



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 14, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: City Administrator's Office

SUBJECT: Update Of State And Federal Legislative Platform

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Adopt the legislative platform that guides the City's support or opposition to regional, state and federal legislative issues; and
- B. Authorize the Mayor, Councilmembers, and staff, on behalf of the City of Santa Barbara, to contact regional, state and federal representatives to advocate for legislation and actions consistent with the goals of the legislative platform.

DISCUSSION:

The City's legislative platform serves as the foundation for the City to support, remain neutral or oppose regional initiatives and/or state and federal legislation. A comprehensive and current platform enables the City to act quickly when advocacy is needed. In cases where an issue is not addressed in the platform, staff will return to the Council Committee on Legislation and /or the City Council for direction as necessary.

Every even year, staff comprehensively reviews the platform to ensure it reflects current policy issues and positions of the Council. The Council Committee met May 12 and 25 to review recommended changes to the platform and forward recommended revisions to City Council. The Summary of Proposed Changes (Attachment 1) is a list of the substantive changes made to the 2015 adopted platform. The proposed Legislative Platform (Attachment 2) is marked with additions and deletions to assist Council in identifying the specific changes made.

The Committee unanimously recommended that Council adopt the proposed Legislative Platform revisions with the exception of Change # 14 listed in Attachment 1 – Summary of Changes, "Support legislation that prohibits the possession of large-capacity magazines of 11 rounds or more." This change passed the committee with a 2:1 vote with Councilmember Hotchkiss voting "no".

There are several support statements added to the platform on issues brought to the Committee as community requests and noted on Attachment 1 in the summary of changes. Out of four requests, the Committee approved additional language to 1) support changing the definition of vicious dogs to remove dogs seized from a dogfighting operation, and 2) support revenue-neutral carbon fee-and-dividend legislation.

For the remaining two requests, the Committee incorporated new language addressing the intent of the requests from 1) the Coalition Against Gun Violence to support the Safety for All initiative relating to obtaining firearms, and 2) CalPIRG to oppose the Supreme Court's 2010 ruling in *Citizen's United* related to transparency in political campaign funding and preventing undue financial or political influence of non-voting entities. Details of each request submitted to the Council Committee on Legislation are provided in Attachment 3.

ATTACHMENT(S): 1. Summary of Changes
2. Proposed 2016 Legislative Platform
3. Community Request Letters

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Summary of Proposed Changes to the City of Santa Barbara Legislative Platform

#	Changes to Platform	Position Statement / Description	Policy Area	Staff
1.	Added Statement	Support legislation that promotes transparency in political campaign funding and/or spending.	City Administration	Community Request - Ezinne Meremikwu
2.	Deleted Statement	Support civil justice reform measures designed to improve the business climate in California. The City Attorney will evaluate these measures on a case-by-case basis.	City Administration	Ariel Calonne
3.	Added Statement	Oppose legislation which limits the power of cities to negotiate indemnification protections in public contracts. <i>Prohibits public agencies from requiring that design professionals (i.e. architects & engineers) have the duty to defend, or pay upfront defense costs, for claims against their design work and instead makes them only liable for such costs only after a complete court or arbitration adjudication to their degree of fault.</i>	City Administration	Ariel Calonne
4.	Modified Statement	Old Statement: Support efforts to bring additional revenue to state/local governments to meet the needs of a growing population, service reductions, and deteriorating facilities and other capital infrastructure. New Statement: Support efforts and legislation to bring additional revenue to state/local governments to fund the maintenance of rapidly deteriorating streets and roadways.	Revenue and Taxation	Bob Samario
5.	Added Statement	Support legislation that facilitates the financing of capital infrastructure through local bonds and other indebtedness.	Revenue and Taxation	Bob Samario
6.	Modified Statement	Oppose diversion of sales tax revenues from other regions in return for favorable terms with retail or distribution outlets. <i>Substituted "treatment" for "terms with retail or distribution outlets."</i>	Revenue and Taxation	Bob Samario
7.	Added Statement	Support legislation that requires online home sharing platforms to provide information to local jurisdictions, including property address, length of stay, rates and other pertinent information, regarding properties used as vacation rentals within the jurisdiction's boundaries.	Revenue and Taxation	Bob Samario
8.	Modified Statement	Support legislation and efforts to collect the full amount of local transient occupancy tax generated from sales by online travel companies.	Revenue and Taxation	Bob Samario

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9.	Added Statement	Oppose any regulation or legislation that would alter current California law on disability benefits to expand eligibility for specific types of disability benefits to new or additional job classifications, or extend the term for disability benefits to an eligible employee beyond what is established by current California law.	Employee Relations and Risk Management	Mark Howard
10.	Added Statement	Support legislation which provides funding for local law enforcement agencies' acquisition of body cameras and related data storage and equipment. <i>This bill would require the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to develop a grant program to fund local law enforcement agencies' acquisition of body cameras and related data storage and equipment.</i>	Public Safety	John Crombach
11.	Added Statement	Support legislation which expands the exemption under the California Public Records Act to include any audio or video recording created during an investigation, intelligence gathering operation, or the conducting of security procedures. <i>This bill would significantly expand an exemption under the California Public Records Act for investigatory or security files created by law enforcement entities. Expressly includes within the scope of the exemption any audio or video recording created during an investigation, intelligence gathering operation, or conducting security procedures. Will apply to data collected by body cameras as well as drones.</i>	Public Safety	John Crombach
12.	Added statement	Support requiring all persons convicted of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offenses to install and maintain an Ignition Interlock Device (IID), a Breathalyzer requiring a driver to blow into a mouthpiece in order to start an automobile engine.	Public Safety	John Crombach
13.	Added Statement	Support legislation which removes from the definition of "vicious dog" any dog seized from a dog fighting operation.	Public Safety	Community Request – Lee Heller
14.	Added Statement	Support legislation that prohibits the possession of large-capacity magazines of 11 rounds or more.	Public Safety	Community Request – Toni Wellen

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15.	Added Statement	Support legislation that requires background checks at point of sale and prohibits sale of ammunition to persons convicted of a felony, a violent misdemeanor, has a restraining order or has been declared dangerously mentally ill.	Public Safety	Community Request – Toni Wellen
16.	Added Statement	Support legislation that requires firearm owners to notify law enforcement if their firearm has been lost or stolen.	Public Safety	Community Request – Toni Wellen
17.	Added Statement	Support legislation which mandates that California share data with the FBI/NICS (National Instant Background Check System).	Public Safety	Community Request – Toni Wellen
18.	Added Statement	Support legislation that provides immunity for first responders who damage a civilian drone directly interfering with ambulance services, firefighting-related services, and search and rescue operations.	Public Safety	Pat McElroy John Crombach
19.	Added Statement	Support legislation that prohibits dumping waste matter on public property or on private property without the consent of the owner, and makes this offense punishable by fines.	Environmental Quality	Matt Fore
20.	Added Statement	Oppose legislation that would require local governments to give bidding or procurement preference to solid waste and transportation service contractors that agree to retain employees from the previous contractor. <i>Requires local governments to give a 10% bidding preference to solid waste and transportation service contractors that agree to retain employees from the previous contractor for at least 90 days.</i>	Environmental Quality	Matt Fore
21.	Added Statement	Oppose legislation or efforts which would limit public agencies ability to set contractor requirements and monitor for regulatory compliance in storm water pollution prevention. <i>Prohibits public agencies from requiring that a contractor develop a storm water pollution prevention plan or to assume responsibility for its accuracy and completeness.</i>	Environmental Quality	Cameron Benson

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22.	Added Statement	Support revenue-neutral carbon fee-and-dividend legislation.	Environmental Quality	Community Request – John Kelley Dennis Thompson
23.	Modified Statement	Support development of a clear methodology for preparing CEQA analysis of potential impacts from greenhouse gas emissions of proposed projects. <i>Changed wording from global warming impacts to impacts from greenhouse gas emissions</i>	Environmental Quality	Renee Brooke
24.	Modified Statement	Support legislation and state and federal programs that assist in providing funding for homeless services, including homelessness prevention, emergency shelters, transitional housing, reunification or permanent supportive housing. <i>Omitted day centers and inserted homelessness prevention and added reunification.</i>	Housing and Economic Development	Sue Gray
25.	Added Statement	Oppose legislation or constitutional amendments that weaken or interfere with the powers of charter cities and preserve local autonomy or home rule authority.	Housing and Economic Development	Renee Brooke/Sue Gray
26.	Added Statement	Oppose legislation that would preempt local land use and design authority and restrict the ability to impose development and design regulations/standards over development projects.	Housing and Economic Development	Renee Brooke/Sue Gray
27.	Deleted Statement	Oppose legislation that automatically grants additional time extensions of subdivision approvals beyond those in AB 116. <i>AB 116 Passed in 2013, making above statement obsolete.</i>	Housing and Economic Development	Renee Brooke
28.	Added statement	Support legislation that would require local design review for new or redeveloped mobile home parks.	Housing and Economic Development	Renee Brooke
29.	Added Statement	Support measures in local land use that are consistent with the doctrine of "home rule" and the local exercise of police powers in planning and zoning processes.	Housing and Economic Development	Renee Brooke/Sue Gray

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30.	Added Statement	Support state and federal legislation and programs that provide funding directly to local municipalities for decision-making at the local level instead of application-based awards.	Housing and Economic Development	Sue Gray
31.	Added statement	Oppose legislation that would increase the risk of criminal prosecutions against cities related to bidding on public works projects. <i>The bill would increase the statutes of limitations of a misdemeanor from 1 year to 3 years for a city violation of competitive bidding law.</i>	Transportation, Public Works and Communications	Rebecca Bjork
32.	Modified Statement	Support the preservation of ocean resources through established marine sanctuaries, while reserving the ability to comment on potential sanctuary expansion that could affect activities including but not limited to dredging, vessel traffic, desalination , wastewater disposal, or general construction, maintenance and repair of Waterfront facilities. <i>Added the word "desalination."</i>	Waterfront	Mick Kronman
33.	Modified Statement	Support the U.S. Coast Guard's services mission to conduct Homeland Security and search-and-rescue operations, and pollution response as agency priorities. <i>Added the phrase "pollution response."</i>	Waterfront	Mick Kronman
34.	Modified Statement	Oppose legislative or administrative efforts to eliminate the State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) and/or reduce or reallocate DBW's budget. If obligations of the Division of Boating and Waterways are absorbed by another department of state government. <i>Corrected names and acronyms and struck last sentence</i>	Waterfront	Mick Kronman
35.	Deleted Statement	Oppose legislative or administrative efforts to increase funds historically appropriated to the State Parks and Recreation Department, as authorized in Section 85.2 (b) (1) in the Harbors and Navigation Code.	Waterfront	Mick Kronman



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City of Santa Barbara

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CITY ADMINISTRATION	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: Issues regarding local authority, state and federal mandates, election law and administration, tort reform, open meeting law (Brown Act), the Public Records Act, the Political Reform Act, and other conflict of interest laws
LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISCRETION	ALL DEPARTMENTS	<p>Support the ability of local governments to enact local standards or regulations that differ from those enacted at the state and federal level regarding any issue described in the legislative platform.</p> <p>Oppose legislation or regulation that restricts local authority and discretion.</p>
STATE AND FEDERAL MANDATES	ALL DEPARTMENTS	<p>Support funding for any improvements, programs, and projects required of the City through state or federal mandates.</p> <p>Oppose unfunded state or federal mandates.</p>
OPEN MEETING LAW (THE BROWN ACT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Open Meetings</i> • <i>Restrictions</i> • <i>Closed Sessions</i> • <i>Privacy Rights</i> • <i>Personnel Issues</i> • <i>Property Acquisitions</i> • <i>Attorney/Client Privilege</i> 	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/CITY ATTORNEY	<p>Support legislation that recognizes the need to conduct the public’s business in public. To this end, the City supports the regulation of the State Legislature and other public agencies to ensure conformance to the principles of the open meetings provision in the Ralph M. Brown Act.</p> <p>Support legislation that extends application of the Brown Act to the State Legislature.</p> <p>Oppose legislation claiming to enhance open and public meetings that in practice unnecessarily complicates the ability of a city to properly communicate with the public and that discourages communications among governing body members through unproductive restrictions and inappropriate activities.</p> <p>Oppose legislation that would impose further unnecessary restrictions on the action that a governing body can take in closed sessions.</p> <p>Support legislation that recognizes the realities of other constraints under which a local governing body must operate that necessitates judicious use of closed sessions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The privacy rights granted to individuals under the U.S. and California constitutions; • The personnel issues that have a potential impact on an individual’s career and potential earning capacity and that raise serious liability questions for a local jurisdiction; • The protection of the taxpayer’s interests over property and other acquisitions or sales by a public agency; • The proper maintenance of the same attorney-client privilege enjoyed by the private sector; and • The ability of the City to conduct sensitive business negotiations confidentially.
ALLIANCES	ALL DEPARTMENTS	<p>Support alliances with counties, schools, other cities, employee organizations, other local agencies, and business and professional organizations to support cooperation, sound financial policies, and joint action.</p>
POLITICAL REFORM ACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Practices</i> • <i>Local Authority</i> • <i>Reproduction Costs</i> 	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	<p>Oppose regulations and legislation that would restrict or preempt local regulation of campaign financing.</p> <p>Support appropriate efforts to improve and streamline the Political Reform Act and its implementation through regulations.</p> <p>Support an increase in the fee for the reproduction of statements required under the Political Reform Act from ten cents (\$0.10) to twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.</p>

