

City of Santa Monica

2016 State of California Legislative Platform

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Santa Monica has long been vocal in State legislative issues. The Council has historically taken positions on proposed state legislation of interest to Santa Monica because of the City's location, economy, programs, policies, or other experiences. The City's historical support or opposition of legislative policy has, over time, created a record of policy authorization which has been compiled in a compendium on an annual basis. The 2015 compendium formed the basis of the following proposed legislative policy statements. The Council's historic actions on specific bills or issues have been recast into the positions below; items from the 2015 compendium have been indexed to the 2016 proposed platform. In addition, staff has reviewed bills introduced into the 2016-2017 legislative session for local impact and congruence with Council-adopted strategic goals and City programs, policies, and strategies and incorporated pending relevant legislation into the proposed positions.

On August 23, 2015 the City Council convened a special Council meeting to establish three to five priority strategic goals that will make a difference in community safety, wellbeing, prosperity, quality of life, and sustainability. The Council unanimously chose the following five goals to be the City's priority over the next three to five years.

- Maintaining an inclusive and diverse community

The focus of this goal is on maintaining an inclusive and diverse community, through efforts like increasing affordable housing, raising workers' incomes, and helping Santa Monicans stay in their homes.

- Establishing a new model for mobility

2016 will be a year of new choices for mobility in Santa Monica—Expo light rail to downtown Santa Monica, Breeze bike share, direct bus routes with real-time information, car share, expanded shared-ride services, and safer walking and biking. This strategic goal pulls all these options together into a new model for mobility with attractive and convenient choices for people to get where they are going, while helping to reduce vehicle congestion and climate change.

- Securing local control of the City land occupied by the Santa Monica Airport

The city has owned Santa Monica Municipal Airport land since the 1920s. As its land owner, the City has the right to control the airport and we intend to assert that right. In 2014, Santa Monica voters overwhelmingly supported Measure Local Control (Measure LC) which, as the name indicates, gives greater local control over the airport land to the City.

- Taking a leadership role in regional efforts to address homelessness

For the more than 700 homeless individuals in Santa Monica and over 44,000 living in Los Angeles County, life is a year-round struggle. Santa Monica has long been a leader in providing resources and assistance to the most vulnerable members of society.

- Continuing the partnership supporting education and from Cradle to Career and beyond

Lifelong learning has been a priority in Santa Monica for many years, shaped through the city's collaboration with schools, service providers, residents and community leaders. Learn + thrive will build upon the work already accomplished by the Santa Monica Cradle to Career Initiative (smc2c), and through the wide range of cultural, art, educational and recreational classes, storytimes and workshops offered by the City's Community and Cultural Services Department and five-star public library system.

These strategic goals, along with historic policy positions and pending relevant legislative matters, are reflected in the policy positions below.

A. Airport

1. Support ongoing efforts to review noise levels and the safety of flight operations at the Santa Monica Airport, and noise reduction standards.
2. Support a balanced plan for the distribution of aviation traffic in the region so Santa Monica's airport does not continue to be burdened with commercial aviation traffic by aircraft that are not compatible with the design limitations of the Airport.
3. Support federal runway safety standards which address the entire mix of aircraft that use the Santa Monica Airport.
4. Support efforts of the California legislature to assist with runway safety standards.

B. Arts and Culture

1. Support continued State funding and efforts to enhance local arts and cultural activities, support arts education, and develop arts educators.

C. Data

1. Support efforts to use population demographics and socioeconomic statistics to identify, track, and rectify disparities in education, outreach, and health, and for research purposes.

D. Civil Liberties

1. Support efforts to provide domestic partner benefits and protections; expand civic marriage laws.
2. Oppose the USA Patriot Act and related orders and directives and support unabrogated City protection of constitutional rights.
3. Support full physical and programmatic access to municipal services, facilities, and programs for people with disabilities.
4. Oppose efforts to promote religious freedom which result in discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons.
5. Support efforts to ensure that men and women receive equal pay for equal work.

