1. **CA AB 4**

   **SESSION ADJOURNMENT**
   September 13, 2019
   232 Days Remaining

   **Introduced** | **1st Committee** | **1st Chamber** | **2nd Committee** | **2nd Chamber** | **Executive**
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   Chance of Passage |  |  |  |  |  

   **Sponsor**
   Arambula (D)
   Years in Office: 3
   Success rate: 40%

   **Partisanship**
   1st Chamber: D-60 R-20
   2nd Chamber: D-28 R-10
   Executive: Newsom (D)

   **Session Status**
   In Session
   10/13/19 (proj.)

   **Disposition:** Pending
   **Author:** Arambula (D)
   **Title:** Medi-Cal: Eligibility
   **Summary:** Extends eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals of all ages, if otherwise eligible for those benefits, but for their immigration status.
   **Location:** ASSEMBLY

2. **CA AB 10**

   **SESSION ADJOURNMENT**
   September 13, 2019
   232 Days Remaining

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   Chance of Passage | 95% | 95% | 95% | 95% | 95% 

   **Sponsor**
   Chiu (D)
   Years in Office: 5
   Success rate: 53%

   **Partisanship**
   1st Chamber: D-60 R-20
   2nd Chamber: D-28 R-10
   Executive: Newsom (D)

   **Session Status**
   In Session
   10/13/19 (proj.)

   **Disposition:** Pending
   **Author:** Chiu (D)
   **Title:** Income Taxes: Credits: Low-Income Housing
   **Summary:** Increases the aggregate housing credit dollar amount that may be allocated among low-income housing projects by an additional $500 million, and allocates to farmworker housing projects $25 million per year of that amount.
   **Location:** Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

3. **CA AB 11**

   **SESSION ADJOURNMENT**
   September 13, 2019
   232 Days Remaining

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   Chance of Passage | 95% | 95% | 95% | 95% | 95% 

   **Sponsor**
   Chiu (D)
   Years in Office: 5
   Success rate: 53%

   **Partisanship**
   1st Chamber: D-60 R-20
   2nd Chamber: D-28 R-10
   Executive: Newsom (D)

   **Session Status**
   In Session
   10/13/19 (proj.)
Disposition: Pending
Author: Chiu (D)
Title: Community Redevelopment Law
Summary: Authorizes a city or county or two or more cities acting jointly, to propose the formation of an affordable housing and infrastructure agency by adoption of a resolution of intention. Provides for a governing board of the agency. Requires the agency to submit an annual report, and final report of any audit undertaken to its governing body. Requires the governing board of an agency to designate an appropriate official to prepare a proposed redevelopment project plan.
Location: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

4. CA AB 36

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In Session

Disposition: Pending
Author: Bloom (D)
Title: Affordable Housing: Rental Prices
Summary: States the findings and declarations of the Legislature that, among other things, affordable housing has reached a crisis stage that threatens the quality of life of millions of Californians as well as the state economic outlook. Expresses the Legislature's intent to enact legislation in order to stabilize rental prices and increase the availability of affordable housing.
Location: ASSEMBLY

5. CA AB 68

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Session Status

In Session

Disposition: Pending
Author: Ting (D)
Title: Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units
Summary: Prohibits an ordinance from imposing requirements on minimum lot size, lot coverage, or floor area ratio. Prohibits an ordinance from establishing size requirements for accessory dwelling units that do not permit at least an 800 square feet unit of at least 16 feet in height to be constructed. Provides that, if a local agency imposes an owner-occupancy restriction, the monitoring for compliance shall not be more frequent than annually and be based on specified published documents.
Location: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

6. CA AB 139

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### CA AB 145

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**Session Status**

In Session 10/13/19 (proj.)

**Disposition:** Pending

**Author:** Quirk-Silva (D)

**Title:** Emergency and Transitional Housing Act of 2019

**Summary:** Requires the annual report by a city or county planning agency pertaining to the implementation of the general plan to include the number of emergency shelter beds currently available within the jurisdiction, and the number of shelter beds that the jurisdiction has contracted for that are located within another jurisdiction.

