

CITY OF CHINO – PRIORITY LEGISLATIVE ITEMS REPORT (Attachment 1)

As of December 17, 2024

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Chino City Council Legislative Committee

The City Council Legislative Committee met on Thursday, November 21. The City's consultants, Jamie Jones of David Turch & Associates and Jason Gonsalves of Joe A. Gonsalves & Son, were in attendance.

1. **Federal and State Representatives** - Deputy City Manager Vivian Castro shared information on the City of Chino's federal and state representatives following the November elections.
 - Federal – First Year of 119th Congress
 - Senator Alex Padilla
 - Senator Adam Schiff
 - Congresswoman Norma Torres (CD 35)
 - State – First Year of 2025-26 Legislative Session
 - Senator Susan Rubio (SD 22)
 - Assembly Member Michelle Rodriguez (AD 53)
 - Assembly Member Phillip Chen (AD 59)

2. **Federal Update** - Jamie Jones provided an update on federal issues:
 - Update on the status of GOP Congressional FY 2025 spending deliberations.
 - Update on the status of House Appropriations earmarks, which include the following funding for the City of Chino:
 - \$1,105,800 (Torres) – Benson Emergency Power Generator Project.
 - \$1,250,000 (Torres) – Chino Valley Entrepreneurship & Innovation Center.
 - Noted that the City received \$400,000 from the Department of Transportation Safe Streets for All Grant.
 - Provided a debrief of Council Member Lucio's September 2024 Washington, D.C. Advocacy Trip.

3. **State Update** - Jason Gonsalves provided an update on several state issues:
 - The new 2025-26 Legislative Session will begin December 2 with the swearing-in of new members.
 - Governor Newsom called a Special Session to Protect California's Values.
 - Major Issues in 2025 are expected to continue to be public safety, housing, and homelessness.

4. **Public Safety** - Chief Kevin Mensen discussed important public safety issues:
 - Bills from the past session:
 - SB 50 – Low-Level Traffic Stops - Aimed to prevent officers from conducting traffic stops for a singular, non-moving vehicle code violation.
 - SB 804 – Community Service Officer (CSO) Testimony - Aimed to allow CSOs to testify to out-of-court statements of declarants offered for the truth of the matter asserted.
 - SB 796 – Criminal Threats at Schools and Places of Worship - Aimed to address criminal threats at schools and places of worship. Removed the requirement for a

specific victim to be identified at these specified places.

- Prop 36 – Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, which the City supported, was passed by voters in the November election.
 - The City will continue to engage in legislative efforts regarding the California Institution for Men (CIM).
5. **Housing and Land Use** – Vivian Castro and Development Services Director Warren Morelion reviewed new housing and land use laws.
- AB 1893 – Housing Accountability Act: disapprovals: required local findings - Cleans up ambiguities in Builder’s Remedy. Density no longer unlimited.
 - AB 2243 – Housing development projects: objective standards: affordability and site criteria. Amends and expands the applicability of ministerial processing for housing projects on commercially zoned property. Modifies criteria about surrounding industrial uses to limit the instances in which a site is precluded from eligibility. Removes local government's ability to impose density limits on converted existing buildings.
 - SB 450 – Housing development: approvals - Makes it easier to split lots and build duplexes in single-family zones
 - SB 1123 – Planning and zoning: ministerial review - Allows small lot subdivisions and small condo buildings on vacant lots in single-family zones
 - SB 1211 – Land use: Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): ministerial approval - Allows more ADUs on multifamily properties

2023-24 Legislative Session – List of new laws in effect January 1, 2025 (Attachment 2). Attachment 2 generally contains a list of City-tracked state bills, but as the 2025-26 session just began, this report provides a list of bills tracked during the second year of the 2023-24 legislative session that were signed into law. Tracked bills for the 2025-26 session will be provided in future reports.

Position Letter(s) - No position letters were submitted during this reporting period.

State Legislative Calendar

- Nov. 30 – Legislature adjourns at midnight.
- Dec. 2 – The 2025-26 Regular Session of the Legislature convenes for an Organizational Session at 12 p.m. and a Special Session.
- Dec. 23 – Jan. 1 – Winter and New Year Holidays.
- Jan. 1, 2025 – Statutes take effect.
- Jan. 6 – Legislature reconvenes
- Jan. 10 – Budget bill must be submitted by Governor
- Jan. 24 – Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel
- Feb. 21 – Last day for bills to be introduced
- Apr. 10 – Spring Recess begins upon adjournment
- Apr. 21 – Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess