

# City of Visalia

## 2021 Legislative & Executive Branch Review 2022 Overview

# Representing the City

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

# 2021 Legislative Summary

- 2,203 bills introduced in 2021
  - 1,527 Assembly Bills
  - 676 Senate Bills
- 836 bills sent to Governor's desk (38%)
- Total Bills Signed into Law: 770 (92%)
- Total Bills Vetoed: 66 (7.9%)

## 2021 Legislative Efforts

- 146 bills tracked for the City of Visalia
- 59 bills watched
  - 25 died in the legislature
- Subject Matter
  - Housing
  - Homelessness
  - Economy
  - COVID-19

## Bills with Positions

- SB 9 (Housing Development) – Oppose unless Amended/Neutral - Signed
- SB 106 (Mental Health Services) – Watch – Held in Legislature
- SB 387 (Pupil Health) – Support – Held in Legislature
- AB 377 (Water Quality) – Oppose – Held in Legislature
- AB 1434 (Indoor water use) – Oppose – Held in Legislature

# Executive Branch/Regulatory Issues

- COVID-19/State Orders
- Water
  - Sustainable Groundwater Management
  - Outdoor water use
- Recycling
- Homeless shelters/funding
- Industrial Park/Energy Needs

## 2022 Process

- Capitol and Legislative Offices Open – Kind of
- Calls/Video meetings
- Remote Hearings

# Redistricting

- City of Visalia split across two districts
- Senate
  - SD 12 – Shannon Grove
  - SD 16 – Open – (Hurtado, Parra)
- Assembly
  - AD 32 – Vince Fong
  - AD 33 – Devon Mathis



# State Budget

- \$286 billion spending plan
  - \$45.7 billion surplus (likely more)
- Visalia Budget Requests
  - Eastside Regional Park Groundwater Recharge Basin F Construction - \$6.5 million
  - Central Visalia Traffic Safety Action Plan Implementation Funding for Sidewalk and Bikeway Improvements – \$3 million
  - Aerial Fire Truck: \$1.6 million
  - National Fitness Campaign Outdoor Fitness Court: \$250,000

# Gas Tax Debate

- Part 1 - January Budget Proposal
  - Newsom proposes freezing gas tax increase (\$0.511 increase per gallon)
  - Legislators and other groups push back
- Part 2 - State of the State
  - Pivot from tax freeze to rebate
  - Republican proposals to freeze and backfill defeated
- Party 3 – Moderate Dems
  - Propose \$400 rebate for every California taxpayer (even if don't own or drive a car)
  - Estimated at \$9 billion
- Part 4 – Dem Leadership
  - \$200 payments to taxpayers and dependents in households earning less than \$250,000
- Part 5 - Governor's Newest Proposal
  - \$400 rebate per car (limit two per person, paid via debit card)
  - \$750 million in grants to encourage public transit agencies to offer Californians three months of free rides.
  - \$600 million to pause part of the diesel sales tax for one year.
  - \$523 million to suspend July's scheduled increase to California's gas and diesel excise tax
  - Estimated at \$11 billion

# 2022 Introduced Legislation

- 2,020 bills introduced for this 2022 Session
  - 1,461 bills introduced during the last week alone.
  - 1,361 Assembly Bills
  - 659 Senate Bills
- Visalia tracking
  - 284 bills total
  - 48 carryover bills (from 2021)
  - 236 new bills

# Legislative Review Process

- 284 bills separated by subject matter
  - Community Development
  - Economic Development
  - Environmental Quality
  - Finance
  - Homelessness
  - Housing
  - Local Control
  - Public Safety
  - Public Works/Transportation
  - Quality of Life
- Review by City Department Heads
- Positions based on Dept Head review and consistent with approved City Platform

# 2022 Legislative Platform

- Purpose is to provide guidance to city staff and NM to allow more nimble response as bills move through the legislative process.
- Minor updates to previously approved platform

Thank you!