Adopted 2026-2027 State and Federal Legislative Advocacy Program Follow-Up

City Council Meeting

September 29, 2026

Agenda Item #8.1

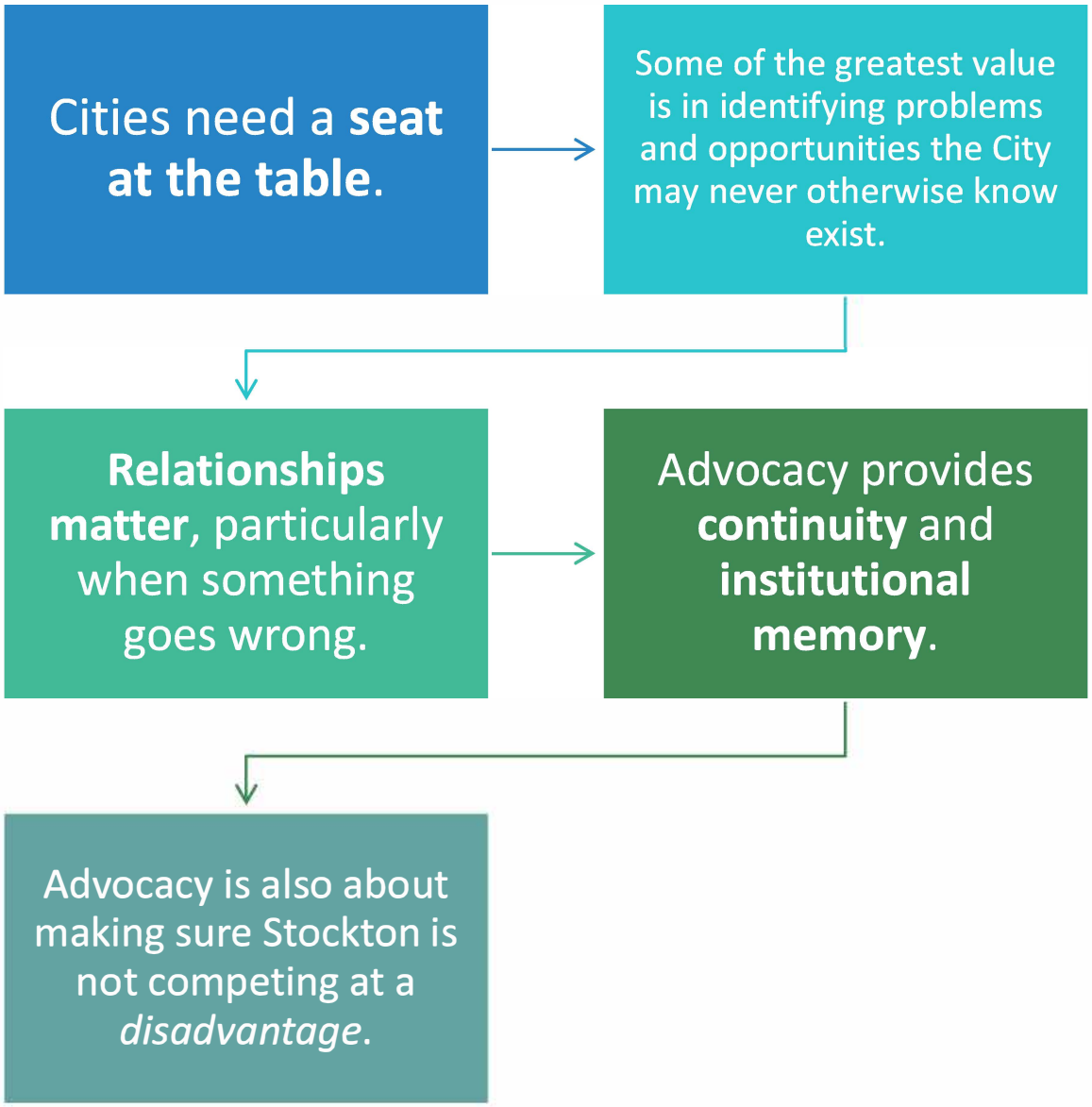
Background

AUGUST 18, 2026

- Approval of FY 26/27 Leg. Advocacy Program (Motion 2026-08-18-1005)
- Council requests informational Follow-up to City's annual State and Federal Legislative Advocacy Program

TODAY'S FOLLOW-UP

- Actions taken over the past 18 months **(January 2025 – June 2026)**
- Checklist of completed objectives
- Question / Answer with legislative advocates
- Update on the development of an evaluation system for grading the efforts of our state and federal lobbying firms



Value Overview

Federal Advocacy Accomplishments

Attachment A

Accomplishments Include:

