



CITY OF SANTA MONICA, CA
2016 FEDERAL AGENDA
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ISSUE AREA	ACTION
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support funding and policy initiatives that support cradle-to-career programming, particularly those with a public library component.
Energy/Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support funding to assist local governments in developing and implementing energy efficiency and conservation strategies that maximize available resources, reduce costs, expand community access and protect public health. • Support federal incentives that assist local governments in developing and implementing transportation, land use and building policies that encourage maximum use of resources and lower energy consumption. • Ensure that local governments can continue, and not be preempted in, their efforts to achieve economic improvements through increased energy efficiency and conservation plans that seek to decrease carbon emissions.
Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support funding for Homeless Assistance Grants and Homelessness among Veterans /Chronically Homeless Veterans. Continued federal investments are needed for homeless services, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing/supportive housing to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness and the chronically homeless veterans in the City. • Support funding and policy initiatives that support mental health care (e.g., access to psychiatric facilities, behavioral health care treatment, and street-based services). • Support legislation that aligns with a Housing First model providing resources for transitional and permanent/supportive housing for long-term chronically homeless veterans at the VA’s West LA campus.
Housing/ Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support funding for HUD-funded affordable housing programs and economic development activities. Declining levels of funding for the Section 8 Tenant-based rental assistance voucher program and the HOME program are compromising Santa Monica’s ability to adequately serve families and individuals who need affordable housing. Compounded with the State of California’s elimination of redevelopment funding for affordable housing, these changes leave Santa Monica’s most

	<p>vulnerable populations with fewer options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure increase to city-wide Housing Choice Voucher Program area Exception Payment Standard to support the City’s efforts to provide affordable housing in the community. • Support full funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which is critical in assisting cities like Santa Monica create jobs, provide affordable housing, and leverage new economic investment.
Parks and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legislation that would establish dedicated federal funding streams for local parks and recreation.
Police and Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support federal investment in resources critical to local law enforcement, including full funding for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant; additional funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program; the Byrne/Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program as well as integrated public safety communications systems. • Support interoperable communication solutions that meet the radio spectrum needs of first responders. • Secure resources to support the Police Department’s technological needs (i.e., tablets, in-car camera system). • Support funding and policy initiatives that provide mental health training for public safety officers and to hire mental health professionals to support local law enforcement activities in the community. • Support funding for disaster preparedness, prevention, recovery, and response for all-hazard threats. • Support full funding for the Urban Area Security Initiative; and maximize first responder funding to California cities, as well as flexibility in the use of funds to assist areas of need (i.e. personnel, training, and target hardening). • Support legislation that supports paramedics and other emergency medical service practitioners in their ability to be responsive to community needs.
Taxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legislation that would allow local brick-and-mortar retailers to compete more effectively against out-of-state internet sellers. • Oppose legislation that would impose a moratorium on state and local taxes on telecommunication services thus removing a

	<p>revenue source for localities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oppose legislation that would exempt online tourism companies from paying appropriate sales taxes to state and local governments. • Support legislation that requires federal banking agencies to treat municipal obligations as High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA). • Support legislation that increases the medical marijuana industry’s access to banking systems.
Telecommunications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support funding and policy initiatives that support development of municipal broadband networks, <i>dig once</i> legislation and digital inclusion.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support a permanent Alternative Fuel Tax Credit during consideration of any tax code revisions. <i>The City’s bus system receives approximately \$1.37 million annually from the application of the CNG Fuel Tax credit to its fuel purchases.</i> • Support continued formula funding for the Bus and Bus Facilities Program. • Secure resources to replace aging radio communication system used by Big Blue Bus. <i>(Convert analog system to digital).</i> • Secure resources for demand response/last mile system connector from Exposition LRT. • Secure resources for water taxi/ aqua bus to support commuter market from Malibu to Long Beach. • Secure resources for projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, and safe routes to school projects. • Support continued funding of the Federal Highways Program especially the Highway Bridge Rehabilitation Program. • Assist City officials and staff with Santa Monica Airport issues related to regaining local control and reducing the impacts of airport operations on the community.
Water and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support flexible funding options that will help local communities upgrade and replace water and wastewater infrastructure.

Wastewater Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support integrated and flexible approaches to meet EPA Clean Water Act requirements. EPA is set to propose new compliance requirements for wastewater and stormwater infrastructure that may impact the City’s planning and permitting, and propose new stormwater runoff performance standards for residential and other developments after they have been constructed. • Secure resources to build facility to store stormwater for non-potable uses and to recharge aquifers. • Secure resources for sewer lining.
Workforce Investment Act / Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legislation that would provide units of general local government with funding to save and create local jobs through the retention, restoration, or expansion of services. • Support efforts to ensure that men and women receive equal pay for equal work.

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