



Government Finance and Administration Policy Committee

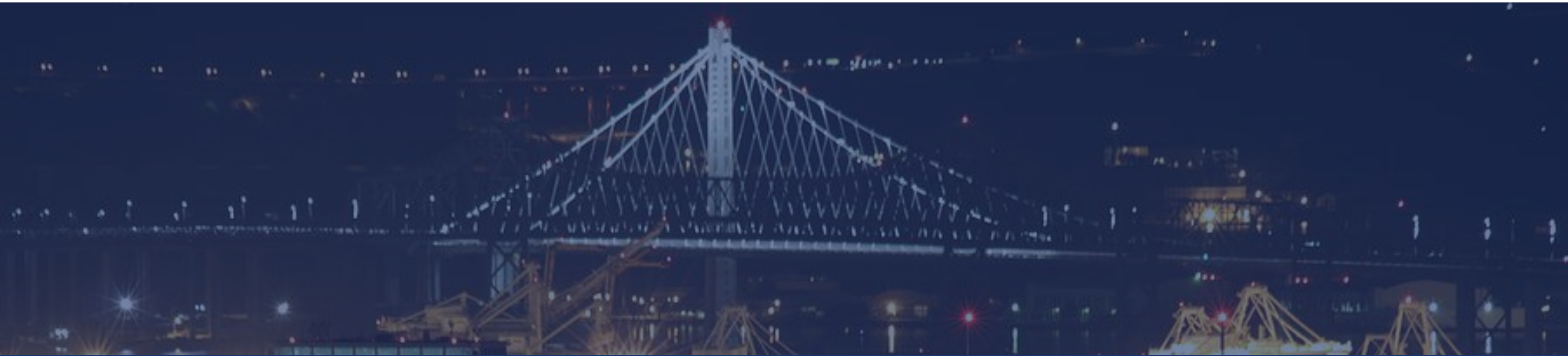
129th Annual Meeting

November 16, 2023



Welcome and Introductions

Supervisor Amy Shuklian, Chair



Policy Committee Leadership



Amy Shuklian
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Supervisor, Tuolumne County
Vice Chair