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<p>ELECTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Costs/Procedures</i> • <i>Mail Ballots</i> • <i>Ballot measures</i> • <i>Transparency</i> 	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/CITY ATTORNEY	<p>Support legislation that reduces any unnecessary and costly procedures for conducting a municipal election.—</p> <p>Oppose legislation that mandates costly and unnecessary procedures related to the local election process.</p> <p>Support vote by mail elections for a county election.</p> <p>Support the requirement that the intent and text of a local ballot measure is to be filed with the City Clerk with a filing fee.</p> <p>Support publishing the title of a local ballot measure in a newspaper of general circulation instead of the full text.</p> <p>Oppose legislation which would allow California Voting Rights Act lawsuits against cities that already have district elections.</p> <p>Oppose legislation that would mandate the dates on which to hold local elections.</p> <p>Support <u>legislation that promotes transparency in political campaign funding and/or spending</u>[WK1].</p>	
<p>LITIGATION REFORM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Local Exposure</i> • <i>Liability</i> • <i>Business Climate</i> 	CITY ATTORNEY	<p>Support legislation that limits the exposure of local governments to lawsuits related to liability, including but not limited to such areas as unimproved natural conditions, design immunity, hazardous recreational activities, and injuries due to wild animals in public places.</p> <p>Support modifications to the joint and several liability laws that require the responsible parties in a civil action to pay only their fair share of judgment based on their relative responsibility.</p> <p>Support civil justice reform measures designed to improve the business climate in California. The City Attorney will evaluate these measures on a case-by-case basis[WK2].</p> <p>Support limitations on lawsuits that have little merit by eliminating the availability of provisions for fee recovery by petitioners or by authorizing cities to collect their fees and costs in cases where they are the prevailing party.</p> <p>Oppose <u>legislation which limits the power of cities to negotiate indemnification protections in public contracts.</u>[WK3]</p>	

REVENUE AND TAXATION	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: Issues and recommendations related to finance administration, taxation reform, revenue needs, and revenue sources at the federal, state and local levels.
EFFECTIVE FINANCING	FINANCE	Support meaningful fiscal reform that allows each level of government to adequately finance its service responsibilities.
LOCAL CONTROL	FINANCE	<p>Support local control and accountability for revenues raised and services provided.</p> <p>Support the protection of existing city revenue sources, including the local share of property tax, sales tax, and COPS funding, etc.</p> <p>Support the authority of local governments to collect revenues from telecommunications providers and ensure that any future changes are revenue neutral for local governments.</p> <p>Oppose any state or federal legislation that would pre-empt or threaten local taxation authority.</p>
ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR LOCAL NEEDS	FINANCE	<p>Support efforts <u>and legislation</u> to bring additional revenue to state/local governments to meet the needs of a growing population, service reductions, and deteriorating facilities and other capital infrastructure. <u>fund the maintenance of rapidly deteriorating streets and roadways.</u>^[WK4]</p> <p>Support legislation that facilitates the financing of capital infrastructure through local bonds and other indebtedness.^[WK5]</p>
STATE MANDATES REIMBURSEMENT	FINANCE	<p>Support full and prompt reimbursement to all local agencies for all state-mandated programs and/or infractions and losses associated with local revenue shifts.</p> <p>Support reforms prohibiting the State from deferring mandate payments.</p> <p>Oppose unfunded state and federal mandates.</p>
DISASTER RECOVERY	FINANCE	Support disaster recovery legislation that mitigates losses experienced by local governments.
SALES TAXES	FINANCE	<p>Support efforts to preserve the existing Situs-based sales tax under the Bradley Burns 1% baseline.</p> <p>Support efforts to reduce competition for Situs-based new revenues.</p> <p>Support allocation of tax proceeds collected from internet sales to the jurisdiction where the product is received by the purchaser.</p> <p>Oppose circumvention of the principle of Situs-based sales.</p> <p>Oppose diversion of sales tax revenues from other regions in return for favorable <u>treatment terms with retail or distribution outlets.</u>^[WK6]</p>
TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT)	FINANCE	<p>Support <u>legislation that requires online home sharing platforms to provide information to local jurisdictions, including property address, length of stay, rates and other pertinent information, regarding properties used as vacation rentals within the jurisdiction's boundaries.</u>^[WK7]</p> <p>Support <u>legislation and efforts to collect the full- amount of local transient occupancy tax generated from sales by online travel companies.</u>^[WK8]</p> <p>Oppose any legislation that would prohibit local voter-approved transient occupancy taxes.</p>
UTILITY USER TAX (UUT)	FINANCE	Oppose legislation that would prohibit local governments from collecting Utility User Tax from modern telecommunication and video technologies, including but not limited to cell phones, Internet-based telephone services (VoIP), pre-paid wireless services, and other wired or wireless technology.
REGIONAL REVENUES	FINANCE	Support the identification and implementation of multi-jurisdictional revenues in cases where regional issues, programs, and services are identified.

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FRANCHISE FEES	FINANCE	<p>Support local government ability to receive compensation for use of its public-right-of-way, including but not limited to gas, electric, refuse, and cable and video providers.</p> <p>Oppose any legislation that would reduce video franchise fees or PEG access fees.</p>
PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT (PEG) ACCESS TELEVISION	FINANCE	<p>Support legislation that preserves PEG access television and allows PEG access funding to be used to support basic operational costs, including employee salaries, as well as capital maintenance and replacement.</p>

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT		Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: issues related to the field of labor relations and human resource management.
<p>LABOR RELATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Local Authority</i> • <i>MOU</i> • <i>Mutual Agreement</i> 	CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p>Support efforts to promote, initiate, and improve both public and private sector labor- management relations.</p> <p>Oppose interference with management rights or the ability of cities and their employees to bargain on matters within the scope of representation.</p> <p>Support legislation that specifically exempts local public agencies from the requirement to negotiate with any labor or special interest group about matters submitted to the voters of that jurisdiction as initiatives or Charter amendments.</p> <p>Support the long-held position of California courts that public employees cannot engage in strikes.</p> <p>Support local government control of the budget process related to employee compensation.</p> <p>Oppose any legislative action that requires the continuation of the terms of any Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between a public agency and an employee organization until a successor MOU is agreed upon.</p> <p>Oppose the expansion of a local agency’s collective bargaining responsibilities to employees over whose conditions of employment, the local agency does not have full control.</p> <p>Oppose any extension of the State Public Employment Relations Board jurisdiction over local public agency labor relation disputes and charges of unfair labor practices, and to any interference or intervention in local collective bargaining by any labor-management relations councils or boards.</p> <p>Oppose state-mandated compulsory labor arbitration, mediation, or fact-finding processes.</p> <p>Oppose state-mandated paid time off for employee’s union activities.</p>	
<p>EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Civil Rights/EEO</i> • <i>Sexual Harassment</i> • <i>Standards</i> • <i>Family Leave</i> • <i>Sexual Orientation</i> 	CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p>Support legislation furthering the purpose and clarifying the application of state and federal civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws.</p> <p>Support consistent standards for discrimination and harassment claims between state and federal law.</p> <p>Support efforts to conform the California Family Care Leave Laws to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).</p> <p>Support the amendment of federal civil rights legislation to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.</p> <p>Oppose extending the filing dates for Fair Employment and Housing Commission (FEHC) charges, and oppose permitting the FEHC to provide affirmative or prospective relief to prevent the recurrence of an unlawful practice.</p>	
<p>PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coalition Public Pension Systems</i> • <i>Exemptions</i> <p>PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)</p>	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	<p>Support the PERS Public Agency Coalition (PERS/PAC) and its efforts to maintain or further the interests of contracting agencies.</p> <p>Support allowing changes to retirement benefits applicable to the prospective service of existing employees, consistent with the state and federal constitutions and other applicable law.</p> <p>Oppose preemption of charter city authority over their public pension systems.</p> <p>Support certain limitations upon recoveries under judgments against public retirement systems.</p> <p>Support efforts to reduce retirement benefit fraud and a requirement that the PERS Board adjust or cancel the retirement allowance of any person convicted of making fraudulent benefit claims.</p>	

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT		Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: issues related to the field of labor relations and human resource management.
<p>CONTINUED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Limitations</i> • <i>Fraud</i> • <i>PERS Credit</i> • <i>Disability</i> • <i>Airport Patrol</i> • <i>Pension System Reform</i> • <i>Employer Rate</i> • <i>Part-Time Work</i> • <i>Mandates</i> • <i>CalPERS Board</i> 			<p>Support efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reducing all disability retirement payments for employees hired after a certain date; • imposing an earnings test for persons receiving industrial disability retirement; • requiring state departments to identify annual unemployment and disability payments in separate budget items; • requiring persons receiving disability retirement payments to obtain an annual medical examination; • prescribing a 60% cap on payments for either job-related or non-job-related disabilities; • eliminating the tax-exempt status of disability retirement payments; • requiring mandatory reinstatement for employees certified able to work by medical exam; and • discontinuing disability retirement payments if the employee rejects reinstatement. <p>Oppose requiring an employer to continue to pay the salary of a member while PERS makes its decision on the member's application for involuntary disability retirement.</p> <p>Support restructuring the membership of the CalPERS Board of Administration to include new members appointed by the League of California Cities and substantially increase the number of independent public members (preferably with financial expertise).</p> <p>Support increasing the transparency of both PERS pension programs and funding, and non-pension post-retirement benefits and subsidies.</p> <p>Support exempting part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees from CalPERS eligibility entirely and eliminating the 1,000-hour eligibility threshold.</p> <p>Support legislation exempting local agencies participating in PEMHCA from the requirement to make contributions toward health benefits for retired individuals.</p>
<p>FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FLSA)</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</p>		<p>Support the position that the FLSA was inappropriately applied to state and local governments through court decisions and was never designed to regulate public sector employment.</p>
<p>DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</p>		<p>Support legislation that deletes the current state criteria that persons in a Domestic Partnership must be members of the same sex or be over 62 years of age.</p>

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<p>EMPLOYMENT- RELATED ISSUES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mandates</i> • <i>OSHA</i> • <i>FEHC</i> 	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	<p>Support the special protection of elected officials, county public defenders, public figures and public employees acting in their official capacity against threats of death or serious bodily injury.</p> <p>Support federal and state legislation affirming the establishment of tax-exempt employee savings accounts for retirement health expenses.</p> <p>Oppose a mandatory Social Security tax on any public sector employees or employers by the federal government.</p> <p>Oppose any state or federal mandate of benefits on local agency employers, including, but not limited to, benefits for temporary or part-time employees, and veterans’ preferences.</p> <p>Oppose legislation limiting the ability of public agencies to monitor public employees’ use of public assets and resources.</p> <p>Oppose further limitation on a public sector employer’s ability to conduct job related pre-employment inquiries and background checks in order to prevent physical, financial, economic and personal identity threats to employees and the general public.</p>	
<p>WORKERS’ COMPENSATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Injuries</i> • <i>Medical Expenses</i> • <i>Presumptive Injury</i> • <i>Legal Process</i> 	FINANCE	<p>Support the principles that describe an industrial injury or illness using a narrow view on causation and definition of injury.</p> <p>Support requiring the employee to prove by clear and convincing evidence that sudden or extraordinary employment conditions were the predominant causes for the injury.</p> <p>Support existing workers' compensation laws to be liberally construed only after an injury is deemed "specific" and consists of serious physical or bodily harm.</p> <p>Support the cost containment of medical expenses for workers' compensation claims.</p> <p>Oppose regulations or legislation that would require increased employer medical costs for workers’ compensation.</p> <p>Oppose regulations or legislation that would expand the definition of a “presumptive” injury, or create new “presumptive” injury categories that lack a basis in current proven medical science.</p> <p>Oppose legislation that would permit an employee to use more than one legal process in regard to disability claims (i.e., ADA, workers’ compensation, DFEH), or any other erosion of the “exclusive remedy” principle as it relates to disability claims covered under workers’ compensation.</p> <p>Oppose <u>any regulation or legislation that would alter current California law on disability benefits to expand eligibility for specific types of disability benefits to new or additional job classifications, or extend the term for disability benefits to an eligible employee beyond what is established by current California law.</u> [WK9]</p>	
GENERAL INSURANCE	FINANCE	<p>Oppose regulations or legislation that would increase employer costs for mandated insurance coverage (i.e. general liability, automobile liability, etc.), including expanding employer coverage for personal property owned by an employee or volunteer.</p> <p>Oppose regulations or legislation that would require a city to repair a sidewalk when the sidewalk damage is caused by privately owned plants or trees and hold a city liable for any injury resulting from the failure to repair the sidewalk.</p>	

