



## APA CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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### **Legislature Returns for Final Push as the End of Session Approaches**

After a month-long summer recess, the Legislature returned on August 5 for the final month of the 2024 Legislative Session. In the final weeks of session, the Legislature turns their attention back to the appropriations committees and their respective house for work on each floor. Bills with a fiscal impact above a specified threshold must clear the Senate/Assembly Appropriations Committees' always anticipated Suspense File, where bills can be held without public discussion. While we have seen high-profile bills held on the Suspense File in the past, nearly all high priority bills that APA California is tracking are continuing to move and will now be considered in both houses for final floor votes before being sent to the Governor for consideration. This session will end on August 31 and all bills that are sent to the Governor in the final days must be acted on by September 30.

### **So What Happened to all the Planning-Related Bills?**

2024 has been yet another busy year for planning-related legislation and there's a lot to discuss. For more details, please join us at the APA California Conference in Riverside on September 30, for the extended Legislative Update Session. This year we will be offering two sessions, back to back, providing more time to dive into legislation related to housing, land use and CEQA, among many other topics the Legislature focused on this year. As always, we will provide an in-depth recap of the 2024 Legislative Session overall and look forward to seeing you.

If you're interested in looking up all planning related bills APA California tracked this year, their status, and for more information on positions the Chapter has taken on bills, please visit the [APA California website](#) for a comprehensive list with links to bill language and position letters.

### **Governor Newsom Issues Two Executive Orders of interest to Planners**

#### **Addressing Homeless Encampments**

With the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Grants Pass v Johnson* that provides state and local governments have the authority to enforce policies to clear encampments from public streets, the Governor issued an [Executive Order](#) on July 25 ordering state agencies and departments to adopt clear policies that address homeless encampments. It also urges local governments to use funding provided by the state to take similar action.

#### **Streamlining Infill Development**

Along with awarding funding to 15 counties to support infill housing development, the Governor issued a [Executive Order](#) on July 31 to accelerate and streamline infill development projects statewide.