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For: Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Subject: **Draft 2025 Legislative Agenda**

Each year, City staff reviews the State and Federal Legislative Agendas and recommends changes to reflect the City's legislative and funding priorities for the upcoming year.

In October 2024, the Government Affairs Office hosted a training session for all departments to be informed on the 2025 Legislative Agenda (Agenda) update process and timeline. The Government Affairs Office then circulated the draft 2025 Legislative Agenda to departments for input on potential changes. Following departmental review, the Government Affairs team met with departments individually to further refine their recommended legislative and funding priorities for the upcoming year. This memorandum presents staff recommendations that have been incorporated into the attached 2025 Draft Legislative Agenda for the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee's consideration.

In addition to the revisions made in collaboration with City Departments, the draft Agenda remains aligned with the 2030 Strategic Vision, incorporating language added last year in the Focus Statements Section to highlight the priorities established in the Vision. The infrastructure section continues to be framed around the Elevate '28 Infrastructure Investment Plan to support additional funding for critical infrastructure needs and projects in preparation for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Lastly, the attached draft Agenda streamlines language to eliminate duplication across state and federal priorities.

Proposed Changes to the Legislative Agenda

Changes in the attached draft Agenda are denoted as follows:

- New and/or revised proposed language is indicated by underline blue font.
- Staff recommendations to delete duplicative or obsolete items are indicated by ~~red and strikethrough~~ text.

The following section outlines the proposed changes in the attached draft Agenda, organized by their respective categories, along with a brief explanation of the rationale behind each change. For a complete review of the Agenda and the proposed changes, please refer to the attached document.

2024 FOCUS STATEMENTS

Infrastructure

- “Support resilient drainage and flood control infrastructure.”

Rationale: Added by the Public Works Department to be consistent with stormwater sections.

- “Support the construction of and improvements to vital public safety infrastructure such as fire and police stations, health facilities, radio infrastructure, technology infrastructure, interagency data-sharing, and emergency preparation and response resources.”

Rationale: Added by Fire Department. Underlined text added to include technological aspects of public safety infrastructure.

- “Support for emergency medical services to be equitably delivered to visitors and residents and mitigate service delays or reduction to 911 ambulance service in preparation and during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.”

Rationale: Added by Fire Department. The City needs a plan to ensure 911 ambulance and emergency health services can sufficiently support the increased population in the City due to visitors/athletes participating in the games. Servicing the enhanced population should not create reduced service to the rest of the City's residents.

Recovery

- “Support policies, resources, and programs that reduce the ambulance patient offload delays between the City’s 911 emergency health ambulance units and regional hospitals.”

Rationale: Added by the Fire Department. This supports new legislation adopted to hold hospitals accountable to staff Emergency Rooms appropriately.

EDUCATION

2.1 Education Equity

- “Support policies, legislation, and grants that seek to end the school-to-prison pipeline and reduce school expulsions/suspensions and chronic absenteeism “

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. In terms of educational equity, this is a core element to reducing school pushout which leads

to the school to prison pipeline.

- “Support policies, legislation, and grants to bolster strategies to actively engage youth who are Opportunity Youth (out-of-school and out-of-work), disconnected, emancipated, gang impacted, and have had significant involvement with the justice system.”

Rationale: Revised by the Health and Human Services Department. Added the underlined language, "Opportunity Youth (out of school and out of work), Gang Impacted, Foster youth".

- “Support policies, legislation and grants that uplift boys and young men of color as aligned with the My Brother’s Keeper six milestones”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Long Beach is recertifying as an My Brother’s Keeper City; adding this supports educational equity considering the data that reflects young men of color as having some of the lowest educational attainment rates.

ENERGY

3.2 Utilities and Waste Management

- “Support policies, legislation or grants that assist the City’s efforts to meet the procurement requirements established in SB1383.”

Rationale: Added by the Public Works Department. Like most cities in CA, Long Beach is not meeting the procurement requirements of SB1383 which require cities to purchase RNG from organic waste, bioelectricity, compost, or mulch from SB1383 certified facilities based on population. The market for the material needed does not currently exist locally.

- “Support policies, legislation and funding that assist the City’s effort to build an anaerobic digestion facility in place of the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF), including efforts to foster innovative partnerships that will promote sustainability, recycling and beneficial reuse of municipal solid waste.”

Rationale: Revised by the Public Works Department. Underlined text added as SERRF is now closed, and the RFP is complete for a new AD facility to be built in its place. The City should switch from supporting legislation and funding for waste to energy facilities to support the funding of this new facility and other solutions for the City’s waste reduction efforts and solid waste management.

- “Support policies and legislation to require cap and trade regulations to give credit for greenhouse gas emission reductions that are attributable to anaerobic digestion

facilities, (community) compost facilities, waste to energy facilities and the Port of Long Beach's Clean Air Action Plan."

Rationale: Revised by the Public Works Department. Underlined text added to switch from the closed SERRF facility to the new type of waste facility planned to be built in its place.

- "Support increased funding over current savings levels for the subsidence fund to manage elevations after the oil fields cease to produce."

Rationale: Added by the Energy Resource Department. The subsidence fund was set up in 1964 and funding ceased in 1984. Additional funds are needed to ensure sufficient funding for this effort; otherwise it will fall to the City to fund.

- DELETED: "Support expedited funding over current savings levels for the State's future obligations for the abandonment and cleanup of the oil field located in the Wilmington Oil Field."

Rationale: Deleted by the Energy Resources Department. SB 1425 eliminates the need for this support.

- DELETED: "Support policy changes that encourage diversity in waste treatment options and recognize waste to energy technologies as a sustainable means of waste disposable and energy production."

Rationale: Deleted by the Public Works Department. This may be deleted because SERRF no longer is operational.

- "Support policies, legislation, and funding that support waste minimization, reuse policies, and extended producer responsibility policies."

Rationale: Added by the Public Works Department. Added a more general statement to support current waste reduction and EPR efforts.

ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

4.1 Air Quality and Environmental Sustainability

- DELETED: "Support policies, legislation, and grants that protect the city's ability to efficiently operate the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) in a cost-effective manner."

Rationale: Deleted by the Public Works Department. Removing because SERRF is closed.

4.2 Long Beach Climate Action Plan (LB CAP)

- “Oppose policies and legislation that reduce funding for climate change initiatives.”

Rationale: Added by the City Manager’s Department. In addition to supporting policies and legislation that increase funding, we should oppose policies and legislation that decrease funding. This is especially important at the federal level where the incoming administration may reverse existing climate initiatives or limit our ability to work towards the City’s climate goals.

- “Oppose policies and legislation that would limit the City’s ability to implement the Long Beach Climate Action Plan or take other measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change impacts.”

Rationale: Added by the City Manager’s Department. We should oppose policies and legislation that limit the City’s ability to implement the LB CAP in anticipation of climate and environmental sustainability changes at the federal level. This could be anything from building code regulations and incentives for clean/renewable energy to limiting emissions near ports.

4.3 Stormwater Management and Recreational Water Quality

- “Support policies, legislation and funding that would provide local governments with resources to implement stormwater management best practices, including low impact development (LID), green infrastructure approaches, and nature based solutions to capture and reduce pollution in stormwater at its source, maintain municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) permit compliance, complete drainage infrastructure improvements and other initiatives to improve recreational water quality at the City’s beaches and local waterways.”

Rationale: Revised by Public Works to align with additional bullet points in the Stormwater Management and Recreational Water Quality section.

- “Support policies, legislation, and grants for the assessment and reduction of pollutants in water that may effect recreational water quality at the City’s beaches, including funding for innovate stormwater capture, filtration and other stormwater best management practices in the Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, Los Cerritos Channel, Dominguez Channel, and nearshore watersheds.

Rationale: Revised by Public Works Department to add Los Cerritos Channel, Dominguez Channel and nearshore waterways.

- DELETED: Oppose any policy or legislation that would reclassify areas currently protected by recently upgraded, federally certified flood protection levees with no demonstrable history of flooding as “residual risk” zones that would be subject to

mandatory flood insurance. In such areas locally, require FEMA to meet current requirements for a formal flood insurance study before attempting a rezone as a flood risk area.

Rationale: Deleted by Public Works Department and replaced with the following two bullet points to ensure data driven decisions are used to protect vulnerable communities.

- “Encourage continued development of a risk-based flood insurance program that is fair, equitable and utilizes sound engineering and scientific data in establishment of flood zones and insurance rates.”

Rationale: Added by the Public Works Department. Added in to support data-driven decisions in protecting vulnerable communities.

- “Support sustainable management of flood risks to reduce loss of life, economic damage to housing and commercial buildings and infrastructure, and improve the natural environment.”

Rationale: Added by the Public Works Department. Added to support data-driven decisions in protecting vulnerable communities.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Revenue, Fees, and Taxation

- “Oppose legislation that limits the City’s ability to get fully reimbursed by FEMA/CalOES for emergency funding during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Rationale: Added by the Financial Management Department to support the City’s pending reimbursements from FEMA for the costs during the COVID 19 pandemic.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

6.3 Land Use Planning

- “Support policies which embrace equitable, inclusive, and anti-racist planning, programs, and practices that acknowledge past harms and address current inequities.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department in alignment with the City’s Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative Goals 1 and 4.

- “Support policies that encourage new investment and development in under-resourced and disadvantaged communities. Such policies should incorporate

strategies for capacity building of impacted populations, preserve cultural assets, and expand minority business ownership.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department in alignment with the City’s Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative Goals 1 and 4.

- “Support policies and increased funding to maintain or replace outdated or failing infrastructure, amenities, and services in under-resourced communities. This may include high-quality public transit, pedestrian, and bikeway systems, open space, tree canopy, recreational amenities, clean and safe drinking water, and other critical needs.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department to support the LB Elevate 28 Infrastructure Plan to prioritize and fund critical infrastructure.

- “Support policies to conduct inclusive and meaningful public outreach and engagement throughout planning, development review, and implementation processes.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department in alignment with the City’s Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative Goals 1 and 3.

- “Support state-funded financing to supplement impact fees to pay for infrastructure, community benefits and services to reduce housing development costs.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department. ADU housing permits were the highest issued housing permit type in the City last year. The City is not allowed to charge impact fees for many ADU permits creating a burden on infrastructure and services. Support for legislation will provide a way for the City to recover costs.

- “Support state programs that encourage remediation and redevelopment of brownfield and gray field sites.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department to support funding necessary to complete remediation efforts for development and redevelopment sites.

- “Support policies that strengthen regional planning and collaboration around issues at the regional or sub-regional level—such as affordable housing, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions mitigation, regional transportation, hazard mitigation and climate adaptation, and water management and flood control.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department. Regional

partnerships are needed to progress on existing land issues.

- “Support policies that encourage or incentivize development in high resource areas such as mixed income housing incentives for development in TCAC High Opportunity areas.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department. Resources and enforcement tools are needed to encourage development.

- “Support policies that encourage streamlined environmental review, clarifying CEQA applicability as it relates to housing production and local land use decision making.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department. Correctly navigating the CEQA process is essential for local planning.

- “Amend CEQA to exempt priority housing projects which are consistent with local plans, including Housing Element programs and RHNA obligations.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department. CEQA requirements are at odds with our state mandated housing obligations.

- “Amend CEQA to provide exemptions for all projects with 100% affordable residential units.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department. Correctly navigating the CEQA process is one of the most complicated aspects of local planning with innumerable challenges stemming from poorly worded, contradictory, or inconsistently enforced state law. Many CEQA requirements are at odds with our state mandated housing obligations. We need the state to engage in CEQA reform.

- “Amend CEQA to provide more robust exemptions for infill projects.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department. Correctly navigating the CEQA process is one of the most complicated aspects of local planning with innumerable challenges stemming from poorly worded, contradictory, or inconsistently enforced state law. Many CEQA requirements are at odds with our state mandated housing obligations. We need the state to engage in CEQA reform.

- “Amend CEQA to maximize the use of tiering to encourage up-front review of environmental impacts to limit or avoid project-by-project CEQA review.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department. Correctly

navigating the CEQA process is one of the most complicated aspects of local planning with innumerable challenges stemming from poorly worded, contradictory, or inconsistently enforced state law. Many CEQA requirements are at odds with our state mandated housing obligations. We need the state to engage in CEQA reform.

- “Amend CEQA to exempt certain infrastructure projects that further goals for greenhouse gas reduction (i.e. battery storage uses that capture green electricity).”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department. Correctly navigating the CEQA process is one of the most complicated aspects of local planning with innumerable challenges stemming from poorly worded, contradictory, or inconsistently enforced state law. Many CEQA requirements are at odds with our state mandated housing obligations. We need the state to engage in CEQA reform.

- “Amend CEQA to exempt emergency shelters and supportive/transitional housing.”

Rationale: Added by the Community Development Department. Correctly navigating the CEQA process is one of the most complicated aspects of local planning with innumerable challenges stemming from poorly worded, contradictory, or inconsistently enforced state law. Many CEQA requirements are at odds with our state mandated housing obligations. We need the state to engage in CEQA reform.