**Location:** ASSEMBLY

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**Session Status**

In Session 10/13/19 (proj.)

**Disposition:** Pending

**Author:** Quirk-Silva (D)

**Title:** Regional Transportation Plans: Sustainable Communities

**Summary:** Requires each sustainable communities strategy to also identify areas within the region sufficient to house an 8-year projection of the emergency shelter needs for the region. Provides that for the 5th and each subsequent update to the sustainable communities strategy, the bill requires the metropolitan planning organization to identify the region’s progress in the development of housing and emergency shelters in the areas within the region that were identified as sufficient to house the 8-year projection.
### CA AB 168

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**Disposition:** Pending

**Author:** Aguilar-Curry (D)

**Title:** Housing: Streamlined Approvals

**Summary:** Relates to existing law that authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a multifamily housing development if the development satisfies specified objective planning standards. Requires the objective planning standards to include a requirement that the development not be located on a site that is a tribal cultural resource.

**Location:** ASSEMBLY

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**Disposition:** Pending

**Author:** Grayson (D)

**Title:** Transportation Commission: Transportation Policies

**Summary:** Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to participate in joint meetings held by the Transportation Commission and the State Air Resources Board to coordinate implementation of transportation policies.

**Location:** ASSEMBLY

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**Location:** ASSEMBLY
12. **CA SB 4**

**Disposition:** Pending  
**Author:** Aguiar-Curry (D)  
**Title:** Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing  
**Summary:** Creates an exception to the 1% limit on the ad valorem property tax rate on real property that would authorize a city or county to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure or affordable housing, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city or county.

**Location:** ASSEMBLY

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10/13/19 (proj.)

13. **CA SB 5**

**Disposition:** Pending  
**Author:** McGuire (D)  
**Title:** Housing  
**Summary:** States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would limit restrictive local land use policies and legislation that would encourage increased housing development near transit and job centers, in a manner that ensures that every jurisdiction contributes its fair share to a housing solution, while acknowledging relevant differences among communities.

**Location:** Senate Rules Committee

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**Session Status**

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10/13/19 (proj.)

14. **CA SB 6**

**Disposition:** Pending  
**Author:** Beall (D)  
**Title:** Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program  
**Summary:** Establishes the Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program, which would be administered by the Sustainable Investment Incentive Committee. Authorizes a city, county, city and county, joint powers agency, enhanced infrastructure financing district, affordable housing authority, community revitalization and investment authority or transit village development district to apply to the Committee to participate in the program and authorizes Committee to approve or deny applications for projects.

**Location:** SENATE

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### CA SB 25

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**Disposition:** Pending  
**Author:** Beall (D)  
**Title:** Housing Production  
**Summary:** States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would help encourage housing production throughout the state, including streamlining approval processes, identifying sufficient and adequate sites for housing construction, and penalizing local planning that restricts housing production.  
**Location:** Senate Rules Committee

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### CA SB 43

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**Disposition:** Pending  
**Author:** Allen (D)  
**Title:** Carbon Taxes  
**Summary:** Requires the State Air Resources Board in consultation with the Department of Tax and Fee Administration, to submit a report to the Legislature on the results of a study to propose and determine the feasibility and practicality of a system to replace the tax imposed pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Law with an assessment on retail products sold or used in the state based on the carbon intensity of the product to encourage the use of less carbon-intensive products.  
**Location:** Senate Environmental Quality Committee

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** Chance of Passage **

** Sponsor **

- **Wiener (D)**
- **Years in Office: 3**
- **Success rate: 54%**

| Partisanship: D-28 R-10 | Partisanship: D-60 R-20 | Newsom (D) |

**Session Status**

- **In Session**
- **10/13/19 (proj.)**

**Disposition:** Pending

**Author:** Wiener (D)

**Title:** Planning and Zoning: Housing Development

**Summary:** Requires a city or county to grant upon request an equitable communities incentive when a development proponent seeks and agrees to construct a residential development that satisfies specified criteria, including, among other things, that the residential development is either a job-rich housing project or a transit-rich housing project.

