

# Senate Local Government Committee

## Useful Websites

The Legislative Counsel's website posts the statutes, bills, analyses, votes, and histories.

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov>

This site describes the legislative process with text, chart, and glossary of terms.

[http://www.csac.counties.org/legislation/legislative\\_processes.html](http://www.csac.counties.org/legislation/legislative_processes.html)

Code of California Regulations. There's a table of contents and a search function.

<http://ccr.oal.ca.gov/>

California Supreme Court and Appellate Courts' decisions.

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions/>

The California Attorney General's opinions.

<http://caag.state.ca.us/opinions>

The State of California's home page has links to all state agencies' websites.

<http://www.ca.gov/search/agency.shtm>

The California Research Bureau (part of the State Library) produces excellent reports.

<http://www.library.ca.gov/crb>

The Legislative Analyst's Office posts their studies and budget information.

<http://www.lao.ca.gov/>

The Department of Finance's Demographic Research Unit posts population and census data.

<http://www.dof.ca.gov/html/Demograp/druhpar.htm>

California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

<http://www.csac.counties.org>

League of California Cities.

<http://www.cacities.org>

California Special Districts Association.

<http://www.csda.net>

California Association of LAFCOs (CALAFCO).

<http://www.calafco.org>

The Public Policy Institute of California, an independent research center, produces terrific work.

<http://www.ppic.org>

The Reason Public Policy Institute offers another point of view on public policy issues.

<http://www.rppi.org/index.html>

Compare California to other states? The National Conference of State Legislatures knows.

<http://ncsl.org>

"Rough & Tumble" is Jack Kavanagh's daily digest of news stories about California politics.

<http://www.rtumble.com/>

The Senate Local Government Committee's own webpage offers diverse and eclectic resources.  
<http://www.sen.ca.gov/locgov>

### **Useful Land Use Websites**

CERES, the California Environmental Resources Evaluation System, is the state's main site.  
<http://ceres.ca.gov/>

LUPIN, the state's Land Use Planning Information Network, is a great starting point.  
<http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/>

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) advises local planners. Start here.  
<http://www.opr.ca.gov>

OPR's "General Plan Guidelines" advise planners how to plan.  
<http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/genplan/gpg.pdf>

OPR compiles the state's "Planning, Zoning, and Development Laws."  
[http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/pzd/2000/pzd\\_2000.pdf](http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/pzd/2000/pzd_2000.pdf)

Need lots of information about local planning? Try OPR's "The Planner's Book of Lists."  
<http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/bol/2000/bol2000.pdf>

Want to look at city and county general plans? LUPIN has lots of them on-line.  
<http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/plans/index.html>

CEQA is the California Environmental Quality Act. Here's the statute on-line.  
[http://ceres.ca.gov/topic/env\\_law/ceqa/](http://ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/)

The "CEQA Guidelines" are the regulations that interpret the statute. Find them on-line.  
[http://ceres.ca.gov/topic/env\\_law/ceqa/guidelines/](http://ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines/)

To reach professional planners, try the California Chapter of the American Planning Association.  
<http://www.calapa.org>

The "California Planning & Development Report" is Bill Fulton's monthly newsletter.  
<http://www.cp-dr.com>

Thinking about Smart Growth? Launch your search from the California Futures Network's site.  
[www.calfutures.org](http://www.calfutures.org)

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