6.4 Local Initiatives

- Support policies, legislation, and grants for the implementation of the Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, My Brother’s Keeper Local Action Plan, and the Youth & Emerging Adults Strategic Plan.

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Expand the support for youth programming and add in the Youth & Emerging Adults Strategic Plan.

6.8 Equity

- “Support policies, legislation, and funding that allocates resources to non-profit organizations, community-based organizations and trusted partners that serve the LGBTQIA2S+ community, specifically transgender, gender non-conforming and intersex individuals.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department to support community-based organizations that serve LGBTQIA2S+ individuals to further

address health inequity and health disparities.

- “Support policies, legislation, and funding to maximize opportunities for racial equity through housing policies that address segregation and access to homeownership.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department to support funding and legislation to increase opportunities for homeownership for historically disadvantaged individuals.

- “Support policies, legislation, and funding that aims to increase the recruitment and retention of Black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, other people of color and LGBTQIA2S+ individuals to employment and leadership positions.”

Rationale: Revised by the Health and Human Services Department. Underlined text added to support initiatives to increase diversity and representation in the workforce.

- “Oppose policies and legislation that restricts or penalizes medical professionals from providing gender-affirming healthcare for transgender and non-binary minors.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department to oppose penalizing gender-affirming healthcare for transgender and non-binary minors prevents medical professionals from assisting individuals in need.

- “Support policies and legislation that ban “reparative” or “conversion” therapy for LGBTQIA2S+ youth.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department to anticipate the impact of potential changes in healthcare with changes in federal political administration.

- “Support protection of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program so recipients may continue having protected status from deportation, access to work, and healthcare.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department to anticipate the impact of potential changes in immigration law with change in federal political administration.

HOUSING

7.2 Homelessness

- “Support federal resources that focus on operational and administrative funding for homelessness planning the City. This includes advocating for operational and administrative funding to ensure the effective delivery of services and to support strategic planning and coordination efforts. This will enable the City to provide comprehensive support to individuals experiencing homelessness and proactively prevent homelessness.”

Rationale: Added by the City Manager’s Department. Support for funding resources dedicated to administrative planning for homelessness initiatives.

PUBLIC HEALTH

8.1 Intervention

- “Support policies, legislation, and grants that increase funding for the Long Beach Youth Fund, ensuring resources are allocated to youth development programs.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Support funding for more tailored youth programs that address the unique needs of Long Beach youth.

- “Support policies, legislation, and grants that support participatory budgeting initiatives that empower youth to design and decide on programs that best meet their needs and aspirations, foster a sense of ownership and leadership.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Support youth civic engagement and involvement in youth programs.

- “Support policies, legislation, and grants that support community benefits through nutrition assistance programs, increasing benefit amounts, that may help reduce food insecurity and hunger.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Support funding for nutrition security programs as Long Beach Recovery Act Program concludes.

- “Support policies, legislation, and grants that prioritize funding and investments in nutrition education, physical activity programs, and initiatives aimed at reducing the prevalence of obesity and diabetes, particularly among children and adolescents.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Support funding

resources for nutrition education and physical activity programs.

- “Support policies, legislation, and grants that support programs and initiatives focused on improving cardiovascular health in adults through interventions to lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar, as well as expanding access to preventive care, and chronic disease management resources.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Support funding resources for cardiovascular health programs.

- “Support policies, legislation, and grants that support objectives to address substance use and substance use disorders, including but not limited to prescription drug misuse, opioid use, alcohol consumption, and reducing access to substances among adolescents.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Support funding resources for substance abuse prevention programs.

- “Support policies, legislation and funding for the quality, use, transparency and public availability of comprehensive disaggregated data to inform decisions and actions that improve quality of life outcomes for Black, Indigenous, Asian, Latinx, LGBTQIA2S+, immigrants, unhoused, and other communities of color.”

Rationale: Revised by the Health and Human Services Department. Underlined text added. The more we educate the public that does not currently understand queer lives, identities, or needs, the less pushback we may hope to experience.

- “Support policies, legislation, and funding aimed at public health education related to destigmatization of LGBTQIA2S+ healthcare, HIV infection status, sexual health, and reproductive services.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Support funding resources for public health education programs to demystify understanding of unique LGBTQIA2S+ individual needs.

- DELETED: “Support funding to implement the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, which includes prevention, intervention, treatment and suppression.”

Rationale: Deleted by Health and Human Services Department. This program has concluded.

- “Support funding to implement the Long Beach Youth & Emerging Adults Strategic Plan, which includes youth development, health, workforce, violence prevention, housing, and transportation.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Support funding resources for Long Beach Youth and Emerging Adults Strategic Plan adopted by Long Beach City Council in 2021.

8.3 Cannabis and Tobacco Regulation

- ~~DELETED: “Support policies and legislation that decrease the State cannabis cultivation tax in an effort to make the legal cannabis and tobacco use, including youth access and trends in vaping.~~

Rationale: Deleted by the City Manager’s Department. The cultivation tax was reduced in 2022 as part of the budget act.

- “Support policies, legislation, and funding to enhance data collection and reporting on the health impacts of cannabis and tobacco use, including youth access and trends in vaping.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Access to improved data resources can help focus prevention and education efforts more effectively.

- “Support funding and programs for cannabis and tobacco cessation services, particularly in underserved communities.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Access to cessation services can address disparities in health outcomes related to cannabis and tobacco use.

- “Support policies, legislation, and grants to regulate and monitor the marketing of cannabis and tobacco products on social media and digital platforms to protect youth.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Regulation of cannabis and tobacco marketing targeted at our youth is critical for prevention.

- “Support policies and legislation to limit the potency of cannabis products and require clear, standardized labeling for cannabis and tobacco products.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Requiring clear labeling and potency limits helps consumers make informed decisions and reduce potential health risks.

PUBLIC SAFETY

9.2 Innovation

- DELETED: “Support federal policies that would be applicable nationwide to create a system that would enable medical cannabis to be distributed at accredited pharmacies.”

Rationale: Deleted by the City Manager’s Department. Contradictory with current state regulations that only allow cannabis to be sold at licensed dispensaries.

9.5 Partnerships

- “Support the funding and use of regional task forces to combat organized crime involving robbery, commercial burglary, human trafficking, sex trafficking, and motor vehicle theft.”

Rationale: Revised by the Police Department. Replacing “retail theft/smash and grabs” language for “motor vehicle theft”. CA has an organized retail theft prevention program and a retail crime task force.

- “Support legislation, policy and funding that supports gun safety education to securely store firearms.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Gun safety is important for public health and well-being.

9.6 Emergency Preparedness

- “Support policies, legislation and funding to implement or improve upon natural disaster early warning systems and early bio-detection programs.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Underlined text added to support including bio-detection programs and wastewater surveillance which are important tools in public health.

- “Support policies, legislation, regional initiatives and funding to strengthen equitable and inclusive community resilience strategies.”

- *Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department. Community resilience strategies are important for program sustainability and recovery efforts. Communities with higher levels of community resilience are more likely to prepare for and respond to emergencies*

- “Support policies, legislation and grants to fully fund technologies that provide the

public with enhanced forecasting of natural disasters and report public safety emergency needs (e.g., text to 9-1-1).”

Rationale: Revised by the Health and Human Services Department. This revision represents the combination of multiple items for streamlining.

- DELETED: “Support policies, legislation, regional initiatives and funding to advance equitable and inclusive emergency response efforts for vulnerable populations.”

Rationale: Deleted by the Health and Human Services Department. This item was duplicative.

TECHNOLOGY

10.1 Digital Inclusion

- “Oppose funding cuts and eligibility changes to the Digital Equity Act grant programs.”

Rationale: Added by the Technology Innovation Department to support the City’s Digital Inclusion Initiative and ensure that everyone in Long Beach has equitable access and use of computer literacy training, the Internet, technology devices and other digital inclusion resources and services.

10.3 Cybersecurity

- “Support policies, legislation and funding that protect the public’s digital privacy rights, safeguard the security and control of access to personal data and technological systems, and secure the public’s trust in utilization of new and emerging technologies.”

Rationale: Added by the Technology and Innovation Department to safeguard the City’s technology and data from security breaches.

10.4 Artificial Intelligence (new proposed section)

- “Support policies, legislation, and funding that advance the development and use of artificial intelligence (AI) systems for social good, improvement of government services, and ethical, non-discriminatory, and responsible AI governance.”

Rationale: Added by the Technology and Innovation Department. Support use of Artificial Intelligence to be used to improve public service delivery while safeguarding core values of equity, transparency, ethics, and safety/security.

- “Support cooperative purchasing efforts for AI systems and tools among government agencies.”

Rationale: Added by the Technology and Innovation Department. Support use of Artificial Intelligence to be used to improve public service delivery while safeguarding core values of equity, transparency, ethics, and safety/security.

- “Support policies, legislation, and funding that promote workforce development and resilience through AI training and skill development.”

Rationale: Added by the Technology and Innovation Department. Support use of Artificial Intelligence to be used to improve economic opportunities while safeguarding core values of equity, transparency, ethics, and safety/security.

- “Support policies and legislation that promote AI system vendor accountability, reporting, and transparency.”

Rationale: Added by the Technology and Innovation Department. Support use of Artificial Intelligence to be used to improve public service delivery while safeguarding core values of equity, transparency, ethics, and safety/security.

TRANSPORTATION

11.1 Active Transportation and Transit-Oriented Development

- “Pursuing policies, legislation and grants to improve, beautify, maintain, and increase the safety of the I-710 Freeway, which serves as a vital thoroughfare for residents, businesses and commerce, including funding for I-710 Early Action Projects, beginning with the realignment of Shoreline Drive and the replacement of Shoemaker Bridge.”

Rationale: Revised by the Public Works Department. Underlined text added to reflect the alignment of Shoreline Drive and Shoemaker Bridge.

- “Support policies, legislation and funding to provide free transportation (such as Metro LIFE or Long Beach Transit GoPass) to youth for educational and recreational prosocial development activities.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department to ensure accessible public transportation for young people to participate in prosocial programming of positive youth development and youth violence prevention.

11.2 Roadway Safety

- “Support legislation, policies, and funding to establish and expand pilot programs

for automated traffic speed and vehicle noise enforcement in high-injury networks and specific locations near schools, senior zones, public parks, and recreation centers.”

Rationale: Revised by the Public Works Department. Underlined text added to include expansion of pilot programs for automated traffic speed and vehicle noise enforcement in high-injury networks and specific locations.

11.3 Safe Streets Long Beach (Vision Zero)

- “Support policies, legislation, and grants to update existing vehicle design standards to reduce roadway injuries and fatalities by considering pedestrian safety and the safety of other vehicles.”

Rationale: Added by the Public Works Department to support updates to both roadway and vehicle design standards.

- “Support policies and legislation to restore local control for design at intersections shared with Caltrans to expedite projects which improve safety and complete streets designs along its facilities.”

Rationale: Added by the Public Works Department to give City local control over design authority that is currently exerted by Caltrans for areas within hundreds of feet around intersections closest to interstate facilities and on roadways without on-ramps or off-ramps, resulting in areas without sidewalks, deficient bikeways, and high-speed conditions.

- “Support policies, legislation, and grants that fund public education campaigns and enforcement programs to reduce distracted and drug-impaired driving and improve roadway safety.”

Rationale: Added by the Health and Human Services Department to support funding resources for public education campaigns and enforcement programs to address distracted and drug impaired driving and improve overall roadway safety for all users.

Next Steps

An Intergovernmental Affairs Committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future to review and discuss staff’s recommendations for the 2025 Legislative Agenda. Upon approval by the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, the Committee will forward the proposed agenda to the full City Council for consideration and adoption. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Patterson, Manager of Government Affairs, at sarah.patterson@longbeach.gov.

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Draft 2025 Legislative Agenda



The Legislative Agenda codifies the City of Long Beach's (City) positions on legislation, regulatory proposals, and funding opportunities. The purpose of the agenda is to align the advocacy efforts of the City's Government Affairs Office with the City's core values, principles, and policy statements covering a variety of issues that impact the City.

Each year, the Legislative Agenda is updated in consultation with the Mayor, City Council, and City departments to highlight the legislative and funding priorities for consideration and adoption by the City Council. The agenda provides direction to the Government Affairs Office and the City's legislative advocates on strategic objectives for the year, allowing the City to effectively take positions on specific policy issues that affect City operations.

The legislative agenda serves as a strategic plan that directs staff activities and advocacy priorities throughout the year. These priorities are driven by the City's core values of preserving local control over finances and decision-making; advancing equity and inclusion for communities most impacted by policy decisions at other levels of government; and ensuring the City's long-term resilience and adaptability in the face of growing environmental, economic, and public safety and health challenges.

Core Values

Equity and Inclusion

Equity is when everyone can reach their highest level of health and potential for a successful life, regardless of their background and identity. Inclusion means the practice of providing equitable access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized. Each area of the legislative agenda is considered through a lens of advancing equity and inclusion. The City acknowledges the existence and impacts of historic systemic racism and ableism and supports equitable community practices through innovative local government models. We further support the use of an equity lens in policy and program design and will seek funding to increase inclusive access and equitable opportunity for all members of the Long Beach community.