- Developed and managed a multi-year federal pipeline
- Initiated advocacy on Surface Transportation Reauthorization
- Secured congressional support for Stockton's AFG application
- Provided legislative analysis of *One Big Beautiful Bill Act*
- Prepared assessment of federal government shutdown impacts
- Community Project Funding ("Earmarks")
  - Secured $1.25 million in enacted federal funding for FY26 projects
  - Advanced more than $3.02 million for FY27 projects
- Secured congressional support for Delta Conveyance Project advocacy
- Identified and positioned Stockton for DOJ's *Model Cities Initiative*
- Organized and coordinated three separate Washington, DC advocacy trips

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Federal Advocacy Metrics

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3 Washington, D.C. Advocacy Trips

32 Federal Advocacy Meetings

20+ Letters of Support and Coalition Advocacy

6 Community Project Funding Updates

36 Monthly Federal Updates

30+ Biweekly Coordination Meetings

Federal Advocacy ROI

In reporting period, City invested $117,000 in federal advocacy services.

TPA helped secure $1.25M in enacted FY26 funding.

TPA helped advance $3.02M in FY27 funding requests.

Enacted Funding ROI: 968%

Represents $10.68 in funding for every $1 invested in TPA's services.

Potential ROI including Pending Funding: 3,552%

Represents potential $36.52 for every $1 invested in TPA's services.

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A Sacramento lobbying, grant writing, and consulting firm located one block from the State Capitol, representing roughly 42 California cities, utilities, and public agencies. Kyra Ross has represented the City of Stockton continuously since 2012, when the City retained her during the bankruptcy, first with Emanuels Jones & Associates and now with CPPG following EJA's integration into the firm. Same advocate, same institutional knowledge, same Capitol relationships.

2012
Year the City first retained Kyra Ross

42
California local agency clients firmwide

$500M+
State and federal funding secured for CPPG clients

The team behind the City's account

Kyra Ross
Senior Legislative Advocate
Principal in Charge, day-to-day lead

Sharon Gonsalves
Managing Director
State budget, water, transportation

Dan Carrigg
Senior Advisor
Local government, econ. development

Kindra Begley
Legislative Aide
Bill tracking, research, reporting

WHAT THE CITY RECEIVES

A standing reporting cadence, all year long

WEEKLY	**State Legislative Report**	Every Friday during session. State actions, notable bills by policy area with position and location, and an updated bill tracking list for City staff.
EVERY TWO WEEKS	**Agenda, priority bill list, and check-in call**	A biweekly agenda and priority bill list to City staff, followed by a standing CPPG and City of Stockton check-in call.
MONTHLY	**Monthly Activity Report (MAR)**	A dated, line-by-line record of every action taken on the City's behalf: calls, meetings, letters, coalition attendance, and documents sent.
ANNUALLY	**End-of-year report and Council presentation**	A comprehensive year-in-review covering legislative outcomes, funding, and a forecast of next session, plus an on-site visit to present the legislative program to Council.

Plus ongoing coalition representation on the City's behalf: Big City Mayors, the League of California Cities City Caucus, and the Public Works, PRA, and PEA working groups.

BEYOND THE WEEKLY REPORT

In-depth analysis when the City needs it

THE STATE BUDGET CYCLE

Governor's Budget
January proposal, with City-specific funding opportunities identified.

May Revision
Revised revenue picture and what it means for City priorities.

June Adopted Budget
Final appropriations and trailer bill outcomes.

Suspense File Results
Which fiscal bills advanced and which were quietly held, with amendments noted.

ISSUE AND MEASURE REPORTS

Statewide ballot measures
Analysis of the Cal Chamber 2026 measure and other measures on the ballot.

Climate Bond 2026 primer

Opportunity Zones 2.0 memo

Data center legislation memo

AB 179 housing budget trailer bill

E-Bike State of Play

FUNDING ALERTS

Monthly grant opportunity alerts
Program-by-program alerts routed to the responsible City departments, such as Extreme Heat and Community Resilience and the Active Transportation Program.

Municipal Funding Outlook
A monthly look at current and cyclical federal, state, and regional grant programs.

Provided at no additional cost, outside the contracted legislative scope.

Every report includes bill numbers, code sections, and links to the authoritative source

City staff can trace any recommendation back to the bill text on leginfo, the agency docket, or the committee analysis. Where a figure comes from an advocacy coalition or a proponent rather than a neutral source, the report says so. Where something is uncertain, the report says that too.

RESULTS: 2025 AND 2026 SESSIONS

Protecting the City's authority, water, and revenue

2,500+ bills tracked in 2025

146 flagged to the City in 2025

2,000+ bills tracked in 2026

80 flagged to the City in 2026

STOPPED, NARROWED, OR DEFEATED

Delta Conveyance Project. Stopped budget trailer bill language to expedite the project (2025) and AB 2215 (2026), which the author pulled in July. Worked through a coalition including San Joaquin County, the City of Sacramento, and the Delta Counties Coalition.