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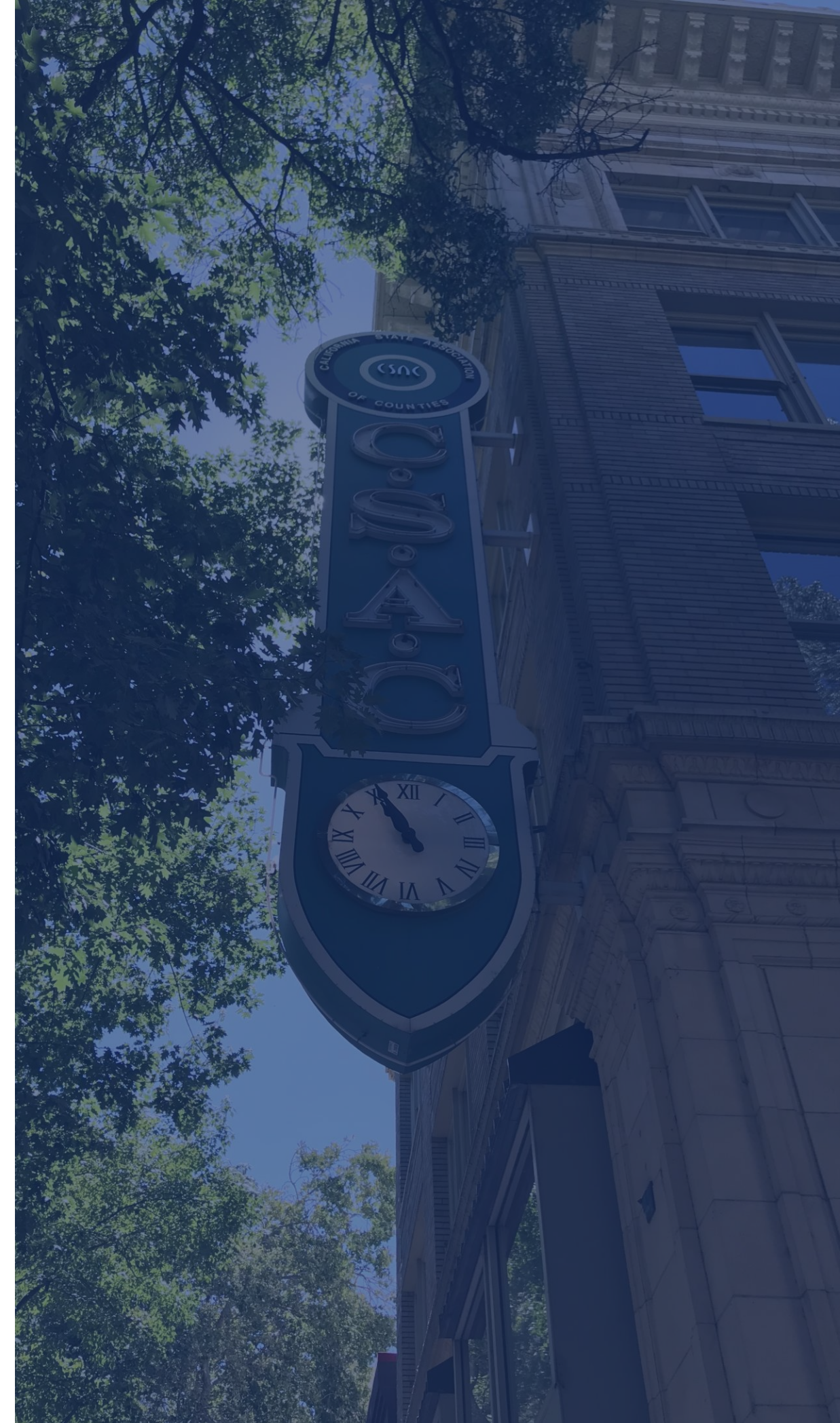
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The Government Finance and Administration (GFA) Policy Committee is responsible for:

- Revenue and taxation/local finance
- The county-state fiscal relationship
- Economic development
- Retirement and pensions
- Workers' compensation
- Workforce development
- State mandates
- Elections
- Public Records
- The Brown Act
- Broadband
- And more.



Agenda at a Glance

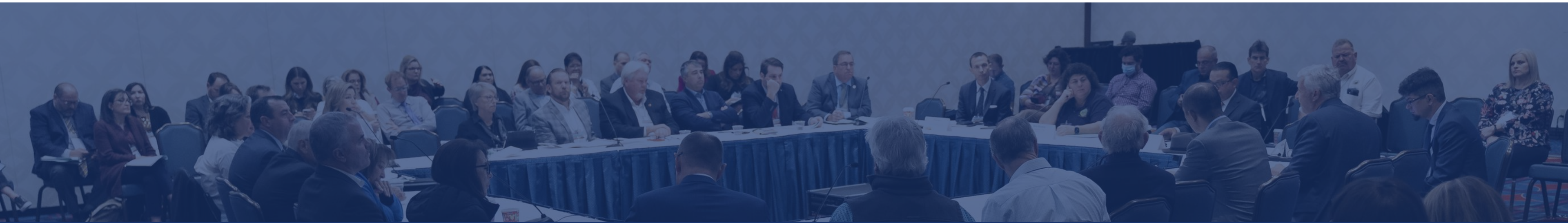
- 9:30am Welcome and Introductions
- 9:35am Navigating Modern Public Employer-Employee Relations
- 10:00am The 2024-25 Budget: California's Fiscal Outlook
- 10:30am Initiative: "Government Transparency Act" – *Action Item*
- 10:45am 2024 GFA Legislative Advocacy Priorities – *Action Item*
- 10:55am 2023 Legislative Review and the Year Ahead
- 11:00am Adjourn