Local Control

The City of Long Beach supports policies and legislation that protect and/or expand the City's authority and rights over its affairs. Staff will work to oppose policies and legislation that preempts the current authority possessed by the City and instead delegates that authority to the State and federal governments or other governmental jurisdictions. Local control gives leaders the flexibility to solve problems that are in the best interest of their own communities. This is vital for Long Beach to remain a unique place to live, work, and play.

Resilience and Adaptability

The City has been greatly tested by the global COVID-19 public health pandemic and the City's emergency proclamation to address homelessness. Resilience and adaptability are crucial as we continue to recover and adapt to ever changing surroundings. Resiliency is the capacity for communities and organizations to heal from trauma, and adaptability refers to the ability to cope with adversity and adapt to challenges or change.

2024 Focus Statements

While the Legislative Agenda contains City Council-adopted objectives and directives regarding a wide array of issue areas impacting the City, focus statements help to bring attention to funding and legislative priorities for the current legislative year. These statements highlight issues that need to be addressed throughout the year. Focus statements are developed in conjunction with various City departments and may shift from year to year based on the social, political, and economic environment.

The priorities outlined below are in line with the City's Strategic Vision 2030. To guide long-range decision-making and policy direction, the City developed the Strategic Vision 2030. The vision affirms and reframes the City's commitment to supporting the diverse Long Beach community and resolves to achieve a future in which all residents experience Long Beach as a safe, clean, and healthy place to live, learn, work, play, and thrive. The vision captures the insights, goals, and community voices that make up more than 30 City plans and initiatives developed in the past six years, as well as input from the Mayor, Council Members, City staff, and community members. The top three priorities established by the Mayor and City Council include housing and homelessness, economic development, and public safety.

Priority Legislative and Budget Items

- Support legislation and policies that make the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention grant program allocation methodology more equitable to Long Beach.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding for the implementation of the Long Beach Housing Promise to increase housing and reduce homelessness.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that allocate direct financial resources to mitigate the City's liability for oil well abandonment and expedite State savings for their abandonment costs in the Wilmington Oil Field.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to advance the transition of the City's waste-to-energy facility into a regional organics processing resource or other solution for the City's waste management needs.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding for the implementation of the Grow Long Beach Initiative.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding for the implementation of the Westside Promise to improve open space, public health, environmental health, and public infrastructure in West Long Beach.

- Support policies, legislation, and funding that allocate direct financial resources for mental health to jurisdictions with their own city-run health departments.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that allocate direct financial resources to the City's Black Infant Health Program.
- Support policies and legislation that would raise the Area Median Income threshold for tenants in publicly owned and operated affordable housing projects to ensure middle-income households are not subject to possessory interest tax.
- Support policies and legislation that would prohibit loitering with the intent to commit prostitution and increase opportunities for victims of human trafficking to receive services.

Infrastructure

In 2028, the City of Long Beach will host events for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. In preparation, the City unveiled a plan, known as "Elevate '28", to build upon the five-year infrastructure plan and enhance City parks, major corridors, and visiting-serving areas. The Elevate '28 plan includes 64 new projects that will enhance park space throughout the city, continue to improve water quality, provide wayfinding signage, placemaking efforts, transportation and mobility improvements, and prepare to elevate the city to the international stage. The City will continue to advocate for external funding opportunities to revitalize the City's infrastructure and address the following critical infrastructure needs and projects:

- Support policies, legislation, and funding for the implementation of the Elevate '28 Infrastructure Investment Plan to revitalize the City's infrastructure in preparation for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Support water quality infrastructure investments to improve the quality of stormwater, sustain wetlands habitats, and protect aquatic life.
- [Support resilient drainage and flood control infrastructure.](#)
- Support sustainable infrastructure funding to advance the City's climate resiliency efforts and organics waste objectives.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding for road improvements and other transportation infrastructure improvements to attract additional industries like private spaceflight and aerospace to the City.
- Support infrastructure investments that reduce long-term operations and maintenance expenditures for the City.
- Support regional planning and investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure (both public and private) and zero-emissions equipment through robust grants and financial incentives.
- Support infrastructure investments to advance the Port of Long Beach's zero-emissions, Green Port Policy and Clean Air Action Plan objectives, meet current and future supply chain demands, relieve congestion and improve efficiency, increase on-dock rail, reduce emissions, and expand workforce development opportunities in trade-related sectors.
- Support streamlined funding to incorporate technology into infrastructure programs, including "dig once" and "build once" opportunities that modernize technology in City

and public facilities.

- Support the construction of and improvements to vital public safety infrastructure such as fire and police stations, health facilities, [radio infrastructure, technology infrastructure, interagency data-sharing](#) and emergency preparation and response resources.
- [Support for emergency medical services to be equitably delivered to visitors and residents, and mitigate service delays or reduction to 911 ambulance service in preparation and during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.](#)
- Support the development of a preventative and responsive public health infrastructure to identify early and respond swiftly to emerging infectious disease threats.
- Support funding for public facilities such as swimming pools, parks and open space, arts and cultural resources, and community centers in historically marginalized communities.
- Support investments to create housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness, long-term affordable housing, and mortgage down payment assistance programs.
- Seek opportunities to facilitate economic development through leveraging private investments to promote quality infrastructure benefiting all communities within the City.
- Support the development of the Port of Long Beach's Pier Wind project to accommodate the assembly of offshore wind turbines on the West Coast.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to strengthen and incentivize the hydrogen economy.
- Support legislation that provides direct City allocations for infrastructure projects and more local control and flexibility to meet the City's myriad infrastructure needs.

Recovery

Since March 10, 2020, when the City Council declared a local health emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic, the City's top priority has been to mitigate the risks to residents' health and well-being, as well as impacts to the economy and the local business community. The City will continue to advocate for ongoing funding to support Long Beach Recovery Act programs, resources for the long-term economic recovery, upstream preventative solutions, and resilience of the City.

- Support legislation and funding to address the root causes of people experiencing homelessness, health inequities, and systematic racism to lessen the impact of future pandemics and other disasters.
- Support legislation and funding that prioritizes disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation, and response in communities with the highest need.
- Support legislation and funding that will reduce the impact of climate change on the most vulnerable populations including older adults and people experiencing homelessness.
- Support legislation and resources to effectively respond to communicable diseases and mitigate the spread of the virus.
- Support ongoing, structural funding for public health jurisdictions to coordinate and

invest in public health infrastructure, workforce, equity, STD testing and prevention, and other local needs.

- Support resources for basic needs including food security, childcare, and access to transportation and work.
- Support funding that increases broadband access and adoption through devices, education, and affordable internet services.
- Support funding to invest in economic recovery in the sectors hardest-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, employment opportunities, and economic research to study the impacts of the City's investment programs.
- Support resources for programs that build generational wealth for low-income communities such as homeownership opportunities and inclusive entrepreneurship.
- Support funding to assist low-income residents that utilize the City parks and libraries and their services by subsidizing access to park programs and eliminating overdue library fines.
- In coordination with Long Beach Water, support policies that make water debt relief funding to local water systems and customers non-taxable.
- Support resources for the City to expand language access during in-person and hybrid public meetings through funding for translation services, software and technology, and personnel.
- Support policies, legislations, and grants to strengthen investments that support comprehensive approaches to chronic disease prevention, including but not limited to, cardiovascular disease, cancer, hypertension, and type-2 diabetes.
- Support policies, resources, and programs that reduce the ambulance patient offload delays between the City's 911 emergency health ambulance units and regional hospitals.

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1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1.1. **Emerging Sectors** – Grow and strengthen our established industry clusters and emerging sectors.

- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of jobs and businesses in key industry clusters.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of jobs in traded industries that bring wealth into Long Beach.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase research capacity and relevancy as measured by approved patents.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase tourism activity as measured by transient occupancy tax (TOT) [and/or sales tax](#) revenue.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that foster greater economic opportunity, including pursuit of Economic Development Administration (EDA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Brownfields Redevelopment Action Grant investment program funding.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to require the State's Employment Development Department to provide the same economic data they provide for counties to the ten largest cities in the state.
- Support the extension of State hiring and manufacturing tax credits.
- Support or sponsor legislation that allows the City of Long Beach to pursue public-private partnerships.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for funding for the City of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach Airport and Long Beach Transit for mass transit, transportation projects, and needed infrastructure.
- Support efforts to increase operational excellence in terms of balancing environmentally sustainable achievements and financial strength at the Port of Long Beach.
- Support legislation, grants, and greater partnership with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz) that stimulate renewed, diversified economic, as well as manufacturing and export clusters in the [cCity](#).
- Support policies and legislation restoring the Glass-Steagall Act and, if necessary, repeal provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to restore integrity and trust in our financial system.
- Monitor legislation related to crypto currency or bitcoin regulation specific to businesses.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for investment programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.
- Support policies and legislation to continue funding the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program to stimulate the U.S. economy.

- Support policies, legislation, and grants that encourage technological innovation to improve opportunities for local businesses and advance economic development outcomes.

1.2. Economic Equity - Increase access to economic opportunities in low-income communities to advance economic equity.

- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase the number of and non-traditional capital resources for minority-owned, LGBTQ+-owned and women-owned businesses.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase investment in all business corridors with prioritization for underserved and low-income business corridors.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase financial literacy and wealth building opportunities for young people, disadvantaged families, senior citizens, and local businesses, with emphasis on minority, LGBTQ+-owned and women-owned businesses.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase the percentage of City spending on local businesses, with emphasis on minority, LGBTQ+-owned and women-owned businesses.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase financial literacy and wealth-building opportunities for young people and disadvantaged families.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to decrease the digital divide for underserved low-income community households.
- Support federal legislation that maintains existing allowances for undocumented immigrants who qualified for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program to remain in the United States, as well as any legislation that protects the safety and well-being of all Californians by ensuring State and local resources are not used to support deportations, collect information about an individual's religious beliefs or affiliations, and ultimately hurt California's economy.
- Support policies and legislation that support comprehensive immigration reform that will provide a dignified path to United States citizenship to strengthen the nation's workforce and the economy including qualifying undocumented youth with a conditional path to citizenship upon completion of a college degree or military service.
- Support policies and legislation to raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15.00 an hour.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to grow small business activity, including targeted growth among "homegrown" businesses in Long Beach.
- Support legislation that would ensure new safety regulations be made available for review and comment by employers prior to implementation.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to ensure language access across all government documents for cultural competency.
- Support resources and funding to facilitate the establishment of "economic" empowerment zones and the use of revolving loan funds to expand commercial and

cultural opportunities in designated zones for low-to-moderate income ~~-(LMI)~~ communities.

- Support legislation and resources to advance the creation of infrastructure financing districts and tax-increment financing to bolster the City's empowerment zones, expand the use of funds to maintain and administer the zones, and allow for property ownership opportunities for lower-income entrepreneurs.
- Support legislation that streamlines the administrative review process for exempting and excluding properties from the Surplus Land Act and clarifies the disposition of surplus land to mean sale, transfer, or long-term lease.
- Support efforts to enhance accommodations and accessibility in dwellings and businesses for all Long Beach residents.
- Support policies and legislation that protect workers' rights to organize, engage in collective bargaining, and negotiate with employers.
- Seek opportunities to pilot innovative programs that expand employment for workers who are not part of the traditional taxable economy by developing skillsets in alignment with emerging industry sectors, enabling work experience while achieving citizenship, solidifying entrepreneurial pursuits to gain self-sufficiency, and/or addressing underlying barriers to consistent employment.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to bolster the City's Universal Basic Income initiative.

1.3. Workforce Preparedness - Ensure the preparedness of the workforce and the competitiveness of business through alignment of economic development, training, education, and community partner efforts.

- Support policies and legislation that will increase year over year per capita income in the City.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase the number of middle and high-skill jobs in the City.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to reduce the unemployment rate.
- Support policies and legislation to increase the share of adult population with a Bachelor's degree, post-secondary education, or completion of certified certificate programs.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase the number of Long Beach residents who re-engage with the education and training system.
- Support policies to increase the number of CSULB and LBCC graduates that reside and work in the City after graduation.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that would help California retain film industry jobs and associated economic benefits, including legislation to prevent runaway production.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to assist museums, community arts programming and facilities.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to assist the City in providing job training, community programming, with a focus on at-risk youth and reentry populations, as

well as long term unemployed residents both to receive training and reenter the workforce.

- Support policies and legislation that would permit local agencies to consider local hiring practices in projects supported with more than 50% non-federal funds.

1.4. Entrepreneurship - Build a supportive economic ecosystem that creates reliable pathways for entrepreneurs to confidently start and grow successful businesses.