High-Speed Rail preemption. Stopped SB 445 (2025), which would have overridden local permitting decisions, and stopped 2026 trailer bill language creating state-controlled tax increment financing districts within a half mile of proposed stations.

SB 634 (2025). Stopped language limiting the City's ability to enforce health and safety rules in shared spaces.

AB 339 (2025). Significantly narrowed contracting-out labor requirements the City opposed.

AB 1383 (2025-2026). Stopped a PEPRA change that would have raised pensionable compensation and cost cities hundreds of millions (2025). In 2026 Governor Newsom Vetoed AB 1383 citing cost impacts.

ADVANCED OR SUPPORTED

SB 692. Tools to address homeless residents living in recreational vehicles, and options for abandoned RVs.

AB 1903. Construction defect litigation reform to incentivize condominium and townhouse construction.

SB 454. Ban on the use of PFAS.

AB 330. Protected and extended City revenues from prepaid wireless users.

AB 476 and AB 379. Enhanced penalties for metal theft and for human trafficking of 16 and 17 year olds.

SB 456. Allows local artists to paint murals without a contractor's license.

RESULTS: FUNDING

Dollars brought back to Stockton

$37M+
in direct state funding secured for the City to date

$8M+
secured under the current contract since 2022

$500M
statewide HHAP round 7, held whole with the Big City Mayors coalition. Stockton draws from this pool.

STATE FUNDING SECURED FOR THE CITY

2023	$3,000,000	Morelli Park bubbler system and trash boom
2023	$3,100,000	Miracle Mile redevelopment: public safety substation
2023	$1,000,000	Vocational opportunities, adults with intellectual disabilities
2022	$20,000,000	Miracle Mile development grant
2022	$4,000,000	Aquatics and parks facilities
2022	$1,000,000	Homeless shelter navigation project
2021	$27,000,000	Hunter House, Cap and Trade
2021	$5,400,000	Aquatic facilities
2021	$2,000,000	Police equipment
2018	$3,000,000	Public safety helicopter
2016	$8,941,370	Hunter Street affordable housing
2015	$5,857,096	Anchor Village, Cap and Trade
2015	$4,000,000	Water hyacinth eradication

Also: $250,000 for Dentoni Park (2021). The 2018 helicopter remains the only local helicopter funded by the State.

THE BUDGET PICTURE, 2024 TO 2026

2024 and 2025. The State's deficit meant no district requests were granted in either year, for Stockton or for any other city.

2026. Working through the Big City Mayors coalition, CPPG helped hold HHAP funding whole. That is the pool the City's homelessness dollars come from.

Looking to 2027. The next district request cycle opens this fall. Getting City projects scoped and ready before January is key, and CPPG will lead that work with staff.

PROTECTING WHAT IS ALREADY AWARDED

Winning the money is half the job

State awards carry expiration dates. Funding that is not encumbered or spent in time reverts to the State, and the City loses it without anyone ever voting to take it away. CPPG tracks those deadlines alongside City staff and moves early, while there is still time to act.

PROTECTED

$1 million

2023 state award

August 2026. CPPG pushed the City to run a full review of expiration dates across its existing state awards. That review surfaced a lapse date on the City's 2023 $1 million award that was sooner than the City had understood.

CPPG advised City staff on how to approach the administering agency, secured the meeting, and the award is now protected.

ACTIVE NOW

$5 million

DTSC award, expires February 2027

In progress. CPPG is working with Senator McNerney's office to protect the City's $5 million Department of Toxic Substances Control award ahead of the February deadline.

This one is not resolved. CPPG will report progress through the weekly report and the biweekly check-in call until it is.

$1 million protected and $5 million actively defended, from work that started in the last two months. A dollar kept is worth the same as a dollar won, and it does not require a new appropriation, a new application, or a competitive process.

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WHERE THINGS STAND TODAY

September 2026, and the work ahead

Through September 30	The session ended August 31 and more than 900 bills sit on the Governor's desk. CPPG is converting the City's support and opposition letters into letters to the Governor and submitting them on the City's behalf.
October to December	End-of-year report to the City, meetings with the Administration on pending bills, and a working session with City staff and Council to set the 2027 legislative program and funding priorities.
January 2027	Governor's Budget analysis, a legislative tracking matrix tailored to Stockton, and the start of the new bill cycle.

New Administration, new opportunities

A new Governor, Cabinet, and department directors in areas key to the City give Stockton the chance to build new relationships and advance its priorities.

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Questions / Thank You

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Evaluation System

DEVELOPMENT OF AN EVALUATION SYSTEM FOR GRADING THE EFFORTS OF OUR STATE AND FEDERAL LOBBYING FIRMS

Status: Development of evaluation process is forthcoming, with Draft Plan target of January 2027.

Cadence: Annual evaluation and report to Council of lobbying firms following each fiscal year close-out.

Supporting Action: Lobbying firms to conduct annual on-site visits to consult with Executive Leaders and City Staff.