E. Civic Engagement

1. Oppose suspension or modification of the Brown Act or other curtailing of measures that promote public involvement in the democratic process.
2. Support legislation that urges the United States Congress to overturn *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and restores constitutional rights and fair elections to the people.
3. Support legislation that would require disclosure of information on advertisements supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure via radio, television, print, or mass mailing.
4. Oppose measures which place overly burdensome and vague restrictions preventing certain non-profits from participating in campaign activity.
5. Support legislation that makes it easier for active community members to serve as volunteers or appointed boards and commissions.
6. Support efforts to enhance, increase, and expand voting opportunities for eligible voters throughout the state.
7. Support legislation giving California voters the opportunity to replace the death penalty with permanent imprisonment.

F. Coastal Issues

1. Affirm local control of the development, conditions, and implementation of Local Coastal Plans created by cities and counties.

2. Oppose legislation that grants authority to the Coastal Commission that is inconsistent, duplicative, and overlapping with the authority of other regulatory agencies or that grants the Coastal Commission authority outside of the coastal zone.
3. Support efforts to curb frivolous appeals to local coastal decisions.

G. Consumer Protection

1. Support requiring all retailers in California to adhere to the industry standards of charging a customer the lowest marked price on an item.
2. Support legislation that would make it unlawful to intentionally make any false, deceptive or misleading statements or representations relating to the sale of agricultural products, require compliance with signage labeling and reporting requirements, and prohibit sales in close proximity to a certified farmers' market which would compete with agricultural certified producers.

H. Economic Development

1. Support legislation that will provide tangible and productive tools and incentives to support job creation and retention and address the infrastructure and jobs/housing needs of communities within the State.
2. Oppose changes to the redevelopment dissolution process that would cause fiscal harm to cities, and support measures that enable and assist successor agencies to operate with flexibility and continue to collect funds through the dissolution process.
3. Support the creation and ongoing application of tax credits to support the production of motion pictures in California.
4. Support legislation that prohibits short-term rentals, regulates the operation of transient or home-sharing rental housing and requires regular reporting on activities.
5. Support legislation and policies that promote inclusive and diverse communities, including but not limited to, increasing affordable housing, raising workers' incomes, addressing inequalities and disparities, and maintaining residential stability.
6. Support measures that promote vibrant and sustainable local economies through jobs, opportunities for growth, and long-term affordability.
7. Support efforts to develop a California Green Business Program that provides support and assistance to local government programs that provide for the voluntary certification of small businesses that adopt environmentally preferable business practices.

I. Education

1. Support maintaining funding for California’s public schools, colleges and universities, updating academic content standards, strengthening educational curriculum, developing and implementing performance standards, and creating seamless pathways from high school to community college and other secondary education.
2. Support programs and policies that encourage lifelong learning, in and out of the classroom, and engagement in activities that help people thrive.

J. Employment and Wages

1. Oppose legislation which would extend the length of paid leave of absence for police officers, sheriffs, or firefighters disabled by injury or illness arising out of and in the course of employment
2. Support hiring practices and policies which give applicants a fair chance and allow employers the opportunity to judge individual job candidates on their merits.
3. Oppose legislation that seeks to limit the abilities of a charter city council to set desired compensation levels.
4. Oppose legislation that would extend the state of limitations to allow a safety officer’s dependents to receive worker’s compensation death benefits where the safety officer dies of cancer or other “presumed” job-related injuries.
5. Support exemption of certain transit workers from the requirements of the Public Employee’s Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) until January 1, 2016 or until a federal district court rules that the United States Secretary of Labor erred in determining the application of PEPRA precludes certification of federal transit funding, whichever is sooner.
6. Support a living wage for in-home support service workers.
7. Support efforts to protect against wage discrimination for equal work regardless of the sex of the employee.
8. Support legislation that furthers or enhances the enforcement of local wage laws.

K. Financial Sustainability

1. Support legislation that allocates cap and trade auction revenues to local governments for grants and other financial assistance.
2. Support funding or bonding authority to protect or enhance local infrastructure or open spaces.
3. Support the protection of local revenues by restricting the ability of the State to “borrow” local government’s share of taxes and revenues or borrow against local government’s share of taxes and require paying back of any borrowing, including the interest costs of such borrowing.