PUBLIC SAFETY	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: federal and state legislation and issues related to law enforcement, fire and life safety policies, emergency communications and services, and disaster preparedness.
<p>LAW ENFORCEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Penalties</i> • <i>Violent Offenders</i> • <i>Cost Reimbursement</i> • <i>Booking Fees</i> • <i>Parking Citations</i> • <i>Data Collection</i> • <i>Predators</i> • <i>Racial Profiling</i> • <i>Deportable Criminals</i> 	<p>POLICE</p>	<p>Support the promotion of public safety through stiffer penalties for violent offenders, and protection and supplementation of additional funding for local agencies to recoup the costs of crime and increase community safety.</p> <p>Support legislation which provides funding for local law enforcement agencies' acquisition of body cameras and related data storage and equipment.[WK10]</p> <p>Support legislation which expands the exemption under the California Public Records Act to include any audio or video recording created during an investigation, intelligence gathering operation, or the conducting of security procedures.[WK11]</p> <p>Oppose booking fees and seek their repeal, while encouraging localities to pursue resolution of the issues with their respective counties.</p> <p>Support data collection on hate crimes based on race, national origin, religion, gender, or sexual orientation and improved federal-local communication and coordination on hate crimes.</p> <p>Support legislation that builds trust between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve, including the immigrant community, to ensure that individuals can safely report crimes and fully cooperate with local police and Sheriff departments.</p> <p>Support federal action to identify predatory lending practices and increase federal enforcement action against lenders who target vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, elderly, low-income families, and racial minorities.</p> <p>Support federal anti-racial profiling legislation that provides financial support to state and local law enforcement agencies for training.</p> <p>Support reimbursement by the federal government to local agencies, specifically cities, for the costs associated with incarcerating deportable criminals.</p> <p>Support increased penalties for metal theft, and recognize that statewide regulation is needed to discourage "jurisdiction shopping."</p>
<p>NUISANCE CONTROL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Adult Entertainment</i> • <i>Alcohol</i> • <i>Medical Marijuana Dispensaries</i> • <i>Drugs</i> • <i>Public Space Behavior</i> • <i>Vicious Dog Definition</i> 	<p>POLICE</p>	<p>Support enhanced local control over public nuisances including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult entertainment facilities; • Problem alcohol establishments; • Improperly licensed massage therapy businesses; • Problem medical marijuana dispensaries; and • Properties where illegal drugs are sold. <p>Support legislation requiring all persons convicted of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offenses to install and maintain an Ignition Interlock Device (IID), a breathalyzer requiring a driver to blow into a mouthpiece in order to start an automobile engine.[WK12]</p> <p>Support legislation which removes from the definition of "vicious dog" any dog seized from a dog fighting operation.[WK13]</p> <p>Oppose legislation that diminishes or removes the ability of the local authority to establish regulations regarding reasonable use of public space and appropriate behavior in public spaces.</p>

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SMOKING AND TOBACCO CONTROL	POLICE	<p>Support legislation that limits the ability of minors to obtain tobacco products.</p> <p>Support legislation that reduces the impacts of environmental tobacco smoke.</p> <p>Support legislation that would provide additional funding to reduce tobacco consumption and improve cancer and smoking-related research.</p>
VIOLENT CRIMES	POLICE	<p>Support the reduction of violence through strategies that address domestic violence, access to tools of violence, including but not limited to firearms, knives, etc.</p> <p>Support <u>legislation that prohibits the possession of large-capacity magazines of 11 rounds or more.</u>[WK14]</p> <p>Support <u>legislation that requires background checks at point of sale and prohibits sale of ammunition to persons convicted of a felony, a violent misdemeanor, has a restraining order or has been declared dangerously mentally ill.</u>[WK15]</p> <p>Support <u>legislation that requires firearm owners to notify law enforcement if their firearm has been lost or stolen.</u>[WK16]</p> <p>Support <u>legislation which mandates that California share data with the FBI/NICS (National Instant Background Check System).</u>[WK17]</p>
GRAFFITI	POLICE	<p>Support increased authority and resources devoted to cities for abatement of graffiti and other acts of public vandalism.</p>
GANG VIOLENCE	POLICE	<p>Support programs and funding for cities to prevent gang violence and enhance prevention, intervention and enforcement efforts.</p>
DISASTER RESPONSE	FIRE	<p>Support funding for improved public notification mechanisms during natural disasters and other emergencies, including continuous radio reporting.</p> <p>Support additional funding for local agencies to recoup the costs associated with fire safety in the community and timely mutual aid reimbursement for disaster response services in other jurisdictions.</p>
<p>FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mission</i> • <i>Local Control</i> • <i>Transport</i> • <i>Staffing</i> • <i>Wildland Fuel Management</i> • <u><i>Unmanned Aircraft Systems</i></u> 	FIRE	<p>Support the fire service mission of saving lives and protecting property through fire prevention, disaster preparedness, hazardous-materials mitigation, specialized rescue, etc., as well as cities authority and discretion to provide all emergency services in their communities.</p> <p>Support local control of emergency medical services and authorize cities and fire districts to prescribe and monitor the manner and scope of pre-hospital emergency medical services, including ambulance transport services, provided within local boundaries to improve pre-hospital emergency medical service.</p> <p>Oppose legislation, regulations and standards that impose minimum staffing and response time standards for city fire and emergency medical services since such determinations should reflect the conditions and priorities of individual cities.</p> <p>Support activities and funding which foster cooperation, coordination, and communication in the development of wildland fuel management programs to decrease impacts to public health and safety resulting from wildland urban interface fires.</p> <p>Support <u>legislation that provides immunity for first responders who damage a civilian drone directly interfering with ambulance services, firefighting-related services, and search and rescue operations.</u>[WK18]</p>

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EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	POLICE/FIRE	<p>Support activities to develop and implement statewide integrated public safety communication systems that facilitate interoperability and other shared uses of public safety spectrum with local, state and federal law enforcement, fire emergency medical and other public safety agencies.</p> <p>Support efforts to improve 911 services including, but not limited to, directing 911 emergency calls from mobile telephones to the nearest Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).</p> <p>Support representation of cities and counties on decisions affecting 911 systems and effective emergency response.</p>
INSURANCE	POLICE/FIRE	<p>Support the statewide administrative program that requires a motorist to have proof of insurance to register a vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles.</p> <p>Support uninsured vehicles being subject to impoundment, and redeemed only with proof of insurance, with unredeemed vehicles being sold to pay for the cost of the program.</p> <p>Support state legislation providing Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan for last resort earthquake and fire coverage in high-risk areas.</p>
FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Communication</i> • <i>Standards</i> • <i>Broadband Network</i> 	POLICE/FIRE	<p>Support direct communication between federal agencies and local authorities on critical homeland issues.</p> <p>Support federal standards, guidelines, and funding to ensure reliable, consistent, timely, and redundant preparedness on the front lines.</p>
FEDERAL RESOURCES	POLICE/FIRE	<p>Support federal funding for public safety, including the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, Homeland Security Block Grant, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, Assistance for Firefighters Grant, Staffing for Firefighters and Emergency Response Grant, Fire Prevention and Safety Grants as well as other public safety funding sources.</p> <p>Support provision for a permanent dual-use fire station between the City of Santa Barbara and the U.S. Forest Service.</p>

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<p>INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Market development</i> • <i>Electronic waste</i> • <i>Curbside recycling</i> • <i>Multi-Unit Housing</i> • <i>Recycling</i> • <i>Land Use</i> • <i>Landfill</i> 	<p>FINANCE/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Support legislation and other efforts to increase the markets for recycled materials, including advance disposal fees, minimum content laws, and recycling market development zones.</p> <p>Support legislation to strengthen manufacturer responsibility for electronic waste recycling.</p> <p>Support efforts to strengthen curbside recycling programs.</p> <p>Support legislation to expand the container types included in the California Redemption Value Program.</p> <p>Support legislation that promotes reduced packaging and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).</p> <p>Support legislation that requires owners of multi-unit housing to provide recycling to tenants.</p> <p>Support legislation to limit landfill disposal of organic materials.</p> <p>Support legislation to develop a permit process for solid waste anaerobic digestion and/or conversion technologies that are capable of minimizing the amount of solid waste landfill, and do not impede or impair existing and planned recycling and waste reduction programs.</p> <p>Support legislation to encourage the development of non-burn transformation technologies by providing full diversion credit for the waste that jurisdictions send to non-burn transformation facilities.</p> <p>Support <u>legislation that prohibits dumping waste matter on public property or on private property without the consent of the owner, and makes this offense punishable by fines.</u> [wk19]</p> <p>Support legislation and other efforts that facilitate collection and proper disposal of waste pharmaceuticals.</p> <p>Support the right of cities under existing law to be designated as Local Enforcement Agencies for solid waste facility permitting, inspection, and enforcement.</p> <p>Oppose legislation that would preempt local land use authority over solid waste facilities, restrict the ability of a city to issue a land use permit for a solid waste facility, or restrict the ability of a city to apply conditions to such facilities through the conditional use permit process.</p> <p>Oppose <u>legislation that would require local governments to give bidding or procurement preference to solid waste and transportation service contractors that agree to retain employees from the previous contractor.</u> [wk20]</p> <p>Support legislation to provide changes to AB 939 (the California Integrated Waste Management Act) that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place more emphasis on implementation of waste diversion programs and less strict mathematical accounting; and • Require Cal Recycle to evaluate the level of accuracy of the existing system the board uses to measure jurisdictions' achievement of the waste diversion requirements of state law and develop appropriate policies, in consultation with local jurisdictions, to account for any inaccuracies in the system.
<p>SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAGS</p>	<p>FINANCE/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Support legislation and other efforts to promote the use of multi-use bags by consumers and to reduce the prevalence of single-use bags in the environment.</p>

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UTILITIES/ENERGY	PUBLIC WORKS/ FINANCE	<p>Oppose any legislation that interferes with local utility rate setting authority.</p> <p>Support efforts and legislation which improves distribution system reliability of the electrical supply.</p> <p>Support efforts and legislation which improves and upgrades transmission and generation systems providing greater electrical supply reliability, including removing barriers to local siting of generation.</p>
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Streamlining</i> • <i>Administrating Agencies</i> • <i>Building Permits</i> • <i>Land Use</i> • <i>Biodiesel</i> 	PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ FIRE	<p>Support efforts to streamline and coordinate hazardous materials regulation among various levels of government, including city fire departments and county environmental health departments.</p> <p>Support city fire departments as the administrating agencies for hazardous materials regulations or to be the lead agency (the Certified Unified Program Agency) to approve the use and storage of hazardous materials above certain threshold limits and to manage inventory information used by emergency first responders.</p> <p>Oppose legislation or regulations to restrict such authority.</p> <p>Oppose efforts to restrict the ability of cities to issue building or other permits relative to hazardous materials, as long as such facilities comply with the local zoning ordinance and established health and safety regulations.</p> <p>Oppose any proposals that would preempt the ability of a city to deny a land use permit or restrict its ability to issue a conditional use permit for the siting of a hazardous waste facility.</p> <p>Support regulation that allows biodiesel storage in existing Underwriters Laboratory (UL) rated in ground tanks that have secondary containment and working leak detection systems, at the discretion of the local jurisdiction.</p>
REVITALIZATION OF BROWNFIELDS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Local Control</i> • <i>Additional Funding</i> • <i>Mitigation</i> • <i>Remediation</i> • <i>Restrictions</i> • <i>State Involvement</i> • <i>Owner Responsibility</i> 	PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ PARKS AND RECREATION	<p>Support cities' determination that brownfield remediation projects are consistent with local land use policy.</p> <p>Support additional fiscal resources and options to restore and develop urban and industrial brownfields contaminated by hazardous materials.</p> <p>Support establishing site-specific remediation levels based on the proposed use (i.e. parking garage, as opposed to residential development).</p> <p>Support restrictive covenants or deed restrictions to ensure that the level of remediation is appropriate for the future land use.</p> <p>Support continued state responsibility for technical evaluation of site assessments and remediation plans.</p> <p>Support continued site owner responsibility for necessary site assessments and remediation.</p>

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<p>WATER RESOURCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Infrastructure Investment</i> • <i>Comprehensive Solutions</i> • <i>Supply</i> • <i>Storage</i> • <i>Infrastructure Investment</i> • <i>Recycling</i> • <i>Reclaimed Water</i> • <i>Reuse</i> • <i>Treatment</i> • <i>Conservation</i> • <i>Gray Water</i> • <i>Water Softeners</i> • <i>Financial Commitment</i> 	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p>Support comprehensive solutions for water quality, water conservation and water use efficiency as part of a solution that includes local resource development and infrastructure improvements, including storage and conveyance, as part of a statewide system that promotes economic and environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Support state and federal funding for water resources infrastructure,</p> <p>Support the development of additional groundwater and surface water storage,</p> <p>Support appropriate funding sources for providing adequate water supply including, but are not limited to user fees, bonds and federal funding.</p> <p>Support funding for the development of plans for short-term water emergencies and long-term cooperative water management plans and policies.</p> <p>Support legislation to protect public agencies that provide wastewater treatment services, from liability for pollution or contamination to groundwater resulting from chemicals that are unlawfully discharged into the collection system.</p> <p>Support efforts to improve the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Clean Water Act and implementation plans to protect public health and the environment in an efficient and effective manner.</p> <p>Oppose legislation that requires the use of unreasonable numeric limits in waste discharge permits.</p> <p>Support the rights of cities to enact ordinances that restrict the use of water softeners to minimize impacts to wastewater treatment operations.</p> <p>Support legislation that encourages the cost-effective treatment of municipal wastewater, authorizes funding for projects improving, enhancing, or expanding the use of recycled water, and maximizes the responsible use of recycled water as an alternative to California's fresh water supply.</p> <p>Support legislation that updates gray water standards, encourages simple and cost effective permitting process of gray water systems, and removes barriers to installing gray water systems in public, commercial, industrial, multi-family, and single-family projects.</p> <p>Support the review and evaluation of proposals for state water taxes.</p> <p>Support legislation to streamline water transfers among jurisdictions.</p> <p>Support legislation providing agencies the ability to provide rate subsidies for low-income rate payers.</p> <p>Support the use of inclined block rate structures to encourage water conservation.</p> <p>Support desalination as a drought water supply.</p> <p>Support efforts that expedite regulations expanding the uses of wastewater for direct and indirect potable reuse.</p> <p>Support efforts that promote more flexibility to adjust water rates to achieve water use reductions during a water shortage emergency.</p>