- Support policies and legislation to reduce the cost of doing business and median days to approval for business licensing.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase the number of active business licenses.
- Support policies and legislation to increase availability and access to high-speed internet throughout the City.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to establish Long Beach as one of the most business-friendly cities in the world.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to ensure workplaces offer health insurance to employees so that workers and residents of Long Beach have equitable access to healthcare.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase the number and value of small business loans secured.
- Support efforts to ensure effective responses and resources for projects that support populations in particular need of interventions: e.g., emancipated foster youth, transitional aged youth, systems-involved youth, gang impacted youth, military veterans and spouses, re-entry populations, individuals with disabilities, older workers, and transitioning workers who are dislocated workers.
- Support legislation and pursue pilot programs that expand workforce opportunities for immigrant communities in particular those that may utilize recent State measures related to undocumented youth and other measures that have sought to remove barriers toward self-sufficiency.
- Support legislation that allows cities/and or jurisdictions to incentivize or collect fees from users of the goods movement system and from parties that impact local air quality and the environment.
- Support the presentation of net neutrality to ensure that all internet service providers (ISPs) treat all internet traffic equally, regardless of content or application type.

1.5. Industry Needs - Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs.

- Support policies and legislation to maximize State allocated Workforce Development Board grants in the City of Long Beach.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to retain, expand, and attract manufacturing, technology, health care, and other high-wage businesses, including regional approaches to workforce solutions that leverage regional planning, project delivery and industry convening/research efforts.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase outcomes and relevancy of One-Stop Career Centers through resource integration with State “merit staff” systems and alignment of performance measures that increase the skills base of the workforce, consistent with adopted Demand Sectors and Self Sufficiency Standard.
- Support incentives that increase the marketability of unemployed or under-employed workers by supporting policies, legislation, and funding to assist employees in receiving training in emerging industries to maintain competitive employment.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants for a renewable energy worker training grant program, including the creation of an “Energy Conservation Corps” or similar program, to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.
- Support efforts to obtain funds for job training, and other transition activities that are needed to be flexible to changes in the aerospace, aviation, and maritime industries.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants for the workforce development system, and encourage investment and development of the system’s one-stop centers, as well as training programs that address worker skill gaps in growing industries.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to facilitate the demonstration of zero emission (ZE) technology and facilitate the construction of ZE infrastructure and goods movement projects in Long Beach, while closely monitoring the availability and economic feasibility of goods movement industry green technology.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase and stabilize investment in the local workforce development system, for the benefit of youth development with a special focus on the needs of out-of-school, those who are emancipated and enrolled in justice system programs, emancipated foster youth, military veterans (and spouses), re-entry populations, disabled individuals, older workers and transitioning dislocated workers.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that creates a more competitive business environment for all Long Beach businesses.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space- oriented development, and space exploration.

- Support policies, legislation, and grants to sustain the investment made by the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment to help transition the C-17 plant and parcels into a new center of economic activity and innovation.
- Support policies and legislation to provide paid parental leave to full-time employees.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that assist families in gaining access to quality and affordable childcare.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that restrict employers from requesting criminal history information for purposes of employment while also providing job training resources to individuals with criminal histories.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that fund the dredging of ocean channels at the Port of Long Beach to enhance navigation and recreation, and that allow cost-effective and safe methods of either disposal or sustainable reuse of dredge materials.

1.6. Quality of Life - Enhance our quality of life to grow businesses, jobs, and investment that support a thriving local economy.

- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase access to workforce housing at all market levels.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase the percentage of children and adults with health insurance.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase public park land per 1,000 people with an emphasis on “park poor” areas.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase the share of Long Beach residents working in Long Beach.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase or maintain resources dedicated to infrastructure that contribute to economic development and neighborhood quality.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase investment in the arts.
- Support green business initiatives and pursuing green business certification as a city.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to implement economic relief for working families and small businesses impacted by emergencies, pandemics and naturally occurring disasters.

1.7. Global Connectedness – Advance an integrated approach to local and regional economic development to enhance business opportunities and global connectedness.

- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase private sector investment in citywide economic development initiatives.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase educational partnerships that focus on high-wage careers and incubate new business opportunities.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase the City’s involvement and

leadership in regional issues affecting local business.

- Support policies, legislation, and grants to expand regional and international market opportunities for local products and services.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to increase foreign direct investment and two-way international trade that benefits local businesses, port development, and the overall local economy, providing it is consistent with Council policy on addressing the environmental impacts of goods movement.
- Support policies and legislation that advocate for State incentives for the purpose of attracting investments in federal Opportunity Zones.

2. EDUCATION

2.1. Education Equity – Support quality education and education equity

- Support policies, legislation and funding to provide funding for universal preschool, after school programs, safety in and around schools and bullying prevention.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase school readiness opportunities for children and their families, including access to affordable, high quality early childhood education services.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to create strong pathways to post-secondary education and careers for young adults and emancipated youth, including opportunities for work experience and other readiness activities.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for the development and training of the education workforce in order to facilitate improved educational success and graduation rates for all children, youth, and young adults.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that provides funding for Community Schools, particularly in at-risk communities with limited local access to resources.
- [Support policies, legislation and grants that seek to end the school-to-prison pipeline and reduce school expulsions/suspensions and chronic absenteeism](#)
- Support policies, legislation and grants to bolster strategies to actively engage youth who are [Opportunity Youth](#) (out-of-school [and out-of-work](#)), disconnected, emancipated, gang [impacted](#)-~~affiliated~~, and have had significant involvement with the justice system.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to provide qualifying undocumented students with financial aid for education.
- [Support policies, legislation and grants that uplift boys and young men of color as aligned with the My Brother's Keeper six milestones](#)
- Support policies, legislation and funding that will provide qualifying middle class students enrolled in a University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) or Community College with a tuition and fee scholarship award.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to facilitate foster, transitional, and probation youth transition from the foster system [or justice system](#) into independent adulthood.
- Support or sponsor legislation that provides funding for Community Schools,

particularly in at-risk communities with limited local access to resources.

- Support policies, legislation, and grants that include underrepresented groups in the development of California in the United States as it pertains to history in textbooks.
- Support legislation that includes favorable interest rates for students and new borrowers, refinancing for existing borrowers, and which would prevent the federal government from profiting off student loans.
- Support policies and legislation that preserve and strengthen the FAIR Education Act of 2011 which requires that history instruction cover LGBT persons as well as those with disabilities.
- Support policies, legislation and grants establishing and preserving educational and training programs for older adults.
- Support legislation and initiatives that provide funding for universal preschool, after school programs, safety in and around schools and bullying prevention.

2.2. Internships – Support the creation of career pathways by doubling the number of internships for Long Beach Unified School District students.

- Support the EDGE Campaign, regional approaches to workforce solutions, including planning, project delivery, operational efficiencies, and industry convening/research in order to facilitate improved employability of workers in higher-paying jobs, educational success, graduation rates, and access to post-secondary education for youth and young adults.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for Career Technical Education efforts that promote further coordination between the Workforce Investment Board, education partners, and that enhance the delivery of career pathways and technical education strategies for youth and low-skilled adults.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to prioritize career technical education, alongside college preparatory programming.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that enhance the effective education of the City's children and youth from pre-school through post-secondary education, including school readiness, educational enhancement institutions such as the Aquarium of the Pacific, and services of the Workforce Innovation Network's Youth Opportunity Center aimed at increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding for local university, college, and high school programs that train students in near-zero and zero emission technology, renewable energy technology, energy efficiency, green building, or related fields.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to promote investment in youth and young adult employment and training activities that align with career pathways, technical education, and overall workforce readiness.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to increase the presence of youth participation in all levels of government decision making, such as the Public Service Pathways Program, local youth councils and board participation, voting and civic engagement.

- Support policies, legislation and funding to will enhance the Aquarium of the Pacific's ability to provide maximum educational opportunities regarding aquatic life, facilities, recreation, local wetlands restoration and the Los Angeles Basin watershed management.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to identify opportunities to connect students of color with access and pathways to City employment.

2.3. Long Beach College Promise

- Support policies, legislation and grants that expand the Long Beach College Promise.
- Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to improve public education to promote an increase in transit ridership.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase parent education and engagement opportunities to improve school readiness and educational success for all children and youth, thereby leading to higher graduation outcomes.

2.4. Technology – Support efforts to utilize and expand the use of technology at schools and libraries.

- Support legislation and grant programs that provide funding for library construction, renovation and development and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents.
- Support full funding of the Public Library Fund.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to provide discount Internet access to schools and libraries.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to incentivize community partnerships with local educational institutions to utilize shared space, equipment, and playgrounds.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to provide resources for computer science programs.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for public library programs and facilities, including access to affordable e-books and audio books.

3. ENERGY

3.1. Energy Resiliency

- Support the development of incentives for cities with alternative fuel programs to encourage the use of clean burning alternative fuels or electric charging stations for vehicles.
- Support policies and legislation to set limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the intent of curbing global warming, and funding, recognition and support of local government action to mitigate and adapt to climate change through full funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, as well as incentives to

- encourage property tax-based financing for energy efficiency.
- Support alternative energy proposals that promote the use of solar/alternative energy at City facilities, and for utility customers and providers.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for alternative energy proposals, including offshore wind that further the utilization of environmentally friendly, renewable energy applications at both the customer and utility level.
- Support policies, legislation and funding consistent with the City's long-term objectives for reliable, competitively priced energy supply.
- Support legislation requiring increased notification, prevention and response for crude oil shipped to California via rail.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to continue the option for local governments to enter into Community Choice Aggregates agreements.
- Support policies, legislation and grant programs in support of the Port of Long Beach's Energy Initiative, the "Pier Wind" offshore wind facility, and programs that advance research, commercialization and deployment of renewable energy.
- Support the state's Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES) to pursue Department of Energy federal funding for a California Hydrogen Hub.

3.2. Utilities and Waste Management

- Support policies, legislation or grants that assist the City's efforts to meet the procurement requirements established in SB1383.
- Support policies, legislation or grants that assists with the preservation of low-cost natural gas to the City's residents, funding for gas infrastructure and maintenance, and policies that allow for a reliable, competitively priced energy supply.
- Support policies, legislation and funding that ~~assist~~protects the City's ~~effort~~ability to build an anaerobic digestion facility in place of ~~efficiently operate~~ the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF), including efforts to ~~develop an incentive program or~~ foster innovative partnerships that will promote sustainability, recycling and beneficial reuse of municipal solid waste.
- Support policies, legislation and grants designed to evaluate and promote the development of next generation conversion technologies that minimize landfill disposal, create green collar jobs, and utilize waste material in an environmentally beneficial manner.
- Support policies and legislation to require cap and trade regulations to give credit for greenhouse gas emission reductions that are attributable to anaerobic digestion facilities, (community) compost facilities, ~~waste-to-energy facilities~~ and the Port of Long Beach's Clean Air Action Plan.
- Support policies, legislation and funding for the maintenance of existing oil property infrastructure, repair and improvement.
- Support increased funding over current savings levels for the subsidence fund to manage elevations after the oil fields cease to produce.
- ~~Support expedited funding over current savings levels of the State's future~~

~~obligation for abandonment and cleanup of oil fields located in the Wilmington Oil Field.~~

- Coordinate with the California Environmental Protection Agency, California Air Resources Board, Strategic Growth Council, and the Southern California Association of Governments to ensure at least a fair rate of return of cap-and-trade grants to Long Beach.
- ~~• Support policy changes that encourage diversity in waste treatment options and recognize waste-to-energy technologies as a sustainable means of waste disposal and energy production.~~
- Support policies, legislation and funding that supports waste minimization, reuse policies, and extended producer responsibility policies.

4. ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

4.1. Air Quality and Environmental Sustainability – Support efforts to improve air quality.

- Support policies, legislation and funding to provide funding for local government actions that address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while protecting recognition of early local government actions that were taken to address climate change.
- Support changes in federal legislation or regulations to enable aerospace manufacturers to use industry-approved alternative materials in place of chromium in the production of federally owned aircraft for the purposes of improving air quality in neighborhoods adjacent to aerospace manufacturing facilities.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that encourage the use of electric vehicles, or clean burning alternative fuels and provide incentives to cities with innovative low-carbon fuel programs.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to seek to improve the air quality and health issues associated with construction improvements and operations of the I-710 Freeway and the Port of Long Beach.
- Work closely with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to mitigate the impacts from stationary and non-stationary sources of air pollution in the Long Beach and greater Los Angeles air basin.
- Support policies and legislation that would enable the adoption of comprehensive and aggressive State air quality standards for mobile sources, including passenger vehicles, heavy-duty trucks, locomotives, and ships, and provide robust funding to support these policies.
- Support policies and legislation that would establish a price on carbon to help advance the City's Climate Action Plan objectives related to reducing carbon emissions and advancing the State's Cap-and-Trade Program.
- ~~• Support policies, legislation and grants that protect the City's ability to efficiently operate the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) in a cost effective manner.~~

- Support policies and legislation to require that petroleum coke products are covered during transport and that coal and petroleum coke products coming from outside California in railcars be covered during transport to the Port of Long Beach for export.
- Support policies and legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on local air quality and the environment.
- Support changes in federal legislation and regulations that require chromium plating of federally owned aircraft to improve air quality in neighborhoods adjacent to aerospace manufacturing facilities.
- Support a review by the U.S. Department of Transportation of regulatory and fee frameworks for freight (container, bulk, liquid bulk) as part of a comprehensive examination of efforts to improve system performance and encourage funding for environmental programs that are associated with the national freight system.
- Support policies, legislation and funding that would assist the Port of Long Beach and the Long Beach Airport in their efforts to deliver major air quality improvements to the community that are consistent with the goals of the Clean Air Action Plan.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to promote an environmentally responsible approach to consumer goods, including requiring product take-back and recycling, reduction of packaging waste, phase out of toxic products, reduce single-use disposable goods, and ban single-use carryout bags and/or [Expanded Polystyrene Styrofoam](#).
- Support policies, legislation and funding to couple planning efforts with greenhouse gas emission reduction, green building, and transit-oriented development strategies.
- Support policies, legislation and administrative action to rapidly decarbonize the maritime shipping industry and to create green shipping corridors along the California coast, the West Coast of the United States, and across the trans-Pacific trade route.
- Support policies and legislation that seeks to ban non-recyclable and non-[compostable polystyrene](#) materials from the waste stream.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to reduce air pollutants adversely impacting the environment and population's wellbeing while ensuring equitable access to healthy air quality.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to enable adoption of Zero-Emissions Vehicles (ZEV) in the City fleet, starting in 2024 or sooner, including medium and heavy-duty trucks, as required by the Advanced Clean Fleet (ACF) State regulation, to include funding support for both ZEVs and necessary infrastructure.
- Support funding for multi-benefit parks projects and an urban forestry plan to expand the City's tree canopy and advance the City's ability to adapt to climate change impacts including but not limited to air quality, flooding, extreme temperatures, and drought.

