

LCCLC NEWS AND UPDATES

Congratulations Ray Marquez!

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Chino Hills Vice Mayor Ray Marquez to the League of California Cities Board of Directors.

Ray Marquez is currently a Latino Caucus Board Member and has served the city of Chino Hills since 2013. Thank you for your service and we



look forward to leadership within the League of California Cities.

About the League of California Cities Board of Directors

Serving on the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) Board of Directors is an opportunity for you to be a statewide leader shaping state policy and the actions of the organization. For more information on the League of California Cities Board of Directors click here.

The Latino Caucus encourages all Caucus members to apply for open positions within the League in order to bring about the diversity of leadership and experiences to the organization.

LCCLC 2021 WEBINARS AND EDUCATION

Missed a webinar?

If you missed our events please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to view the recordings. Thank you to our many contributors,



speakers, moderators, staff members and event sponsors who made these events possible.

April- California Redistricting

April- Covid-19 Legislative Update

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS: Check out the helpful information and programing on the League's <u>Guide to Local Recovery</u> page. Register now for the next Guide to Local Recovery webinar on June 9 from 9:30-10:30 a.m., where experts from DOF will provide information about how cities can navigate the state's submission portal, when cities can expect funding, as well as answer any general American Rescue Plan questions.

 June 9, 9:30-10:30 a.m.: American Rescue Plan Funding for Non-Entitlement Cities: What You Need to Know - League of California Cities Register now!

LCCLC ADVOCACY

Legislation and Policy: The Latino Caucus have been active in the 2021 legislative process, feverishly reviewing legislative and budget policies to address the needs of California's Latino communities most effected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Though the Caucus is monitoring several measures we would like to bring your attention to the following- **Action: SUPPORT**:

AB 14 (Aguiar-Curry) Communications. California Advanced Services Fund. Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program. Surcharges.

SB 4 (Gonzalez) Communications. Wireless Telecommunications and Broadband Facilities.

These measures would reform the existing California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) surcharge, retooling it to play a much larger role in closing the digital divide. Specifically, these measures would continue to fund the CASF beyond its original 2022 sunset date, make it easier for local governments to apply for these grants, expand the definition of "unserved" so more communities are eligible for funding, and raise speed requirements for new networks. AB 14 and SB 4 would also create more opportunities for local governments to apply, by making it more difficult for existing internet providers to block or delay grants.

Call to Action: In addition to the aforementioned measures we would ask that members reach out to their <u>legislators</u> regarding the diluted broadband plan in the Legislature's joint budget plan. The \$7 billion plan compromises the Governor's May Revision plan in the following ways:

- Spreads funding out for seven years, when major investments are needed now:
- Gives no details about where money will be allocated to (e.g. infrastructure vs.

- subsidies);
- Uses fewer federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars and more state General Fund:
- Doesn't indicate whether reforms would put local governments, other public agencies, and nonprofits on a level playing field with incumbent providers; and
- Fails to indicate whether the plan would expand the telephone Lifeline program to broadband service.

LCCLC 2021 Priorities: The Latino Caucus reconfirmed their commitment to achieving a California which provides Latinos equal rights, access, opportunities, and outcomes. We stand ready to work collaboratively with the state and federal governments and other stakeholders to seek long-term solutions to systemic inequities. The Latino Caucus is committed to be an ally and will stand in solidarity with those whose aim is to advance justice, dignity, and equality for all Californians. The following priorities have been adopted for 2021:

COVID-19 Protections and Recovery

- Medical- Ensure the implementation of an equity-centered approach for Covid-19 testing and vaccines which reduces participation barriers for Latinos; language barriers, hours of operation barriers, cost/insurance barriers, and barriers created by misinformation about the safety of the vaccine.
- Housing- Extend, improve, and enforce the eviction moratorium on foreclosures and evictions to help struggling renters and homeowners stay in their homes.
- Housing- Provide additional funds in emergency rent and utility assistance to lowincome renters.
- Education- Advocate for Latino students/families struggling with student learning loss, access to technology (computer and wi-fi access), digital literacy, and access to the multilingual resources necessary for successful distance learning.
- Education- Advocate for Latino college students, including DACA students, struggling with access to technology, food insecurity, housing loss, job loss, physical and mental health issues exacerbated by the pandemic.
- Education- Advocate for solutions, resources, and the outreach necessary for Latino college student retention.
- Economy/Jobs- Provide supports for all unemployed workers and their families, regardless of immigration status, and equitable access to aid for Latino small business owners and community-based nonprofits for the duration of the pandemic related economic downturn.
- Essential Workers- Advocate for adequate safety and enforcement protections, compensation, and worker supports, including access to healthcare, childcare, protections from deportation and paid family leave so sick workers can afford to stay home, take care of their families, and minimize the long-term economic effects of the pandemic.
- Essential Workers- Advocate for the right of naturalization, including retroactively, to all farmworkers and other essential workers working in the United States during the COVID-19 crisis and provide employers immunity from adverse action for employing those essential workers, if they were undocumented.

Immigration

- Promote immigration reform legislation that includes: an earned path to citizenship, family reunification, the Dream Act, a path to Lawful Permanent Resident status for long-time recipients of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and similar programs, greater discretion to immigration authorities to prevent deportation in certain types of cases, and stronger protections against exploitation for immigrant workers, including undocumented farmworkers.
- Advocate for sweeping reforms related to detention facilities, including the
 prevention of detainee abuse, greater access to counsel, ending the mandated bed
 quota and contracts with for-profit detention service providers, and replacing
 detention facilities for women, children, and other vulnerable populations with
 alternatives to detention.

Housing Affordability and Homelessness

Advocate for the equitable distribution of state and federal financial support, the

- reduction of regulatory barriers, and support additional incentives and local financial tools to address housing affordability.
- Promote efforts to increase the availability of affordable housing (including housing for farm workers) throughout California.
- Advocate for increased funding and resources to prevent homelessness and assist individuals experiencing homelessness.

Latina Economic Security and Empowerment

 Advocate to close the Latina gender pay gap and increase Latina economic security by promoting equal pay, increases the minimum wage, prohibit sexbased discrimination, and guarantees paid sick and family leave.

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