

CITY OF CHINO – HIGH-PRIORITY LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

July 2, 2024

PRIORITY LEGISLATION

SB 536 (Rubio) - Surplus state real property: Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility. Support (City of Chino sponsored).

- This City of Chino sponsored bill authorizes the Director of DGS to sell or lease property known as the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility (Stark), located in the City of Chino, to the City at fair market value upon terms and conditions the Director determines are in the best interests of the State.
- The bill passed out of the Assembly Governmental Organization (GO) Committee on consent on July 2, 2024. The bill was referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee with a recommendation from the GO Committee that it be put on the consent calendar. This occurs when a bill has been determined by Legislative Counsel to have a fiscal impact on the State.

AB 3182 (Lackey) – Land Conservation: California Wildlife, Coastal, and Park Land Conservation Act: County of San Bernardino. Support.

- This bill is sponsored by San Bernardino County Supervisor Curt Hagman. AB 3182 (as amended April 24, 2024), amends state law regarding the use of Prop 70 land sale proceeds in San Bernardino County. Passage of AB 3182 will allow San Bernardino County to use these land sale proceeds to preserve the region’s agricultural heritage and to improve parks and recreational facilities in Prado Regional Park and other specified areas.
- The City of Chino is in support of this bill. The bill passed out of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee on June 18 and was referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee, where it is on the Suspense File.

SB 1255 (Durazo): Public Water Systems: Needs Analysis: Water Rate Assistance Program. Oppose unless amended.

- Would create a Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) Program funded with voluntary contributions received based on an “opt-out” approach on all ratepayers.
- The City of Chino and a coalition of water purveyors wrote a letter expressing a position of “Oppose unless amended” as the bill creates administrative and possibly legal (Proposition 218) challenges for retail water suppliers.
- Requested amendments include removing language that requires water suppliers to provide ratepayers the option and method of opting out of providing the “voluntary contribution” and establishing an opt-in program instead; and removing reference to wastewater as not all retail water suppliers provide wastewater services.

Retail Theft and Proposition 47-Related Ballot Items

Package of Retail Theft Bills – AB 1779 (Irwin), AB 1802 (Jones-Sawyer), AB 2943 (Zbur), AB 3209

(Berman), SB 905 (Wahab), SB 1144 (Skinner), SB 1242 (Win), SB 1416 (Newman). *Oppose unless amended as of June 21, 2024.*

On June 21, the City of Chino submitted letters to Senator Rubio and Assembly Member Rodriguez stating the City's position of "Oppose unless amended" on this package of bills. While the content of the bills addresses some problems attributed to Proposition 47, "inoperability clauses" were amended into each bill that would render the bills void should the citizen-led initiative 23-0017A1, entitled the "Homelessness, Drug Addiction & Theft Reduction Act," pass in November.

Many initial supporters of the bill package opposed these amendments. As of July 3, it is expected that the inoperability clauses will be removed from the bills.

SB 1381 (Wahab, Ashby, and Zbur) – Crime.

SB 1381, which was amended on July 1, 2024 with language relating to retail theft penalties that is backed by Governor Newsom and the Democrats, would put an alternative to the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA) supported initiative on the ballot in November. The bill increases penalties for some drug and retail theft crimes but Initiative No. 2023-0017A1 makes more substantial changes to Proposition 47. The Democrats argue their proposal is a less punitive and costly way to address retail theft.

The Sacramento Bee notes, "The bill [SB 1381] sets up a direct competition with the district attorneys' ballot measure. It says a competing measure that conflicts with its provisions would be "null and void" if it gets more votes." The California District Attorneys Association initiative is considered a

A vote on the retail theft bills and SB 1381 is likely on Wednesday, July 3, with passage expected. If SB 1381 is approved, voters will see two competing crime measures on the November ballot, one supported by Governor Newsom and the Democratic Party, and the other, Initiative No. 23-00017A1, which is supported by county district attorneys and anti-crime groups.

OTHER PRIORITY ITEMS

Federal Funding Requests for FY25

House of Representatives

Representative Norma Torres secured \$1,250,000 for the City of Chino for the Chino Valley Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center in the FY25 Transportation Housing Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Act.

The House Appropriations Interior-Environment Subcommittee allocated \$1,105,800 to the City of Chino's Benson Emergency Power Generator Project. Representative Torres requested \$3,414,750 for the project. The House is expected to vote on the Interior-Environment Appropriations bill after its July 4 Holiday break.

Senate

The Senate Appropriations Committee has yet to mark up any of its twelve FY25 spending bills.

Senator Alex Padilla submitted the following Chino project request: \$2,000,000 for the City's Chino Valley Transitional Housing Project in the FY25 THUD bill under the Community

Development Fund/Economic Development Initiative account.

Sen. Laphonza Butler submitted the following Chino project request: \$2,000,000 for the City's Chino Valley Transitional Housing Project in the FY25 THUD bill under the Community Development Fund/Economic Development Initiative account.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Legislative Calendar

- July 3 - Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed.
- Aug. 5 - Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
- Aug. 16 - Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.
- Aug. 19 – 31 - Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees.
- Aug. 23 - Last day to amend bills on the Floor.
- Aug. 31 - Last day for each house to pass bills. Final Recess begins upon adjournment.
- Sept. 30 - Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1.
- Oct. 2 - Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2025.
- Nov. 5 - General Election.