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<p>WATER QUALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Infrastructure Investment</i> • <i>Standards</i> • <i>Liability</i> • <i>Federal Safe/ Clean Water</i> • <i>Watershed Management</i> • <i>Numeric Limits</i> • <i>Water Quality Control Boards</i> • <i>Fees/Penalty Revenues</i> 	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p>Support state and federal funding and efforts for improved water infrastructure, water quality, beach and coastal resource protection and enhancement, wetland protection and enhancement, and urban creek restoration, especially for cities with a history of effective management of water and wastewater infrastructure.</p> <p>Support as appropriate, state and federal legislative and administrative remedies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit citizen lawsuits for minor technical violations of the Clean Water Act but continue to allow injunctive relief for documented violations resulting in substantial documented adverse impacts to water quality; • Ensure that the funds collected from a city as fees, penalties, or judgments are directed toward correcting violations; • Return limited discretion to state and regional water quality control boards in setting penalties to allow fairness based on severity and circumstances of the violation; and • Encourage the state and regional water quality control boards to use their existing discretionary authority, consistent with the requirements of the Clean Water Act, to issue permits that are reasonably achievable. <p>Oppose legislation that requires the use of unreasonable numeric limits in storm water permits.</p> <p>Oppose legislation to enact rewards for individuals who identify water quality or water pollution violators.</p> <p>Oppose <u>legislation or efforts which would limit public agencies ability to set contractor requirements and monitor for regulatory compliance in storm water pollution prevention.</u>[wk21]</p> <p>Support efforts to set well-defined water quality goals.</p> <p>Support regulations and legislation that promote watershed management as a tool to improve water quality.</p> <p>Support regulations and legislation to prevent surface water contamination from neonicotinoid and other systemic pesticides.</p>
<p>AIR QUALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Improvements</i> • <i>Regulations</i> • <i>Land Use</i> • <i>Fund Diversion</i> • <i>Programs/ Standards</i> • <i>Health and Safety Code</i> 	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Support regulatory changes and infrastructure improvements that will reduce air pollution.</p> <p>Oppose legislation that will reduce air quality standards or restrict city permitting and land use planning authority to minimize negative air quality impacts.</p> <p>Oppose state regulatory changes that mandate restrictions on residential development setbacks from high vehicle traffic without local input</p> <p>Oppose legislation redirecting funds authorized by Health and Safety Code Section 44223, for locally based air quality programs.</p>

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<p>CLIMATE PROTECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Incentives</i> • <i>Fuel Efficiency</i> • <i>Renewable Energy</i> • <i>Adaptation Measures</i> • <i>Green Infrastructure</i> 	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p>Support grants, loans, tax credits, and other incentives to assist local governments, businesses, and the public to invest in energy efficient equipment and renewable energy technology.</p> <p>Support grants and other financial incentives for local governments to implement state mandates, including completing and updating an inventory of local government facility greenhouse gas emissions, conducting and updating an inventory of their whole jurisdiction, setting emission reduction targets and monitoring progress, and creating emission reduction action plans.</p> <p>Support grants and other financial incentives for local governments to assess climate change vulnerability due to sea level rise, coastal erosion and inundation, flood and wildfire hazards, and develop and implement adaptive management measures to protect resources such as critical infrastructure, vulnerable populations/public health, biological resources, recreation, public access, water supply, water quality, and the local economy.,</p> <p>Support grants and other funding sources for regional sustainability plans and multi-jurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments.</p> <p>Support grants, loans, tax credits, and other incentives to assist the public and local governments in using alternative fuels and purchasing fuel-efficient and/or flex-fueled vehicles.</p> <p>Support legislation that increases energy efficiency requirements as part of the building codes as long as they are healthful.</p> <p>Support legislation to permit assignment of the Public Goods Charge to local governments for implementation of energy conservation programs and projects.</p> <p>Support legislation and measures that encourage renewable energy generation, facilitate renewable resource development, and provide incentives for small renewable generation projects.</p> <p>Oppose legislation and measures that make renewable energy generation less cost effective or more difficult to implement.</p> <p>Support legislation or regulations allowing wheeling of power and/or appropriate remuneration for energy provided to the grid by municipalities.</p> <p>Support revenue-neutral carbon fee-and-dividend legislation.[wk22]</p>

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<p>CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Procedures and Notices</i> • <i>Definition of a Project</i> • <i>Significant Environmental Effects</i> • <i>Alternatives</i> • <i>Miscellaneous</i> 	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p>PROCEDURES AND NOTICES</p> <p>Oppose the elimination of the fair argument test as the threshold for determining whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).</p> <p>Support the development of a funding source for Master EIRs to streamline individual project CEQA review.</p> <p>Support shielding Lead Agencies from responding to comments received more than 30 days after a Notice of Preparation (NOP) or received verbally.</p> <p>Support limiting Lead Agency response to late comments received following issuance of the Final EIR and prior to certification.</p> <p>Support eliminating the mandated timeline for entering into CEQA consultant contracts.</p> <p>Support mediation and arbitration in CEQA disputes but not mandatory arbitration.</p> <p>Support clarifying the threshold for re-circulation of EIRs so that only new “significant unavoidable impacts” would necessitate re-circulation.</p> <p>Support allowing a tiered Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) subsequent to an EIR with significant impacts and overriding considerations when the subsequent project qualifies for an MND.</p> <p>DEFINITION OF A PROJECT</p> <p>Support narrowing the definition of “project” to discourage CEQA lawsuits on non- environmental matters.</p> <p>Support streamlining to establish new exemptions for projects such as road maintenance, bike paths, temporary events, and in-fill projects.</p> <p>Support legislation that would allow local standards of review for certain solar projects.</p> <p>Oppose regulations limiting local authority to issue building permits, or other requirements, based on vehicle miles traveled.</p> <p>SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS</p> <p>Oppose the creation of a new mandate requiring cities to develop boilerplate significance thresholds.</p> <p>Oppose a single statewide set of standards to determine significance at the local level.</p> <p>Support focusing CEQA analysis on physical environmental effects.</p> <p>Oppose amending the definition of “effects” to eliminate the analysis of indirect and cumulative environmental effects.</p> <p>Support amending the guidelines to clarify requirements for analysis of cumulative and indirect environmental effects.</p> <p>Support development of a clear methodology for preparing CEQA analysis of potential global warming impacts impacts from greenhouse gas emissions of proposed projects. [WK23]</p> <p>Oppose exempting projects that are subject to their own subsequent environmental review from consideration as a reasonably foreseeable future project when analyzing cumulative impacts.</p>

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<p>CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)</p> <p>CONTINUED</p>	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p>ALTERNATIVES Support eliminating the alternative site requirement for all private projects. Oppose the elimination of the “no project alternative.”</p> <p>MISCELLANEOUS Support the right of cities to serve as Lead Agencies for the purposes of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA). Oppose any federal or state regulation, statute or constitutional amendment, which would place restrictions on federal, state, and local government actions regulating private property or requiring additional compensation beyond the continually evolving judicial interpretation of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Support the ability of local governments to voluntarily develop and approve species habitat plans for their communities, in conjunction with willing property owners. Support legislation that would consolidate and streamline environmental review studies and processes, and encourage other forms of inter-agency cooperation, for proposed development projects that require permits from multiple jurisdictions (local, state, and federal)._</p>
<p>COASTAL ISSUES</p>	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION/WATER-FRONT</p>	<p>Oppose legislation that would permit the state to impose conditions on Local Coastal Plans developed by cities and counties Support efforts to curb frivolous appeals te-of local coastal decisions. Support prohibition of additional oil offshore development based, in part, on concern about the impacts to on-shore support facilities and services by offshore development activities. Oppose legislation that grants authority to the Coastal Commission that is inconsistent, duplicative and overlapping with the authority of other regulatory agencies, such as regional water quality control boards or other agencies or that grant the Coastal Commission authority outside the coastal zone. Support legislation that reduces Coastal Permitting requirements for solar systems serving existing development. Support additional funding for Coastal Commission efforts to update Local Coastal Programs.</p>

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: policies that foster local control of community planning decisions as they relate to land use, affordable housing, cultural arts, human and neighborhood services, redevelopment and the community's economic health.
TOURISM	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/MAYOR AND COUNCIL	Support federal and state efforts to foster tourism policy development and coordination, and raise awareness of the economic impact of travel and tourism.	
ARTS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, CULTURAL RESOURCES	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/MAYOR AND COUNCIL	Support funding for historic preservation, cultural resources, local arts activities, and arts agencies at levels to sustain the nation's cultural infrastructure, including support for the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Office of Museum Services within the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Support funding for Arts in Education in the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for Improvement of Education to encourage high quality arts instruction in schools.	
JOB CREATION	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/MAYOR AND COUNCIL	Support legislation that will provide tangible and productive tools and incentives to support job creation and retention.	
HOMELESSNESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Funding</i> • <i>Food Distribution</i> • <i>Alcohol Impact Areas</i> 	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ POLICE	Support legislation and state and federal programs that assist in providing funding for homeless services, including <u>homelessness prevention day centers</u> , emergency shelters, transitional housing, <u>reunification</u> or permanent supportive housing. ^[WK24] Support legislation to reinstate the previous definition language for satellite food distribution that exempted non-profit organizations serving prepackaged servings of food from having to meet extensive structural and operational requirements, usually at remote sites, to obtain a permit. Support legislation to allow cities and counties to designate "Alcohol Impacted Areas" and impose strict local review and controls on the issuance of new Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) permits within such areas.	
PLANNING AND ZONING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>General Plans</i> • <i>Water Supply/ Land Use</i> • <i>Zoning</i> 	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Support the use of the general plan as a guide to meeting community planning needs. A city's general plan should not be subject to mandatory review by regional or state agencies. Support protection of local zoning as a primary function of cities and an essential component of home rule. State agency siting of facilities, including campuses and office buildings, should be subject to local notice and hearing requirements, and local land use policy and zoning requirements to meet concerns of the local community. Oppose legislation that would allow local jurisdictions to prohibit large family day care on single family zoned property. <u>Oppose legislation or constitutional amendments that weaken or interfere with the powers of charter cities and preserve support the preservation of local autonomy or home rule authority.</u> ^[WK25] <u>Oppose legislation that would preempt local land use and design authority and restrict the ability to impose development and design regulations/standards over development projects.</u> ^[WK26]	
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Support voluntary development agreements as one tool for providing flexibility in development approvals.	

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DEVELOPMENT FEES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local authority Infrastructure Mitigation Condition and Deny Authority 	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>Support providing local discretion in the assessment, collection, and usage of development fees. Support the state provision of infrastructure funding to help local communities meet California's growth demands and to increase housing affordability.</p> <p>Oppose limiting the ability of cities to levy fees to provide for infrastructure or services.</p> <p>Support maintaining the City's ability to condition and deny projects which have been determined to inadequately mitigate impacts to community schools.</p>
STATE SUBVENTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND CONTRACTS	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>Support the continuation of State subvention payments to local governments to offset lower property tax rates for agricultural and open space lands in Williamson Act contracts, which provide region-wide protection against conversion of these lands to urban uses and potential associated effects such as loss of prime agricultural soils, loss of agricultural viability, loss of plentiful food supply, loss of habitats, and increased traffic, etc.</p>
ANNEXATION AND INCORPORATION	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>Support strengthening city control over urban boundaries and modifying Sphere of Influence law to limit urban development in unincorporated areas of a county and to facilitate the annexation of urban areas to cities.</p> <p>Support revising the Revenue and Taxation Code to not allow counties to block annexations in exchange for unreasonable property tax sharing agreements.</p> <p>Support expanded authority for cities over adjacent lands outside their sphere of influence regardless of jurisdictional lines so long as the land is not within another city's sphere.</p> <p>Support allowing more flexibility for cities to provide out of agency services.</p>
SUBDIVISION MAP ACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Control Antiquated subdivisions 	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>Support maximizing local control over subdivisions and public improvement financing and maintaining discretion over the conditions and length of subdivision and parcel maps should be retained by cities.</p> <p>Support reversal of legislation recognizing antiquated subdivisions as legal lots.</p> <p>Oppose legislation that automatically grants additional time extensions of subdivision approvals beyond those in AB 116 [SB27].</p>
BUILDING STANDARDS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Safety Occupancy Licensing 	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>Support flexibility in the adoption and implementation of health and safety standards contained in the building codes.</p> <p>Support authorizing cities to adopt independent occupancy standards to prevent overcrowding and associated health and safety hazards, including fire-related fatalities.</p> <p>Oppose legislation that would remove licensing requirements for professionals such as architects, landscape architects, contractors, and others related to building and development.</p>
SIGN REGULATION	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>Support the authority of cities to regulate billboards, mobile signs, and other signage.</p>
REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>Support new legislation to clean up and clarify AB 1X 26 that dissolved redevelopment agencies.</p> <p>Support legislation that enhances or expands community tools to address revitalization and redevelopment needs, including blight, economic development, and affordable housing.</p>