4.2. Long Beach Climate Action Plan (LB CAP)

- Support policies, legislation and funding in alignment with the [Long Beach City's Climate Action Plan \(LB CAP\)](#), Los Angeles County's Community Climate Action Plan, and the State's climate change initiatives.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that increase funding for climate mitigation and adaptation.
- Support policies and legislation that provide the City with tax and funding mechanisms necessary to address sea level rise and other climate change effects.
- [Support policies and legislation, including changes to the Coastal Act, that clarify the City's ability to protect public structures and lands including, where necessary, through the construction of protective structures.](#)
- [Oppose policies and legislation that reduce funding for climate change initiatives.](#)
- [Oppose policies and legislation that would limit the City's ability to implement the Long Beach Climate Action Plan or take other measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change impacts.](#)

4.3. Stormwater Management and Recreational Water Quality

- [Support policies, legislation and funding that would provide local governments with resources to implement stormwater management best practices, including low impact development \(LID\), \[green infrastructure approaches, and nature based solutions\]\(#\) ~~ordinances~~ to capture \[and reduce pollution in\]\(#\) stormwater at its source, \[maintain\]\(#\) municipal separate storm sewer systems \(MS4\) permit compliance, \[complete drainage\]\(#\) infrastructure improvements and other initiatives to improve recreational water quality at the City's beaches and local waterways.](#)
- Support policies, legislation and grants for the assessment and ~~clean-up~~ [reduction of pollutants in](#) ~~ef~~ water that may affect recreational water quality at the City's beaches, including funding for innovative [stormwater](#) ~~reclamation~~ [capture](#), filtration and other [stormwater](#) best management ~~storm—water—treatment techniques~~ [practices at in](#) the Los Angeles [River](#), ~~and~~ San Gabriel River, [Los Cerritos Channel, Dominguez Channel, and N](#) ~~nearshore watersheds~~, ~~still water areas, and other waterways~~.
- ~~Support policies that encourage the collection of stormwater runoff to augment potable and non-potable water sources during periods of drought.~~
- Support policies, legislation, [and](#) grants to fund Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 and industrial NPDES Permit compliance measures that focus on meeting receiving water quality standards using best management practices.
- Pursue actions to allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to obtain federal funding for the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, and federal funding to ensure the Los Angeles River continues to remain navigable.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that support small businesses with transitioning to non-polystyrene and green business practices.
- ~~Oppose any policy or legislation that would reclassify areas currently protected by~~

~~recently upgraded, federally certified flood protection levees with no demonstrable history of recent flooding as “residual risk” zones that would be subject to mandatory flood insurance. In such areas locally, require FEMA to meet current requirements for a formal flood insurance study before attempting to rezone as a flood risk area.~~

- Encourage continued development of a risk-based flood insurance program that is fair, equitable and utilizes sound engineering and scientific data in establishment of flood zones and insurance rates.
- Support sustainable management of flood risks to reduce loss of life, economic damage to housing and commercial buildings and infrastructure, and improve the natural environment.
- Support policies and legislation that will fund regional cooperative conservation partnership accounts, natural resource protection and restoration programs, regional watershed protection and recovery programs, and watershed improvement programs.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that pursues funding to protect our beaches and bluffs from erosion.
- Support legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City of Long Beach and the surrounding region.
- Seek funding for water conservation efforts on City property, including funds to replace/repair irrigation infrastructure with water efficient systems throughout the City of Long Beach.
- Consider support of legislation, initiatives and policies initiated and/or advocated by the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners, on behalf of the Long Beach ~~Water~~Utilities Department.
- Consider support of legislation, initiatives and policies initiated and/or advocated by the Long Beach Harbor Department/Port of Long Beach.
- Support efforts to ~~clean up the DDT~~assess the impacts of DDT and other waste dumped or discharged in the ocean near Long Beach and provide resources to prevent further harm to natural resources from these waste sites.
- Support legislation that allows the County of Los Angeles to conduct an election to implement a fee to improve storm water systems and water quality, provided Long Beach receives an appropriate benefit in the proposed measure.
- Support efforts ~~to improve clean up and~~for -capital improvements ~~for at~~ beaches, rivers, lakes and waterways that affect the City, including stormwater management, water capture, recycling and reuse projects.
- Support policies and funding to advance projects that improve regional sanitary sewer system infrastructure, prevent upstream sewage spills, and provide resources to communities that are impacted when spills occur.
- Support coordinated and streamlined federal, state, and local regulatory programs during project design, funding, and construction approval. ▸

4.4. **Parks** – Support rights-of-way, parks, recreation and marine programming and infrastructure

- Support policies, legislation and grants to fund parks, recreation and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents.
- Support legislation and grants to facilitate the public's access to the Internet through Wi-Fi technologies when in parks, beaches, and recreational facilities.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to fund or enhance funding to local health department recreational water testing programs.
- Support or sponsor legislation to amend State Park grant requirements to allow cities to utilize a federally approved overhead allocation system to account for the costs associated with the administration of these grants.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to fund obesity prevention programs, and the promotion of physical activity, including programs that promote policies for healthy food access and options, healthy food labeling, access to healthy locally grown food, low-cost exercise options, and promotion of walkability and physical activity policies, as well as active modes of transportation.
- Support policies and legislation that provide a sufficient process for businesses and other governmental entities to implement ADA requirements and to fully support residents with disabilities.
- Support, policies, legislation, and funding to support injury prevention programs, including but not limited to Safe Routes to School, Safe Driving Program, Fall Prevention Programs, and Bike and Pedestrian Safety Program, for all ages.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to promote the acquisition of underutilized space for the purpose of park and recreational infrastructure.
- Support policies to partner with the school district to provide access to school open space, particularly in underserved communities that lack equitable access to parks and open space.
- Support expanding funding beyond capital projects for structural park, open space and waterway operations and maintenance.
- Support funding and programs that assist youth in accessing the beach, water-related activities and access to free or low-cost swim lessons.
- Support legislation, policies and grants to facilitate cities to increase public awareness and desire to adopt domestic pets from animal care shelters.
- Support legislation, policies, grants and coordination with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to protect Alamitos Bay, the Port of Long Beach and the City's shoreline from sea level rise and other climate change effects.
- Support funding and resources for the City to acquire land for parks and open space, especially in park-poor neighborhoods.

5. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

5.1. Revenue, Fees and Taxation

- ["Oppose legislation that limits the City's ability to get fully reimbursed by FEMA/CalOES for emergency funding during the COVID-19 pandemic".](#)
- Support efforts to protect City revenue sources from diversion by the State Legislature or the Governor.
- Support policies and legislation to preserve or extend the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) that directly funds local public safety programs such as COPS and booking fee reimbursements.
- Support policies and legislation that increases NPDES Permit Fees and/or tries to remove Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) language from MS4 permits.
- Oppose policies and legislation that would reduce City revenues.
- Oppose policies and legislation that would reduce the City's autonomy and flexibility in dealing with the financing of public services.
- Support policies and legislation to exempt cities from paying State sales tax.
- Oppose policies and legislation that would divert city sales tax revenues to a county pooled tax distribution system.
- Oppose policies and legislation that compromise the City's ability to impose and/or collect appropriate business license fees [and taxes](#) from Long Beach businesses.
- Oppose policies and legislation that compromise the City's ability to enforce state and local parking ordinances.
- Support policies and legislation that sustain financial wellbeing for the City.
- Support policies and legislation that identify a more balanced approach to reducing the federal deficit while minimizing harm to cities and the national economy.
- Support the increase of the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction, increase the volume cap for Private Activity Bonds (PAB), and restore advance refunding of tax-exempt municipal bonds to maintain a low-cost and efficient way for cities to finance critical infrastructure.
- Support funding to transition to a zero-emissions City fleet and advance policies that ensure government fleets receive full value for tax credits on purchase of zero-emissions commercial vehicles.
- Support funding to expand resources and services for the City's sidewalk vending program.
- Support policies and legislation that advance efforts to make the City's procurement process more equitable to underrepresented local vendors.

5.2. Unfunded Mandates

- Oppose policies and legislation that would place a mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the mandated program.
- Support legislation that provides funding for mandates.

- Oppose policies and legislation that shift financial liabilities from contractors and/or consultants to the City.

6. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

6.1. Airport

- Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that incentivize the use of sustainable aviation fuel but does not impose mandates.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to provide additional resources for the development and transition to unleaded aviation gas (avgas).
- Support policies and legislation that would allow for certified flight simulation training to apply towards flight hours in order to receive a pilot license.
- Support policies and legislation to increase the federal cap on airport passenger facility charges so that local governments have additional funding options available at local discretion.
- Support legislation that includes a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) liability exemption for airports for the costs of responding to, or damages resulting from, a release of PFAS due to the use of FAA-mandated Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) and the lack of approved alternatives.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to establish an intergovernmental agency working group to plan and coordinate efforts related to the safety, infrastructure, physical security, cybersecurity, and federal investment necessary to bolster advanced air mobility deployment in the United States.

6.2. Long Beach Animal Care Services

- Support policies legislation and grants to facilitate planning, logistics and execution of an emergency/disaster management plan for animal rescue and sheltering, which includes temporary housing, veterinary/medical care, and inventory for lost or abandoned animals.
- Support legislation, policies and grants to facilitate cities to increase public awareness and desire to adopt domestic pets from animal care shelters.
- Support legislation that would require all dogs and cats to be microchipped upon release from an animal care center, shelter, or similar facility.
- Support additional funding to local governments to support housing animals at animal care shelters beyond 3 days.

6.3. Land Use Planning

- Oppose policies and legislation that diminish the City's local control over land use, planning, zoning and development decisions, and oppose legislation in conflict with

the City's adopted General Plan or other Council adopted land use policies.

- Seek State funding to support developments consistent with the City's adopted Land Use Element.
- Support policies which embrace equitable, inclusive, and anti-racist planning, programs, and practices that acknowledge past harms and address current inequities.
- Support policies that encourage new investment and development in under-resourced and disadvantaged communities. Such policies should incorporate strategies for capacity building of impacted populations, preserve cultural assets, and expand minority business ownership.
- Support policies and increased funding to maintain or replace outdated or failing infrastructure, amenities, and services in under-resourced communities. This may include high-quality public transit, pedestrian, and bikeway systems, open space, tree canopy, recreational amenities, clean and safe drinking water, and other critical needs.
- Support policies to conduct inclusive and meaningful public outreach and engagement throughout planning, development review, and implementation processes.
- Support state-funded financing to supplement impact fees to pay for infrastructure, community benefits and services to reduce housing development costs.
- Support state programs that encourage remediation and redevelopment of brownfield and gray field sites.
- Support policies that strengthen regional planning and collaboration around issues at the regional or sub-regional level—such as affordable housing, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions mitigation, regional transportation, hazard mitigation and climate adaptation, and water management and flood control.
- Support policies that encourage or incentivize development in high resource areas such as mixed income housing incentives for developments in TCAC High Opportunity areas.
- Support policies that encourage streamlined environmental review, clarifying CEQA applicability as it relates to housing production and local land use decision making.
- Amend CEQA to exempt priority housing projects which are consistent with local plans, including Housing Element programs and RHNA obligations.
- Amend CEQA to provide exemptions for all projects with 100% affordable residential units.
- Amend CEQA to provide more robust exemptions for infill projects.
- Amend CEQA to maximize the use of tiering to encourage up-front review of environmental impacts to limit or avoid project-by-project CEQA review.
- Amend CEQA to exempt certain infrastructure projects that further goals for greenhouse gas reduction (i.e. battery storage uses that capture green electricity).
- Amend CEQA to exempt emergency shelters and supportive/transitional housing.