4. Oppose any limitations on public agency indemnification, including limitations under which a design professional would be required to indemnify a public agency.
5. Support socially responsible investment guidelines and policies, including screens for socially harmful activities and the encouragement of investments that support equality of rights.
6. Oppose requiring agencies that collect franchise fees to use a portion of the fees to televise the open and public meetings of legislative bodies and store recordings of such meetings.
7. Support measures to ensure the integrity of existing city revenue sources, including city share and allocation of property tax, sales tax, transient occupancy tax, vehicle license fees, etc.
8. Oppose any changes that limit local financial flexibility, including the swap of local sales tax for property tax; and limitation of local financial flexibility; and any limitation for “built out” cities to utilize revitalization strategies for economically lagging areas.
9. Support constitutional protection of revenue sources in order to provide insurance against diversion by the State of these revenues in the future for non-municipal purposes.
10. Advocate that the State must provide full and prompt reimbursement to all local agencies for all state-mandated programs and/or infractions and losses associated with local revenue shifts. Local agencies must be authorized to petition the Commission on State Mandates immediately after legislation is chaptered for determination of eligibility for reimbursement, and reserve the right to directly pursue court intervention without an administrative appeals process.
11. Oppose unfunded state service mandates on local government and advocate for full funding or elimination.
12. Support lowering the two-thirds voter requirement for special taxes, general obligation bonds, and/or revenue-backed bonds as requiring approval by a two-thirds majority allows a relatively small minority to prevent action desired by more than a majority of the voters, which can have an adverse impact on a community’s social, economic, or physical environment, transportation, or other infrastructure projects or needs.
13. Support the addition of storm water and urban runoff management fees and charges to the list of fees that must receive a two-thirds vote to be increased.
14. Oppose legislation to allow prepayment judicial relief with respect to disputed transient occupancy taxes for a travel agent or intermediary.
15. Support legislation that continues the State-Local tax sharing program, which allows cities that have entered into agreements with the Franchise Tax Board to exchange tax information.
16. Oppose legislation or policies that would direct local tax revenues to be collected at the State level, charge administrative fees, reduce rates below local tax rates, prohibit specific taxes, or otherwise diminish city revenue sources.

17. Support legislation that allows cities the opportunity to levy transaction and use taxes in order to raise additional revenues for city services, programs, and operations.
18. Support legislation that specifies that if more than a certain percentage of the direct or indirect ownership interests in a legal entity are sold or transferred in a single transaction, the real property owned by that legal entity has changed ownership whether or not any one legal entity or person that is a party to the transaction obtains control.
19. Support the ability of cities to maintain and manage the public right-of-way and receive compensation for its use.
20. Support closing loopholes that allow companies doing business in California to create out-of-state arms-length subsidiaries in order to avoid collection of sales and use taxes on web and internet sales.
21. Support legislation that establishes an effective and ongoing way to collect user taxes (UUT) for pre-paid mobile telephones.
22. Support additional funding for local transportation and other critical unmet infrastructure needs.
23. Support a local sales tax to aid in the funding of specified transportation projects and other measures that result in receiving the maximum share of available funding for local transportation programs.
24. Support the creation of the California Transportation Infrastructure Funding Task Force and alternatives to taxing road users through per-gallon fuel taxes.
25. Support legislation that removes voter approval needed for cities to create infrastructure financing districts.
26. Support additional fees on fuel and vehicles to be used for public transit and congestion management projects.
27. Support legislation that extends the period in which the MTA can impose a transactions and use tax of 0.5% for transportation related purposes.
28. Support efforts to increase transit agency revenue through illuminated digital advertising on transit buses.
29. Support the extension, upon voter approval, of the Measure R transactions and use tax and increases to the County wide sales tax to provide revenue for the region's unmet transportation needs.
30. Support legislation that allows urban water agencies to implement tiered water conservation pricing.
31. Support legislation that increases the medical marijuana industry's access to banking systems.