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: policies that foster local control of community planning decisions as they relate to land use, affordable housing, cultural arts, human and neighborhood services, redevelopment and the community's economic health.
RENT CONTROL/ MOBILE HOME REGULATION	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>Support initiatives that maintain cities as the enforcement authority for mobile home park regulation, including rent control.</p> <p>Support the preservation of existing mobile home parks as an important source of affordable housing.</p> <p>Support legislation that would retain the affordability requirement of mobile homes upon annexation.</p> <p>Support <u>legislation that would require local design review for new or redeveloped mobile home parks.</u>_[WK28]</p>
REPURPOSE UNDERUTILIZED STATE AND FEDERAL FACILITIES	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>Support acquisition of closed and underutilized state and federal facilities for community use to meet local community needs as determined by local governments, including but not limited to the Army Reserve Center and the National Guard Armory for community parks and recreation purposes.</p>
<p>HOUSING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Housing Element</i> • <i>Accountability</i> • <i>Performance Standard</i> • <i>Incentives</i> • <i>Streamlining</i> • <i>Reforms</i> • <i>Growth</i> • <i>RHNA Units</i> • <i>Disputes</i> • <i>Consistency</i> 	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>Support the following housing principles: Local government efforts should be subject to realistic performance standards not to arbitrary state agency review of the housing element. Local government housing efforts should be rewarded by incentives. These incentives should include streamlining by not being subject to HCD review, priority ranking for discretionary funds, and new discretionary funds available for general fund purposes.</p> <p>Support legislation that implements comprehensive reforms to the housing element process to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address conflicts between local growth projections and state regional housing need numbers; • Allow cities to work together to allocate housing units among themselves within a sub-region; • Resolve problems associated with the distribution of RHNA units within a council of governments; • Improve the housing element review process; • Develop a neutral dispute resolution process and fair enforcement alternatives to deal with disputes over questions of compliance; and • Revise the formal appeal process so appeals can be heard by politically accountable officials at the state and regional levels. <p>Support legislation that requires state laws and policies related to housing and land use to be internally consistent.</p> <p>Support legislation that provides incentives for the development of rental housing.</p> <p>Support legislation that expands housing opportunities for disabled individuals.</p> <p>Support the re-establishment of federal tax incentives which encouraged private development and ownership of rental housing.</p> <p>Support legislation that promotes responsible lending practices to encourage private home ownership and minimize the incidence of foreclosures and short sales.</p> <p>Support <u>measures in local land use that are consistent with the doctrine of "home rule" and the local exercise of police powers in planning and zoning processes.</u>_[WK29]</p>

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: policies that foster local control of community planning decisions as they relate to land use, affordable housing, cultural arts, human and neighborhood services, redevelopment and the community's economic health.
RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Permitting</i> • <i>Licensing</i> 	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		<p>Support permitting cities to exercise review and land use regulation of group home facilities and residential care facilities in residential neighborhoods including the application of zoning, building, and safety standards. State and county licensing agencies should be required to confer with a city's planning agency in determining whether to grant a license to a community care facility.</p>
AFFORDABLE HOUSING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Financing</i> • <i>CDBG/HOME</i> • <i>Federal Funding</i> • <i>Legal Protections</i> • <i>Elderly Housing</i> • <i>Non-Profits</i> • <i>Fair Market Rents</i> 	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		<p>Support state and federal legislation and programs that provide financing for affordable housing, including the development of fiscal tools and incentives to assist local governments in their efforts to encourage housing and finance the infrastructure to support housing, as well as ongoing state commitment to funding affordable housing.</p> <p style="background-color: #FFDAB9;">Support state and federal legislation and programs that provide funding directly to local municipalities for decision-making at the local level instead of application-based awards.^[WK30]</p> <p>Support legislation that establishes a permanent source of funding for affordable housing.</p> <p>Support legislation that looks at the next generation of community revitalization tools including affordable housing development and preservation in light of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies.</p> <p>Support federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for community development, affordable housing, neighborhood improvement, and economic development needs.</p> <p>Support federal funding for the HOME Investment Program that creates and preserves affordable housing for low-income families and individuals.</p> <p>Support the preservation of the HUD Section 8 Program funding.</p> <p>Support at the federal level, the calculation of Section 8 "fair market rents" and "area median income" on a sub-regional basis, rather than on a countywide basis.</p> <p>Support federal funding of: 1) New construction and rental assistance, modernization of units of elderly housing, also known as HUD Section 202; 2) Efforts to preserve elderly housing and permit nonprofit organizations to purchase elderly housing projects with expiring Section 8 contracts; and 3) Housing for persons with disabilities, also known as Section 811; 4) Homeless assistance grants, also known as McKinney-Vento (HEARTH) Act, as amended.</p> <p>Oppose any legislation to reduce financing for the Section 8 Program, including block grants.</p> <p>Support legislation that provides new incremental units of Section 8 voucher assistance nationwide, particularly in higher cost areas, and adequate voucher renewal funding.</p> <p>Support and encourage legislation that establishes additional legal protections to local agencies that approve affordable housing and that establish local pro-active affordable housing policies.</p>

TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS		
TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: review state and federal legislation relating to transportation funding, construction, public works, telecommunications, and related areas.
<p>TRANSPORTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Funding</i> • <i>Alternative Transportation</i> • <i>Unmet Infrastructure</i> • <i>Gas Tax</i> • <i>Bicycle/Pedestrians</i> • <i>Commuter Rail/On-TRAC</i> • <i>Measure A</i> 	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Support additional funding for local public transportation, other transportation alternatives to single occupancy vehicles, and other critical unmet infrastructure needs.</p> <p>Support the continued adoption and implementation of a regional long-term capital investment plan and budget to upgrade and repair vital infrastructure.</p> <p>Support appropriations of existing and new state and federal funds directly to cities and counties for the preservation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and improvement of the local street and transportation system.</p> <p>Support maximizing investments in infrastructure and reinforce local land use practices to accomplish strategic local growth objectives.</p> <p>Support local transportation decision-making and pursue transportation policy changes that move funding and decision-making to the local level to fund urban infrastructure needs.</p> <p>Support funding opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian projects.</p> <p>Support legislation and policies that promote the goals, objectives, and continuation of Measure A programs.</p> <p>Support legislation and policies that promote the goals and objectives of the On-TRAC commuter rail program.</p> <p>Support federal funding of Highway 101 improvements as a top regional priority, and federal funding for local priority projects and other funding categories.</p> <p>Support legislation that maintains or increases local funding for transportation projects, including State gas tax, Highways Users' Tax (HUTA) Proposition 42 and 1B funds.</p> <p>Support legislation that prevents "borrowing" or taking of local transportation funds by the State of California.</p> <p>Support legislation that promotes funding of alternative fuel parking spaces and allows the city the right to designate alternative fuel parking spaces for new developments.</p>
<p>TELECOMMUNICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Infrastructure</i> • <i>Right-of-Way</i> 	<p>PUBLIC WORKS</p>	<p>Support the authority of cities to zone and plan for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure.</p> <p>Support the ability of cities to maintain and manage the public right-of-way and receive compensation for its use.</p>

TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS		
Staff Liaison Departments		Scope: review state and federal legislation relating to transportation funding, construction, public works, telecommunications, and related areas.
<p>VEHICLES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Road Damage</i> • <i>Local Control</i> • <i>Safety</i> 	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Oppose increasing or circumventing the weight limits of large vehicles allowed on city streets to prevent street and roadway infrastructure damage and associated street maintenance costs.</p> <p>Support retention of maximum City control of the local street and road system.</p> <p>Support traffic safety enhancements such as motorcycle helmets, child restraints, seatbelt, and speed limit laws.</p> <p>Support local discretion to set lower speed limits.</p> <p>Support legislation that promotes vehicle speed limits that are designated and enforced with consideration of street design, neighborhood characteristics, adjacent land use, and mix of transportation mode usage.</p> <p>Support legislation to facilitate buses in turn-out pockets merging back into traffic and requiring motorists to yield to merging buses.</p>
<p>PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Flexibility</i> • <i>Partnerships</i> • <i>Innovations</i> • <i>Lower Mission Creek</i> 	<p>PUBLIC WORKS</p>	<p>Support maintaining retention proceeds for any public works contract to assure that the primary contractor completes all required work and permits the City's final acceptance of the project.</p> <p>Support retaining maximum flexibility for timely and cost-effective completion of public works projects.</p> <p>Oppose <u>legislation that would increase the risk of criminal prosecutions against cities related to bidding on public works projects [WK31]</u></p> <p>Support innovative strategies including public-private partnerships at the state and local levels to enhance public works funding.</p> <p>Support the option to use design-build contracting and other innovations designed to enhance efficiency with public contracting.</p> <p>Support continued funding for the Lower Mission Creek project in annual federal appropriations and authorized by the Water Resource Development Act.</p>

AIRPORT	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: issues related to federal and state legislation affecting airport operations funding regulation, and implementation of the airport master plan.
<p>FUNDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Airport Improvement Program (AIP)</i> • <i>Passenger Facility Charges (PFC)</i> • <i>Security</i> • <i>Bankruptcy</i> • <i>Bonds</i> • <i>Alternative Minimum Tax</i> • <i>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)</i> 	<p>AIRPORT</p>	<p>Support legislation reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), including support of the following provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase AIP funding and maintain or reduce the 5% AIP match requirement for small airports; • Strengthen or maintain budget protections for AIP funding; • Eliminate the competition plan requirement for AIP; • Eliminate unnecessary AIP grant assurances; and • Maintain or expand revenue sources that contribute to AIP. <p>Support federal legislative efforts to maintain or increase appropriations to the AIP for infrastructure projects relating to safety, security, aviation operations and capacity, and noise abatement.</p> <p>Support dedicated aviation security operations and infrastructure funding sources separate from the AIP.</p> <p>Support efforts to reimburse airports for operational and infrastructure costs associated with implementation of federal security and other mandates.</p> <p>Support reform legislation that helps protect airports from the impact of airline bankruptcies.</p> <p>Support reclassification of all airport bonds as ‘governmental’ instead of ‘private activity.’</p> <p>Support continuation of the elimination of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) penalty on Airport Private Activity Bonds.</p> <p>Support efforts to provide airports with greater flexibility in the use of AIP and Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) funds, including elimination of the mandated loss of entitlement funds from imposing a higher PFC.</p> <p>Support an increase or elimination of the cap on PFC charges.</p> <p>Support efforts to streamline the airport PFC application and reporting process.</p> <p>Support efforts to eliminate and/or restructure the federal Airport Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program.</p> <p>Support funding for modernization of the FAA air traffic control equipment to improve the safety and efficiency of the national air transportation system.</p>
<p>SAFETY AND SECURITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Streamlining</i> • <i>Cargo Screening</i> • <i>Staffing</i> • <i>Ground Transportation</i> 	<p>AIRPORT</p>	<p>Support streamlining the airport security screening process to reduce passenger inconvenience and improve customer service, while maintaining security and safety.</p> <p>Support a threat based (risk-based) system of air cargo inspection and screening.</p> <p>Support local primacy in granting access to airport restricted areas.</p> <p>Support efforts to preserve current adequate staffing levels for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting crews.</p> <p>Support timely, secure and cost effective background screening for Airport employees.</p> <p>Support measures to improve Santa Barbara Airport’s ability to regulate and enforce rules established for ground transportation providers.</p>

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<p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Airport Noise</i> • <i>Greenhouse Gases</i> • <i>Environmental Review</i> 	<p>AIRPORT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Support measures to alleviate noise impacts on communities surrounding airports that benefit both the community and the airport such as the implementation of a phased Stage 3 requirement for lighter jet aircraft and the phase-out of noisy Stage 1 and Stage 2 jet aircraft weighing less than 75,000 lbs.</p> <p>Support efforts to reduce pollution, including potential greenhouse gas emissions, resulting from aircraft operations and airport ground service equipment.</p> <p>Oppose efforts to expand state airport noise standard variance requirements.</p> <p>Support additional steps to expedite the airport environmental review and approval process while preserving environmental protections.</p>
<p>AIR SERVICE</p>	<p>AIRPORT</p>	<p>Support efforts to stimulate the airline industry’s ability to provide air service to Santa Barbara.</p> <p>Support legislation that recognizes or encourages aviation’s contributions to the economy that result from air travel, tourism, commerce, freight transport, and manufacturing.</p> <p>Support enhancements to the passenger bill of rights that are consistent with Airport and passenger needs.</p> <p>Support changes that would enhance Santa Barbara Airport’s ability to improve air service options for local travelers.</p>
<p>TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE</p>	<p>AIRPORT</p>	<p>Support legislation funding connectivity between air and ground transportation through improved infrastructure and enhancement of alternative transportation options.</p>
<p>PLANNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Land Use</i> • <i>Coordination</i> 	<p>AIRPORT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Support efforts to ensure that development around airports is consistent with land use planning guidelines and compatible with airport operations.</p> <p>Support coordination between FAA and sponsor airports on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance issues and preparation of joint NEPA/CEQA documents.</p>
<p>RENTAL CAR CONCESSIONS</p>	<p>AIRPORT</p>	<p>Support airport interests in proposed legislation that may negatively affect the terms under which rental car concessions operate at the airport.</p>
<p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>AIRPORT</p>	<p>Support aviation education that informs students about career opportunities in aviation and encourages interest in a math and science curriculum.</p>