6.4. Local Initiatives

- Support legislation that allows for local control of shopping cart retrieval
- Support legislation to reduce blight in neighborhoods by placing reasonable restrictions on utilizing vehicles solely for the purpose of advertisement.
- Support or sponsor legislation to extend the authority of the Long Beach Oversight Board of the City of Long Beach as the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach.
- Oppose policies and legislation to preempt the local government's current authority as it relates to bankruptcy proceedings.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to fund e-government initiatives, including the ability to utilize Public, Educational and Government (PEG) franchise fee support for both capital and operational expenses.
- Support policies and legislation that allows State Infrastructure Bank Loans to be used for publicly owned acquisitions, including public-private partnerships.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that invest in priority municipal projects, including but not limited to parks, streets, infrastructure, public safety, affordable housing, trade, tourism, goods movement, airports, and other projects.
- Support efforts to ensure the City of Long Beach continues to be eligible for federal grant funds without needing to provide new certifications of compliance with federal laws.
- Support [policies, legislation, and grants for the](#) implementation of the Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, ~~and~~ My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan, [and the Youth & Emerging Adults Strategic Plan](#).
- Support federal resources for the Queen Mary's historic preservation, infrastructure and safety improvements, and long-term economic development opportunities.

6.5. Elections and Campaign Finance

- Support policies and legislation that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently administer local elections, including legislation to allow municipal elections officials to mail out official election- related materials through the United States Postal Service at nonprofit rates.
- Support legislation or a constitutional amendment that would stipulate that the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is not a form of constitutionally protected speech.
- Oppose legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M.

6.6. Retirement, Compensation, and Benefits

- Support policies and legislation to reform workers' compensation statutes to simplify the system and reduce costs to employers, while ensuring adequate protection for injured workers.
- Oppose legislation that would mandate additional pension benefits.
- Monitor legislative efforts to mandate increases in health benefit levels or increase the City's costs for changes to benefit levels for active employees.

- Monitor efforts to reform public employee pension systems.
- Support or sponsor legislation that prohibits PERS members from combining disability retirement benefits and worker's compensation upon retirement.
- Support legislation that reduces the overall cost of employee pensions to local governments.
- Support legislation that would modify recent pension reforms to better achieve its intent and prevent adverse impact to current employees by changing the allowed time of separation from government employment from six months to twelve months.
- Support policies and legislation to allow local governments to withdraw from participation in FICA and Social Security programs if the local government has other retirement programs in place, and oppose mandatory social security coverage, which would place an additional negative fiscal impact on the City.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to advance strategies aimed at diversifying the workforce and harnessing the skills and talents of all residents including immigrants, differently-abled, and formerly incarcerated persons.

6.7. City Representation

- Monitor or sponsor State legislation that proposes to change the structure of State and regional boards on which Long Beach is represented and maximize the City's representation.
- Support policies and legislation to ensure the City is accurately represented in the decennial Census and redistricting efforts.
- Support redistricting policies, practices, and legislation to preserve the geographic and demographic integrity of the City through district lines that keep a vast majority of Long Beach together in predominant seats for state representatives, as was achieved in the 2010 redistricting process.

6.8. Equity

- Support policies, legislation, and funding that allocates resources to advance the City's equity and reconciliation priorities.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that allocates resources to non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, and trusted partners that serve Black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, and other people of color.
- [Support policies, legislation, and funding that allocates resources to non-profit organizations, community-based organizations and trusted partners that serve the LGBTQIA2S+ community, specifically transgender, gender non-conforming and intersex individuals.](#)
- [Support policies, legislation, and funding to maximize opportunities for racial equity through housing policies that address segregation and access to homeownership.](#)
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- Support policies, legislation, and funding that aims to increase the recruitment and

retention of Black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, ~~and~~ other people of color and LGBTQIA2S+ individuals to employment and leadership positions.

- Support policies, legislation, and funding that focuses on racial healing with Black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, and other people of color most impacted by systemic racism.
- Support policies and legislation that is transgender inclusive and oppose efforts to remove or redefine support and/or funding for the transgender community.
- Oppose policies and legislation that restricts or penalizes medical professionals from providing gender-affirming healthcare for transgender and non-binary minors.
- Oppose policies and legislation that ban LGBTQIA2S+ Americans ~~from~~ serving in our military.
- Support policies and legislation that will allow marriage equality for same-sex couples, defend same-sex civil marriages, and protect the fundamental liberties ~~of~~ for all families to define “family” for themselves.
- Support policies and legislation that ban “reparative” or “conversion” therapy for LGBTQIA2S+ youth.
- Support protection of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program so recipients may continue having protected status from deportation, access to work, and healthcare.

7. HOUSING

7.1. Affordable Housing

- Support additional resources for the Multifamily Housing Program and other investments that assist with the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional affordable housing for lower-income households.
- Support regional approaches to raising funds for affordable housing production and preservation, renter protections and tenant assistance, where the City is guaranteed funding and decision-making authority.
- Support efforts to modify redevelopment rents to bring them in line with California Housing and Community Development (HCD) and tax credit program rents.
- Oppose other changes to the redevelopment dissolution process that would place a substantial burden on the City of Long Beach.

7.2. ~~Everyone Home Long Beach~~ Homelessness ~~— Support policies consistent with the Everyone Home Long Beach Report~~

- Support policies, legislation and funding for programs and services directed in the Everyone Home Long Beach Report.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to assist with the City’s homeless programs, including additional resources for Mobile Access Center (MAC) services and staff and those related to supportive housing, mental health and substance use, veterans and seniors.

- Support policies, legislation and grants to reduce homelessness, including housing assistance and case management service funding, including those related to mental health and substance abuse, as well as support efforts to ensure each city within the region is providing appropriate homeless accommodations.
- Sponsor or support policies and legislation that streamlines the eminent domain process for supportive and homeless housing that would reduce regulatory costs and litigation related to addressing the housing and homelessness crisis.
- Support regional advocacy strategies to engage neighboring jurisdictions in solutions to address the homelessness emergency through additional outreach services, interim shelter, and affordable housing.
- Support federal resources that supplement local efforts to prevent homelessness through upstream investments and to rehouse people experiencing homelessness through hotel/motel conversion, tiny homes, housing choice vouchers.
- Support federal resources that focus on, and operational and administrative funding for homelessness planning the City. This includes advocating for operational and administrative funding to ensure the effective delivery of services and to support strategic planning and coordination efforts. This will enable the City to provide comprehensive support to individuals experiencing homelessness and proactively prevent homelessness.

7.3. Housing Element – Support affordable housing policies consistent with the City’s adopted Housing Element.

- Support policies, legislation and funding to increase funding for affordable housing when equitable to Long Beach.
- Support policies, legislation and funding for enhanced services, such as facilities, senior housing, housing for the disabled, social services, mental health services, health care, supportive care, recreational programs and transportation to address the diverse needs of Long Beach’s senior community.
- Support policies, legislation and funding that will help stabilize California’s housing market for the consumer, by providing assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages, funding to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities, and reforms that include establishing basic standards for fairness and transparency in the mortgage process, foreclosure proceedings, and tenant protections after foreclosures.
- Sponsor or support policies and legislation that streamlines the eminent domain process for the purposes of motel acquisitions, if the property owner agrees to utilizing the streamlined process, only if the property acquisition is for homeless, supportive, transitional, or affordable housing.
- Support policies and legislation that provides the City with tax increment for affordable housing and public infrastructure benefitting affordable housing.
- Support policies and legislation for the inclusion of internet service amongst essential utilities, in part to permit coverage by housing vouchers.
- Support policies, legislation and grants incentivizing the development of moderate-

income housing production.

- Support legislation and grants positioning Long Beach as a location for pilot programs incentivizing the development of moderate-income housing such as homeownership.
- Support policies, legislation and financial resources to impose reasonable requirements of single-family homes developed into multi-unit housing.
- Support policies, legislation and funding for establishing a statewide moratorium on evictions and foreclosures due to financial hardship during active emergencies, pandemics and naturally occurring disasters, with mortgage forbearance on commercial and residential units.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to assist families in financial need to be able to obtain rental assistance during active emergencies, pandemics and naturally occurring disasters.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to increase affordable and supportive housing opportunities for the reentry population.
- Support efforts to reform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to ease restrictions on residential development within State Tideland areas.
- Support the preservation of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC).
- Support policies, legislation and grants for services to assist veterans.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City, including full funding for housing assistance programs that are utilized in Long Beach, including existing Housing Choice Vouchers and administrative costs.
- Support policies and legislation classifying internet service as an additional cost that can be covered by housing assistance programs that are utilized in Long Beach, including Housing Choice Vouchers.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that promote appropriate redevelopment and housing development including in the Coastal Zone through closer and respectful coordination among local and State land-use, housing and coastal regulators.
- Support legislation and policies that provide reimbursements or other financial incentives for income-restricted affordable housing that is exempt from property tax.

7.4. Funding

- Oppose policies and legislation that restrict the use of local housing funds.
- Support policies and legislation to ensure the fair allocation of tax credits for the Southern California region and prioritize local control over allocation of affordable housing tax credits.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to maximize funding and funding flexibility for the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City.

- Support the development of allowable uses for Low to Moderate Funds for cities that have met their affordable housing requirements in past planning cycles.
- Support legislation that utilizes the Small Area Fair Market Rents in the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH

8.1. **Intervention** – Support comprehensive public health intervention strategies

- Support legislation to protect local health jurisdiction funding for core public health services, including the State Public Health Realignment Program, as well as funding to provide additional funding for public health programs, including mental health, substance abuse programs, services, infrastructure and capacity, debt service relief, seismic upgrades, and bio-terrorism response enhancements.
- Support policies, legislation and funding that allocate financial resources directly to City health departments.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and quality improvement.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to preserve funding for non-profit organizations that provide child and family mental health services for the Long Beach community.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to further increase access to quality care, particularly for those individuals and families who rely on safety net programs.
- Support policies, legislation and funding that enhance infant and early-childhood public health services, including prenatal care, infant and early childhood health care.
- Support policies, legislations, and funding to promote safe motherhood by improving capacity to address maternal mortality and morbidity with an end goal of improving overall maternal health and reducing infant mortality.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population.
- Support increased funding for the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health Program (REACH), a program that gives grants to local health departments and community organizations to address racial and ethnic health disparities.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to ensure access to affordable medical, dental, and mental health care.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to promote, screen and control communicable diseases, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), and emerging vector borne diseases in California.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to increase the level of safety and survival of youth through programs that reduce child abuse, accidental injury, deaths, homicides, gang involvement, misdemeanor and felony arrests, and incidents of violence.

- Support policies, legislation and funding to assure children and youth have access to resources such as food, shelter, employment opportunities and transportation and that aim to reduce the poverty level of the City's children and youth, including emancipated youth.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to enhance social and emotional well-being, including literacy, quality childcare, teen pregnancy prevention, mentor, mental health, human dignity, foster and kinship care, after-school and weekend enrichment activities, and other cultural enhancement programs.
- [Support policies, legislation, and grants that increase funding for the Long Beach Youth Fund, ensuring resources are allocated to youth development programs.](#)
- [Support policies, legislation, and grants that support participatory budgeting initiatives that empower youth to design and decide on programs that best meet their needs and aspirations, fostering a sense of ownership and leadership.](#)
- Oppose legislation that would weaken the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA).
- Support policies, legislation and funding to ensure/sustain and expand access to private and public health insurance coverage for all residents.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to increase social, nutrition and safety net programming for older adults.
- Support drinking water quality, reliability and supply, conservation programming and affordability.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to support the attainment of seismic compliance for the Community Hospital Long Beach.
- Support policies and legislations that reduce barriers to accessing basic needs, including but not limited to, housing, food and healthcare.
- Support policies, legislations, and grants to strengthen investments that support comprehensive approaches to chronic disease prevention, including but not limited to, cardiovascular disease, cancer, [neurodegenerative disease](#), hypertension, and type-2 diabetes.
- [Support policies, legislation, and grants that support community benefits through nutrition assistance programs, increasing benefit amounts, that -may help reduce food insecurity and hunger.](#)
- [Support policies, legislation, and grants that prioritize funding and investments in nutrition education, physical activity programs, and initiatives aimed at reducing the prevalence of obesity and diabetes, particularly among children and adolescents.](#)
- [Support policies, legislation, and grants that support programs and initiatives focused on improving cardiovascular health in adults through interventions to lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar, as well as expanding access to preventive care, and chronic disease management resources.](#)
- [Support policies, legislation, and grants that support objectives to address substance use and substance use disorders, including but not limited to prescription drug misuse, opioid use, alcohol consumption, and reducing access to substances among adolescents.](#)

- Support policies, legislation and funding for the quality, use, transparency and public availability of [comprehensive disaggregated](#) data to inform decisions and actions that improve quality of life outcomes for Black, [Indigenous, Asian, Latinx, LGBTQIA2S+, immigrants, unhoused, and other](#) ~~communities and~~ communities of color.
- [Support policies, legislation and grants to help the City achieve the goals and strategies outlined in the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative's Initial Report.](#)
- [Support policies, legislation, and funding aimed at public health education related to destigmatization of LGBTQIA2S+ healthcare, HIV infection status, sexual health, and reproductive services.](#)
- Support policies and legislation that provide more local government control over the regulation of sober-living homes that rent up to six beds and are not currently required to register for city business licenses, obtain conditional use permits or state licenses.
- Support policies and legislation that provide more local government control on the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities.
- Support policies and legislation to reduce the overconcentration of drug and alcohol recovery facilities by specifying that a required distance be maintained between facilities.
- ~~Support funding to implement the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, which includes prevention, intervention, treatment, and suppression.~~
- [Support funding to implement the Long Beach Youth & Emerging Adults Strategic Plan, which includes youth development, ~~youth health, youth workforce, youth violence prevention, youth housing, and youth transportation.~~](#)
- Support regional initiatives that encourage mental health treatment programs, funding for substance use treatment, and homelessness intervention efforts instead of incarceration-only solutions.
- Support funding for the implementation of programs that promote community wellness at the neighborhood level.
- Support legislation and grant efforts that assist municipalities in combatting opioid overdose.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that advance women's reproductive health and access to abortions.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for nutrition programs including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that provides food security and improved nutrition for families and individuals of all ages, and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program, which provides supplemental food, health care referrals and nutrition education for low-income mothers and children.
- Support policies, legislation or grants for Prevention and Public Health Fund.
- Support policies, legislation and funding for public health programs to prevent diseases, obesity, asthma, and treat and manage mental health including substance abuse programs.