**Location:** SENATE

### CA SB 59

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** Chance of Passage **

** Sponsor **

- **Allen (D)**
- **Years in Office: 5**
- **Success rate: 38%**

| Partisanship: D-28 R-10 | Partisanship: D-60 R-20 | Newsom (D) |

**Session Status**

- **In Session**
- **10/13/19 (proj.)**

**Disposition:** Pending

**Author:** Allen (D)

**Title:** Automated Vehicle Technology: Statewide Policy

**Summary:** Establishes the policy of the state relating to automated vehicles in order to ensure that these vehicles support the state’s efforts to, among other things, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and encourage efficient land use. Requires the Office of Planning and Research in the Governor’s office, in coordination with the State Air Resources Board, to convene an automated vehicle interagency working group of specified state agencies to guide policy development for automated vehicle technology.

**Location:** SENATE

### CA SB 127

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** Chance of Passage **

** Sponsor **

- **Wiener (D)**
- **Years in Office: 3**
- **Success rate: 54%**

| Partisanship: D-28 R-10 | Partisanship: D-60 R-20 | Newsom (D) |
### CA SB 128
**Session Status**
In Session 10/13/19 (proj.)

**Disposition:** Pending  
**Author:** Wiener (D)  
**Title:** Transportation Funding: Active Transportation: Streets  
**Summary:** Establishes a Division of Active Transportation within the Department of Transportation and requires that an undersecretary of the Transportation Agency be assigned to give attention to active transportation program matters to guide progress toward meeting the department’s active transportation program goals and objectives. Requires the California Transportation Commission to give high priority to increasing safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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#### Disposition:** Pending  
**Author:** Beall (D)  
**Title:** Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts: Bonds  
**Summary:** Authorizes the public financing authority to issue bonds for purposes of enhanced infrastructure financing districts without submitting a proposal to the voters. Requires specified information related to the issuance of the bonds to be contained in the resolution.

**Location:** SENATE

### CA SB 137
**Session Status**
In Session 10/13/19 (proj.)

**Disposition:** Pending  
**Author:** Dodd (D)  
**Title:** Federal Transportation Funds: State Exchange Programs  
**Summary:** Authorizes the Department of Transportation to allow federal transportation funds that are allocated as local assistance to be exchanged for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program funds appropriated by the department.

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#### Disposition:** Pending  
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Government Shutdown Continues

Today marks the twenty-first day of the government shutdown. More than 800,000 federal employees did not receive their paychecks this morning. Tomorrow, this shutdown will become the longest government shutdown in American history, surpassing the three-week shutdown that occurred in December 1995. The Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, State,
Transportation, and Treasury remain closed. We are available anytime if you, your colleagues, or community partners need assistance. We are glad to reach out to Members of Congress or the Administration officials deemed essential who are still available to answer questions on your behalf. Please let us know if we can help evaluate local impacts, address issues that arise, or draft communications responding to the shutdown.

**Ongoing Negotiations**

The negotiations over funding for a border wall are at an impasse. Now, President **Donald J. Trump** is considering the use of executive authority to declare a national emergency that would enable the Administration to use previously appropriated military construction funding to build the wall at the southern border, if Congress does not provide him his $5.7 billion in requested funding. The lapse in appropriations is adversely affecting our hometown of Washington, and we anticipate that negative impacts may soon be felt in communities nationwide if lawmakers are unable to reach an agreement to reopen the shuttered federal agencies in the days ahead.

The wedge between Congressional Democrats and President Trump was driven deeper this week. More than 35 million Americans watched the President deliver a primetime televised address from the Oval Office on Tuesday night. In a televised response, House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi** (D-CA) and Senate Minority Leader **Chuck Schumer** (D-NY) jointly refused to provide a single dollar for the wall.