WATERFRONT	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: issues related to federal and state legislation affecting harbor operations, funding, and regulation.
PUBLIC ACCESS	WATERFRONT	Support continued public access to marinas, state tidelands, waterfront facilities, and marine resources.
ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS	WATERFRONT	Support legislation that recognizes economic contributions of ports and harbors to state and federal economies, through maritime trade, maritime industries, ecotourism, cruise ships and commercial fishing.
FEDERAL REGULATION	WATERFRONT	Support coordination of Executive Agencies to ensure timely permitting of statutorily mandated Civil Works projects and contain regulatory demands that inflate project costs.
LOCAL CONTROL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Revenues</i> • <i>Use</i> • <i>Preservation</i> • <i>Environment</i> • <i>Sanctuaries</i> • <i>Local Control</i> • <i>Cruise Ships</i> • <i>Air Quality</i> 	WATERFRONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p>Support continuation of the Tidelands Trust Grant and requirements that all revenues generated within the granted lands are used to repair, maintain, and improve facilities and infrastructure within those granted lands.</p> <p>Support legislation allowing ports and harbors to establish or designate local control over special-use areas for vessels or related recreational equipment of a specific type or use.</p> <p>Support the preservation of ocean resources through established marine sanctuaries, while reserving the ability to comment on potential sanctuary expansion that could affect activities including but not limited to dredging, vessel traffic, <i>desalination</i>, wastewater disposal, or general construction, maintenance and repair of Waterfront facilities.^[WK32]</p> <p>Support local jurisdictional control and environmental/regulatory oversight of cruise ship visits near ports and harbors.</p> <p>Support state and federal efforts to reduce environmental impacts of shipping, including whale strikes, in the Santa Barbara Channel.</p> <p>Support state and federal efforts to reduce environmental impacts of oil seeps in the Santa Barbara Channel.</p>
FISHERIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fishing</i> • <i>Ecological Health</i> • <i>Planning</i> 	WATERFRONT	<p>Support environmentally compliant commercial and recreational fishing, as essential to the fabric of working ports and harbors.</p> <p>Support legislative efforts to sustain the ecological health of aquatic biological systems, including fish, shellfish, and marine mammals.</p> <p>Support protection of the California Gray Whale and efforts to assess its population, mortality rates and migration rates.</p> <p>Support establishment of regulated fishermen’s markets for direct sales of fish and shellfish to the public.</p>

WATERFRONT	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: issues related to federal and state legislation affecting harbor operations, funding, and regulation.
<p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Local Authority</i> • <i>Disposition of Crafts</i> • <i>Non-Native Marine Species</i> • <i>Waste</i> • <i>Seabirds</i> • <i>Water Pollution</i> • <i>Fuel Tank</i> • <i>Oil Spills</i> • <i>Recycling</i> • <i>Boat Paint</i> 	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p>Support enhanced local authority over disposition of wrecked, derelict, abandoned, non-operable or non-seaworthy craft.</p> <p>Support legislation that encourages and funds eradication or control of non-native marine species in ports and harbors.</p> <p>Support physical alternatives or grant/additional funds for disposal of marina-generated household wastes, or treated building materials.</p> <p>Support efforts to ensure seabird protection while allowing ports and harbors to undertake maintenance operations and control or abate nuisance fowl.</p> <p>Support state or federal funding for retrofits or rehabilitation of underground marine-fuel tanks or systems.</p> <p>Support state or federal funding to mitigate or remediate non-point source and point- source pollution that affects harbor water quality.</p> <p>Support efforts to fund oil-spill prevention and response in ports and harbors.</p> <p>Support efforts to fund recycling and/or disposal options for waste oil and other byproducts of maritime activities or vessel maintenance.</p> <p>Support efforts to research and test alternatives to copper-based anti-fouling paints for boat bottoms.</p>
<p>DREDGING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Funding</i> • <i>Material</i> • <i>Corps of Engineers</i> • <i>Federal Initiatives</i> • <i>Obligation</i> 	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p>Support policies and funding for dredging small-craft ports and harbors, including environmentally feasible disposition of dredged materials and/or the use of dredged materials for beach nourishment.</p> <p>Support full execution by the Corps of Engineers of its basic navigation, shore and flood protection mission, as well as environmental restoration and recreation authorized by Congress.</p> <p>Support federal initiatives that benefit marine infrastructure needs including: Maritime Infrastructure Banks, maintenance dredging of Santa Barbara Harbor, expanded ocean dredge disposal sites and development of new upland dredge disposal and reuse sites.</p> <p>Oppose any action that would prohibit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from realizing its obligation to dredge Santa Barbara Harbor.</p>
<p>SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS</p>	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p>Support the U.S. Coast Guard’s services mission to conduct Homeland Security and search-and-rescue operations, <u>and pollution response</u> -as agency priorities. [WK33]</p>
<p>ENFORCEMENT</p>	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p>Support Homeland Security legislation <u>and</u> programs and/or grants that benefit and protect small ports and harbors.</p>

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<p>FACILITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Funding</i> • <i>Abandoned Watercraft</i> • <i>Utilities</i> • <i>Boat Launching</i> • <i>Repair and Maintain Harbor Facilities</i> 	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p>Support legislation providing federal or state grant or low-interest loan funds for development of harbor infrastructure facilities.</p> <p>Oppose legislative or administrative efforts to eliminate the <u>state State Parks</u> Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) and/or reduce or reallocate <u>the the State Division of Boating and Waterways</u> DBW's budget. If obligations of the Division of Boating and Waterways are absorbed by another department of state government, [WK34]</p> <p>Oppose efforts to redirect funds historically utilized by the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund, as described in the Harbors and Navigation Code.</p> <p>Oppose legislative or administrative efforts to increase funds historically appropriated to the State Parks and Recreation Department, as authorized in Section 85.2 (b) (1) in the Harbors and Navigation Code. [WK35]</p> <p>Oppose legislative or administrative efforts to reallocate or divert funds from the intended purposes of the State Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund, as described in the California Harbors and Navigation Code.</p> <p>Support legislation expanding and/or increasing the budget of the state's Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund and Vessel Turn In Program.</p> <p>Support legislation providing harbor managers a financially feasible means of supplying and recovering costs of utilities such as electricity to berths and marinas.</p> <p>Support legislation that funds construction and/or maintenance of boat-launching facilities.</p> <p>Oppose legislation that seasonally restricts the ability to repair and maintain harbor facilities, while considering impacts to sensitive species.</p>
<p>BOATING SAFETY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Education</i> • <i>Enforcement</i> 	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p>Support boating safety, including education and enforcement or regulation of boating practices, vessel types and equipment.</p> <p>Support legislation implementing a boater-safety certification program.</p> <p>Support boating safety and enforcement efforts through funding of equipment, training and other resources utilized by Harbor Patrol Officers.</p>
<p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p>Support programs that utilize the California Division of Boating and Waterways as an educational vehicle for boating and harbor management programs.</p>

COMMUNITY SERVICES	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: issues related to childcare, parks and recreation, libraries, cultural arts, community and human services programs.
<p>PARKS FUNDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Programs</i> • <i>Community Park Land</i> • <i>Partnerships</i> • <i>Coastal Access</i> 	<p>PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p>Support full federal funding for the Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program.</p> <p>Support legislation that promotes the acquisition, development or redevelopment of parkland to meet community park and recreation needs.</p> <p>Support regional multi-agency open space acquisition initiatives.</p> <p>Support the continuation of funding for Coastal Access Projects.</p> <p>Support legislation that retains or enhances public access to and the affordability of public parks and recreation programs.</p>
<p>STATE NATURAL AREA AND PARK BOND FUNDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eligibility</i> • <i>Distribution</i> 	<p>PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p>Oppose tying local eligibility for park bond grant funds to non-park related issues, such as rent control or housing element status.</p> <p>Support inclusion of per capita grants to cities and counties as part of all Statewide park bond measures.</p> <p>Support efforts to assure bond funds are not held for other state funding needs.</p> <p>Support new State bond funding for the acquisition, development or redevelopment of park and recreation facilities to meet community needs.</p>
<p>NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION</p>	<p>PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Support legislation that fosters protection and restoration of natural resources, including streams, stream and riparian habitat, wetlands, estuaries, rural and urban open space, etc.</p> <p>Support legislation that provides local agencies with matching grants and/or technical support from the California Natural Resources Agency or other state and federal agencies to revise and implement new resource protection policies, projects and programs.</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 50/84/1E</p>	<p>PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p>Support legislation that distributes bond funds as competitive monies to a range of State agencies and does not limit funds based on geographic location or scope of need.</p> <p>Support legislation that allows grantees an opportunity to receive grant funds for project design and permitting, in addition to construction, and also provides a mechanism to extend completion schedules.</p>
<p>PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p>PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p>Support legislation that establishes new grants or expands the scope of existing grants (currently limited to urbanized areas with populations over 100,000) for which the City would be eligible for park development, park improvement, and youth recreation programs.</p> <p>Support continuance of current California Health and Safety Code, Section 115800, which protects public entities from liability rising from injuries at a public skateboard park.</p>
<p>CHILDREN/YOUTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Job Training</i> • <i>Prenatal Care</i> • <i>Youth Programs</i> • <i>Foster Care</i> • <i>Federal Grants</i> • <i>After School Programs</i> 	<p>PARKS AND RECREATION/ POLICE/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ LIBRARY</p>	<p>Support state and federal funding for school-based job training programs to produce more job placement opportunities in collaboration with municipal services.</p> <p>Support the creation of more affordable, innovative, and quality local child care options for parents and concurrently encourage adherence to strict regulations and guidelines.</p> <p>Support increased state and federal funding for prenatal care, early health care, preschool, and childcare programs to ensure healthy children and school readiness.</p> <p>Support increased funding for foster care.</p> <p>Support creation of permanent state or federal funding sources for youth programs.</p> <p>Support federal reauthorization and full funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</p>

COMMUNITY SERVICES	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: issues related to childcare, parks and recreation, libraries, cultural arts, community and human services programs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Equal Access</i> • <i>Parks and Recreation Facilities</i> • <i>Educational Programs</i> • <i>Library Funding</i> • <i>Health Care</i> 		<p>(IDEA), the Child Care and Development Block Grant, and the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant, including after-school recreation and tutoring programs.</p> <p>Support increased state and federal funding for affordable after-school programs and programs that promote and enhance physical fitness and well-being of children and youth.</p> <p>Support legislation that would provide state and federal funding for increased access for children with disabilities to after-school and other recreation programs, including required staff support related to medications, mobility, and activity integration.</p> <p>Support legislation that would provide state and federal funding for the acquisition, development and/or operation of park and recreation facilities that serve underprivileged children, families, and older adults and which promote and enhance physical health and well-being of children, youth, adults and seniors.</p> <p>Support legislation providing state and federal funding for improving pre-school reading readiness, for supporting public library services assisting elementary and secondary school students with information, research, and curriculum materials, for adult literacy and computer literacy instruction, and for acquisition of learning materials.</p> <p>Oppose legislation or administrative efforts to decrease the state’s budgets for First 5 and K through 12 programs that support children and families.</p> <p>Support the concept of universal health care for all Californians.</p> <p>Support incentives to improve coordination of public health considerations with community land use planning.</p> <p>Support promotion of programs, and access to community programs, which encourage children and adolescents to develop lifelong healthy eating, physical activity and exercise habits.</p> <p>Support legislation which authorizes appropriately trained employees who supervise children involved in afterschool and recreation programs to administer epinephrine auto-injectors in response to an anaphylactic event.</p>

COMMUNITY SERVICES		Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: issues related to childcare, parks and recreation, libraries, cultural arts, community and human services programs.
<p>SENIORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Programs</i> • <i>Care Facilities</i> • <i>Wellness</i> 	PARKS AND RECREATION	<p>Support efforts to develop and improve intergenerational recreation programs and activities that include seniors.</p> <p>Support legislation that facilitates development of senior residential and day care facilities integrated within the community-at-large.</p> <p>Support funding for wellness, physical activity, recreational programs, and day care for seniors on low or fixed incomes.</p>	
<p>PUBLIC HEALTH</p>	<p>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>FIRE</p> <p>PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p>Support an increase in the number of hospice beds allowed in the County for persons who are terminally ill or diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.</p> <p>Support legislation authorizing the study of synthetic turf surfaces for potential adverse health impacts.</p>	
<p>PUBLIC LIBRARIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Funding</i> • <i>Computers</i> • <i>State Public</i> • <i>Library Fund</i> • <i>Privacy Rights</i> 	LIBRARY	<p>Support full funding of the State Public Library Fund, understanding how libraries play an integral role in building and sustaining our communities.</p> <p>Oppose elimination or further reduction of the State Public Library Fund or other sources of library funding.</p> <p>Support legislation providing federal funding for improving pre-school reading readiness, for supporting public library services assisting elementary and secondary school students with information, research, and curriculum materials, for adult literacy and computer literacy instruction, and for acquisition of learning materials.</p> <p>Support federal funding for telecommunications equipment and services in public libraries to provide equal access to information for all residents; oppose requirements on use of federal funds for Internet access services for adults that mandate installation of filtering software.</p> <p>Oppose elimination of the California Library Literacy and English Acquisition Services Program.</p> <p>Oppose legislation that requires public libraries to install and maintain computer-filtering software for use on computers in the library that, in an attempt to block obscene materials, also prevents access to material protected by the First Amendment.</p> <p>Oppose legislation, regulations, and guidelines that erode privacy, information access and Constitutional rights, and oppose the use of governmental authority to suppress the free and open exchange of information and ideas.</p>	

Community Request #1 - From Lee Heller

April 28, 2016

Councilmember Bendy White, Chair
Councilmember Gregg Hart
Councilmember Frank Hotchkiss
Council Committee on Legislation
Santa Barbara City Council
PO Box 1990
Santa Barbara CA 93102-1990

Dear Chair White and Councilmembers Hart and Hotchkiss,

I am writing to request that the Legislative Committee, acting on behalf of the Santa Barbara City Council, take a support position on AB 1825.

This important piece of legislation would change the state's definition of 'vicious dog' in one crucial way: it would eliminate the outdated and inaccurate imposition of that label on any dog seized as part of a dog fighting operation in which the charged party is convicted. Section 31603 (a) of Division 14 of the Food and Agricultural Code mandates that the label of "vicious dog" be automatically applied to "[a]ny dog seized under Section 599aa of the Penal Code and upon the sustaining of a conviction of the owner or keeper under subdivision (a) of Section 597.5 of the Penal Code." Under this requirement, local shelters are given no latitude to evaluate whether or not these victims actually pose any risk to public safety. It doesn't matter if the dog seized is an eight week old puppy, a bait dog, a stolen pet, a breeding mother dog, or a dog who will thrive in a loving home.

