

CalRHA Legislative Updates



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Political Update

The Legislature was sworn in on December 5th in Sacramento. The final close races now look as if Senator Hurtado was successful against her Republican challenger, winning by just 20 votes, while former Assemblymember Chad Mayes' District Director, Republican Greg Wallis, won against Democrat Christy Holstege. Overall, the Assembly picked up three Democratic seats, bringing the split between Democrats and Republicans to 63-17 and the Senate picked up one, resulting in a 32-8 split.



Senator
Melissa Hurtado



Assemblyperson
Greg Wallis

Final election results may be found at:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>.

Assemblymembers <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers>

Senators <https://www.senate.ca.gov/senators>

Legislative Update

The Legislature has also begun introducing legislation for the 2023-2024 Legislative Session.

Of note, Assemblymember Matt Haney from San Francisco has introduced AB 12, which would limit rental security deposits to one month's rent vs. two months' rent.



Assemblyperson
Matt Haney

CalRHA has already taken an oppose position to this bill, as it detrimentally impacts rental property owners' ability to mitigate risk, among other things.

The majority of bills will be introduced in January and up until the introduction deadline of February 17th. The legislative calendar for 2023 may be found at: https://www.senate.ca.gov/sites/senate.ca.gov/files/final_agreed_2023_legislative_calendar.pdf

Budget Update

In November, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) projected that California is facing a \$25 billion deficit next year. Therefore, they recommend that in early 2023 the Legislature question the administration about the implementation and distribution of budget augmentations approved last year.

If augmentations have not yet been distributed, the Legislature has an opportunity to reevaluate those expenditures. Furthermore, the LAO suggests that programs that may not be working well provide the Legislature with areas for pause, delay, or reassessment. The Governor's budget for 2023-24 will be released by January 10th, 2023.

Until then, wishing everyone a very Happy Holiday!



Here are the new members of the State Assembly and Senate. CalRHA's lobbying team will be educating new legislators about challenges faced by housing providers and building relationships to help advance good housing policies.

<https://cal-rha.org/2023-california-legislature-new-member-guide/>