L. Health

1. Support statewide smoking and tobacco control standards, including smoking regulations on state beaches, other regulations which do not restrict or preempt stricter local regulations, and taxes on the distribution of cigarettes and tobacco products.
2. Support initiatives that promote physical and emotional health, active living, a healthy citizenry, sense of community, and provide for aging with dignity.
3. Support study of the effects of toxic mold, public education of these effects, and appropriate state health standards.
4. Support legislation, programs, funding, and fees which promote the health of individuals, families, and communities and mitigate adverse health impacts.
5. Support a single payer universal health care delivery system.
6. Support the expansion of eligibility and extension of programs that assist individuals who are disabled and temporarily not working.
7. Support funding and programs to offer supplemental services to individuals who are frequent or high users of health care and other services in an effort to reduce costs.
8. Support funding and policy initiatives to expand or enhance the behavioral health care system and service delivery.
9. Support legislation that calls for state support from the Department of Public Health for spreading healthy nail salon programs throughout California
10. Support taxation of cannabis and regulation of its production, cultivation, distribution, licensure, and use.

M. Homelessness

1. Support a balanced approach to addressing homelessness that considers the need for assistance, services, including health and mental health services, and housing for homeless people while providing for the health, safety, and welfare of all people in Santa Monica and advocate for and participate in regional initiatives involving county, state, and federal governments to reduce and prevent homelessness.
2. Support efforts of the Veteran's Administration to fund and develop programs, services, and housing at the West Los Angeles VA Campus.
3. Support legislation addressing regional homeless issues including enhanced penalties for drug sales near treatment centers or shelters; prohibitions against dumping; fair share zoning requirements for siting facilities with credit/exemption for "good actor" cities/incentives; funding for prototype courts; and provisions of youth discharge planning with benefits they are entitled to.
4. Support programs that offer legal representation for unrepresented low-income parties in civil matters involving critical issues affecting basic human needs such as domestic violence, deprivation of child custody, housing and elder abuse, and provide an increased ability for low income residents to retain legal representation when needed.

5. Support cross-agency and community cooperation and collaboration in responding to homelessness and the implementation of evidence-based approaches and plans.
6. Support efforts to collect, analyze, and publish data about homeless individuals, services for homeless individuals, and outcomes.

N. Housing

1. Support legislation and programs that assist in providing financing for affordable housing, including development of fiscal tools and incentives to assist local governments in their efforts to encourage housing, finance the infrastructure to support housing, establish an ongoing state commitment to funding affordable housing, and fund and support affordable housing programs, including supportive housing programs.
2. Advocate for a fair share of affordable housing tax credits and for the reward of cities that use local sources of funds.
3. Oppose legislation that requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to hear appeals of county or city decisions on applications for the construction of housing developments which meet specified affordability requirements.
4. Advocate that the acquisition, minor rehabilitation and deed restriction of existing housing units count toward the accomplishment of low and very low income production RHNA goals and oppose any attempt to mandate that a city achieve its RHNA target or face penalties or to impose additional obligations based on the RHNA target.
5. Advocate for recognition and use of inclusionary housing requirements as a condition of development and other tools in an effort to incorporate affordable housing into market rate development.
6. Oppose state mandated attempts to usurp local discretion over matters relating to local housing policy.
7. Support the ongoing funding needs of the Section 8 program through adequate contract rents, full funding of vouchers, and applying annual inflation factors.
8. Support tax credits, programs, or funding that encourage seismic retrofitting of qualified buildings.

O. Land Use

1. Oppose any attempt to erode the City's local autonomy and discretion in land-use processes, decisions, and fees, or weaken the City's ability to ensure the future welfare of its residents through local control of the planning process.
2. Advocate for recognition for land use tools needed by built out cities firmly committed to affordable housing.
3. Oppose legislation that creates unnecessary delays and restraints on completing affordable housing projects and leaves local governments susceptible to litigation over specified land use and planning decisions.

4. Support application of incentives for the production of lower-income housing units to properties with rent controlled units.

P. Misc.

1. Support legislation that prohibits California public retirement systems from participating in predatory real estate investment practices.
2. Support legislation that pre-empts local jurisdictions from enacting local regulations and/or bans in the field of male circumcision.
3. Support changes to the eligibility requirements for driving to allow persons without legal status to apply and impose various security and verification requirements to comply with specified requirements of the Federal Real ID Act of 2005.