Navigating Modern Public Employer-Employee Relations: A Personnel Directors Panel

Moderated by: Supervisor Amy Shuklian, Tulare County

Panelists:

- Tami Douglas-Schatz, Director, San Luis Obispo County Human Resources Department
- Alberto Lara, Director, Yolo County Human Resources Department
- Tamara Thomas, Director of Human Relations, Stanislaus County



The 2024-25 Budget: California's Fiscal Outlook

Moderated by: Supervisor Ryan Campbell, Tuolumne County

Speakers:

- Carolyn Chu, Chief Deputy Legislative Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office
- Roberto Manchia, Chief Financial Officer, San Mateo County
- Jason Britt, County Administrative Officer, Tulare County



Statewide Initiative 23-0015A1: “The Government Transparency Act” *Action Item*

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“The Government Transparency Act”

Makes sweeping changes to California’s Public Records Act and the Legislative Open Records Act—fundamentally changing how public records are disclosed and maintained.

The scope and scale of the changes to existing law affects all public agencies and levels of government.

Sponsor: Consumer Watchdog



“The Government Transparency Act”

Where is the measure now?

- Filed with the Attorney General's Office in **August 2023**.
- Intends to qualify for the **November 2024** statewide ballot.
- Cleared by the Attorney General's Office for circulation to gather signatures.
- Requires **546,651** signatures to qualify.
- Signatures due to county governments by **April 3, 2024**.



Access to Governmental Agency Public Records

- Requires agencies to provide records within 30 calendar days of the request (and up to 90 calendar days only for “extraordinary circumstances”).
- Prohibits assessing fees for the staff labor to procure records.
- Limits fees to the direct cost of duplicating records, or a fee of \$0.10 per page, whichever is less.
- Severely limits ability to withhold or redact records.

Private Contractor Records

Exposes records maintained by private contractors for work conducted on behalf of public agencies to the Public Records Act.

Required Postings of Documents

Requires agencies to post a broad, specified list of documents within 10 calendar days of their creation, on a webpage titled “Public Records Available for Review,” or something similar.

Documents include:

- Settlement agreements;
- Court records in which the agency is a party;
- Government tort claims received by the agency;
- All contracts and annual budgets.

Retention of Records

Requires local and state government agencies to retain records for no less than **five years.**

Impacts on the Legislature:

- Requires lawmakers to disclose the location, date, time, and purpose of meetings with lobbyists, public events, and fundraising events.
- Expands public access to legislative records to include individual lawmakers.
- Requires access to lawmaker or legislative staff misconduct records.
- And more.

What Are People Saying?

THE ORANGE COUNTY
REGISTER
Opinion

OPINION • Editorial

Wrong way to boost state transparency

LAO 

September 21, 2023

Hon. Rob Bonta
Attorney General
1300 I Street, 17th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Attention: Ms. Anabel Renteria
Initiative Coordinator

Dear Attorney General Bonta:

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9005, we have reviewed the proposed statutory initiative related to public access to state and local government records (A.G. File No. 23-0015, Amendment #1).

WHAT MATTERS+

YOUR GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA POLICY AND POLITICS

Presented by American Property Casualty Insurance Association, California Water Service and Southern California Gas Company