Leaders from both parties participated in negotiations led by Vice President **Mike Pence**, Acting Chief of Staff **Mick Mulvaney**, and newly-appointed Senate Judiciary Chairman **Lindsey Graham** (R-SC) throughout the week in an attempt to find a solution. President Trump’s frustrated departure from a Wednesday meeting with Democrats
was the most emblematic moment from the fruitless days of talks. He then traveled to the southern border on Thursday to increase public support for the wall, but the effort appeared to have little impact on the negotiations.

House Democrats once again passed a series of spending bills individually, providing an opportunity to reopen each of the shuttered government agencies. Senate Democrats blocked debate of a bill to impose additional sanctions on Syria to pressure Senate Majority Leader **Mitch McConnell** into scheduling votes on legislation to fund the government. Majority Leader McConnell declined to take up any of the spending bills for a vote. Lawmakers left the nation's capital last night without any clear resolution in sight, guaranteeing this shutdown will become the longest in our history.

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**Operating Status of Federal Agencies**

We wanted to share the Official Shutdown and Contingency Operations Plans
from the federal agencies that remain closed due to the lapse in appropriations. The documents offer guidance to staff and stakeholders regarding ongoing and suspended operations during the shutdown. Please refer to each document below:

- **Department of Agriculture**
- **Department of Commerce**
- **Department of Homeland Security**
- **Department of Housing and Urban Development**
- **Department of Interior**
- **Department of Justice**
- **Department of State**
- **Department of Transportation**
- **Department of Treasury**
- **Environmental Protection Agency**
- **Executive Office of the President**
- **Export-Import Bank of the United States**
- **Federal Communications Commission**
- **Federal Trade Commission**
- **General Services Administration**
- **National Endowment for the Arts**
- **National Endowment for the Humanities**
- **National Science Foundation**
- **National Transportation Safety Board**
- **Office of Personnel Management**
- **Small Business Administration**
- **Securities and Exchange Commission**
- **Smithsonian Institution**
- **Surface Transportation Board**
- **United States Interagency Council on Homelessness**

Some Cabinet Members have issued subsequent guidance to formally update their agency’s operations as the Administration stretches any remaining contingency funds or other sources of revenue available. The White House
delayed Medicare cuts that would be required under current law.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue was able to secure an additional $4.8 billion of temporary funding through provisions of the Continued Resolution that expired in December. USDA will distribute this funding to States early to provide benefits to more than 38 million Americans through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for the month of February. States have until January 20, 2019 to submit a formal request and implement early issuance of SNAP benefits.

Acting Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Commissioner David Kautter announced that the agency would continue receiving and processing tax returns and refunds on schedule as we prepare for tax season. In other IRS news, the agency canceled a scheduled public meeting on proposed regulations governing the implementation of Opportunity Zones.

The Administration's recent moves will undoubtedly alleviate some public and political pressure points resulting from the shutdown. However, more than 800,000 federal employees woke up this morning without pay. Affected civil servants are eligible to file claims for compensation under unemployment insurance in their State of residence; however, these benefits will need to be repaid once the government reopens and paychecks resume. Congress will send a bill (S. 24) to President Trump to retroactively pay federal employees.

More information on the anticipated policy impacts of the shutdown are included below.

**Housing and Urban Development**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is unable to review and process grant agreements and reports. According to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition, HUD is unable to renew federal contracts that have expired for more than 1,100 Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) properties, which provide housing for tens of thousands of low-income
Americans. The Coalition estimates that these contracts impact between 70,000 to 85,000 households nationwide with an average income of $13,000 a year. Up to 500 more contracts will expire by the end of this month if the shutdown continues, affecting an additional 30,000 to 40,000 households. Many of these residents are elderly or have disabilities. HUD is also unable to renew PBRA or Project Rental Assistance Contracts (PRAC) that provide operating subsidies to Section 202 communities that provide housing for the elderly.

