

Murphy's Bowl Legislation

Background:

- AB 987 “California Environmental Quality Act: Sports and Entertainment project”, introduced by Assembly member Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-54) on June 8th, 2018, will provide shortcuts for approval if the proposed project faces challenges under CEQA
 - The bill would encourage judges to decide any lawsuit under CEQA within nine months and prohibit a judge from stopping construction on the arena unless there were imminent life and safety risks, or if it would adversely affect artifacts or unknown ecological materials discovered at the location
- A similar bill, SB 789, failed last year, and would have provided even greater benefits under CEQA for the Clippers
 - SB 789 and the new AB 987 is word-for-word identical in some places, but SB 789 was more permissive and would have allowed the lead agency to outright bypass reviewing alternative locations, parking, congestion, and greenhouse gas impacts—this portion
 - AB 789 sets aside a series of measures that shall be implemented, “if feasible and necessary”, including a transportation management plan and using renewable energy
- AB 987 requires that a full and comprehensive Environmental Impact Report (EIR) be conducted for the new Clippers Arena Project and ensures it will be subject to the same 270 days for judicial review of any challenge to the EIR, similar to the review period granted to both the Sacramento Kings arena and the Golden State Warriors arena
- Link to text of AB 987:
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB987

Update on Legislation:

- As of June 13th, 2018, AB 987 was referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality and Committee on Judiciary