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*Pronouns: she, her, hers*

Erica Vega has dedicated her entire legal career to the representation of cities and other public agencies across California. She serves as City Attorney for the City of Eastvale, as Assistant City Attorney for Alhambra and Pacific Grove, and has worked with numerous other cities in both general and special counsel roles. In addition to her work with cities, Erica serves as General Counsel to two mosquito and vector control special districts.

Erica serves as a trusted advisor to **public** agency governing bodies, commissions, and staff on a wide array of legal issues, with a particular focus on land use, development and housing, elections, ethics and transparency, and cannabis regulation. She ensures that she delivers advice to clients in a manner that is understandable and contains practical guidance that can be readily applied in the real world. In providing advice, Erica focuses on both legal compliance and risk assessment, understanding that many complex situations faced by public agencies do not have clear cut answers.

Erica has extensive experience advising cities on **land use and environmental** issues related to proposed development projects, including large private development projects and public infrastructure improvements. She has negotiated and drafted complex development agreements and has experience advising on the acquisition and disposition of property by public agencies, including Surplus Land Act compliance. Erica routinely advises public agencies on CEQA compliance throughout the project processing and approval process. She has reviewed CEQA documents for and advised on freeway interchange improvements and major state highway projects, General and Specific Plans, large commercial and mixed use developments, university campus expansions, hospitals, and master planned residential developments proposing thousands of new homes.

Erica has extensive experience advising on ballot measures, whether initiated by the agency or voter petition. She has worked on numerous initiatives, referendums, and recall attempts, including situations

### PRACTICES

Environmental Land Use and Natural Resources

Public Law

### EDUCATION

J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2006

B.A., Government, Smith College, 2003

### ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States District Court for the Central District of California

### AFFILIATIONS

League of California Cities

California Bar Association, Public Law Section

where there are competing ballot measures. She is knowledgeable on the local elections process from start to finish. She has drafted ballot measures and impartial analyses and works closely with the local elections official to ensure Elections Code procedures and requirements are satisfied.

Erica is an active in organizations representing the interests of public agencies. She served two terms on the CalCities Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations Policy Committee and for six years on the CalCities City Attorney's Department Public Records Act Committee. She is a contributor to the CalCities publications "The People's Business" and "Providing Conflict of Interest Advice."

A graduate of Smith College, Erica majored in Government. She also studied in Geneva, Switzerland, where she was enrolled at the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute for International Studies. Erica obtained her Juris Doctorate from the University of California School of Law San Francisco (UC Law SF, formerly UC Hastings). At UC Law SF, Erica focused her studies on public law and policy. She participated in the school's Center for State and Local Government Law and Public Law Research Institute.

### INSIGHTS

Join Us at the CalCities Annual Conference and Expo this October!  
Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Accessory Dwelling Unit Laws

### PUBLICATIONS

Housing Law Roundup 2021

AB 361 Extends Local Agency Meeting Teleconferencing Options Past September 30th

Bill Summaries: Animal Protections

SB 288 - CEQA Exemption for Alternative Transportation Projects  
Changes to Public Generally Exception and New Requirement for Posting of Campaign Disclosure Documents Filed in Paper Format

Bill Summaries | AB 2231 and AB 2311

Housing Roundup: New Housing Bills Signed by Governor Newsom  
Recent Legislation Affecting Scooters, Skateboards and Parking Penalties

AB 992 | The Brown Act & Social Media

COVID-19 Updates for Employers

Local Special Taxes Proposed by Voter Initiative Subject to Majority Voter Approval

Cost-Effective Public Records Act Compliance and Records Transparency Following Proposition 42

E-Records Sent From Private Devices and Accounts Are Not Public  
Records Under CPRA