The Coalition notes that Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) will not be able to access capital funding for FY 2019. PHAs will not be able to expend capital funds from prior fiscal years on unapproved expenditures if HUD approval is required. HUD has distributed funding available through the Public Housing Operating Fund and the Housing Voucher Choice Program for the month of January. February payments should be distributed; however, both sources of funding will run out before March if the shutdown continues.

**Natural Resources and Environment**

The National Parks Service (NPS) suspended maintenance at its sites and facilities. Conditions deteriorated to the extent that many parks decided to close due to safety and sanitation concerns, while some State and local governments with economies heavily dependent on tourism have been able to keep their national parks open. The Utah Congressional delegation urged the U.S. Department of Interior to find a solution. In response, Acting Interior Secretary David Bernhardt approved a modified plan that allows incoming revenues from recreation fees to be used to fund daily operations and maintenance during the shutdown.

Over at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), few employees remain on staff to oversee disaster-response activities or public health activities at Superfund sites. The Administration's regulatory reform agenda will be put on hold for the time being until operations resume. Environmental compliance reviews and monitoring inspections have been canceled, leaving communities vulnerable to exposure to hazardous waste, chemicals, or toxic substances if an
emergency arises. The agency performs 225 of these pollution inspections weekly at industrial sites, factories, power plants, refineries, wastewater facilities, sewer systems, and waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities. These activities are critical to ensure compliance with environmental laws.

**Transportation**

The Department of Transportation (DOT) remains partially closed. The Office of the Secretary (OST) is unable to facilitate meetings or requests for debriefings on its grant programs. Suspended activities include responding to inquiries from news or stakeholders, preparing news releases, undertaking non-essential budget activities, implementing Congressional mandates, or undertaking non-essential legal functions related to acquisitions, aviation licensing, regulatory policies, and the *Freedom of Information Act*.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) operations continue as normal for more than 2,600 staff during a lapse in annual appropriations since these positions are primarily funded by authorized contract authority from the Highway Trust Fund. Other modes are not as fortunate.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will not continue any unfunded core agency functions. According to the FTA, "no grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, purchase orders, travel authorizations, or other documents obligating funds would be executed without appropriations." The agency will discontinue reimbursements to transit agencies for ongoing operations and construction projects. It will not obligate grant funds to nearly 1,300 grantees in support of projects. FTA staff will not advance environmental, legal, civil rights, and other reviews for projects in development. We anticipate that this will lead to further delays across a number of programs such as the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Program.

At the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), staff who oversee safety inspections and rail accident investigations are at work, but "all activities assigned to the Office of Railroad Policy and Development (RPD) [are]
suspended. Administration of grant, financial and technical assistance activities for Amtrak and partners associated with FRA’s portfolio of competitive grant funds would be suspended." Again, the agency is unable to execute cooperative agreements, contracts, purchase orders, travel authorizations, or other documents obligating funds.

Employees of the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) including air traffic controllers, safety inspectors, and technicians have been furloughed or forced to work without compensation throughout the busy holiday travel season. The industry argues that a prolonged shutdown will compromise safety as the airlines oversee their own monitoring and reporting in the absence of federal safety inspectors. FAA has suspended: reviews of unmanned aerial systems operations; aviation rulemaking; facility security inspections, evaluations, audits and inspections; routine personnel security background investigations; capital planning for FAA facilities and equipment; and most budgeting and administrative support functions.

**House Rules Update**

On Wednesday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the final title of its rules package (H. Res. 6) for the 116th Congress on a party-line vote, with only three Republicans voting in favor of the resolution. Title III would authorize the General Counsel, on behalf of the Speaker of the House, to intervene in the *Texas v. United States* lawsuit to defend the constitutionality of the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA). We include a section-by-section analysis of the rules package [here](#).

