



MURRIETA CITY COUNCIL

Governing Body Reports:

Mayor Stone

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- Mayor's role in leading the team:
 1. The Mayor works closely with the City Manager to move council goals forward, anticipate issues on the horizon, and manage the action at council meeting
 - a. My goal is to have another layer of communication from the dais. Our citizens will receive updates from various departments at each council meeting. It is vital that all council members be privy when the Mayor is speaking publically on behalf of the city. Lastly, usually only the Mayor signature is on all certificates, and as Mayor, I've requested all councilmembers will be listed moving forward.
- 2024/2025 State budget as proposed:
 1. Overall, the Governor's proposed \$291.5 billion budget
 - a. Forecast a deficit of \$38 billion in 2024/2025
 - b. Assumes continued steady growth dose not assume a recession – Per Cal Cities
 - c. Proposes a draw from the State's reserve accounts to close budget gap
 - d. Does not include new, ongoing funding to address new housing supply and homelessness
 - e. Climate change and housing received the largest cuts

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- Balancing the budget:
 1. 13.1 Billion in Reserves
 2. 8.5 billion in spending reductions
 3. 5.7 billion in internal borrowing
 4. 5.1 billion in delays in deferrals
- Community Services in Budget:
 1. Homelessness: Maintains 3.4 billion General Funds in 2023/2024 to address homelessness.
 2. Behavior Health: Largely maintains funding for critical investments made in recent years with delays to several key programs.
 3. Child Care: Maintains funding for child care slots and includes 2.1 billion to fund subsidized 146,000 new slots.
 4. Parks & Open Space: Reduces funding for Outdoor Equity Grants by 25 million.
 5. Libraries: Pulls back \$131.3 Million for Local Library Infrastructure Grant Program and forgoes planned investments of \$33 million in 2024/2025, 33 million in 2025/2026 and \$34 million in 2026/2027.
- Potential issues in 2024
 1. New tax exemptions
 2. Short term rentals
 3. 2024 ballot measures
 4. Sales tax rebate agreements
- Potential Issues in 2024:
 1. Accountability and transparency for state homelessness funding
 2. Ongoing funding to address homelessness
 3. Proposition 1
 4. Sober Living homes and recovery housing
 5. Overdose prevention
 6. Seniors & aging
 7. Community disaster preparedness

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- Environmental Quality in the Budget
 1. 2024/2025 budget proposal makes a significant changes to the prior budget's climate commitments.
 2. Maintains 89% of ther \$54 billion (\$48.3 billion) dedicated over five years (which shifted in the proposal to seven years)
 - 2.9 billion in reductions
 - 1.9 billion in delays of expenditures to future years
 - 1.8 billion for climate-related programs
- Governance, Transparency and Labor in the Budget:
 1. State Employees Retirement Contributions
 - 6.9 billion (\$3.5 billion General Fund) for the statutorily required annual state contributions to CALPERS for state pension costs in 2024/2025
 2. Information Technology System Upgrades and Modernizations:
 - Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Loan Interest
 - EDDNext
 - Division of Workers Compensation
 3. Workforce:
 - California Jobs First (formally the Community Economic Resilience Fund)
 - Apprenticeship Innovation Fund

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- Housing, Community and Economic Development in the Budget:
 1. \$500 million cut to the Low Income Tax Credit Program
 2. \$300 million cut to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 (REAP 2.0)
 3. \$250 million cut to the Foreclosure Intervention Housing Preservation Program
- Public Safety:
 1. Fentanyl Response: \$30 million in additional investment
 2. Planned Prison Closures: \$9.6 million in General Fund savings
 3. Cannabis Funding: Loan \$100 million from Cannabis Tax Fund to the General Fund
 4. Climate Change/Wildfires: \$100.7 million in reversion for various climate programs including wildfire prevention programs
- Potential Issues in 2024:
 1. By-Right Approvals of Adoptive Reuse and Office Conversion Projects
 2. Round 7 RHNA-HCD Study Pending
 3. Housing Bond
 4. Mitigation Fees Limits or Deferrals
 5. Enforcement of State Housing Law by the Attorney General
 6. Potential Legislative Responses to Supreme Court Rulings- Sheetz vs. County of El Dorado
- Potential Issues in 2024:
 1. Retail theft including potential change in Proposition 47
 2. Fentanyl Response
 3. Cannabis Reform
 4. Emergency Preparedness/response

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- Transportation, Communications, and Public Works in the Budget
 1. Broadband: 1.5 billion to make up for an anticipated shortfall in the Broadband for infrastructure funding
 2. Transportation Funding: 99% of previous investments maintained:
 - Transit Intercity Rail: Delays \$1 billion in grants funding
 - Active Transportation: Reduces \$200 million
 - Zero Emission Vehicles: Delays \$45 million in grants

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Certificates of Recognition Presented

January 18, 2024	Student of the Month
January 25, 2024	Grand Opening of Animal Friends of the Valley Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic
January 31, 2024	Grand Opening of Murrieta Hot Springs Resort
February 2, 2024	Kim Gerrish, 20 Years of Service to Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center
February 3, 2024	Taste of Soul and Black Business Expo

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Legislative Workgroup Subcommittee



The screenshot shows the City of Murrieta website's Legislative Affairs Program page. The header includes the city logo with the tagline "CONNECTED BY COMMUNITY" and a navigation menu with links for "Government", "Community", "Services", and "How Do I...". The main content area is titled "Legislative Affairs Program" and contains three sections: "Position Letters", "City of Murrieta Legislative Workgroup", and "Legislative Directory". The "Position Letters" section explains the process for preparing position letters for the Mayor's signature. The "City of Murrieta Legislative Workgroup" section describes the process for placing items on the City Council agenda. The "Legislative Directory" section includes a link to the "2023 Legislative Directory". The "Recent Letters of Support/Opposition" section includes a link to the "AB 791 Letter of Support".

Government **Community** **Services** **How Do I...**

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Legislative Affairs Program

Position Letters
For proposed legislation either consistent with the City's Legislative Platform or consistent with legislative positions the City has taken in the past, staff is authorized to prepare position letters for the Mayor's signature prior to being sent. If the Mayor is unavailable, the Mayor Pro Tem is authorized to sign position letters. All members of City Council receive copies of sent position letters.

City of Murrieta Legislative Workgroup
For Council positions on legislation not addressed in the City's Legislative Platform, staff may work with the City's Legislative Workgroup to place an item on the City Council agenda for consideration. The Legislative Platform only addresses issues directly relevant to or impacting the provision of municipal services.

Legislative Directory

- [2023 Legislative Directory](#)

Recent Letters of Support/Opposition

- [AB 791 Letter of Support](#)

For a list of recent letters signed in opposition and support please visit the Legislative Affairs page:

<https://www.murrietaca.gov/352/Legislative-Affairs>