

Legislative Presentation

City Manager's Office

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TOPICS

OVERVIEW OF
THE LEGISLATIVE
PROCESS

LEGISLATIVE
PLATFORM

BILLS FOR CITY
COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION



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California Legislative Process



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THE BASICS

80 Assembly Members, 40 Senators and a lot of staff

Term limits – 12 years total

Governor & Constitutional Officers – Two 4-year terms

Numerous state regulatory agencies responsible for rule making, regulatory changes, and implementation oversight.

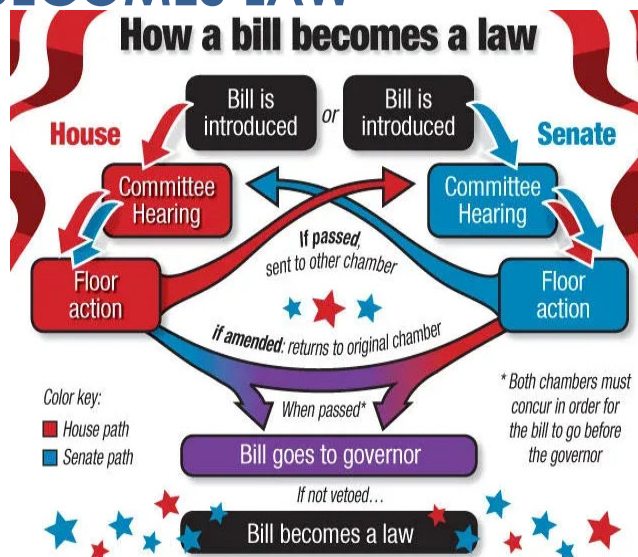


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HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW

- ❖ Bill is Introduced
- ❖ Bills are assigned to a policy committee & a hearing is set by the Committee Chair
- ❖ If a bill passes out of committee it is sent to the Appropriations Committee or Floor for vote
- ❖ The same process occurs in the other house
- ❖ This year, bills must pass by Aug. 31st
- ❖ Governor has 30 days to sign/veto bills (Sept. 30th)



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TYPES OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Changes in statutes

- ❖ Assembly Bills (AB) or Senate Bills (SB)
- ❖ Generally require a majority vote (exceptions include tax increases, bonds, urgency bills)

Constitutional amendments

- ❖ Require 2/3 majority vote of each house for passage
- ❖ Placed on the statewide ballot for a vote of the people

Resolutions – 3 types

- ❖ Assembly or Senate resolutions - only pass a single house to take effect
- ❖ Joint resolutions - used for matters related to the federal government
- ❖ Concurrent resolutions - used for matters to be handled by both houses of the Legislature



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LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE

- ❖ **January 1** – statutes from the previous year take effect
- ❖ **January 10** – Governor releases proposed budget
- ❖ Mid February – Last day to introduce new bills
- ❖ Mid March – Last day to amend spot bills and add substantive language
- ❖ February through Early May – Policy and Budget Committee hearings
- ❖ **May 15** – Governor's May Revision to the proposed budget
- ❖ May through July – More Policy and Budget Committee hearings
- ❖ **June 27** – Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 5 election ballot
- ❖ July – Last days for policy committees to meet and report bills
- ❖ **August 31** – Last day for each house to pass bills onto the Governor
- ❖ **September 30** – Last day for Governor to sign/veto bills

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BUDGET PROCESS

- ❖ January 10 – constitutional deadline for the Governor to unveil the proposed spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year
- ❖ Feb through early May - Legislative subcommittees meet
 - ❖ subject matters – education, natural resources, health, transportation and more
- ❖ Leaders meet with the Governor & Dept. of Finance
- ❖ May 15 - May revise is issued
- ❖ More budget committees & subcommittees hearings
- ❖ Conference Committee
- ❖ June 15th – constitutional deadline to adopt the budget, trailer bills can be adopted later
- ❖ Governor has until June 30th to sign (or blue pencil or veto) the budget.



