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**[Transportation: Can the Legislature Act in August?](#)**



With the Legislature back in session for its last month of business before they adjourn for the year, many issues remain open. One significant remaining issue is whether they will be able to pass a meaningful package of revenue and reforms to address the state's crumbling highways, streets, roads, and bridges. Unfortunately, there are no clear answers yet.

"We have been telling people that the longer they wait to provide the funds to fix our roads, the more it's going to cost in the long run," said CSAC Executive Director Matt Cate. "We have held rallies, written Op-Eds and advocated in every way possible to make sure the Legislature understands the ramifications of inaction. We have a little less than a month now to see if they've been listening."

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## Got Broadband? Poll Shows Disparities in Access

A [new poll](#) reveals that a large majority of Californians – 84 percent – have access to high-speed internet at home. While this total represents a positive increase of nine points since 2014, some potentially troubling trends emerge from the data. Certain populations are much less likely to have access to high-speed internet at home; for example, low-income Californians, Spanish-speaking Latinos, and older adults lag.

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## Additional Leave for Peace Officers Moves Forward

[SB 897 \(Roth\)](#) would provide an additional year of leave with full salary (also known as "4850 time") to certain peace officers who have been temporarily or permanently disabled as a result of catastrophic injury on the job. CSAC, along with a large coalition of partners, [opposes this bill](#).

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## County Retirement Systems Bill Still Problematic

[AB 1853 \(Cooper\)](#) would allow any retirement system under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL) to elect to be an independent district without any county input on the logistical or cost aspects of the separation. Currently, retirement systems operating under CERL have the ability to modify their operating structure by pursuing legislation to establish the different option. This bill creates an option for retirement systems to make such a choice

without input from any other stakeholders.

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## **Parcel Tax Notification Mandate Proposed – Comments Requested**

[Assembly Bill 2479 \(Daly\)](#) would require that a local agency earning voter for a parcel tax must notify property owners living outside of the jurisdiction of the new tax. CSAC has concerns on the amendments released earlier this week and believes the new mandate on cities, counties, special districts and schools is unwarranted given the ample public notification requirements related to any parcel tax discussed in a public meeting and placed before voters in a primary or general election.

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## **Mello-Roos and JPA Debt Reporting Changes Proposed**

The [California Debt and Investment Advisory Committee](#) issued a notice of a proposed regulatory change related annual reports for debt issued by community facilities districts (Mello-Roos) or joint power authorities (Mark-Roos). Public comment will be accepted on the [draft language](#) until September 15. As background and pursuant to the regulatory rules, CDIAC has issued an [initial statement of reason](#) for the change.

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## **Board of State and Community Corrections News Briefs**

**BSCC Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee Meetings – August 10 & 11**

**BSCC Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Use of Force Workgroup Meeting – August 10**

**BSCC Standing Committee on Gang Issues Looking for Executive Steering Committee Members**

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## **Judicial Council News Briefs**

**Judicial Council Approves Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee Recommendations**

**Council Accepts Report on the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009: Findings from the SB 678 Program (2016)**

**Funding Approved for Collaborative and Drug Court Projects in 49 Courts**

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## **Meetings, Webinars, Training etc.**

### **California Climate Adaptation Forum**

CSAC is one of several promotional partners for the two-day California Climate Adaptation Forum—a chance to explore how climate change is affecting the Golden State, and strategies to adapt to those changes. It runs September 7–8 in Long Beach. The Local Government Commission (LGC) is the forum organizer.

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## California Emergency Services Association Annual Training and Conference

The California Emergency Services Association is holding its Annual Training and Conference October 4 – 7 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina.

The Early Bird member discount ends on **August 7**. For additional registration information go to [www.cesa.net](http://www.cesa.net)

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## From Our Blog: Deeply Honored to Serve as NACo 2nd Vice President

By Greg Cox

I am deeply honored and appreciative that my colleagues from around the country have elected me Second Vice President of the National Association of Counties (NACo). I am deeply honored and appreciative that the two other trailblazers who had campaigned for the same position ultimately endorsed me and presented nominating speeches. And I am deeply honored and appreciative by the amazing support I received from my California colleagues.

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## CSAC Institute Reaches New Milestone

From its hopeful beginnings in 2009, the [CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government](#) has grown into the premier continuing education program for county officials in the country. This program reached a milestone last week when its 4,000<sup>th</sup> California county leader took a course.

The Institute now offers instruction in four counties around California: Sacramento, Contra Costa, Merced and most recently Riverside, reducing travel time for attendees as they can find a course nearby. San Diego County was the site of an Institute satellite campus for the past two years; the Southern California location will now rotate annually between San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

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## Job Openings

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