Q. Mobility

1. Support the development of a regional light rail system by a light rail transportation construction authority with local authority over project implementation.
2. Support California's continued involvement in the federally funded Safe Routes to Schools program.
3. Support enhanced autonomy for local transportation decision-making and pursue policy changes that move more dollars and decisions to local policy leaders.
4. Support legislation allowing a weight fee for vehicles with an unladen weight of 10,000 pounds or less and a carbon dioxide emissions fee when registering passenger vehicles.
5. Support bicycle and pedestrian access with maximum local flexibility to prioritize this transportation need.
6. Support authorizing the California Transportation Commission to relinquish the portion of State Highway Route 1 (known as Lincoln Blvd.) that is in the City limits.
7. Commit to explore and support an appropriate solution to address Caltrans concerns related to the operation of certain buses on bridges.
8. Support efforts that promote new models for mobility with attractive and convenient choices for people to get where they are going, while helping to reduce vehicle congestion and climate change.

R. Parks and Open Space

1. Support legislation and bond measures to continue to invest in and protect existing park land, wetlands, community open space and coastal resources, recreational facilities and natural and historic resources, expand the community park system and encourage spending time outdoors.
2. Support transfer of the Ballona Wetlands Area C to the State Parks system.

3. Oppose plans to construct a toll road through San Onofre State Beach and across the Trestles State Surf Beach and refrain from making any related financial investments.
4. Oppose cuts to the State Parks' budget and the closure of State Parks.
5. Support legislation to extend the operation of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act, which helps provide and manage public lands for recreational, open space, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and land for educational uses.

S. Public Libraries

1. Support full funding of the Public Library Fund and full funding of the State's share of the program.

T. Public Safety

1. Oppose legislation that would preempt local governments' authority to exercise rightful police power to regulate practices within their jurisdiction.
2. Support legislation that requires all alcohol sales to be performed by a store clerk and not at self-checkout machines.
3. Support strict local gun control ordinances and prohibitions, restrictions, or revisions to policies regarding weapons and ammunition that would close loopholes, create standards, reduce availability, create prohibitions on firearm ownership, require unique serial numbers prior to manufacturing or assembling a firearm, or other measures that support gun control efforts.
4. Support double fines for traffic violations in school zones.
5. Support funding for first responders in homeland security protection.
6. Support activities to develop better land use policies and wildland fuel management programs to decrease the impacts to public health and safety resulting from wildland urban interface fires.
7. Support alcohol-related emergency reimbursement acts that earmark revenue generated from fees from wholesalers.
8. Support closing sentencing loopholes that permit relatives who are convicted of the sexual abuse of a child in their household to avoid serving time in state prisons.
9. Support mental health diversion programs, including pre-court diversions and mental health courts which may operate as a pre-guilty plea and deferred entry of judgement program.
10. Support legislation that creates consequences for leaving the scene of an accident without exchanging required information.
11. Support bans on hand-held cellphone use while driving unless the phone is being used for emergency-related communication.

