



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: Ken Stripling

DATE: August 22, 2017

SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATION: ASSEMBLY BILL 182

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTER: Masis Hagobian

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council adopt the Legislative Committee’s recommendation to support Assembly Bill 182 (Waldron) and transmit position statements to Assembly Member Waldron, Santa Clarita’s state legislative delegation, appropriate legislative committees, Governor Brown, and the League of California Cities.

BACKGROUND

Authored by Assembly Member Marie Waldron (R-75-Temecula), Assembly Bill 182 establishes the Heroin and Opioid Public Education Program (HOPE), to combat the growing heroin and opioid medication epidemic in the state. This bill requires the Department of Public Health to develop and oversee the public awareness campaign and submit a report annually to the Governor and the state legislature summarizing the actions that have been undertaken and assess the effectiveness of the HOPE Program, including, but not limited to, effects on the rate of new opioid and heroin addictions.

Specifically, this bill:

1. Requires that the HOPE Program educate the public on the negative impact of heroin use and opioid abuse and identify services available to individuals for treatment.
2. Permits the Department of Public Health to enter into public-private partnerships with pharmaceutical or health care insurance companies, nonprofit social services organizations, mental health services providers and clinics, law enforcement, health care agencies, and school districts that provide services in order to facilitate the dissemination of information.
3. Requires the Department of Public Health to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature, on an annual basis, that summarizes the actions that have been undertaken

and assess the effectiveness of the HOPE Program, including, but not limited to, effects on the rate of new opioid and heroin addictions by populations, mitigation of the effects of opioid or heroin addiction, crime rates, hospitalization rates, death rates, and other calculable results. Requires the report to include recommendations for legislative or executive action that may be necessary to facilitate the ongoing success of the program.

4. Sunsets the HOPE Program on January 1, 2023.

According to the Department of Public Health, the rate of overdose related deaths involving drugs increased by 200% between 2001 and 2014 in California. The sales of opioid pain relievers quadrupled in that same time period.

In April 2017, the City of Santa Clarita (City) experienced eight opioid overdose related emergencies, including one death, in a 72-hour period. After additional resources from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) were assigned to the City, multiple operations to combat drug use were conducted. Between May 2, 2017, and June 15, 2017, detectives of the Narcotics Bureau of LASD arrested 39 narcotics dealers, seized approximately two pounds of heroin, and two cars with hidden compartments to conceal narcotics.

Although the City and its partners have initiatives in place to educate the public on the effects of drug use, the issue of opioid abuse and heroin use is fluid across city boundaries and is a statewide problem. By implementing a public information and multimedia campaign statewide, HOPE can educate the public on the dangers of abusing prescription opioids and heroin and identify treatment services.

Assembly Bill 182 passed the Assembly on May 31, 2017, (77-0-3) and was placed on the suspense file by the Senate Committee on Appropriations (7-0) on July 17, 2017. Assembly Members Dante Acosta and Tom Lackey both voted in support of this bill.

Although Assembly Bill 182 will not be moving forward, it is anticipated that similar legislation will be considered by the legislature in the future. Establishment of a policy position by the City Council will enable the City to be responsive to similar legislation in the future.

The City Council Legislative Committee met on July 13, 2017, and recommends that the City Council adopt a "support" position for Assembly Bill 182.

#### ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Adopt a "neutral" position on Assembly Bill 182
2. Adopt an "oppose" position on Assembly Bill 182
3. Take no action on Assembly Bill 182
4. Refer Assembly Bill 182 back to the Legislative Committee
5. Other action, as determined by the City Council

## FISCAL IMPACT

The resources required to implement the recommended action are contained within the City of Santa Clarita's adopted 2017/18 budget.

## ATTACHMENTS

AB 182 (Waldron)