



Memorandum

**TO: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
& EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

FROM: Betsy Shotwell

**SUBJECT: REPORT ON KEY LEGISLATIVE
ITEMS**

DATE: 7-23-07

Approved

Date

July 27, 2007

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the staff memorandum and attached 2007 State Legislative Bill Matrix dated July 23, 2007, concerning pending State legislation in the Neighborhood Services City Service Area.

BACKGROUND

Included in the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee workplan for the second half of 2007 is the request for a Legislative Update to be brought forward to the Committee by the City Manager's Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

ANALYSIS

The 2007-2008 State Legislative session convened in Sacramento on January 3, and the deadline for bills to be introduced in the State Legislature was February 23. Proposed legislation included in the attached matrix reflects bills introduced in Sacramento in the Neighborhood Services City Service Area. The next major bill deadline in the Legislature is August 31, which is the last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor. Interim Recess begins on September 15. Bills that do not pass may become a "two-year" bill and can be heard again after the Legislature reconvenes on January 7, 2008. The following bills concern the Neighborhood Services City Service Area with City positions reflected:

AB 57 (Soto) – Highways: Federal Funds: Safe Routes to School.

Authorizes state and local entities to secure and expend federal funds appropriated under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users for programs relating to highway safety improvements that can reduce the number of fatal and serious injury accidents. Requires the Department of Transportation to administer the Safe Routes to School construction program and to distribute any federal funds under the competitive grant process.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Amended: 7/20.

City Position: Support.

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AB 145 (Coto) – San Jose State University and National Hispanic University Collaboration.

Requires the State University Trustees to authorize San Jose State University and the National Hispanic University to enter into a collaboration agreement that would include outreach, transfer, joint classes for credit, and other programs of education, research and public services as the Trustees and the National Hispanic University deem to be in the public interest. The collaboration agreement would include a five-year pilot program to improve participation in higher education.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/31.

Amended: 4/26.

City Position: Support.

AB 468 (Ruskin) – Vehicles: Abatement of Abandoned Vehicles.

Authorizes a county service authority to use registration fees, as well as funds received from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund, for the costs associated with the enforcement of the ordinance adopted by the authority. Prohibits the authority from offsetting other specified costs and from carrying out an abandoned vehicle abatement unless a specified notice is issued and the notice period has expired. Authorizes the authority to carry out such abatement under certain conditions. Requires a specified fiscal report.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Amended: 7/10.

City Position: Support.

AB 1030 (Caballero) – Libraries: Literacy and English Acquisition Services.

Authorizes the Library Literacy and English Acquisition Services Program to be used for services targeted to young adults, 16 years of age and older and who are not enrolled in school, to improve their literacy skills by providing adult basic literacy tutoring and related services. Requires a public library to perform certain functions in implementing this service program. Deletes the requirement that the program have private financial support.

Status: Senate Floor 3rd Reading.

Amended: 7/5.

City Position: Support.

AB 1252 (Caballero) – Housing-Related Parks Program.

Establishes the Housing-Related Parks Program. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to use the \$200 million in funds authorized by Proposition 1C, to provide grants to cities and counties for the creation, development or rehabilitation of community or neighborhood parks that meet certain criteria and issue building permits for housing developments consisting of newly constructed housing units that are affordable to low or very low-income households.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Amended: 7/17.

City Position: Support with Amendments.

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SB 46 (Perata) – Proposition 1C: Regional Planning, Housing and Infill Incentive Account. Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, which authorized the issuance of bonds to finance various existing housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks. Establishes a competitive grant program for infill housing development and infrastructure needs. Requires the Pollution Control Financing Authority to allocate funds to infill projects.

Status: Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

Amended: 7/16.

City Position: Support with Amendments.

OUTREACH

- Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

This document will be posted on the City’s website for the August 9, 2007 Neighborhood Services and Education Committee meeting where Council and the public have the opportunity to comment.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

The City Council will be informed as to the status of these measures as part of the regular Intergovernmental Relations legislative updates.

COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the City’s Legislative Representative in Sacramento and the City Attorney’s Office.

POLICY ALIGNMENT

The measures identified in the attached bill matrix are reviewed based on the City of San Jose’s 2007 Legislative Guidelines and Priorities adopted by the City Council on January 30, 2007 for possible City positions.

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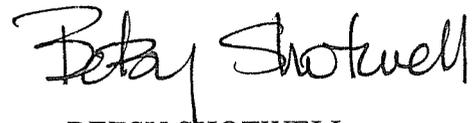
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BUDGET REFERENCE

Not applicable.

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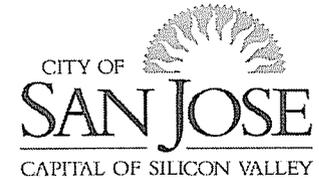
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Attachment: July 23, 2007 State Legislative Bill Matrix re: Neighborhood Services CSA

**Office of Intergovernmental Relations
Sacramento Legislative Office
2007 Legislative Matrix
2007- 2008 (First Year) State Legislative Session
July 23, 2007**



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III. NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

