



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Local:

Candidates sought to oversee Irvine Unified's \$319 bond measure (OC Register)

Interested in overseeing how the Irvine Unified School District will use its \$319 million bond to improve aging school facilities?

Irvine Mayor Steven Choi headed to November state assembly election (OC Register)

Irvine Mayor Steven Choi is headed to the November general election in the race to replace termed-out Assemblyman Don Wagner, making him the favorite against a Democratic opponent in the conservative 68th Assembly District.

Watchdog: Water fight may leave some O.C. customers with bigger bills (OC Register)

The latest skirmish in the water wars asks the cryptic question: When is water not really water?

Marian Bergeson, pioneering politician, dies at 90 (OC Register)

Marian Bergeson, a longtime education advocate who served Orange County for decades as one of its most prominent politicians and became a trailblazer as the first woman to win seats in both the state Assembly and Senate, died Wednesday. She was 90.

State:

What initiatives are on the November ballot? (CalWatchdog)

Voters have been warned for a while to be prepared for a seemingly never-ending series of ballot measures, and on Thursday the secretary of state released the final list of what initiatives qualified.

Political ethics law to get overhaul soon (CalWatchdog)

After 42 years of regulating the state's political ethics, with countless updates and tweaks, the Political Reform Act is due for an overhaul - and stakeholders are set to begin the process next week.

Look out, Lone Star state: California closing the jobs gap (OC Register)

Let's not find cheer in other people's financial headaches, even if there's a chilly business climate in California's economic archrival, Texas.

Gov. Brown signs suite of gun-control bills (CalWatchdog)

New legislation on guns was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown and advanced on Capitol Hill, as California elected officials continued a concerted push for tighter regulations at both the state and federal level.

National:

Jobs bounce back in June after terrible May (The Hill)

The U.S. economy added a robust 287,000 jobs in June, well above expectations after a dismal May report.

Benghazi Committee closes the book (The Hill)

The House Select Committee on Benghazi closed the book on its investigation into the 2012 terrorist attacks in Libya on Friday after more than two years of work and incalculable amounts of partisan controversy.

States are right to worry about clean power plan costs (The Hill)

Earlier this year, the Supreme Court issued a stay on President Obama's "Clean Power Plan" (CPP.) That was good news for the 29 states now on record as formally opposing the president's plan to vastly transform the nation's power grid. But those states now appear doubly justified in opposing the effort, thanks to the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) recent study on the CPP's projected costs.

Business coalition urges Congress to renew controversial visa program (The Hill)

A coalition of business groups is pushing Congress to permanently renew a controversial investor visa program before it expires in September.