



# June 2025 Advocacy Update

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## SCAG Support Letter Update

- SCAG has provided over 80 grant application support letters in 2025.
- Most letters requested for:
  - Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning (CSTP)
  - Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC)
  - Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)
  - Safe Streets for All (SS4A)
- \$8M secured from CSTP
- \$24M from BUILD/RAISE

### CSTP Recipients



### BUILD Recipients



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## HHAP Budget Advocacy Letter

- The Big City Mayors sent a budget request to Legislative Leadership requesting \$1 billion for HHAP.
- We have attached templates for SCAG jurisdictions to use in advocating for the \$1 billion request at the Chair's request.

June 2, 2025

The Honorable Speaker Robert Rivas  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol, P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 95834-0029

### RE: Urgent Support for Continued HHAP Funding

Dear Speaker Robert Rivas,

On behalf of [Organization Name], we strongly urge you to include \$1 billion in direct HHAP funding in the 2025-26 State Budget. Without continued investment for Rounds 6 and 7, cities and counties across California will be forced to scale back or even halt critical programs that prevent and reduce homelessness.

The progress made through HHAP is real — lives have been saved, encampments reduced, and thousands connected to housing and services. Importantly, this funding has also been directed to support the state's housing goals, helping increase housing availability and affordability as a key strategy to end homelessness. Pulling back now would reverse these gains and deepen the crisis on our streets.

We urge you to fully fund HHAP and support our cities and counties in addressing California's homelessness crisis.

Sincerely,  
[Name]  
[Title]  
[Organization Name]  
[Contact Information]

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## SCAG Bill Position Update

- SCAG has adopted positions on 22 bills this year, including:
  - 18 Support
  - 2 Oppose
  - 2 Watch
- 15 of 18 SCAG-supported bills met the house of origin deadline.
- All four SCAG-opposed and watched bills also met that deadline.

Support		
Bill Number	Topic	Status
SB 71 (Wiener)	CEQA Exemptions for Environmental Leadership Transit Projects	Passed Senate Floor 36-0.
SB 233 (Seyarto)	RHNA Determination Consultation	Passed Senate Floor 35-0.
SB 239 (Arrequin)	Brown Act Modernization	Two-year bill.
SB 360 (Rubio, S.)	Land Conservation: San Bernardino County	Passed Senate Floor 37-0.
SB 607 (Weiner)	CEQA Exemptions for Infill Projects	Two-year bill.
SB 752 (Richardson)	Tax Exemptions for ZEBs	Two-year bill.
AB 226 (Calderon & Alvarez)	FAIR Plan	Passed Assembly Floor 77-0.
AB 239 (Harabedian)	LA County Disaster Housing Task Force	Passed Assembly Floor 79-0.
AB 259 (Rubio, B.)	Brown Act Modernization	Passed Assembly Floor 73-0.
AB 334 (Petrie-Norris)	National Interoperability of Toll Facilities	Passed Assembly Floor 74-0.
AB 609 (Wicks)	CEQA Exemptions: Housing Development	Passed Assembly Floor 67-0.
AB 650 (Papan)	RHNA Reform	Passed Assembly Floor 79-0.
AB 736 (Wicks)	Affordable Housing Bond Act	Passed Assembly Floor 65-11.
SB 417 (Cabaldon)		
AB 888 (Calderon)	California Safe Homes Grant Program	Passed Assembly Floor 79-0.
AB 891 (Zbur)	Quick-Build Project Pilot Program	Passed Assembly Floor 61-17.
AB 1007 (Rubio)	Permit Streamlining Act Reform	Passed Assembly Floor 71-0.
AB 1131 (Ta)	Congregate Care Housing Units for RHNA	Passed Assembly Floor 77-0.
AB 1276 (Carillo)	Housing Developments: Ordinances, Policies, and Standards	Passed Assembly Floor 71-0.
Oppose		
Bill Number	Topic	Status
SB 681 (Wahab)	Housing and COG revisions to RHNA	Passed Senate Floor 28-10.
AB 735 (Carillo) & AB 98 reform		AB 735: Passed Assembly Floor 61-4.
SB 415 (Gomez Reyes)		SB 415: Passed Senate Floor 38-0.
Watch		
Bill Number	Topic	Status
AB 1244 (Wicks)	VMF Mitigation Fund for Transit-Oriented Development	Passed Asm. Floor 76-0.
AB 1275 (Elhawary)	Regional Housing Planning and RTP/SCS	Passed Asm. Floor 71-0.

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## 2025 DC Trip – Delegation Photo!

- SCAG Delegation representing the agency in DC!



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## 2025 SCAG DC Advocacy Trip

- Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Corona)
- Rep. Robert Garcia (D-Long Beach)
- Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-Big Bear Lake)
- Rep. Laura Friedman (D-Burbank)



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## 2025 SCAG DC Advocacy Trip

- Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-Los Angeles)
- Rep. Julia Brownley (D-Thousand Oaks)
- Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-San Bernardino)
- Rep. Judy Chu (D-Pasadena)
- Rep. Dave Min (D-Irvine)



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## 2025 Congressional Transportation Reception

- SCAG Co-hosted annual Transportation Reception with MTC.
- Special Guests:
  - House T&I Ranking Member Rick Larsen (D-WA-2)
  - Rep. Judy Chu (D-Pasadena)
  - Rep. Dave Min (D-Irvine)
  - Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Antioch)



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Thank you

Questions?