- Support policies, legislation and grants for HIV testing, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing, and to ensure swift treatment to individuals impacted and at risk for HIV and STIs.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that would allow the government to negotiate drug prices to minimize cost and increase Medicare reimbursement rates as related to ambulance billing.
- Support policies, legislation and funding for services provided to youth who may have experienced violence and/or be at risk for drug or alcohol dependency.
- Support full and stable funding for the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP).
- Support efforts to fund and sustain public health prevention and services to increase health and wellness opportunities across the City.
- Support funding that advances the City's ability to establish a robust infrastructure for behavioral health services, including residential beds, treatment, alternative crisis response, and supportive housing.
- Oppose legislation and policies that propose national abortion bans and restrict access to reproductive health care.

8.2. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

- Support policies and legislation to preserve and favorably reform the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act.
- Support policies and legislation providing access to affordable medical, dental and mental care and coverage.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to develop public health infrastructure and capacity.
- Support legislation, policies and grants that will establish a national health insurance program to provide every resident of the United States with health insurance through an expanded Medicare program, inclusive of improved and comprehensive benefits.

8.3. Cannabis and Tobacco Regulation – Support clear enforcement of cannabis and tobacco regulation.

- Support policies, legislation and funding to increase funding or enforcement authority and tools for local jurisdictions to identify, deter and enforce against illegal cannabis activity.
- Support State legislation that further clarifies cannabis laws in order to enable clear local enforcement of State law and advancements towards banking on behalf of cannabis.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to provide consumers, parents and youth with health and safety information related to cannabis use.
- Support policies, legislation and funding for prevention and intervention services for youth who may be at risk for tobacco, drug and alcohol dependency and associated

- medical conditions, including asthma.
- Support policies and legislation that restrict where people can use cigarettes/e-cigarettes and prohibits marketing of e-cigarettes to minors.
- Support policies, legislations, and grants to protect youth from E-Cigarette/Vaping use.
- Support policies, legislations, and grants to protect community from exposure to the carcinogenic effects of second-hand and third-hand smoke.
- Support funding and resources to advance the City's Cannabis ~~Social~~ Equity Program, including efforts to defer or waive State cannabis license fees and provide tax credits to ~~social~~ equity businesses.
- ~~Support policies and legislation that decrease the State cannabis cultivation tax in an effort to make the legal cannabis market more viable and competitive.~~
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to enhance data collection and reporting on the health impacts of cannabis and tobacco use, including youth access and trends in vaping.
- Support funding and programs for cannabis and tobacco cessation services, particularly in underserved communities.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to regulate and monitor the marketing of cannabis and tobacco products on social media and digital platforms to protect youth.
- Support policies and legislation to limit the potency of cannabis products and require clear, standardized labeling for cannabis and tobacco products.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY

9.1. **Crime** – Protect life, property, and the constitutional rights of all people.

- Support a public safety system that promotes local law enforcement services, crime prevention, prosecution of crime, confinement of high-risk adults, and evidence-based programs aimed at rehabilitation and lowering the recidivism rate.
- Support legislation and greater penalties for individuals who commit gun crime, including aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, armed robbery, and carjacking, and legislation that regulates and enhances penalties for the sale of modified firearm accessories and conversion devices.
- Support legislation that allows for higher penalties for repeat offenders of property crimes such as purchase, sale or theft of precious metals such as copper and those found in catalytic converters.
- Support legislation and funding that allows for innovative community incentive programs and the purchase of tools to help impact violent and property crime trends involving firearms, stolen vehicles, theft of motor vehicle parts, package theft and retail theft.
- Support legislation that standardizes concealed carry license guidelines for more restrictive gun laws, establishes gun-free zones, and modernizes concealed carry

licensing requirements statewide, including a jurisdiction's ability to adjust fees that allow for full cost recovery of background services.

- Support legislation and seek funding to assist in preventing and reducing the number of deaths from illicit sales of opioids, including fentanyl, by holding drug traffickers accountable.
- Support legislation that provides a safe environment for witnesses and victims of a crime to testify and protect them from intimidation during and after criminal proceedings.
- Support legislation for victims' rights and funding of services and programs for crime victims, including but not limited to victims of human trafficking, violent crime, sexual abuse, and rape.
- Support policies and legislation to make State law enforcement grant funding less restrictive and allow greater discretionary use of funds for staffing, including those benefitting jail, data management and technology functions, and reimbursing overtime costs paid to public safety personnel who are required to appear in State and/or County courts.
- Support legislation that broadens the definition of **hate crimes** domestic terrorism.
- Support legislation for stronger sentencing of those using motor vehicles to evade peace officers, committing residential burglary, and/or habitual, repeat offenders of property crimes such as automobile theft, automobile burglary, package theft, and theft from an automobile.
- Support legislation and grants to continuously evaluate use of force policies and funding for training.
- Support a federal constitutional amendment requiring universal background checks, banning assault weapons/cracking down on ghost guns, holding gun manufactures accountable, banning large capacity magazines, promoting gun safety, enabling ammunition tracking, and ensuring that prohibited possessors such as those convicted of domestic violence, cannot own guns.
- Support or sponsor legislation that increases penalties to individuals who exploit others for sex, including classification of these crimes as a felony, increasing monetary penalties, requiring registration as a sex offender, forfeiting certain assets, and other appropriate measures that prove effective in curtailing these crimes.
- Support policies and legislation that provide more local government control on the regulation of re-entry points for sex offenders and parolees.
- Support policies and legislation reducing the concentration of sex offenders and parolees, and their location within close proximity to daycare centers and neighborhoods in residential areas.
- Support legislation for increased penalties, restitution/community service for damage caused to street infrastructure, and/or impounding of participating vehicles of those who willfully disrupt communities with noise, lights, and lasers from street takeovers and/or street racing.

- Support policies, legislation, and grants to fund new and existing public safety equipment, facilities, and technology.
- Support policies, legislation, and grant opportunities supporting the full staffing for the prosecution of cyber security crimes including but not limited to crimes involving minors.
- Support legislation, policies, and grants that provide funding and training for large-scale events to prevent mass casualty shooting incidents.
- Support legislation, policies, and grants that provide funding to assist with the incident management of large-scale events, including concerts, marathons, Grand Prix, World Cup, and Olympics.
- Support legislation and enhanced penalties involving false reporting based on racial bias.
- Support policies and legislative efforts to ban the sale and use of fireworks in the State of California, with the exception of professional demonstrations.
- Support policies and legislation that would expand statewide restrictions on fireworks, increase the penalties for anyone cited or arrested for fireworks violations, and provide additional oversight related to the import of fireworks into California, especially through ports.
- Protect existing funding and support for AB 109 and AB 117 public safety realignment programs such as partnerships with the probation department, referrals to employment, health and mental services, and enhanced resources for local public safety officials.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to fund new and upgrade existing public safety equipment, facilities, and technology such as the operation of a real-time intelligence center.
- Support policies and legislation decreasing the state administrative cap for all federal grants and increasing the administrative cap for local governments.
- Support legislation, policies and funding to enable local law enforcement agencies to establish interoperable databases of ammunition and cartridge cases, including fingerprints found on ammunition and cartridge cases at documented crime scenes.
- Support legislation and grant opportunities for businesses, community groups, and/or business corridors who use CPTED deterrence efforts such as the clearing of brush, installation of roll downs, LED lights, camera/alarm upgrades.
- Support legislation that requires automobile manufacturers to install theft prevention devices and [pre-installed](#) front license plate holders for newly manufactured vehicles, and support incentive programs/grant opportunities that would allow qualifying victims to be partially reimbursed for their loss.
- Support legislation that standardizes social media platform retention periods for law enforcement access for criminal investigations and standardizes emergency requests.

9.2. **Innovation** - Foster innovation and partnerships to achieve safe and livable neighborhoods.

- Support legislation and policies that enable immigrants who arrived in the United States as children and who meet certain criteria to apply for work permits, as well as deferred action from deportation.
- Support proposals which would protect Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA).
- Support funding of innovative, non-traditional police service models for law enforcement and community safety to assist in response to non-emergency calls.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.
- ~~Support federal policies that would be applicable nationwide to create a system that would enable medical cannabis to be distributed at accredited pharmacies.~~
- Support policies and legislation that provides more local government control over the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities, including sober-living homes that rent up to six beds to recovering individuals and are not currently required to register for city business licenses, obtain conditional use permits or state licenses.

9.3. **Wellness** -With consideration of past trauma, foster employee, and community wellness to achieve safe neighborhoods.

- Support legislation that strengthens wellness for law enforcement employees and provides funding for recruitment, inclusivity, and retention of police.
- Support legislation and grant opportunities to fund innovative programs to enhance the life-work balance and mental health of peace officers, by providing local housing, recruitment incentives, and childcare stipends.
- Support legislation and resources that help to decrease rape kit, firearm and ballistic backlogs.
- Support legislation that provides resources and services for victims of human trafficking, sexual abuse, and rape, including support of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).
- Support grants and legislation to enhance safe passage programs for students and pedestrians.
- Support legislation, policies, and funding that would enable public health providers and partner agencies to provide treatment to mentally ill individuals who are unable to offer urgently needed medical care for him or herself due to a mental disorder as part of a grave disability.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to enhance or promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.
- Support legislation and grant opportunities for youth programming to teach youth about communication, healthy habits, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), drug use, trauma, stress management, cybersecurity/human trafficking, and conflict resolution.
- Support proposals that promote and provide funding for prevention and reentry-based programming and services for justice-involved individuals.

- Support legislation, policies, and funding to establish restorative justice programs in juvenile and adult courts.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to provide immigrant populations with due process protections, including legal representation for individuals facing deportation proceedings.

9.4. Constitutional Rights and Public Trust – Strengthen the public’s trust in law enforcement through accountability, open communication, and community inclusion.

- Support policies and legislation to provide funding for police departments and relevant services to strengthen community relations through community and youth police academies.
- Support policies, legislation and funding that promotes equitable treatment and protects the fundamental liberties of all people.
- Support policies and legislation for transgender inclusivity and oppose efforts for exclusive treatment of the transgender community.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to cities to recruit a diverse law enforcement workforce to improve transparency, understanding, and effectiveness in serving all communities.
- Support legislation, policies, and funding to facilitate the lateral hiring of police officers to fill critical law enforcement vacancies.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to allow public safety officer applicants to be permanent residents of the State and not necessarily naturalized citizens.
- Support resources to track information related to public safety officers that resign in lieu of discipline or termination, or those with multiple sustained complaints and/or violations.
- Support policies that propose baseline decertification standards statewide, including to decertify public safety officers when convicted of a felony.
- Support funding for the state-mandated public disclosure of police personnel files related to public safety officer misconduct, serious use of force resulting in death or great bodily injury, sexual assault, and job-related dishonesty.
- Support policies, legislation and funding allowing the City to participate in State policy reform efforts to establish a statewide database of complaints against police officers to inform hiring decisions, strengthen whistleblower protections for officers or staff reporting police misconduct, improve transparency around acts of misconduct to improve public trust, and remove provisions that prohibit people reentering society from accessing services, employment, and housing.
- Support policies and legislation that ensure civil liberties are protected.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that provide increased mental health and substance use treatment facilities, support resources and incarceration diversion strategies in the Southern California region (urgent care centers, police training).

9.5. **Partnerships** – Continue to develop partnerships and initiatives to work together to ensure a safe city for all people.