Many dogs seized in connection with animal fighting do not pose any risk to other dogs or humans and have gone on to live healthy, happy lives. In the high profile case of dogs seized from the property of NFL player Michael Vick, 48 of 49 seized dogs were evaluated positively –some becoming therapy or service dogs. None of those dogs have been involved in incidents where when unprovoked caused severe injury or death of a human (the "vicious for cause" standard under California law).

AB 1825 would restore control to local municipalities to determine what constitutes vicious behavior, and to rely on local personnel to assess individual animals based on conduct, not on arbitrary definitions unsupported by facts. Trained shelter personnel routinely evaluate all incoming dogs for their suitability for adoption, placement with a rescue organization or another humane disposition. Stray dogs arrive at shelters with no known history and are not presumed to pose a risk – they are evaluated individually using techniques developed over years by animal sheltering professionals. AB 1825 would allow local shelters and animal control staff to provide seized canine victims of animal fighting with the same individual health and behavioral assessments as other dogs which they impound.

AB 1825 has already been endorsed by Santa Barbara County, the City and County of San Francisco, the Cities of Sacramento and Stockton, Santa Clara County, San Luis Obispo County, and the California Animal Control Directors Association, among others.

Santa Barbara's endorsement of this legislation would help to advance the cause of local control of decisions about the disposition of animals seized by animal control.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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COALITION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

A Santa Barbara County Coalition

May 10, 2016

The Santa Barbara City Council Committee on Legislation
Chair: Bendy White, Committee Members, Gregg Hart and Frank Hotchkiss
Santa Barbara City Hall
P.O. Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990

To the Committee:

The Coalition Against Gun Violence is requesting a City of Santa Barbara Resolution that will endorse the following: Support the Safety for All (SFA) Initiative which includes the following provisions:

- *Outlaws possession of large-capacity magazines or 11 rounds or more.
- *Requires background checks at point of sale and prohibits sale of ammunition to persons convicted of a felony, a violent misdemeanor, has a restraining order or has been declared dangerously mentally ill.
- *Legislation that requires firearm owners to notify law enforcement if their firearm has been lost or stolen.
- *Mandates that California share data with the FBI/NICS (National Instant Background Check System).

California has been a leader in adopting effective, common sense gun safety laws to save lives and increase public safety, but the state still has loopholes in its laws that allow too many dangerous individuals to obtain firearms and commit acts of violence.

We know that more than 117,000 Americans were killed or injured by guns in 2013, including nearly 7,500 minors, and 8,935 Californians, and there have been at least 160 school shootings in America, since the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012.

As we all know, Santa Barbara, like any other American city is not immune to gun violence. We have suffered through two mass shootings at the Goleta Post Office and Isla Vista and most recently the shooting of Dr. Henry Han and his family.

Attached is a model resolution for your perusal and a list of endorsements for the SFA Initiative by elected officials, including Mayor Schneider, cities and organizations. You may add the Coalition Against Gun Violence to that list. We hope the Committee and the City of Santa Barbara will see fit to add Santa Barbara's name to that list.

Respectfully,

Toni Wellen, Chair

Coalition Against Gun Violence

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE CITY/COUNTY OF _____ IN SUPPORT OF
THE “SAFETY FOR ALL ACT OF 2016” BALLOT INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, more than 117,000 Americans were killed or injured by guns in 2013, including nearly 7,500 minors, and 8,935 Californians; and,

WHEREAS, there have been at least 160 school shootings in America since the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012; and,

WHEREAS, California has been a leader in adopting effective, common sense gun safety laws to save lives and increase public safety, but the state still has loopholes in its laws that allow too many dangerous individuals to obtain firearms and commit acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom introduced a 2016 ballot measure known as the “Safety for All Act of 2016,” which is a package of common sense reforms to protect our families and communities from gun violence; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative would help keep ammunition from falling into dangerous hands by requiring ammunition sellers to be licensed, to conduct background checks on purchasers and employees, and to report records of ammunition sales and lost or stolen ammunition to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would strengthen oversight of firearm dealers by requiring them to conduct employee background checks and report lost or stolen ammunition, as well as firearms; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative would help protect our city from mass shootings by making it illegal to possess the kinds of military-style, large-capacity ammunition magazines that enable mass killings, and by providing for the legal disposal of these magazines; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative would help enforce existing gun laws by implementing a clear process for those convicted of a felony or other firearm-prohibiting crime to relinquish their firearms after conviction; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative would help law enforcement break up gun trafficking rings and return lost or stolen firearms to their lawful owners by requiring individuals to notify law enforcement if their firearm has been lost or stolen; and,

WHEREAS, the initiative would ensure that California law enforcement shares crucial data with the FBI’s Background Check System; and,

WHEREAS, recent public polls show the vast majority of Californians support all of these proposals to close loopholes and strengthen our state's gun safety laws; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential for the public safety of the people of _____ to support effective and reasonable reforms to protect our community from gun violence; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council/Board of Supervisors of _____ hereby supports the "Safety for All Act" ballot initiative.

SAFETY FOR ALL

ENDORSEMENTS

Elected Officials

- U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
- California Secretary of State Alex Padilla
- Assembly Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins
- Mayor Sam Liccardo, San Jose
- Mayor Libby Schaaf, Oakland
- Mayor Ed Lee, San Francisco
- Mayor Helene Schneider, Santa Barbara
- Mayor Gary Phillips, San Rafael
- Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Union City
- Mayor Sue Digre, Pacifica
- Mayor Erin Tollini, Tiburon
- Mayor Barry Chang, Cupertino
- Mayor Jim Ruane, San Bruno
- Mayor Bill Kampe, Pacific Grove
- Mayor Pete Sanchez, Suisun City
- Mayor Donna Rutherford, East Palo Alto
- Mayor Catherine Way, Larkspur
- Mayor Lindsey Horvath, West Hollywood
- Assemblymember Evan Low, 28th Assembly District (Silicon Valley)
- Assemblymember Matthew Dababneh, 45th Assembly District (Encino)

Cities

- The City of Belvedere
- The City of Berkeley
- The City of Cupertino
- The City of East Palo Alto
- The City of Oakland
- The City of Tiburon
- The City of West Hollywood

Organizations

- Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence (Partner)
- California Democratic Party
- Stop Our Shootings

Community Request #3 - From John Kelley and Dennis Thompson, Citizen's Climate Lobby

May 2, 2016

Santa Barbara City Council, Committee on Legislation
Chair Bendy White, and Committee Members Greg Hart and Frank Hotchkiss
City Hall, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990

Re: Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee-and-Dividend Legislation

Dear Legislative Committee Members,

The Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) is a national nonpartisan, volunteer-based organization that advocates for revenue-neutral carbon fee-and-dividend legislation. An independent economic study that illustrates the potential benefits of this policy is attached. The members of the Santa Barbara Chapter of CCL urge you to take action in support of this policy. We have two specific requests:

First, that you add the following statement to the City's Legislative Platform, under Environmental Quality, Climate Protection: "Support revenue-neutral carbon fee-and-dividend legislation in order to strengthen the economy, protect families, reduce air pollution, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

Second, that you recommend a City Council resolution urging the U.S. Congress to enact national revenue-neutral carbon fee-and-dividend legislation. Numerous municipalities around our country, including the nearby City of San Luis Obispo, have adopted similar resolutions. We have attached the resolution from San Luis Obispo for reference.

The proposed resolution would be consistent with the following statement in the City's 2015 Legislative Platform, under Environmental Quality, Climate Protection: "Support legislation and measures that encourage renewable energy generation, facilitate renewable resource development, and provide incentives for small renewable generation projects."

We welcome your questions and comments regarding this policy. Thank you for considering our requests.

Sincerely,
Members of the Santa Barbara Chapter of CCL
Contact: John D. Kelley, jdkaia@cox.net, 963-1013

Cc: Mayor Helene Schneider and Council Members: Randy Rowse, Cathy Murillo, and Jason Dominguez

RESOLUTION NO. 10701 (2016 SERIES)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, REGARDING THE NATIONAL REVENUE-NEUTRAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND PROGRAM

WHEREAS, having determined that the Carbon Fee and Dividend legislative principles proposed by the non-partisan Citizens Climate Lobby, attached hereto as Exhibit A, would provide an efficient approach to shifting the incentives that keep the United States reliant on fossil fuel energy and would, thereby, help support the rapid deployment of cleaner energy alternatives; and

WHEREAS, having determined that this approach would be fair to everyone and would protect middle and low income households by providing them with a dividend (also known as a rebate) that, on average, would be higher than the increased costs for energy for two-thirds of all households (specifically the lowest income two-thirds) during the transition to cleaner energy; and

WHEREAS, per the non-partisan study by Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI), this approach would ensure a substantial increase in private investment in cleaner energy options because they will become significantly less expensive relative to fossil fuels within a known time frame; and

WHEREAS, this approach would encourage consumers and businesses to keep their carbon footprint smaller while still ensuring that all households would be able to afford the energy they need during the transition to cleaner energy; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to respond to these challenges with a business minded focus, and

WHEREAS, having determined that early adoption of the National Revenue Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation in the United States would grow our economy, add nearly two million jobs, help make us a world leader in cleaner-energy technology, and help establish the United States as a leader in future global climate negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the national revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend has already garnered widespread support from Republicans as well as Democrats as evidenced by recent op-eds and public statements in 2015 by prominent political leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Luis Obispo that the City Council requests that the United States Congress immediately enact legislation and the United States President sign into law a national revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend program, as provided for in Exhibit A, in order to protect the economy and the climate for future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of San Luis Obispo directs the Mayor to send a letter no later than 30 days after passage of this Resolution by the San Luis Obispo City Council to all Mayors and City Councils, County Boards of Supervisors, School Boards, and State and Federal legislators in San Luis Obispo, Monterey and Santa Barbara Counties, the Governor of California, and the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments urging support for a National Revenue Neutral Fee and Dividend Act and urging them to adopt a resolution in Favor of National Revenue-Neutral National Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation.

Upon motion of Council Member Ashbaugh, seconded by Council Member Christianson, and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Ashbaugh, Christianson and Rivoire,
Vice Mayor Carpenter and Mayor Marx
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

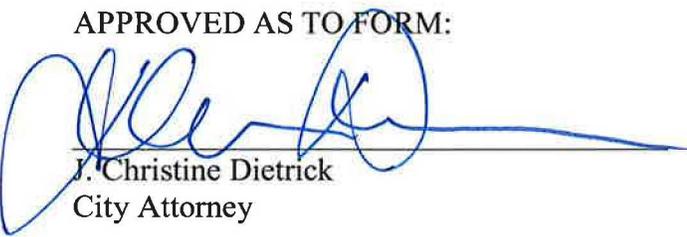
The foregoing resolution was adopted this 15th day of March, 2016.



Mayor Jan Marx

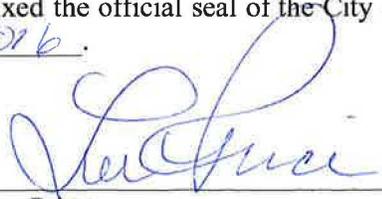
ATTEST:


Lee Price
Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


J. Christine Dietrick
City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, this 27th day of March, 2016.



Lee Price
Interim City Clerk

APPENDIX A
To the City of San Luis Obispo Resolution in Favor of
National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation

Findings:

1. Causation: there is a consensus^{1, 2} among climate scientists, domestic and international science bodies such as the National Academy of Sciences and the International Panel on Climate Change and the World Meteorological Organization (IPCC, WMO), that greenhouse gas emissions from human activities such as the burning of fossil fuels are driving the current rise in global temperatures and climate change,³
2. Mitigation (Return to 350 ppm or below): the weight of scientific evidence also indicates that a return from the current concentration of more than 400 parts per million ("ppm") of carbon dioxide ("CO₂") in the atmosphere to 350 ppm CO₂ or less is necessary to slow or stop the rise in global temperatures,⁴
3. Endangerment: further increases in global temperatures pose imminent and substantial dangers to human health⁵, the natural environment⁶, the economy⁷, national security⁸, and an unacceptable risk of medium and long-term future harm⁹,
 - a. Climate change caused by global warming-related greenhouse gas emissions including CO₂ already is leading to large-scale problems including increasing acidity of oceans and rising sea levels; more frequent, extreme, and damaging weather events such as heat waves, storms, heavy rainfall and flooding, and droughts; more frequent and intense wildfires; disrupted ecosystems affecting biodiversity and food production; and an increase in heat-related deaths¹⁰; and
 - b. We are approaching a dangerous threshold whereby, if it is crossed, humans will no longer be able to influence the course of future global warming, as tropical forests, peat bogs, permafrost and the oceans¹¹ switch from absorbing carbon to releasing it; and
4. Local effects on agriculture: the following effects of climate change are likely to occur if we do not reduce our CO₂ emissions to 350 ppm by 2050:
 - a. Bay Area and Central Coast temperatures are predicted to rise significantly. The number of days over 95° is expected to increase from an average of 12 per year today to 20-29 by 2050 and 32-65 by 2100,¹²
 - b. Given increased heat waves, droughts and higher temperatures¹³, California farmers will face an increasingly uncertain future, where current crops may fail and water may be even more scarce,^{14, 15, 16}
 - c. If heat-trapping emissions continue to rise at today's levels the snowpack in the Sierra Nevada is likely to decline as much as 40% from historical levels by 2050 and as much as 90% by 2100, thus severely reducing the availability of water in summer. However if we make significant emissions reductions the decline by 2050 could be as little as 12%.¹⁷
 - d. Two thirds of California's 2,400 endemic plants could lose more than 80% of their current ranges if climate change worsens,¹⁸
 - e. The number of chilling hours at the end of this century is expected to be half or less than during the 20th century such that many currently lucrative crops will no longer be commercially viable in large areas of California,^{19, 20, 21}