BY LYNN LA • AUGUST 3, 2023

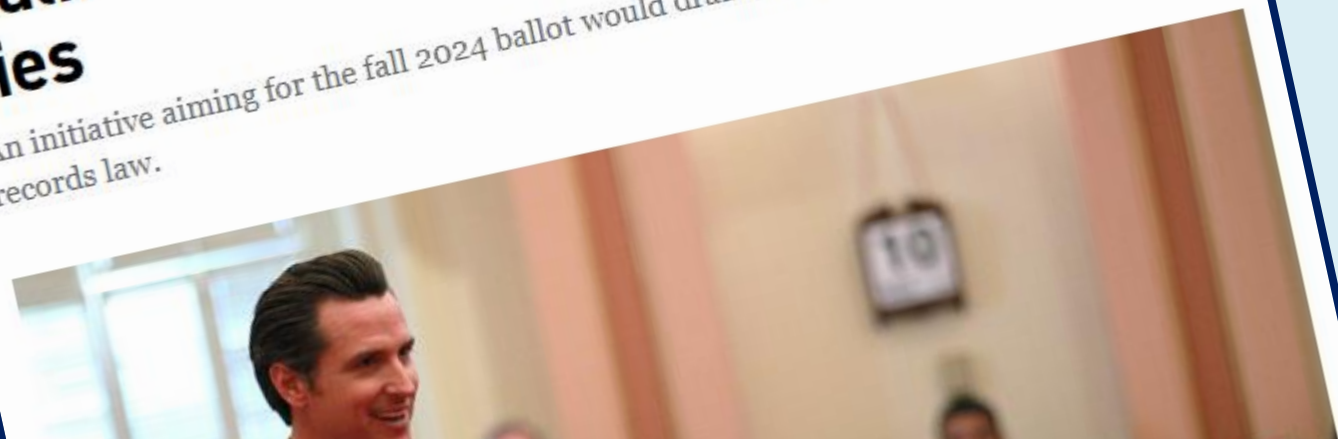
California voters could force
more sunlight on public records

Legislative Analyst's Office:

“We estimate that this measure would result in net increased costs on state and local governments—likely reaching over **\$1 billion annually** depending on how this measure is implemented.”

California lawnmowers

An initiative aiming for the fall 2024 ballot would dramatically expand the state's public records law.



Records Laws to Promote
Government Transparency & Accountability

AUGUST 2, 2023

BY JERRY FLANAGAN



2024 Legislative Advocacy Priorities

Action Item

Kalyn Dean and Eric Lawyer, Legislative Advocates, CSAC

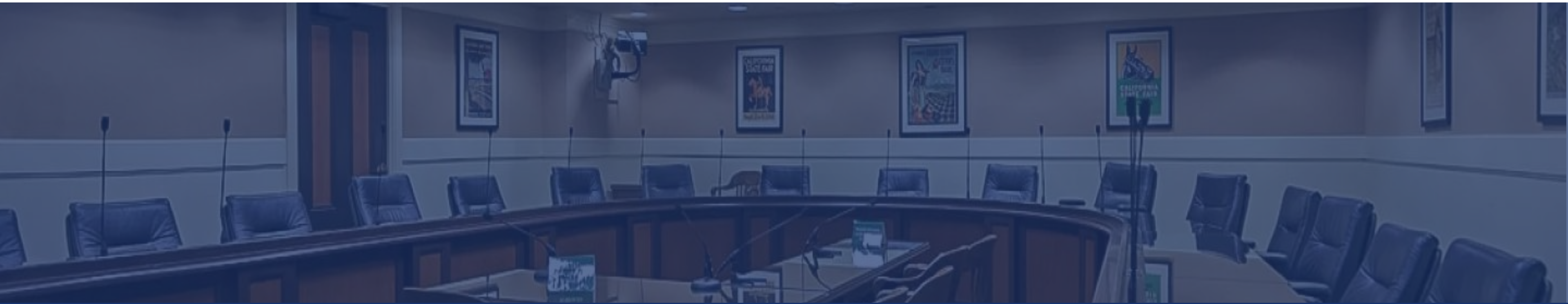
Protecting
Local
Revenues and
Fiscal
Sustainability

State-Imposed
Mandate
Reimbursement
Reform and
Debt
Repayment

Resist Further
Expansion of
Worker's
Compensation
Presumptions &
Changes

2023 Legislative Review and the Year Ahead

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Legislation by the Numbers

2,976 bills
introduced in
2023

2,167 bills
tracked by
CSAC across all
policy areas

312 bills
tracked related
to government
finance and
administration
policy

48 bills
related to
government
finance and
administration
with active
positions by
CSAC



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