- Support funding for collaborative response and partnerships that will address quality of life issues in the community.
- Support legislation that provides funding and support to programs that promote trust and engagement with the community.
- Support the expansion of mental health hospitals to provide individuals with mental health, substance abuse, or cooccurring disorders the care they need to live fulfilling lives.
- Support legislation and funding that encourages partnerships and training with other law enforcement agencies for the continuity of public safety within the region.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target fentanyl abuse.
- Support state funding for educational grants to help establish criminal justice programs at local high schools and community colleges to engage and help establish a future workforce representative of the local community.
- Support legislation and proposals to encourage partnerships between law enforcement agencies or relevant services and academia to benefit juvenile diversion and anti-recidivism through educational attainment.
- Support or sponsor legislation and pursue funding for multi-sector collaborative approaches to violence prevention and public safety, recognizing the continuum of services that are responsible for public safety and prioritizing multi-sector data sharing initiatives that do not compromise confidential or sensitive information.
- Support legislation and grants to invest in upstream violence prevention strategies through programs like CalVIP, supporting living wage jobs, affordable housing, healthy communities and other social services that will ensure sustainable violence prevention.
- Support policies, legislation, grants and regional initiatives to support school campus safety, initiatives.
- Support policies and legislation that reduce the percentage required for passage of public safety bonds to the same percentage as school bonds (55%).
- Support legislation that would fund and/or incentivize multi-agency collaborative models of law enforcement through partnerships with community health workers and mental health professionals.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding for implicit and racial bias training for all law enforcement, de-escalation training that focuses on alternatives to deadly force, and training that focuses on alternatives to deadly force, and training to promote cultural and community awareness.
- Support the funding and use of regional task forces to combat organized crime involving robbery, commercial burglary, human trafficking, sex trafficking, and ~~retail theft/smash-and-grabs~~ motor vehicle theft.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to strengthen capacity, resources, and visibility of local community-based violence prevention/intervention models and

gang outreach programs, including intervention workers, youth employment programs, summer programming, safe passages, and other best practices.

- Support legislation and regional initiatives that recognize and provide funding for safe communities as it supports collaboration between public safety and health, particularly violence prevention efforts and mental health treatment.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinklers in existing structures.
- Support policy changes that recognize and promote mental health services as part of the gun control law discussion.
- Support legislation and policy that would require background checks on ammunition purchases.
- Support legislation, policy and grants that would enable the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fund gun violence studies and data collection.
- [Support legislation, policy and funding that supports gun safety education to securely store firearms.](#)
- Support legislation, policies, and grants for restorative justice programs.
- Support legislation, policy, and grants that support implementation of family and community violence prevention programs.
- Support legislation, policies, and grant opportunities for community-based programs to expand and incentivize justice-involved individuals, especially youth, to participate in restorative justice and diversion programs.

9.6. **Emergency Preparedness** – Continuously prepare for and respond to community needs in the event of emergency, pandemics and naturally occurring disasters

- Support legislative efforts to maintain local control of, incorporate technology into, and improve municipal public safety services, local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives to enhance the ability for local public safety units to respond to, prevent, and prepare for terrorist threats.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to implement or improve upon natural disaster early warning systems [and early bio-detection programs.](#)
- [Support policies, legislation, regional initiatives and funding to advance equitable and inclusive emergency response efforts for vulnerable populations.](#)
- [Support policies, legislation, regional initiatives and funding to strengthen equitable and inclusive community resilience strategies.](#)
- Support policies, legislation and funding to authorize and fund regional interoperable public safety radio communications.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to fully fund technologies that provide the public with enhanced forecasting of natural disasters [and report public safety emergency needs \(e.g., text to 9-1-1\).](#)
- ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to provide the public with enhanced or alternate technologies to report public safety emergency needs (e.g., text to 9-1-1).~~

- ~~Support policies, legislation, regional initiatives and funding to advance equitable and inclusive emergency response efforts for vulnerable populations.~~
- Support policies and legislation for a risk-based allocation of Homeland Security funds directly to municipalities, and legislation that would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from requiring matching funds for homeland security grants.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to fund the planning, logistics and execution of emergency/disaster management plans for residents, business, visitors and animals.

9.7. **Technology** – Embrace technology to enhance public safety services

- Support policies and legislation to make State law enforcement grant funding less restrictive and allow greater discretionary use of funds for staffing, including those benefitting jail, data management and technology functions, and reimbursing overtime costs paid to public safety personnel who are required to appear in State and/or County courts.
- Support legislation that advances artificial intelligence technology use for public safety that is ethical, transparent, and trustworthy.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to authorize and fund regional interoperable public safety radio communications.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to fully fund technologies that provide the public with enhanced forecasting of natural disasters.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to provide the public with enhanced or alternate technologies to report public safety emergency needs (e.g., text to 9-1-1).
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies, including through cross-departmental or multi-sector collaboration.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to ensure that the City and Region receive necessary funding to develop, implement and maintain a regional communication system to ensure interoperable communications across disciplines and jurisdictions.
- Support legislation that would require police data reporting, if funding is available to sustain data collection.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that makes it easier for departments and organizations to share data to support cross-sector approaches to addressing safety and improving wellness.
- Support legislation that assists local governing authorities in mitigating the impacts of unmanned aircraft systems on critical infrastructure.

10. TECHNOLOGY

10.1. **Digital Inclusion** – Advance economic and digital inclusion equity for residents, workers and businesses

- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of households and businesses which have access to low-cost or free high-speed and reliable Internet as

well as low-cost or free quality, Internet-enabled technology devices and technical support.

- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number and location of City provided public Wi-Fi services and community-focused computer labs.
- Support policies and legislation that seek to restore local control in regulatory matters concerning Internet telecommunications, including instituting requirements for Internet Service Providers to share data on infrastructure and subscribers with the City to assist in Dig Once coordination and assess equitable access to the Internet.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that treat Internet access as an eligible utility for State housing vouchers and other subsidies.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the availability of free multilingual digital literacy training and support, job preparedness and digital literacy skill development.
- Support policies, legislation and funding that protect consumer privacy and a free and open Internet, to ensure interoperability, inclusion and opportunity in digital services.
- Support policies, legislation and funding that ensure transparency, accountability and non-discrimination of data, content and algorithms.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that promotes digital accessibility and inclusivity practices.
- Support policies and legislation that protect Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) by prohibiting broadband Internet access service providers from using, disclosing, or permitting access to individually identifiable personal information.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase funding and resources for the City's Digital Inclusion efforts for residents, workers and business owners.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to increase ongoing Internet access as an eligible utility for federal housing vouchers and other subsidies.
- Support policies and legislation that opens Internet connections subsidized by the federal E-Rate program, currently only allowed for schools and libraries.
- [Oppose funding cuts and eligibility changes to the Digital Equity Act grant programs.](#)

10.2. Telecommunications

- Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communication services to their citizens.
- Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City has local nuisance abatement control over the visual blight that is created by excessive deployment of cable and telecommunication wires and related facilities.
- Support policies and legislation or request an amendment to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) rules and regulations to ensure that the City has the authority to abate visual blight that is created by cable television service wires and

related equipment that are in place and open to public view when these wires and related equipment are not actually being used for their intended purpose.

- Support policies and legislation to provide free public Wi-Fi in parks, beaches, and venues in preparation for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Support policies and legislation to expand fiber capacity throughout the City to provide communities with high-speed Internet access, connect City facilities to the internal City network, and expand the Citywide camera network.

10.3 Cybersecurity

- Support expanding StateRamp as a resource to California government agencies to standardize Statewide cyber security standards and enable the City to confidently partner with vendors who are vetted as providing secure cloud-based systems.
- Support policies and legislation to enhance the City's ability to defend against cyber-attacks via Security Operations Center (SOC) processes, procedures, and technology.
- Support policies and legislation to manage and maintain the necessary technology and procedures required to ensure business continuity and rapid service restoration in the event of a disaster.
- Support policies, legislation and funding that provide for residents, workers and businesses to safely access the Internet through cybersecurity training and resources.
- Support policies, legislation and funding that -protects the public's digital privacy rights, safeguards the security and control of access to personal data and technological systems, and secures the public's trust in utilization of new and emerging technologies.

10.4 Artificial Intelligence

- Support policies, legislation, and funding that advances the development and use of artificial intelligence (AI) systems for social good, improvement of government services, and ethical, non-discriminatory, and responsible AI governance.
- Support cooperative purchasing efforts for AI systems and tools among government agencies.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that promote workforce development and resilience through AI training and skill development.
- Support policies and legislation that promote AI system vendor accountability, reporting, and transparency.

11. TRANSPORTATION

11.1. Active Transportation and Transit-Oriented Development

- Pursue policies, legislation and grants to improve, beautify, maintain, and increase

the safety of the I-710 Freeway, which serves as a vital thoroughfare for residents, businesses and commerce, including funding for I-710 Early Action Projects, beginning with the realignment ~~of the Shoemaker Bridge and ramps of Shoreline Drive and the replacement of Shoemaker Bridge.~~

- In addition to local I-710 Early Action Projects, support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for Alameda Corridor East projects.
- Support policies and legislation to explore, fund, and construct zero emissions, near zero or the best available technologies for infrastructure and goods movement projects in Long Beach.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase funding for infrastructure improvements that improve connections to and facilities around public transit, buses, and Metro Lines (i.e. the A Line).
- Support policies, legislation and funding to promote and provide funding for housing, active transportation and mobility projects oriented around transit developments.
- [Support policies, legislation and funding to provide free transportation \(such as Metro LIFE or Long Beach Transit GoPass\) to youth for educational and recreational prosocial development activities.](#)
- Support opportunities to provide and improve active transportation infrastructure, and to increase access, safety, and equity.
- Support policies and legislation that maximizes equitable access to shared micromobility.
- Support opportunities for housing, active transportation and mobility projects oriented around transit developments.
- Support standardized data collection for shared mobility services, including e-scooters, bike share, ride share, etc. in order to support City equity and mobility objectives.
- Support the advancement of advance context-sensitive, streamlined approaches to right-of-way under State jurisdiction.
- Support an equitable distribution of regional transportation dollars to cities, as well as legislation that increases funding for transportation programs and projects in Long Beach.
- Support policies and legislation to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.
- Support funding sources and policies that increase local agencies' ability to create public plazas, public art, and other placemaking opportunities in the public right-of-way.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to increase access to active transportation modes to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions from automobiles.
- Support funding sources that enhance pedestrian pathways for safe, accessible connections between neighborhoods and their parks and between bike ways, public transit, and the park network.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to improve local transportation

infrastructure, including: local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility networks, complete bicycle and mobility projects, pedestrian and bicycle safety projects, and [incorporation of storm-water ~~projects~~ improvements associated with these projects](#) in Long Beach.

- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase transit ridership through education and funding for transit-oriented development projects.
- Support the City's adopted plans and actions to improve bike, pedestrian, and traffic safety.

11.2. Roadway Safety

- Allow local jurisdictions to enact a 20MPH prima facie speed limit in high-injury networks, commercial districts, school zones, and residential districts.
- Support automated and unarmed enforcement as an alternative to armed law enforcement of California Vehicle Code and fee and fine structures that consider violators' ability to pay.
- Support revisions to the state collision reporting systems to reflect street safety and complete streets policy priorities.
- Support restrictions of Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs) consisting of longer double tractor and triple tractor-trailers from traveling on State highways and freeways to improve traffic congestion and prevent fatal crashes.
- Support robust financial incentives and rebates for smaller and safer forms of personal vehicles for commuting and other travel, including passenger cars and e-bicycles.
- Support policies and legislation that will strengthen penalties for traffic violations in school zones in an attempt to reduce speed of drivers and protect youth.
- Support legislation, policies, and funding to establish [and expand](#) pilot programs for automated traffic speed [and vehicle noise](#) enforcement in high-injury networks and specific locations near schools, senior zones, public parks, and recreation centers.
- Support policies and legislation that would grant discretion to local government Traffic Engineers to make the final determination of a safe and reasonable speed limit.

11.3. Safe Streets Long Beach (Vision Zero)

- Support policies, legislation, and grants for the implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan to meet the goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries.
- [Support policies, legislation, and grants to update existing roadway design standards to reduce roadway injuries and fatalities.](#)
- [Support policies, legislation, and grants to update existing vehicle design standards to reduce roadway injuries and fatalities by considering pedestrian safety and the safety of other vehicles.](#)
- Participate in policy reform efforts to enable automated speed enforcement and provide more control to municipalities over the setting of speed limits, including

FHWA-endorsed methods that focus more on context and presence of vulnerable roadway users.

- Support policies or legislation to update California Highway Patrol's Form 555 to include additional fields related to vehicle type/user and contributing factors such as speeding-related (i.e., too fast for conditions), distracted driving, micromobility, vehicle for hire, bicyclist location at time of collision, and bicycle impact point to allow the City to more accurately identify engineering, education, and enforcement actions to improve safety.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to create opportunities to collaborate with Caltrans to identify safety [and complete streets](#) improvements along its facilities.
- [Support policies and legislation to restore local control for design at intersections shared with Caltrans to expedite projects which improve safety and complete streets designs along its facilities.](#)
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that prioritize road safety investments through an equity lens.
- [Support policies, legislation, and grants that fund public education campaigns and enforcement programs to reduce distracted and drug-impaired driving and improve roadway safety.](#)