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Governor Newsom Takes Final Action on 2022 Legislation

The 2022 Legislative Session ended on August 31 and the Governor then acted on nearly 1200 bills that made it to his desk. Most bills of interest to planners were signed by the Governor, with major reforms including allowing residential development in commercial zones and the elimination of mandatory parking requirements near transit stops. In addition, refinements to the State Density Bonus Law, ADU laws, Annual Progress Report requirements, Circulation Element standards, and other planning related legislation all were signed to take effect in 2023.

There were still a few bills that were passed but that the Governor ultimately vetoed. In some veto messages, the Governor indicated concerns where there were already ongoing efforts that would have been duplicated under a particular bill. The other more notable reason why some bills were vetoed where due to economic concerns. Bills with state costs that weren't already included in the state budget received similar veto messages: *"With our state facing lower-than-expected revenues over the first few months of this fiscal year, it is important to remain disciplined."*

For more information on the fate of many important planning-related bills, we welcome you to review the [PowerPoint](#) used for our recent 2022 Legislative Update session at the APA California Conference in Anaheim. For those of you who attended, it was great to see you and we hope you found the session informative!

AB 2011 and SB 6 Implementation Webinar Coming Soon – Submit Your Questions!

The Chapter will be hosting a webinar on November 1 at noon to dive into the details of these two important bills, which will streamline and allow housing in commercial zones, effective July 1, 2023. Join us to prepare for successful implementation.

In advance of this webinar, we are asking members to submit questions, so that we can organize the webinar to cover the information you need most. Please email policy@apacalifornia.org and lauren@stefangeorge.com with your questions by October 24.

Final 2022 Legislative Session Bill List Available Online

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