- f. We can expect a range expansion and rapid increase in populations of insects already present and the arrival of new insect pests to newly warmer regions amid ecosystem changes thus negatively affecting agriculture and health,^{22, 23}
5. The present costs of fossil fuels are externalized: Presently the environmental, health, and social costs of CO2 emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels, but rather these externalized costs are borne directly and indirectly by all Americans and global citizens; and
6. Co-Benefits: the measures proposed in this legislation will benefit the economy, human health, the environment, and national security, even without consideration of global temperatures, by correcting market distortions, reducing non-greenhouse-gas pollutants, reducing the outflow of dollars to oil-producing countries, and improving energy security of the United States,²⁴
7. Benefits of Carbon Fees: phased-in carbon fees on greenhouse gas emissions are (1) the most efficient, transparent, and enforceable mechanism to drive an effective and fair transition to a domestic-energy economy, (2) will stimulate investment in alternative-energy technologies, and (3) will give all businesses powerful incentives to increase their energy-efficiency and reduce their carbon footprints in order to remain competitive,²⁵
8. Equal Monthly Per-Person Dividends: monthly dividends (or “rebates”) from carbon fees paid equally to every American household will stimulate the American economy and help ensure that families and individuals can afford greenhouse gas-free energy,

Therefore the National Revenue Fee and Dividend Act²⁶ contains the following elements:

1. Collection of Carbon Fees/Carbon Fee Trust Fund: The Act would impose a carbon fee on all fossil fuels and other greenhouse gases at the point where they first enter the economy. The fee shall be collected by the Treasury Department. The fee on that date shall be \$15 per ton of CO2 equivalent emissions and result in equal charges for each ton of CO2 equivalent emissions potential in each type of fuel or greenhouse gas. The Department of Energy shall propose and promulgate regulations setting forth CO2 equivalent fees for other greenhouse gases including at a minimum methane²⁷, nitrous oxide, sulfur hexafluoride, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons, and nitrogen trifluoride. The Treasury shall also collect the fees imposed upon the other greenhouse gases. All fees are to be placed in the Carbon Fees Trust Fund and be rebated 100% to American households as outlined below.
2. Emissions Reduction Targets: To align US emissions with the physical constraints identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to avoid irreversible climate change, the yearly increase in carbon fees including other greenhouse gases, shall be at least \$10 per ton of CO2 equivalent each year. Annually, the Department of Energy shall determine whether an increase larger than \$10 per ton per year is needed to achieve program goals. Yearly price increases of at least \$10 per year shall continue until total U.S. CO2-equivalent emissions have been reduced to 10% of U.S. CO2-equivalent emissions in 1990.
3. Equal Per-Person Monthly Dividend Payments: Equal monthly per-person dividend payments shall be made to all American households (½ payment per child under 18 years old, with a limit of 2 children per family) each month. The total value of all monthly dividend payments shall represent 100% of the total carbon fees collected per month.
4. Border Adjustments: In order to ensure that U.S.-made goods can remain competitive at home and abroad and to provide an additional incentive for international adoptions of carbon fees, Carbon-Fee Equivalent Tariffs shall be charged for goods entering the U.S. from countries without comparable Carbon Fees/Carbon Pricing. Carbon-Fee-Equivalent Rebates shall be used to reduce the price of exports to such countries and to ensure that U.S. goods can remain

competitive in those countries. The Department of Commerce will determine rebate amounts and exemptions if any.

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atmosphere. Some of this leakage will occur after the fee has been assessed on methane under the assumption that it will be burned to yield the less potent CO₂. To ensure the integrity of the program and that markets receive accurate information with regard to the climate forcings caused by various fossil fuels, the carbon fee shall be assessed on such leaked methane at a rate commensurate with the global warming potential (“GWP”) of methane including both its direct and indirect effects. Given the importance of tipping points in the climate system, the 20-year GWP of methane shall be used to assess the fee, and not the 100-year GWP. As proper accounting for such leakage is necessary for honest assessment of progress towards program goals, reasonable steps to assess the rate of methane leakage shall be implemented, and leaked methane shall be priced accordingly. The entity responsible for the leaked methane shall be responsible for paying the fee.

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Dear Chair Bendy White, Councilmembers Gregg Hart and Frank Hotchkiss,

Please consider adding the following statements to the City of Santa Barbara 2016 Legislative Platform. Please also see our legislative platform attached.

Support legislation reinforcing the ability of local voters to finance local elections.

Support legislation ensuring candidates' policy goals are reasonably consistent with that of their respective constituents.

Oppose campaign financing practices that are disproportionately influenced by either a minority of the local constituency or non-district donors.

Oppose legislation that allows any entity from undermining or circumventing the democratic process.

Support legislation promoting equal opportunity/ability amongst all constituents within a district to finance or take part in local campaigns.

Support legislation preventing undue financial or political influence of non-voting actors.

Sincerely,

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Attachment to 5/24/2016 letter to City of Santa Barbara Legislative Committee**Who We Are:**

CALPIRG is a statewide student-funded, student-run and student-directed nonprofit activist grassroots organization started by students in the 1970's who saw problematic issues in their community and wanted to actively find solutions to them. When powerful companies and special interests threaten our public health, pollute our air and water or rip off consumers CALPIRG stands up for the public. CALPIRG is student run and directed organization by having a student board of directors who essentially make plans that reflects what students as citizens want to see changed now and something we can make an impact on. The student- funding acquired goes to hiring professional staff who train students how to do effective campaigning and organize.

A few years ago CALPIRG increased student financial aid by \$36 billion. Last year we banned plastic bags all across California. Our campaign Stopping the Overuse of Antibiotics on Factory Farms we got McDonalds to stop using chicken raised with antibiotics, and we got Subway to stop using all meat raised on antibiotics. This year, CALPIRG's Statewide Go Solar Campaign helped pass the most comprehensive solar legislation ever in the entire nation, SB 350.

We are able to be effective because we represent the interests of 25,000 dues paying student members from across the state.

Problem with Citizens United:

In fall of 2014, our nation held the most expensive midterm election in its history. This explosion of spending was not the result of an unprecedented tide of public engagement in campaigns – indeed, voter turnout was at its lowest level since World War II. Instead, it reflected the continuing rise of big money and mega-donors in our elections, a trend accelerated by the Supreme Court's 2010 *Citizens United* ruling. Since the Supreme Court Decision in 2010 in support of Citizens United money's influence on political has skyrocketed. Big corporations and wealthy individuals can drown the voices of the masses by using their money to influence who runs and wins elections.

Our democracy works best when it lives up to the principle of one person, one vote, and when the strength of a citizen's voice doesn't depend on the size of their wallet. Yet, in the last few years we have seen the voices of average citizens increasingly drowned out by a flood of big money, as our representatives become increasingly dependent on large donors and Super PAC backing. In fact, in the 2012 election the top 32 donors to Super PACs, giving an average of \$9.9 million each, contributed as much as all 3.7 million small donors to President Obama and Mitt Romney combined.

In a recent CALPIRG and Demos analysis of competitive House races in the 2014 midterms, we found the top two vote-getters in the 25 most competitive districts got more than 86 percent of their campaign funds from donors giving large contributions of \$200 or more. Seven of them relied on big donors for more than 95 percent of their individual contributions.

The grossly disproportionate spending on elections from a small part of the population not only undermines the political power of most Americans, it also distorts the priorities of candidates by

making fundraising from out-of-district big donors more important and securing the support of ordinary constituents less important. An unlimited money system forces candidates to spend time courting those wealthy individuals and interests, rather than thinking about the needs of their constituents. The result is that on issue after issue, like the environment or public health, politicians often favor the donors who funded their campaigns over the people they're elected to represent.

This ultimately undermines our democracy and eventually we must pass a constitutional amendment allowing for sensible limits on big contributions must be passed to address this immense problem.

Local Relevance:

A constitutional amendment will take years and in the meantime we must find other ways to counteract the influence of big money in our elections. Money in politics was an issue that began at the federal level but now affects politics at every level of government.

Across the country, we have seen strong support for getting big money out of politics that cuts across party lines. In 2012, Over 70% of voters approved measures in Montana and Colorado directing their members of Congress to pass a constitutional amendment to get big money out of politics. In Colorado, it passed overwhelmingly in every single county, whether voters voted for Obama or Romney.

Americans understand the problem of big money in our elections and are looking for solutions. A recent [NY Times/CBS poll](#) found that 85 percent of Americans think the system for funding campaign's needs 'fundamental changes' or that 'we need to totally rebuild it.' Meanwhile, a [Wall Street Journal/NBC](#) news poll released in June 2015 found that the role of big money in elections is a top concern voters have about the upcoming presidential election.

This is evidence that people care about this issue and it is easier for us to have an impact on it at the local level.

Furthermore, 16 states (including CA) and 50 cities within CA have already gone on record against Citizens United, now it's Santa Barbara's turn. (See the list in the footnotes) We pride ourselves on being progressive leaders but we are falling behind on this movement in CA.

We are asking the City Council of Santa Barbara to include these support and opposition statements, which are all for being against Citizens United on their legislative platform for spring 2016.

We know that Santa Barbarians overwhelming support this. We've collected close to 800 petitions from UCSB students, and are working to collect small business sign-on and build a coalition of students and Citizens across Santa Barbara.

Why this will be effective:

We know that such resolution and taking local action is effective, the best example is New York City's small donor empowerment system. According to a recent study in the Election Law

Journal, matching funds have increased the proportional role of small donors as well as the number of small donors who participate in the system. In 2009, which was the first year the match was fully in effect, all but two of the 51 winning city council candidates used the program, and between 1997 (when the match was only 1:1) and 2009 (when it increased to 6:1), the small donor pool increased by 40%.

Besides bringing more small donors into the system, these programs have helped candidates raise significant amounts of money, changing their fundraising strategies away from chasing big checks and towards chasing small donors. For example, in the 2013 city council campaign in New York City, small donors were responsible for 61% of participating candidates' funds (when the match is included). In contrast, nonparticipating candidates got only 19% of their money from small donors, and 53% from donors who gave \$1,000 or more. So candidates are seeing that they can raise the money they need to win without having to chase down \$1,000 checks.

Other local victories:

- In the Fall of 2014, Maryland PIRG helped get the County Council in **Montgomery County** to enact a small donor program
- In February, Illinois PIRG helped to pass a non-binding advisory ballot measure calling for a small donor empowerment system in **Chicago**. It was overwhelmingly approved by nearly 80 percent of voters.
- In **Seattle**, WashPIRG helped gather signatures to put a small donor program on the ballot in 2015

Advocating for Santa Barbara City Council to include these support and opposition statements their legislative platform, is the first step to creating a healthier, more vibrant democracy where the voices and interests of ordinary Americans are amplified above the roar of special interest influence.



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LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Council Committee on Legislation

Legislative Platform

- Purpose
 - Summarizes the Council's positions on a variety of state and federal policy issues
 - Authorizes the Mayor to take action on pending legislation on behalf of the City
 - Enables the City to act quickly when advocacy is needed

Council Committee on Legislation

- Met twice to consider proposed changes to the Legislative Platform
 - May 12
 - May 25
- 35 Proposed Changes listed in Attachment 1 in order of the policy areas

Legislative Platform Policy Areas

- CITY ADMINISTRATION
- REVENUE AND TAXATION
- EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT
- PUBLIC SAFETY
- ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
- HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS and COMMUNICATIONS
- AIRPORT
- WATERFRONT

Legislative Platform

City Administration and Revenue and Taxation

Proposed Statements

Oppose legislation which limits the power of cities to negotiate indemnification protections in public contracts.

Oppose any regulation or legislation that would alter current California law on disability benefits to expand eligibility for specific types of disability benefits to new or additional job classifications, or extend the term for disability benefits to an eligible employee beyond what is established by current California law.

Support legislation that facilitates the financing of capital infrastructure through local bonds and other indebtedness.

Legislative Platform – Housing

Proposed Statements

Oppose legislation or constitutional amendments that weaken or interfere with the powers of charter cities and preserve local autonomy or home rule authority.

Oppose legislation that would preempt local land use and design authority and restrict the ability to impose development and design regulations/standards over development projects.

Support measures in local land use that are consistent with the doctrine of "home rule" and the local exercise of police powers in planning and zoning processes.

Support state and federal legislation and programs that provide funding directly to local municipalities for decision-making at the local level instead of application-based awards.

Legislative Platform – Community Requests

Proposed Statements

Support legislation that promotes transparency in political campaign funding and/or spending.

Support legislation which removes from the definition of “vicious dog” any dog seized from a dog fighting operation.

Support revenue-neutral carbon fee-and-dividend legislation.

Legislative Platform – Community Requests

Proposed Statements

Support legislation that prohibits the possession of large-capacity magazines of 11 rounds or more.

Support legislation that requires background checks at point of sale and prohibits sale of ammunition to persons convicted of a felony, a violent misdemeanor, has a restraining order or has been declared dangerously mentally ill.

Support legislation that requires firearm owners to notify law enforcement if their firearm has been lost or stolen.

Support legislation which mandates that California share data with the FBI/NICS (National Instant Background Check System).



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QUESTIONS?