1. Neighborhood Services (Includes parks and recreation, open space, libraries, child care, senior programs, etc.)			
AB 31 (De Leon) Park Development and Community Revitalization.	Changes the name of the Urban Park Act of 2006, to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2007. Provides that a city, district, joint powers authority, or county and specified nonprofit organizations are authorized to apply for local assistance program grants. Replaces the term "heavily urbanized county" with "critically underserved community." Creates the Project Development and Technical Assistance Fund to award project development and technical assistance grants.	Yes	Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations. Last amended 7/3.
AB 57 (Soto) Highways: Federal Funds: Safe Routes to School.	Authorizes state and local entities to secure and expend federal funds appropriated under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users for programs relating to highway safety improvements that can reduce the number of fatal and serious injury accidents. Requires the Department of Transportation to administer the Safe Routes to School construction program and to distribute any federal funds under the competitive grant process.	Yes	Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations. Last amended 7/20. SUPPORT.
AB 145 (Coto) San Jose State and National Hispanic University.	Requires the State University Trustees to authorize San Jose State University and the National Hispanic University to enter into a collaboration agreement that would include outreach, transfer, joint classes for credit, and other programs of education, research and public services as the Trustees and the National Hispanic University deem to be in the public interest. Requires an evaluation of the program and makes an appropriation to carry out these provisions.	Yes	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/31. Last amended 4/26. SUPPORT.
AB 468 (Ruskin) Vehicles: Abatement of Abandoned Vehicles.	Authorizes a county service authority to use registration fees, as well as the moneys received from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund for the costs associated with the enforcement of the ordinance adopted by the authority. Prohibits the authority from offsetting other specified costs and from carrying out an abandoned vehicle abatement unless a specified notice is issued and the notice period has expired. Authorizes the authority to carry out such abatement under certain circumstances.	Yes	Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations. Last amended 7/10. SUPPORT.
AB 1030 (Caballero) Libraries: Literacy and English Acquisition Services.	Authorizes the Library Literacy and English Acquisition Services Program to be used for services targeted to young adults, 16 years of age and over who are not enrolled in school, to improve their literacy skills by providing adult basic literacy tutoring and related services. Requires a public library to perform certain functions in implementing this service program. Deletes a requirement that the program have private financial support.	Yes	Senate Floor 3 rd Reading. Last amended 7/5. SUPPORT.

Bill Number (Author) Subject	Description	Fiscal	Status/ City Position
AB 1252 (Caballero) Housing-Related Parks Program (Prop. 1C).	Establishes the Housing-Related Parks Program. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to use funds from the Housing Urban-Suburban-and-Rural Parks Account to provide grants for the creation, development or rehabilitation of community or neighborhood parks to cities, counties, and cities and counties that meet certain criteria and issue building permits for housing developments consisting of newly constructed units that are affordable to low- or very low-income households.	Yes	Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations. Last amended 7/17. SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS.
AB 1315 (Ruskin) Bond Funds: Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act: Park Projects.	Relates to the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act to provide that in implementing the act, priority shall be given to park projects around transportation hubs and train stations, projects connecting infill development and schools, projects mitigating traffic on school routes, and projects connecting urban areas with open-space parks and trails.	Yes	Referred to Assembly Committees on Water, Parks and Wildlife, and Housing and Community Development. Last amended 4/16.
AB 1318 (Blakeslee) Community-Based Services Network.	Repeals existing law which requires the Department of Aging to, by a specified date, develop a plan to expand its state-funded programs for seniors, subject to redirection of funds.	No	Referred to Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.
AB 1634 (Levine) CA Healthy Pets Act.	Prohibits any person from owning or possessing any cat or dog over the age of six months that has not been spayed or neutered, unless that person possesses an intact permit. Establishes an intact permit fee and requires the revenue from these fees to be used for the administration of the permit program. Provides a civil penalty for violation and requires penalty funds to be used for enforcement and spay, neuter and outreach programs. Authorizes one intact permit to allow for one male and one female to all the dogs to produce a single litter of offspring.	Yes	Referred to Senate Committee on Local Government. Last amended 7/3.
SB 46 (Perata) Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act (Prop. 1C).	Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, which authorizes bonds to finance various existing housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks. Establishes a competitive grant program for infill housing development and infrastructure needs. Requires the Pollution Control Financing Authority to allocate funds to infill projects.	Yes	Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations. Last amended 7/16. SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS.
SB 48 (Alquist) Community Development: Healthy Food Choices.	Requires the Department of Health Services to establish the Healthy Food Retail Innovations Fund to provide residents of underserved communities with retail food markets that would offer high quality fruit, vegetables and other healthy foods and encourage retail innovation. Requires the department to provide grants and loans for land acquisition, business plan development, feasibility studies, refrigeration units, outside technical assistance, and other startup costs.	Yes	Referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations. Last amended 7/12.
SB 156 (Simitian) Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act.	Enacts the Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2008. Authorizes the issuance of \$4 billion in bonds, if approved by voters, for the purpose of financing library construction and renovation pursuant to a program administered by the State Librarian.	Yes	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/31. Last amended 5/24.
SB 207 (Padilla) Parks and Recreation: Outdoor Environmental Education Program.	Establishes the Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Program to permit underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor recreation and educational experiences by awarding grants to education programs that are available to the public and are operated by public entities or nonprofit organizations. Creates the Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Fund. Requires the Environmental Education Interagency Network to serve as an advisor in developing the program components.	Yes	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/31. Last amended 4/10.

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SB 732 (Steinberg) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.	Requires state departments that are to implement the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act to develop and adopt guidelines and regulations. Provides funds for nature education and research facilities and for parks, reports regarding grant recipients, investor-owned utilities, and the funding of integrated regional water management plan projects or programs. Creates the Sustainable Communities Council and Fund.	Yes	Referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations. Last amended 6/28.
SB 757 (Ridley-Thomas) Telecommunications: CA Teleconnect Fund Administrative Committee Fund: Grant Programs.	Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to establish a Community-Based Supplemental Education Demonstration Grant Program and a Telemedicine Demonstration Grant Program for the purpose of providing advanced telecommunications network services to community technology programs, to public libraries that deliver supplemental education services to pupils, and to health care facilities that provide telemedicine services.	Yes	Referred to Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications.
SB 977 (Correa) Infrastructure: Seniors.	Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the preparation of a statewide study to determine the current and future infrastructure needs created by increases in the numbers of elderly persons in the state.	No	Pending referral to committee.