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Hundreds of Planning Related Bills Proposed for the 2023 Legislative Session

February 17 was the deadline for legislators to introduce bills to be considered for the 2023 legislative session. To date, nearly 2700 bills and resolutions were introduced, which is the highest number in more than a decade. Close to 400 planning related bills have been identified, and of those, nearly half are related to housing/homelessness. Members can access the full list of planning-related bills at any time on the [Legislation page](#) of the APA California website. This comprehensive list serves as a resource for members to stay up to date with what the Chapter is tracking and includes summaries, status updates and direct links to language for bills of interest to planners.

APA California's Legislative Review Team will be meeting on March 9 to discuss a prioritized list of bills that are likely to have impact on planners statewide. Over the next few months APA California will begin working on bills and share position letters online as bills are moving through the Legislature. Stay tuned for more updates as we embark on another busy session!

2023-2024 Legislative Platform Adopted

The APA California Board approved the [Chapter's Legislative Platform](#), titled "Plan California", which was just updated after soliciting feedback from members of the Legislative Review Team, Section Legislative Representatives, and the Board. The Platform outlines positions on priority issues and serves as the guiding document for the Chapter's lobbying efforts in the Legislature and can also be used as the framework for local advocacy efforts by APA California Sections.