**Gun Control Legislation**

On Tuesday, leaders of the House and Senate introduced bipartisan
legislation (H.R. 8) to expand background checks for sales and transfers of firearms. On the House side, Speaker Pelosi was flanked by Gun Violence Prevention Task Force Chairman Mike Thompson (D-CA) and former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords (D-AZ), who was nearly fatally wounded in a Tucson, Arizona, shooting eight years earlier. In the Senate, a group led by Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) introduced similar legislation. Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), and Murphy also introduced assault weapons ban legislation on Thursday.

**Climate Mayors**

On Tuesday, we participated in the monthly coordination call hosted by the Climate Mayors. Presenters from the Electrification Coalition, the Energy Efficient Codes Coalition, and the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) discussed the Climate Mayors Electric Vehicle (EV) Purchasing Collaborative, a new online portal to help lower the cost of EVs by enabling cities to bid on them together in larger quantities, and new codes that have made buildings over 40 percent more energy efficient.

We also wanted to share a recent USA Today article detailing local government efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Mayor Jim Brainard of the City of Carmel, Indiana, is quoted and states, "Our mayors are not sitting back. The mayors are the closest elected officials to the people and the mayors can make this happen regardless of what the federal government does. Everybody sees local government as the pothole in front of their house, the zoning down the street. They don't think about these global issues. And I think its the job of local leaders to explain why it's important and lead on it."

**Current Grant Opportunities**
Committee Chair Positions

This week, House and Senate leaders named a number of Committee Chair appointments. Senate appointments include Senator Jim Risch (R-ID) to lead the Foreign Relations Committee, Pat Roberts (R-KS) to lead the Agriculture Committee, Richard Shelby (R-AL) to lead the Appropriations Committee, Mike Enzi (R-TN) to lead the Budget Committee, Roger Wicker (R-TN) to lead the Commerce Committee, Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) to lead the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, John Barrasso (R-WY) to lead the Environment and Public Works Committee, Chuck Grassley (R-IA) to lead the Finance Committee, Lindsey Graham (R-SC) to lead the Judiciary Committee, Roy Blunt (R-MO) to lead the Rules and Administration Committee, Marco Rubio (R-FL) to lead the Small Business Committee, Johnny Isakson (R-GA) to lead the Veterans’ Affairs Committee, and John Hoeven (R-ND) to lead the Indian Affairs Committee. Over in the House, Congressman Ted Deutch (D-FL) will lead the Ethics Committee and Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) will lead the Administration Committee.

New Members and Chiefs of Staff

We have compiled a list of New Members and their Chiefs of Staff for the 116th Congress. Please let us know if you would like to get in touch with these policymakers.
Disparate Impact Regulations

The Washington Post reported this week that the Administration is considering a far-reaching rollback of regulations governing civil rights, according to a recent internal memo from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) encouraging civil rights officials to look at how anti-discrimination guidance could be removed or changed. Specifically, the memo explicitly targets federal guidance focusing on mitigating “disparate impact,” the concept that a practice or system can be discriminatory if it is found to disproportionally affect minorities, even if the policy itself is not rooted in intentional discrimination.

Congressional Badge of Bravery

On Tuesday, the DOJ Office of Justice Programs opened nominations for the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery. The award honors exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by federal, state, and local law enforcement officers. The medals are awarded annually the U.S. Attorney General, and nominations close on February 15, 2019. For more information on the nominating process, see the following link.

Federal Resources for Smart Cities

The Administration released the Federal Smart Cities and Communities Programs Resource Guide to facilitate collaboration and coordination among Smart Cities and Communities (SCC) Task Force member agencies, academia, industry, local cities and communities, and other government entities. The Resource Guide describes Federally-funded research and development (R&D) programs in smart cities and communities. These R&D programs seek to embed new digital technologies into city and
community infrastructure, systems, and services.

