

SBCEH Advocacy Committee Report

September 22, 2021

National

Main issue is the infrastructure legislation for the social issues and soft infrastructure. The National Low Income Housing Coalition reported that House and Senate leaders are negotiating with moderate Democrats over the size of the “Build Back Better Act,” a \$3.5 trillion comprehensive infrastructure and economic recovery package. You may want to consider joining the NLIHC and other advocates on **September 22 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm ET** for a **#HoUSingIsInfrastructure tweetstorm**. Tell Congress that any cuts to the Build Back Better Act must not come at the expense of proven housing solutions for those with the greatest needs. Congress must provide at least \$90 billion for rental assistance, \$80 billion for public housing, and \$37 billion for the national Housing Trust Fund in the legislation. The impact of evictions and the need for relief and moratoriums is also a critical issue for the NLIHC and you can get more information at www.nlihc.org.

State

The Governor had over 800 bills submitted by the legislature for approval. He has until October 10 to approve or veto. The Governor has already signed SB 8, 9 and 10 addressing issues on housing density. These bills would get rid of most single family zoning and make it easier to build housing which many believe is critical to solving the homeless crisis in California. SB 9 would allow up to four units of housing on a single family lot. SB 10 creates a voluntary program that makes it easier for cities to upzone any urban or transit adjacent parcels of land to allow building 10 units or fewer. He also signed SB 8 which allows extending a law to speed housing development. This legislation was very controversial with many local cities opposed as it removes local decision making on housing and the traditional single family residential unit.

Other legislation such as AB 816 is still on the Governor’s desk awaiting a decision. According to Assemblyman Chiu AB816 would ensure ongoing funding to address the needs of chronically homeless Californians with medical conditions. The Corporation for Supportive Housing, Housing California, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, and the Steinberg Institute cosponsored AB 816.

The SBCEH September 22 Announcements included information on the California Homelessness Council Meeting on the afternoon of September 22.

Policy

Cal AIM multiyear initiative to improve the quality of life and health outcomes by implementing broad delivery system, program and payment reform across Medi-Cal program Medicaid 1115 waiver expires can be extended for five years

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/CalAIM.aspx>

County

Measure J was declared as unconstitutional by a judge as it restricted the Board of Supervisors. However, the Board of Supervisors have been able to consider the recommendations in their decisions making and have included some of them in their plans. To view recommendations, go to <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ati/>. The recommendations included the work of the five advisory committees and Los Angeles County Departments. They included more funding for community based organizations, reduction in barriers to small CBOs contracting with the county, Men's Central Jail, more housing with services, diversion programs and many more. Los Angeles County has released a request for proposals for an agency to coordinate and assist community based organizations to provide services in keeping with Measure J recommendations.

At the meeting today for Service Area 8 and at meetings at all the service areas homeless initiative strategies are being reviewed and community input solicited. The South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness Announcements of September 22 had information on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness Meeting on September 22 and Tenant Protections. Meeting on September 23.