

News and Opinion Articles on California Charter Cities, State-Mandated Prevailing Wage, and Senate Bill 7 in 2013

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- 23 [Reasons to Consider Becoming a Charter City](#) - op-ed by former Murrieta City Council member Doug McAllister - *UT San Diego* - February 19, 2013
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