

City of Visalia

2022 Legislative & Executive Branch Review 2023 Overview

Representing the City

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- Two Main Areas
 - Legislative Branch
 - Executive Branch/Regulatory
- Political Law Compliance and Reporting

Executive Branch/Regulatory Issues

- COVID-19 – ongoing issues
- Water
 - Sustainable Groundwater Management and related projects
 - Outdoor water conservation
- Recycling
- Homeless shelters/funding
- Industrial Park/Energy Needs
- Solar Energy

2022 Legislative Summary

- 2,421 bills introduced in 2022
- 1,166 bills sent to Governor's desk
 - 48% passage rate
- Total Bills Signed into Law: 997 (85.5%)
- Total Bills Vetoed: 169 (14.5%)
- Visalia
 - 67 Bills Watched
 - 19 bills with positions

Bills with Positions

- AB 1014 (Cannabis) – Oppose - Died on Senate Inactive File
- AB 1740 (Cat Con theft) – Support - Signed by Governor
- AB 1985 (1383 compliance relief) – Support - Signed by Governor
- AB 2011 (Housing) – Oppose - Signed by Governor
- AB 2062 (Law enforcement grants) – Support - Died in Assembly Appropriations
- AB 2097 (Parking requirements) – Oppose -Signed by Governor
- AB 2142 (Water cons rebates) – Support - Signed by Governor
- AB 2237 (Limits on transportation projects) – Oppose -Died in Senate Transportation Committee
- AB 2295 (Housing) - Support if Amended - Signed by Governor
- AB 2407 (Cat con theft) – Support -Died in Assembly Appropriations

Bills with Positions

- AB 2622 (ZEV transit buses tax exemption) – Support - Signed by Governor
- SB 6 (Housing) - Oppose Unless Amended - Signed by Governor
- SB 843 (Renter's tax credit report) – Support - Died on Assembly Floor
- SB 919 (Cat con theft) – Support - Died in Senate Appropriations
- SB 932 (Transportation planning) - Oppose Unless Amended - Signed by Governor
- SB 1042 (Human trafficking) – Support - Died in Senate Public Safety Committee
- SB 1186 (Medical Cannabis) – Oppose - Signed by Governor
- SB 1410 (Grants for transportation planning) – Support - Died in Assembly Appropriations
- SB 1449 (Unincorporated Area Annexation Incentive Program) – Support - Vetoed by Governor

Looking Ahead to 2023

- City of Visalia split across two districts
- Senate
 - SD 12 – Shannon Grove (R)
 - SD 16 – Melissa Hurtado (D)
- Assembly
 - AD 32 – Vince Fong (R)
 - AD 33 – Devin Mathis (R)

Looking Ahead to 2023

- Issues
 - Special Session on Gas Prices
 - Windfall Profits Tax
 - Recurring issues – Housing, Homelessness
 - Focus may shift depending on control of Congress
- Fiscal Picture

Governor's Veto Message

“With our state facing lower-than-expected revenues over the first few months of this fiscal year, it is important to remain disciplined when it comes to spending.

We must prioritize existing obligations and priorities, including education, health care, public safety and safety-net programs. The Legislature sent measures with potential costs of well over \$20 billion in one time spending commitments and more than \$10 billion in ongoing commitments not accounted for in the state budget. Bills with significant fiscal impact, such as this measure, should be considered and accounted for as part of the annual budget process.”

Governor's Budget Proposal

- Unveiled Wednesday Jan 10
- \$297 billion spending plan
 - \$22.5 billion budget gap in 2023/2024

Governor's Economic Outlook

- Dept of Finance
 - California continues to experience growth, although slower than in the past few years.
 - State has recovered all COVID-19 pandemic-induced job losses by October of 2022 and unemployment fell to a record low in September of 2022.
 - Inflation rates have continued to impact economic growth.
 - Nationwide, inflation rates grew to a high of 8.5 percent in March 2022.
 - Federal Reserve raised the target federal funds rate multiple times between March and December of 2022.
 - “As a result of both strong job growth, and high inflation, the Governor’s budget adjusts its economic outlook from the 2022 Budget Act to reflect slower economic and job growth, returning to normalized trends over time.”

How to close the gap?

- Governor
 - Funding Delays—\$7.4 billion
 - Reductions/Pullbacks—\$5.7 billion
 - Fund Shifts—\$4.3 billion
 - Trigger Reductions—\$3.9 billion
 - Limited Revenue Generation and Borrowing—\$1.2 billion
- LAO – Recommend delayed spending, more programmatic reductions
- Assembly – Delayed spending, tap into Rainy Day fund

2023 Legislation Status

- Bill Introduction deadline – Feb 17
- As of Feb 2
 - Assembly bills introduced – 356
 - Senate bills introduced - 273
- Visalia
 - 127 Bills identified for review

Thank you!