



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT



DEPARTMENT: Administration

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2009

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-8

TITLE: Legislative Bulletin.

OBJECTIVE: This report will provide the Council with information on proposed legislation, and request authorization to contact Monrovia's elected representatives in Washington, DC for their support. These bills are reviewed from the framework of how they may impact Monrovia.

ANALYSIS: The Legislative Bulletin highlights and summarizes pending legislation. This matrix is intended to provide the Council with information on proposed legislation that may be important to Monrovia and provides a brief analysis of the potential impacts to the City. The recommendations made by staff reflect the City's priorities and programs, as well as the direction taken by the league of California Cities.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Should the Council concur with staff's recommendations, the appropriate action would be:

"Approve the Legislative Bulletin and direct staff to contact Monrovia's elected representatives for their support."

Respectfully,

Dan Bell
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2008 - 2009 Legislative Bill Report

BILLS SUPPORTED	
BILL	DESCRIPTION
SB 696	<p>Author: Wright Title: Air quality: CEQA exemptions: emission reduction credits Position: <i>SUPPORT</i> Location: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee</p> <p>Summary: Recently, the AQMD was sued by a group of environmental organizations which oppose to the construction of Vernon power plant. As a result, a permit moratorium was implemented, and the AQMD was forced to stop issuing any permits relying on the AQMD's internal offsets accounts. Over a thousand permit applications have been suspended since the court ruling. SB 696 would provide a limited CEQA exemption for implementation of specific SCAQMD rules creating or providing offsets from the SCAQMD's internal bank. Individual permits would not be exempted from CEQA. The bill would require SCAQMD rules to apply stringent best available control technology, air quality impact modeling, and air toxics limits. According to the AQMD'S latest calculations Monrovia currently has 5 permits on hold.</p> <p>Passed Senate Rules Committee – 04/13/09</p>
SB 652	<p>Author: Huff Title: Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority Position: <i>SUPPORT</i> Location: Senate Rules Committee</p> <p>Summary: This bill would provide that the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, a joint powers agency created pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, of which the authority is a part, shall be considered political subdivisions of the state, and that these entities may be applicants for state or federal funds for projects within their jurisdiction.</p> <p>Passed Senate Local Government Committee- 05/06/09</p>

BILLS OPPOSED

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SB 355	<p>Author: Romero Title: Economy hotels: police calls Position: <i>OPPOSE</i> Location: Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee</p> <p>Summary: Existing law provides for special business regulations for certain businesses. This bill would make legislative findings regarding the rate of crime at economy hotels. The bill would require any person operating one or more economy hotels in California to post, on the Internet Web site operated by that person for the purpose of taking reservations for the hotel, the total number of calls for police service and the ratio of calls for police service per guest room during the most recent calendar year. The bill would require that the information be posted at the front desk of each economy hotel in a conspicuous location for public inspection. The bill would also require an online travel company, as defined, doing business in California to obtain that information from an economy hotel in California and to post the information on its Internet Web site listing for the economy hotel. While we are concerned about the safety of those visiting Monrovia, this bill could potentially have a negative effect on the local hoteliers. During this current economic crisis, legislators should be encouraging business opportunities not developing barriers for businesses that are already struggling.</p> <p>Passed Senate Rules Committee on- 03/09/09 Introduced to Senate Rules Committee on 02/25/09</p>
AB1004	<p>Author: Portantino Title: Local Government: Emergency Response Position: <i>OPPOSE</i> Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee</p> <p>Summary: Prohibits public agencies from taking into account a person's residency when determining liability for the purpose of imposing a fee or seeking reimbursement for any expense of an emergency response. AB 1004 would require the residents of Monrovia to subsidize the actions of non-residents for emergency response expenses unless fault falls squarely on that non-resident.</p> <p>Passed Assembly Local Government Committee- 04/30/09 Assembly Local Government Committee- 03/26/09</p>