

City of Chino

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE (Attachment 1)

As of December 10, 2025 (December 16, 2025 City Council Agenda)

FEDERAL UPDATE

Federal Budget

Shortly after the publication of the Government Relations Update on November 12, 2025, a compromise continuing resolution (CR) funding the government through January 30, 2026, was signed into law. With the CR expiration and Christmas break looming, ongoing discussions and potential threats of future shutdowns remain due to unresolved FY 2026 appropriations issues.

Leadership continues to work on the remaining nine appropriations measures. House Appropriations Chair Tom Cole (R-OK) and his Senate counterpart, Chairwoman Susan Collins (R-ME), reached consensus on topline numbers for five FY26 bills, excluding the two largest measures, Defense and Labor-HHS-Education. This agreement opens the path for the Senate to prepare these measures for floor consideration.

Congress continues to try to pass the measures it can. There are rumors that whatever cannot be passed by January 30 may be rolled into a minibus or omnibus spending package for the remainder of the year. How congressionally funded projects included in those bills will be impacted is unknown.

Schedule for Congress

The House will be in session until December 17. Members are scheduled to leave D.C. on December 18 and return on January 6, 2026.

Affordable Care Act Expiration

The discussions surrounding the Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies are currently at a standstill, with no clear plan to extend them before they expire on December 31. Democrats propose extending the subsidies for three years, while Republicans propose sending money directly to patients, reducing government involvement, and implementing reforms and cost reductions. Leaders in both chambers continue to work on their preferred partisan health care legislation ahead of floor votes. It appears unlikely that a resolution will be reached by December 31.

Texas Redistricting Case

In a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court ruled Texas's new congressional map will stand for the upcoming midterms. A decision had to be made as Texas's filing deadline was December 8.

STATE UPDATE AND TRACKED STATE LEGISLATION REPORTS

There are no reports this month as the first year of the state legislative session has concluded and the legislature is in recess until January 5, 2026.

POSITION LETTERS & MAJOR ISSUES

No letters on legislation or regulatory issues have been submitted since the October 15, 2025, report on the City Council agenda.

STATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR – Recent and Upcoming Legislative Deadlines

- Jan. 1 - Statutes take effect.
- Jan. 5 - Legislature reconvenes for second year of the 2025-26 Regular Session.
- Jan. 10 - Budget must be submitted by Governor.
- Jan. 16 - Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year.
- Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Jan. 23 - Last day for any committee to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year.
 - Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
- Jan. 31 - Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year.
- Feb. 16 - Presidents' Day.
- Feb. 20 - Last day for bills to be introduced.