

# 10 TIPS

for Cities Lobbying the California Legislature



1. Become engaged in the state level political process by appointing a legislative liaison within your city to track key legislation and work with your regional public affairs manager. You can locate contact information for your regional public affairs manager online at [www.cacities.org/publicaffairs](http://www.cacities.org/publicaffairs).
2. Use the League as a resource. To access League priority bills, legislative contacts and additional information, visit [www.cacities.org/legresources](http://www.cacities.org/legresources). The League's online bill tracking tool can be found at [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch).
3. Sign up to receive the League's newsletter, *CA Cities Advocate*, and stay current on important legislation. Subscribe at [www.cacities.org/cacitiesadvocate](http://www.cacities.org/cacitiesadvocate).
4. Develop relationships with your Senate and Assembly representatives as well as their Capitol and district office staff.
5. Get to know members of your local press and educate them on legislative issues affecting your city.
6. Understand how state decisions impact your city's budget.
7. Build networks and collaborate with other groups in your community on key legislative issues.
8. Organize an internal process within your city for developing and proposing changes to laws that will help your city.
9. Adopt local policies on legislation that enable your city to react quickly to the legislative process and respond to League action alerts.
10. Write letters on legislation featured in *CA Cities Advocate*. Samples can be found at [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch) by searching with the bill number or bill author.

## Useful Legislative Resources

### Local Government

League of California Cities  
[www.cacities.org](http://www.cacities.org)

Local News RoundUp  
[www.cacities.org/LocalNewsRoundUp](http://www.cacities.org/LocalNewsRoundUp)

Western City Magazine  
[www.westerncity.com](http://www.westerncity.com)

California City Finance  
[www.californiacityfinance.com](http://www.californiacityfinance.com)

League Bill Search  
[www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch)

Institute for Local Government  
[www.ca-ilg.org](http://www.ca-ilg.org)

California State Association of Counties  
[www.csac.counties.org](http://www.csac.counties.org)

### State Government

Office of the Governor  
[www.gov.ca.gov](http://www.gov.ca.gov)

Secretary of State  
[www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)

Attorney General  
<http://oag.ca.gov>

California State Senate  
[www.senate.ca.gov](http://www.senate.ca.gov)

California State Assembly  
[www.assembly.ca.gov](http://www.assembly.ca.gov)

California Dept. of Finance  
[www.dof.ca.gov](http://www.dof.ca.gov)

Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
[www.opr.ca.gov](http://www.opr.ca.gov)

Legislative Analyst's Office  
[www.lao.ca.gov](http://www.lao.ca.gov)

### Federal Government

Office of the President  
[www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

U.S. Senate  
[www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

U.S. House of Representatives  
[www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

Library of Congress  
<http://thomas.loc.gov>

National League of Cities  
[www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org)

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The League's 16 Regional Divisions cover every corner of California and serve as the grassroots advocacy core of the League. City officials in each division work closely with the League's Regional Public Affairs Managers to develop regional informational programs and carry out grassroots activities to support specific legislative, regulatory or ballot measure goals. Division members also help raise private funds for CITIPAC, the League's political action committee.





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