

List of Support Letters

Senate Bill Number or Description	Position	Representative	Date
Fix Our Forests Act (FoFA) - to combat catastrophic wildfires, restore forest ecosystems, and make federal forest management more efficient and responsive	Support	Padilla	6/11/2025
SB 18 - Food Dessert Elimination - would establish the Food Desert Elimination Grant Program under the Department of Food and Agriculture	Support as amended	Rubio	6/10/2025
SB 634 - Local Government: Homelessness - the city recognizes the intent of SB 634 to protect the ability of individuals and organizations to provide support services to people experiencing homelessness without fear of civil or criminal penalties.	Neutral	Perez	6/10/2025
SB 716 - CA Home Internet LifeLine Act of 2025 - advance digital equity by establishing a permanent home internet subsidy for low-income households, building on the state's longstanding commitment to affordable communications access through the Moore Universal LifeLine Services Act.	Support as amended	Durazo	4/29/2025
SB 769 - Golden State Infrastructure Corp Act - would establish the Golden State Infrastructure Corporation within the State Treasurer's Office to finance critical infrastructure projects throughout California	Support as amended	Caballero	4/28/2025
SB 677 - Housing Development: Streamlined Approvals - which proposes significant amendments to SB 9 (Atkins, 2021) and SB 35 (Wiener, 2017). While we share the state's goal of increasing housing supply, SB 677 severely limits local land use authority, undermines Merced's ability to manage responsible development, and jeopardizes the delivery of vital public services	Oppose as amended	Wiener	4/25/2025

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SB 661 - Airports financial assistance - establishes a sustainable, dedicated funding stream for California airports to enhance statewide air connectivity, improve infrastructure, and expand access to reliable air transportation for communities across our state.	Support as amended	Hurtado	4/25/2025
SB 358 - Mitigation Fee Act - mitigating vehicular traffic impacts - proposes to significantly alter the manner in which local agencies may assess traffic impact fees under the Mitigation Fee Act	Oppose	Becker	4/25/2025
SB 315 - Quimby Act -curtail the effectiveness act. Limits the amount of land an agency can require for dedication to no more than 25% of the total acreage of an infill housing development.	Oppose	Grayson	4/25/2025
SB 79- Transit-oriented development - override state certified housing elements and inappropriately transfer land use authority to transit agencies	Oppose	Wiener	4/25/2025
AB 1337 - Information Practices Act of 1977 - would remove the exemption for local agencies in the Information Practices Act and expand the definition of “personal information” in the Act.	Oppose	Ward	6/10/2025
AB 314 - expands eligibility under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program to include projects located near planned high-speed rail stations.	Support	Arambula	4/30/2025
AB 1383 - Public Employees’ Retirement Benefits - would significantly modify retirement benefits and contribution structures for public employees, particularly safety employees	Oppose	McKinnor	4/28/2025
AB 650 - Planning and zoning - housing element - regional housing needs allocation - would allow local governments to begin the housing element update process six months early	Support as amended	Papen	4/25/2025

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AB 306 - Building regulations - state building standards -would significantly restrict the ability of cities and counties to adopt local amendments to residential building standards, including green building codes	Oppose as introduced and amended	Schultz	4/25/2025
AB 253 - California Residential Private Permitting Review Act- would mandate new procedures for building departments and allow applicants for residential building permits to bypass local plan check processes under certain timelines.	Oppose as amended	Ward	4/25/2025
AB 237 Crimes - threats - would strengthen California's penal code to address the growing threat of violent messages made toward public spaces such as schools, workplaces, houses of worship, and other community-serving locations	Support as amended	Patel	4/25/2025
AB 735 and SB 415 - Planning and zoning: logistics use: truck routes - identified as the clean-up legislation for AB 98 (Chapter 931, Statutes of 2024)	Notice of Concerns, seeking amendments	Carrillo (AB 735) & Reyes (SB 415)	4/15/2025
AB 36 - Streamlining Pro-housing Designations - to help small pro-housing local governments with limited resources better qualify for state housing and infrastructure programs	Support	Haney	3/24/2025
Governor's Proposed Funding for CA HSR	Support	Gabriel & Wiener	6/10/2025
Merced College Funding Request for Project FIRE	Support	Padilla	5/19/2025
MCAG Earmark Funding - Hydrogen Fueling Station	Support	Padilla, Schiff, Gray	5/7/2025
Merced County Earmark Funding - Sheriff's Admin Building	Support	Padilla, Schiff, Gray	5/7/2025
UC Merced Safe Streets and Roads for All	Support	Duffy	5/5/2025
NSJV Data Clearing house grant	Support	North Valley THRIVEA Evaluation Committee	4/7/2025
Port of Stockton's RIISE Project	Support	Duffy	4/4/2025
Merced Airport Earmark Funding	Support	Padilla	3/26/2025

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MCAG YARTS - Earmark Funding Request	Support	Padilla, Schiff, Gray	3/24/2025
Preserve & Protect Tax-Exempt Bonds	Support	Schiff	3/17/2025
MID - Merced River Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Proposal	Support	State Water Resources Control Board	2/27/2025
Hawk Regional Training Center - Project FIRE Funding Request	Support	Padilla, Schiff	2/24/2025