



CITY OF PALO ALTO OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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The Honorable City Council
Palo Alto, California

Potential List of Topics for the Study Session With Senator Jerry Hill

1. General 2015 legislative summary
2. California High Speed Rail on the Peninsula
3. Possible rail grade separation and/or trenching collaboration between the counties of San Mateo and Santa Clara
4. The proposed Santa Clara County transportation tax and, if approved, what percentage of those funds would go towards railroad grade separations
5. Implications of merging the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
6. The prospective expansion of Cap & Trade legislation and how those funds would be allocated
7. State efforts to manage technology privacy and how local jurisdictions can help
8. How the state can help with the supply, cost, and protection of residents when it comes to housing in the Bay Area
9. Climate change and anticipated sea level rise
10. Property tax reform
11. State assistance to help local municipalities get permits more quickly such as those required for the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority project
12. General 2016 legislative forecast
 - a. Challenges and opportunities

Message of Appreciation

The City of Palo Alto greatly appreciates the efforts made by Senator Hill and his office during this year's legislative session, specifically as it relates to his commitment to carbon neutral energy portfolios. The City of Palo Alto looks forward to continuing to work with him and his office as both he and the City continue to lead on sustainability issues that show the value of early climate action and environmental stewardship.

Finally, the City of Palo Alto would like to recognize Senator Hill's attention to utility safety issues. The City of Palo Alto Utilities Department puts its highest priority on utility safety and reliability and appreciates that Senator Hill does the same.

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