U. Rent Control

1. Oppose any legislation restricting the ability of cities to enact rent control ordinances or legislation that diminishes tenant rights and property.
2. Support efforts to provide greater protection of displaced tenants, such as ensuring the continued enforcement of rent control when units are converted.
3. Support efforts to provide vulnerable tenants with additional rights and protections from landlord abuses.
4. Support legislation which extends the amount of time a tenant has to either vacate the premises or oppose a writ of possession of property, in favor of the landlord, prior to eviction.
5. Support legislation which protects tenants from being subject to unlawful entry by landlords prior to being given proper notice.
6. Support providing tenants with additional resources for landlords who fail to repair or remove problematic conditions after being notified by housing code enforcement authorities.
7. Support requiring landlords to provide their tenants documents explaining deductions from security deposits.
8. Support legislation that records any vacancies due all or in part to domestic violence or other criminal activities, and what role, if any, authorities played in the relocation process.
9. Support increasing the limit on punitive damages that may be awarded to tenants that have been the subject of retaliatory evictions.
10. Support providing all residential units with a locking mail receptacle.
11. Support legislation which protects tenants when affordable housing unit agreements expire.
12. Support legislation which prohibits a landlord that allows a tenant to have an animal on the premises, from advertising or establishing rental policies, in a manner that requires a tenant or a potential tenant with an animal to have that animal declawed or devocalized.
13. Support legislation that allows a tenant to redeem the tenancy after resolving a three-day notice by tendering rent due and other costs.
14. Support legislation that ensures tenants have access to courts when subjected to illegal eviction activity.
15. Supports legislation that allows a tenant to pay rent and deposit of security by at least one form of payment that is neither cash nor electronic fund transfer.
16. Supports legislation that would require that the notice in an unlawful detainer proceeding must contain, at the request of a lawyer referral entity, the contact information of that entity.
17. Opposes legislation that alters the landlord/tenant relationship in such a way that facilitates the potential for a greater number of evictions for tenants otherwise protected by rent control and other housing stability measures.

18. Supports legislation that makes it so the rent certification process does not apply to any tenancies where the landlord may freely set the level of rent whenever a unit is re-rented following a vacancy.
19. Support state moratoriums on the Ellis and Costa-Hawkins Acts as well as modifications that provide greater protections for residents facing displacement.
20. Support legislation that requires an unlawful detainer proceeding to be dismissed without prejudice if 60 days elapse after a complaint is filed and no proof of service of the summons has been filed and limits access to court records.

V. Sustainability

Air

1. Support continued study and reporting on the local air quality and its impacts and representation on regional or local air quality bodies.
2. Oppose efforts that would redirect funds used by local governments for locally-based air quality programs.

Energy

1. Support setting and achieving greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals through the deployment of alternatively fueled vehicles, zero emission vehicles, and emerging emission-reduction technology.
2. Support the ability of local governments to implement community choice aggregation for the purchase of electricity and oppose legislation that would place new requirements on the establishment of, and activities by, community choice aggregators.
3. Support legislation that supports, invests in, and expands energy-efficiency programs, standards, and definitions, promotes renewable resource research, technologies, and initiatives, and sets increasing goals for renewable energy generation, sales, and savings.
4. Support financing mechanisms to assist property owners, non-profit/educational institutions and local governments with the upfront costs of energy efficiency improvements.
5. Support utility corporations' recovery of program costs that support increasing the energy efficiency of existing buildings.
6. Support legislation, programs and policies that provides greater access to building owners and local governments to building-level energy data.
7. Support programs and policies that require utility companies to enter into purchase agreements with owners or operators of small-scale solar energy generation facilities.
8. Support legislation, programs and policies that require utility companies to disclose greenhouse gas emission factors in a timely and transparent manner.
9. Support utility rates and surcharges to fund public goods research including development of energy efficiency activities and demonstration programs.
10. Support legislation, programs and policies that support, invest in, and expand electric vehicle charging programs, and promotes electric vehicle charging research, technologies, and initiatives, and sets increasing goals for renewable energy generation, sales, and savings.

11. Support legislation, programs and policies that require utility companies to provide greater access to energy efficiency, renewable energy and electric vehicle charging to multitenant properties.

Goods

1. Support ongoing statewide efforts to recycle and reduce consumption of single-use food packaging and single-use plastic bags.
2. Support efforts to create an extended producer responsibility framework to provide environmentally sound product stewardship protocols for household hazardous materials including but not limited to electronic waste, architectural paint, batteries, carpet, home generated sharps and pharmaceutical waste, and mercury-containing lamps, support associated fees, and oppose efforts to undermine or shift the responsibility of such programs.
3. Support a ban on the sale and distribution of shark fins and elephant parts.
4. Support ongoing statewide Safer Consumer Products regulation efforts that require manufacturers or other responsible entities to seek safer alternatives to harmful chemical ingredients in widely used products, offering California the opportunity to lead the way in producing safer versions of goods already in demand around the world.

Ocean

1. Support State bonds, funding, and legislation aimed at improving ocean water quality and reducing ocean pollution, banning new offshore oil or gas drilling or extraction, restricting oil tanker traffic, and funding coastal clean-up and restoration.

