who have first contacted their division or department president and determined that their appointments have been filled can contact League President Heather Fargo in writing to request a presidential appointment. The president has 16 appointments per committee. The request letter should include a brief background statement about yourself and should indicate the policy committee on which you wish to serve.

Send presidential request letters to the League, not directly to the president.

Letters should be sent either by U.S. mail, fax or email. Send your request to:

Mayor Heather Fargo, President
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Attention: Linda Hicks
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Sacramento, CA 95814
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Policy Committee Background

There are eight policy committees:

- Administrative Services
- Community Services
- Employee Relations
- Environmental Quality
- Housing, Community and Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Revenue and Taxation
- Transportation, Communication and Public Works

Policy committees meet four times annually. The schedule for 2009 is:

Jan. 21-22: Sacramento

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Community Services
Employee Relations
Housing, Community and Eco. Dev.
Public Safety

Thursday, Jan. 22

Administrative Services
Environmental Quality
Revenue and Taxation
Trans., Comm., & Public Works

April 2-3: Los Angeles

Thursday, April 2

Community Services
Employee Relations
Housing, Community and Eco. Dev.
Public Safety

Friday, April 3

Administrative Services
Environmental Quality
Revenue and Taxation
Trans., Comm., & Public Works

June 25-26: Sacramento

Thursday, June 25

Community Services
Employee Relations
Housing, Community and Eco. Dev.
Public Safety

Friday, June 26

Administrative Services
Environmental Quality
Revenue and Taxation
Trans., Comm., & Public Works

Sept. 16: San Jose

Annual Conference, times TBA

Mayors and Council Members Seeking Session Proposals

The Mayors and Council Members department is currently accepting session proposals for the 2009 Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum. The event is scheduled for May 27-29 in San Diego. The deadline to submit a session is Friday, Nov. 7.

Visit www.cacities.org/events and click on the session proposal link.

Register Today for the 2008 Financial Management Seminar and Mini Expo

Register now for the 2008 Financial Management Seminar and Mini Expo scheduled to be held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim. Topics covered at this meeting will range from how cities are coping with tough economic times to managing retirement and Fair Labor Standards Act issues.

Visit www.cacities.org/events to register online. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Find a Bill, Legislators, Leg Committee, or Ask League Leg Staff

Visit (and bookmark!) the League's [Legislative Resources](http://www.cacities.org/legresources) Web page (www.cacities.org/legresources). You'll find a roster and contact information for the League's legislative staff; the online Bill Search program, background materials on lobbying your legislators, and more.