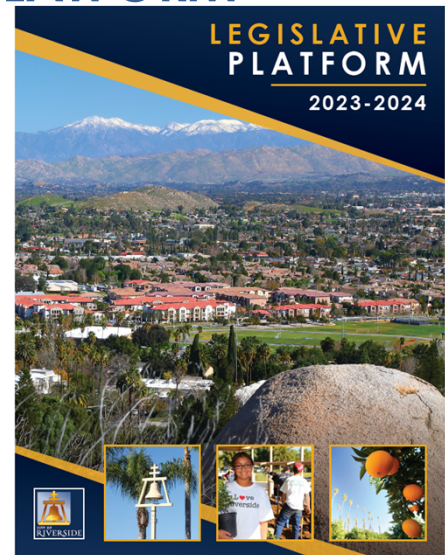
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LEGISLATIVE POLICY PLATFORM

- ❖ The City Council provides overall policy guidance by adopting a legislative platform every two years to coincide with a new legislative session.
- ❖ The Legislative Platform is developed in consultation with the City Council, Mayor, and City departments, to highlight Riverside's legislative priorities and to codify the City's positions on legislation, regulatory proposals, and funding opportunities.
- ❖ The Platform intends to supplement the Citywide Strategic Plan while building an efficient and flexible legislative advocacy strategy.



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LEGISLATIVE POLICY PLATFORM CONT'D

The Legislative Platform is the guiding document that provides strategic direction to City officials, staff and the City's legislative advocates, allowing the City to take legislative action effectively and efficiently on policy issues that affect City operations.

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BILLS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- ❖ On 2/27/24, during the City Council meeting, Councilmember Perry made a request for staff to bring legislative bills before the full City Council to discuss and a decision to be made on whether and which position to take on the bills.
- ❖ On 3/8/24, an email was sent to the full City Council soliciting bills of interest that they would like presented with a deadline to respond by 3/22/24.
- ❖ As a result, the following four bills were received to be brought before the full City Council for discussion.



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BILLS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION CONT'D

AB 1772 (Ramos): Theft

- ❖ This bill would require the Department of Justice to determine the number of misdemeanor convictions for a crime of theft for which the property was taken from a retail establishment during the Governor's declared state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to report that information to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2026.
- ❖ Bill History
 - ❖ Introduced 1/3/24;
 - ❖ Referred to Public Safety Committee 1/16/24;
 - ❖ Amended 2/1/24 and 4/3/24.
- ❖ Current Status & Committee Assignment
 - ❖ Amended 4/3/24 and re-refer to Committee on Public Safety.
- ❖ Hearing set 4/9/24.



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BILLS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION CONT'D

AB 2042 (Jackson) Police canines: standards and training

- ❖ This bill would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), on or before January 1, 2026, to develop standards and training guidelines for the use of canines by law enforcement.
- ❖ The bill would also require each law enforcement agency in California, on or before January 1, 2027, to adopt a policy for the use of canines and requires regular and periodic training for all canines and canine handlers that covers.
- ❖ Bill History
 - ❖ Introduced 2/1/24;
 - ❖ Referred to Public Safety Committee 3/21/24;
 - ❖ Amended 3/21/24.
- ❖ Current Status & Committee Assignment
 - ❖ 4/1/24 re-refer to Committee on Public Safety.
- ❖ Hearing set 4/9/24



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BILLS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION CONT'D

AB 3037: (Essayli) Sentencing: dismissal of enhancements

- ❖ This bill would make the provision relating to the dismissal of enhancements inapplicable to firearms-related enhancements but would allow the court to dismiss these firearm-related enhancements pursuant to the court's general authority to dismiss an action.
- ❖ Bill History
 - ❖ Introduced 2/16/24;
 - ❖ Referred to Public Safety Committee 3/11/24;
- ❖ Current Status & Committee Assignment
 - ❖ 4/2/24 In committee: set, first hearing. Failed passage.
 - ❖ Reconsideration refused.
- ❖ This bill failed to pass out of committee.



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BILLS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION CONT'D

AB 3038 (Essayli) School safety: armed school resource officers

- ❖ This bill would require a school district or charter school to hire or contract with at least one armed school resource officer, authorized to carry a loaded firearm, to be present at each school of the school district or charter school during regular school hours and any other time when pupils are present on campus, phased in by certain grade spans.
- ❖ Bill History
 - ❖ Introduced 2/16/24;
 - ❖ Referred to Public Safety Committee and Education Committee on 3/11/24;
 - ❖ Amended 4/1/24
- ❖ Current Status & Committee Assignment
 - ❖ 4/2/2024 Re-referred to Education Committee.
 - ❖ 4/4/24 In committee: set, first hearing. Failed passage.
- ❖ This bill failed to pass out of committee.



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority 5 – High Performing Government



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Receive an update on the legislative process.
2. Reaffirm the 2023-2024 Legislative Platform.
3. Provide staff direction on a position of watch, support or oppose for bill numbers AB 1772, AB 2042, AB 3037 and AB 3038.



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