Standards

1. Support flexibility for state and local governments to enact environmental standards or mandates that are stronger than the federal standards.
2. Oppose preemption of local sustainability laws.

Water

1. Support stronger state and federal efforts to protect drinking water wells through early identification of potential contaminants of aquifers and wells through aggressive cleanup of contaminated sites that threaten drinking water supplies.
2. Support water efficiency standards for plumbing fixtures to decrease reliance on imported water sources.
3. Support primary and secondary health standards for MtBE to protect local water self-sufficiency.

4. Support legislation that makes it easier for cities to take legal action against polluters who contaminate drinking water sources with chemicals such as MtBE and perchlorate.
5. Oppose oil company liability waivers for product design defects of MtBE.
6. Oppose dilution of state and local laws and regulations for protection of public and environmental health, including NAFTA provisions relating to free trade protection for MtBE.
7. Support federal funding to address water infrastructure reliability to improve the City's water and drainage systems and distribution lines.
8. Support the ability of cities to enact discharge and water quality requirements or standards that are stricter than state or federal standards and oppose efforts to restrict such authority.
9. Support stronger storm water pollution control standards and efforts to secure related funding.
10. Support efforts to modify the State Water Code, State Health Code, State Plumbing Code and State Building Code and other policies to expand the uses of all non-potable water sources, including rainwater, stormwater runoff, greywater and blackwater.
11. Support legislation that requires the reuse of water at new commercial car washes.
12. Support efforts that help close the gap between the local demand for water and the total amount of water available locally.
13. Support efforts to incentivize outdoor water-efficiency programs while preserving local control.
14. Support legislation that exempts water conservation rebates from federal taxes.
15. Support legislation that transfers prescriptive landscape and irrigation requirements from the State Model Efficient Landscape Ordinance and places it Cal Green.
16. Support legislation that requires Landscape Architects, Architects, Contractors and Landscape Contractors to receive training on landscaping and irrigation regulations listed in the State Model Efficient Landscape Ordinance and Cal Green; requires testing on these regulations to receive and hold a license; and requires continuing education on these regulations to retain a license.
17. Support legislation that bans the sale and installation of water-wasting irrigation products, requires permits for water efficient irrigation systems, and otherwise supports water conservation in landscaping.
18. Support legislation that requires cooling towers be maintained in a way to operate at minimum three cycles of concentration.
19. Support legislation that allows urban water agencies to classify rainwater and stormwater as utilities and subject to City pricing, not to be voted upon by constituents.
20. Support local efforts to maximize energy-efficient expansions of local water supplies and construct recycled water distribution systems.

Waste

1. Support efforts to shift consumption, manage production and purchases, and maximize the reuse of materials to reduce waste.

W. Telecommunications

1. Support the authority of cities to zone and plan for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure.
2. Support the innovation and economic development potential of the “information superhighway” and the many possible benefits in the areas of telecommuting and productivity it promises.
3. Collaborate with the California Public Utilities Commission and various companies and agencies to improve telephone area code planning and inventory management guidelines.
4. Support low power radio stations to provide residents with an additional media alternative for neighborhood news and information.
5. Support competition in the delivery of cable/video services.
6. Oppose legislation to allow applications for wireless telecommunications facilities to be approved when local governments do not approve or deny the applications within a specified time period.

X. Utilities

1. Oppose regulatory efforts to require above-ground installation of utilities without the involvement and consultation of local governments.

Y. Youth

1. Support legislation encouraging the provision of accessible, high quality child care by increasing resources to meet the infant, toddler, preschool, and school-age need of City residents.
2. Support expanding subsidies to make high-quality early childhood and school age child care affordable to families and providers.
3. Support expanding funding for the development of safe, structured before-school and after-school programs.
4. Support legislation that provides adequate funding for the construction, renovation, and/or maintenance of child care facilities, the training and compensation of child care professionals, and the reimbursement rate for child development programs.
5. Support efforts to provide youth with a sense of belonging, equal access to opportunities, and keep them safe and secure from violence.