**Bills Signed into Law**

There were several bills recently signed into law by President Trump. According to White House announcements dated [January 8, 2019](#) and [January 9, 2019](#), the new laws include:

*H.R. 2200, the “Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2018,” which reauthorizes and modifies the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000;*

*S. 3191, the “Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018,” which requires the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to establish a collection of civil rights cold cases related to certain Federal crimes arising out of events that occurred between 1940 and 1979; and establishes an independent board, known as the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board, to facilitate the review, transmittal to NARA, and public disclosure of civil rights cold case records;*

*S. 1862, the “Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act,” which amends the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 by, among other things, modifying the criteria used for determining whether countries are meeting minimum standards for eliminating human trafficking; and*

*S. 3247, the “Women’s Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment Act of 2018,” which amends and updates certain programs and activities relating to women’s entrepreneurship and economic empowerment that are carried out by the United States Agency for International Development.*
Longest Government Shutdown in History

Today marks the twenty-eighth day of the longest government shutdown in American history – unfortunately, leaders in the Administration and Congress have made little progress in negotiations. President Donald J. Trump shied away from threats to declare a national emergency, which would enable the Administration to use previously appropriated military construction funding to build the southern border wall. The President floated the idea of redirecting unused money allocated for hurricane disaster relief in Texas and Puerto Rico if
Governor Greg Abbott and the Congressional delegation swiftly rebuked the idea.

On Tuesday, a group of House Republicans met with the President at the White House. The House Democrats were invited, but they chose to boycott the meeting. On Wednesday, a bipartisan delegation from the moderate House Problem Solvers Caucus attended a meeting with the President in the Situation Room. The Caucus has been very active in immigration policy discussions. The House continues to be active on the legislative front, passing two separate bills to fund the government and provide $12.1 billion in emergency appropriations to combat recent natural disasters. The House also passed a six-month extension (H.R. 430) of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell again declined to take up the spending bills for a vote in the Senate.

In light of the ongoing shutdown, Congressional leaders cancelled next week’s scheduled recess. On Wednesday, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi sent a letter to President Trump asking that he postpone his State of the Union address, which is scheduled for January 29, 2019, until the government reopens. She requested that he instead deliver his remarks in writing, citing security concerns resulting from the furlough. The Administration has yet to officially respond to Speaker Pelosi’s letter, but the President did deny the Speaker the use of a military plane for a trip to Afghanistan shortly after the letter was sent.

As we have reported, the impacts of the shutdown continue to grow as time passes. More than 800,000 federal workers will miss $200 million in total wages. Over 30,000 furloughed employees from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) have been recalled to work without pay in advance of the upcoming tax season. Members of the Coast Guard missed a paycheck on Tuesday, marking the first time in our history that U.S. Armed Forces service members were not paid during a shutdown. Economic growth is down nearly a half percentage point as a result of the shutdown. The Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, State, Transportation, and Treasury remain closed. This Route 50 article summarizes
2020 Census Citizenship Question

On Tuesday, a federal judge blocked the Administration from including a proposed citizenship question on the 2020 Census. In his opinion, Judge Jesse M. Furman argues that U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross violated the Administrative Procedure Act in the steps taken by the Department to include the question. The case will likely be heard by the Supreme Court in advance of the printing of forms for the 2020 Census this summer. U.S. Conference of Mayors President Steve Benjamin issued the following statement in response to the ruling.

5G Wireless Infrastructure

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (D-CA) introduced legislation – the Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019 – to overturn Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations limiting the ability of local governments to regulate 5G wireless infrastructure. There are two things localities can do in support of this legislation: (1) adopt a local resolution expressing support; and/or (2) ask their Members of Congress for their co-sponsorship of the bill. Please let us know if you have any interest in seeking your delegation’s sponsorship in the House.

