



Legislative Platform

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) represents 80 cities throughout California. For more than 65 years, CCCA's mission has been to advance the benefits of Lakewood Plan's contracting model and strengthen *local control*.

What is local control? A governance system in which local governments manage their affairs without excessive interference from higher levels of government, allowing them to develop and implement policies specific to the needs of their communities.

With collaborative governance as a focal point, CCCA has advanced its mission through education, advocacy, networking, and legislative access to protect and enhance the quality of life for more than 7.5 million residents.

Advocacy in support of local control is more critical than ever in California. CCCA reaches out to all cities that contract for some or all legally permitted municipal services to join us. CCCA will work tirelessly to preserve local control to serve our communities.

2025 CCCA Legislative Platform

Local Control

- Cities have the ability and authority to fashion policies that best fit the needs of their communities.
- Cities are accountable to their communities, with local representatives acting as direct conduits for addressing constituents' needs and interests. As a matter of policy, CCCA supports and defends the rights of cities to protect their ability to contract for critical services.
- CCCA advocates on policy issues pertinent to cities, including issues related to housing/land use development, homelessness, economic development, public safety, mental health/addiction, energy/utility, and the environment.
- CCCA opposes unfunded state mandates and by-right legislation that limits cities' discretionary review processes for local development projects.

Public Safety

- CCCA supports practical measures to address public safety concerns related to criminal offenses of retail, catalytic converter, copper wire or petty theft, illegal fireworks, gang violence, human trafficking, and street racing.
- CCCA opposes efforts to reprioritize public safety funding and programs without proper procedural or stakeholder engagement.



- CCCA encourages policies that create incentives for recruitment and retention of peace officers in local law enforcement agencies while also strengthening community relations.
- CCCA supports measures providing funding for emergency communications systems and to mitigate identity theft, cybersecurity, and AI threats in local jurisdictions.
- CCCA calls for increased oversight and regulation of e-bike and e-scooter activities in local jurisdictions.
- CCCA supports state policy solutions that advance traffic safety using camera technology.

Economic Development

- CCCA supports action that aims to increase workforce development and supports new opportunities in budding industries in an effort to eradicate poverty.
- CCCA calls for assistance from the State to standardize sales tax collection requirements for cash-based businesses.
- CCCA encourages the State to address and mitigate rising insurance costs for California residents.

Housing/Land Use Development

- CCCA supports the restoration of redevelopment and CEQA reform as ways to revitalize existing community infrastructure and fasttrack housing development.
- CCCA supports legislation that allows cities to exercise local control to best address the needs of their communities while expanding opportunities to build affordable housing and transit-oriented development.
- CCCA supports legislation and other innovative, collaborative solutions that reduce costs and spur development in affordable and workforce housing.
- CCCA encourages action that provides relief, funding, and assistance to local governments navigating new state-mandated requirements for housing.

Homelessness

- CCCA supports legislation that creates streamlined protocols, transparency and accountability measures, and metrics to be used by homeless service providers and local agencies.
- CCCA supports regional and city-driven solutions to address homelessness through crisis response, mental health evaluation and treatment, housing, homeless outreach teams, and state and regional funding for mental health crisis units.
- CCCA calls for direct, ongoing funding and resources to cities to support local homelessness services and the implementation of CARE Courts.



- CCCA seeks more accurate statistics of individuals experiencing homelessness, including in-flow and out-flow information, cost-reporting of services rendered, mental and health condition, individuals successfully housed, and follow-up data that measures the effectiveness of homeless services rendered.

Mental Health & Addiction

- CCCA calls for the enhancement of mental health services and addiction treatments as wrap-around care essential to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable communities.
- CCCA supports measures that aim to improve training and recruitment of mental health specialists that can provide prevention, early intervention, and educational services to those in need.
- CCCA supports the expansion and safeguarding of conservatorship laws allowing for increased guardianship control and health supervision of those with mental illness and recognizes mental illness and addiction as a contributor to chronic homelessness.
- CCCA opposes legislation that limits local government's ability to restrict or regulate the sale, manufacture, use and distribution of alcohol and cannabis.
- CCCA supports reasonable preventive and punitive measures to combat the fentanyl crisis.

Energy/Utility

- CCCA supports Community Choice Aggregation efforts to purchase renewable energy at competitive rates and create benefits and savings for cities, small businesses, and residents. CCCA also supports equal treatment of bundled and unbundled utility customers.
- CCCA supports ongoing efforts to mitigate wildfire disasters by increasing multi-year funding and managing responsible brush and forestry management in coordination with local and state governments, fire departments, and utility providers.
- CCCA supports efforts to expand consumer access to reliable renewable energy, such as incentives and grants for solar and storage, particularly for low-income and environmentally burdened communities, reducing reliance on non-renewable sources and improving public health.
- CCCA supports federal, state and regional efforts to restructure the EV tax program and expand EV infrastructure.
- CCCA supports policy that improves utility infrastructure by investing in regular upgrades to utility systems statewide.

Environment



- CCCA supports practical and affordable solutions to meet mandatory compliance of water quality and treatment standards, notwithstanding prior agreements that otherwise limit city's ability to undertake such activities.
- CCCA supports funding to address growing statewide concerns of "forever chemicals", specifically as it relates to PFAS (per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) and microplastics.
- CCCA supports state and regional efforts to increase recycling of water and the associated development or renovation of water treatment facilities.
- CCCA supports the establishment of a state program that funds discounted water rates for low income customers of publicly owned retail water suppliers in an effort to make the state's recognition of a Human Right to Water meaningful.