EPA Administrator

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) held a hearing to consider the nomination of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler. President Trump nominated Wheeler to become Administrator following the resignation of Scott Pruitt last July. In the hearing, he vowed to continue the Administration’s deregulatory agenda.
Tax Extenders

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-IA) urged action in support of a tax extenders package to renew 26 tax breaks for the 2018 IRS tax filing cycle this week. These comments are in line with Chairman Grassley’s priorities for the 116th Congress, which include but are not limited to: “supporting tax incentives for renewable and alternative energy sources, and providing long-term certainty for renewables needed to mature and become self-sustaining, including recently-expired incentives for biodiesel, cellulosic ethanol and alternative fuel mixtures.” The House passed extenders as part of a larger tax law package late last year, but negotiations stalled in the Senate over disagreements concerning which extenders to renew. If Congress passes an extenders package in a timely fashion, taxpayers could choose to file amended returns later in the year.

Autonomous Vehicles

On Wednesday, we attended a transportation briefing hosted by Representatives Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Rodney Davis (R-IL). Presenters from the Urbanism Next Initiative discussed the impact of automatic vehicles (AV) on American cities and the policy challenges that local and federal legislators will face as AV deployment moves forward. Discussion focused on the fiscal impact on cities with potentially lower revenues generated by the gas tax, registration fees, and other receipts from vehicular travel. The presenters discussed revenue replacement mechanisms and other local actions that could be taken before widespread adoption occurs.

Current Grant Opportunities

- DOJ OVW FY19 Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program
**Minimum Wage Legislation**

House Education and Labor Committee Chairman Bobby Scott (D-VA) introduced legislation to raise the federal minimum wage to $15 by 2024. The bill, entitled the *Raise the Wage Act of 2019*, would also index future minimum wage increases to median wage growth and phase out tipped wages for workers in the service industry.

**Cities Thrive Update**

On Monday, we participated in a call hosted by the Cities Thrive Coalition featuring speakers from the National Council for Behavior Health, local police departments, and health professionals. The discussion focused on efforts to increase mental health services within the criminal justice system, including community behavior health clinics for vulnerable individuals and advocates to assist victims of crime. You can read more background on Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) [here](#). We would also be happy to provide information on legislative efforts related to CCBHCs in Congress if that is of interest to you.

**Rejecting White Nationalism and White Supremacy**

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives passed a resolution of disapproval (H. Res. 41) following racist remarks made by Iowa Congressman Steve King. The resolution passed by a vote of 424-1 following days of mounting bipartisan criticism against Representative King and calls for his resignation.

**Bills Signed into Law**

There were several bills recently signed into law by President Trump.
According to White House announcements dated January 14, 2019 and January 16, 2019, the new laws include:

H.R. 672, the “Combating European Anti-Semitism Act of 2017,” which expresses the sense of the Congress that it is in the United States national interest to combat anti-Semitism at home and abroad;

H.R. 4174, the “Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018,” which improves evidence-based policy through strengthening Federal agency evaluation capacity; furthering interagency data sharing and open data efforts; and improving access to data for statistical purposes while protecting confidential information;

H.R. 7279, the “Water Infrastructure Improvement Act,” which amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the use of green infrastructure to reduce stormwater flows;

H.R. 7318, which eliminates the deadline for the appointment of members to the Public Buildings Reform Board and revises the Board’s termination date, among other things;

H.R. 7319, which amends the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to provide flexibility with respect to leaseback of certain Federal real properties;

S. 512, the “Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act,” which provides for the development of expertise and regulatory processes needed for the innovation and commercialization of advanced nuclear reactors;

S. 1023, the “Tropical Forest Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2018,” which reauthorizes and modifies the Tropical Forest Conservation Act;
S. 1158, the “Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of 2018,” which directs the Department of State to provide training to Foreign Service officers on preventing and responding to genocide and other atrocities;

S. 1580, the “Protecting Girls’ Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act,” which supports access to primary and secondary education for displaced children, especially girls; and

S. 24, the “Government Employee Fair Treatment Act of 2019,” which requires the compensation of government employees for wages lost, work performed, or leave used during a lapse in appropriations that begins on or after December 22, 2018, and entitles excepted employees to use leave during a lapse in appropriations.