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**Memorandum**

**Date:** November 9, 2015

**To:** Federal Legislative Committee

**From:** Patrick H. West, City Manager

**Subject:** **Proposed Changes to the 2016 Federal Legislative Agenda**

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## Introduction

Each year, City staff reviews the Federal Legislative Agenda and recommends changes to ensure that the agenda is up-to-date and addresses the legislative concerns of the city. The 2015 agenda was sent to all departments for their input. Attached for your review are staff's proposed changes.

## Proposed Legislative Agenda Changes

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Focus Statements

The first focus statement is amended to reflect the recent closure of Boeing's C-17 facility in Long Beach, and the City's plan to implement a workforce and land use transition strategy using dollars available through a U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment grant.

The second focus statement is amended to reflect the City's commitment to continue coordination efforts with the Army Corps of Engineers to ensure that the Los Angeles River Estuary remains navigable. With support from the City's Congressional Delegation, the Army Corps of Engineers received $15 million between FY 14 and FY 15 to remove over 639,000 cubic yards of material; this represents 90% of sediment removal from the federal channel.

Council Directives

Item 8 is removed, as the Workforce Investment Act has been updated and reauthorized as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Item 13 is removed, as the City's efforts related to the Boeing Company have shifted towards workforce retraining and transition of land use.

Items 15, 16 and 17 are removed as the Boeing Company is winding down production of the C-17 aircraft.

Item 27 is added to support future grants and investments made by the Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment to help transition the workforce and land use elements of the C-17 plant to a new center of economic activity and innovation.

Item 28 is added to support efforts to expand workforce opportunities for immigrant communities and build on the President's Executive Action on immigration and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), as requested by the City Council on July 7, 2015.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Objectives

Objective 2 is added in its entirety to Objective 1 to better reflect the City's commitment to comprehensive protection of civil liberties, life, limb and property.

Objective 3 is added to reflect the City's overall support for *Safe Long Beach*. The primary objective in the City Council's adopted violence prevention plan is to create a safe place where Long Beach residents can live and attend schools, while connecting and contributing to their communities.

Objective 6 is added to reflect the City's overall commitment to public safety through partnerships, community participation in the process and by being transparent and accessible.

Focus Statements

The third focus statement is added in anticipation of an El Niño year. The City will monitor and engage in federal initiatives to plan, mitigate and respond to natural disasters.

The fourth focus statement is added to support funding to implement the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan. Safe Long Beach addresses a broad safety agenda aimed at reducing all forms of violence, including domestic abuse, child abuse, elder abuse, hate crimes, bullying, gang violence, and violent crime. The plan draws upon the City's many existing assets to target violence at its root and attain its goal of building a safer Long Beach by 2020.

City Council Directives

Item 2 is amended to include "technology" in the list of general assets that are of value to public safety, and for which the City is interested in securing grants.

Item 3 is amended to reflect the City's commitment to cross-departmental and multi-sectoral collaboration when fighting crme.

Item 20 is proposed by the Police Department to support legislation that provides an increase in mental health services and incarceration diversion strategies in the Southern California region.

Item 21 is added to oppose mandates for police data reporting requirements without the provision of technology funds.

Item 22 reflects the City Council's action on June 16, 2015 to support the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act.

Item 23 is added to support legislation that would make it easier for departments and organizations to share data in implementing cross-sectoral approaches to safety.

## EDUCATION

Focus Statements

Focus statement one is amended to stress the importance of support for after school programs, as well as safety in and around schools and bullying prevention.

City Council Directives

Item 11 is added to reflect the importance of funding Community Schools. Community Schools are both a location and a collaborative effort. As a place, Community Schools provide a physical location for education and community based services. As a collaborative effort, Community Schools integrate services that focus on academics, health and social well-being, youth and community development and community engagement. Community Schools serve as a critical resource in at-risk communities by improving student learning, and contributing to stronger families and healthier communities.

Item 12 is added to further support the implementation of my Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan. My Brother's Keeper was established in February 2014 by President Obama to help close the opportunity gaps faced by America's young people. The City of Long Beach has risen to the challenge to address the needs and priorities of Long Beach youth, but further funding is critical.

## SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES

City Council Directives

Item 34 is added to support continued funding to the Prevention Fund. The Prevention Fund provides communities around the country with funding to invest in effective prevention efforts, like childhood obesity prevention and tobacco cessation. Focusing on preventing disease and injury will effectively improve the health of Long Beach residents.

Item 42 is amended to support near zero emission projects in Long Beach, in addition to the support that the City already has for zero emission projects.

## LOCAL CONTROL

Staff recommends no change to the Local Control section of the City's legislative agenda.

## Next Steps

A Federal Legislation Committee meeting has been called for December 1, 2015 at 3:30 PM to review and discuss staff's recommended changes for the 2016 Federal Legislative Agenda. City council discussion and approval of the Committee's recommendations is expected to take place on a date after the Committee takes action.

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# CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

2016 Proposed FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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## About Long Beach

Incorporated in 1888, Long Beach, California is a progressive urban city made up of 464,000 residents and businesses. The City is home to the 2nd busiest port in the nation, a rejuvenated downtown, tourist attractions, one unified school district, a city college with two campuses, a state university, over 60 residential neighborhoods, 17 historical districts, and over 180 local neighborhoods and business organizations.

Long Beach is the 7th largest city California, and the 2nd largest in Los Angeles County. The U.S. Census (2010) found that the median age in Long Beach is 33 years old, and 25% of the City's residents are under the age of 18.

***The City is ethnically diverse with: 40.8% Latino/Hispanic, 29.4% Caucasian, 13.0% African American, 12.6% Asian, and 1.1% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander.***

The Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana area ranked #2 in the nation for having the greatest number of Lesbian, Gay, Bixsexual or Transgender persons. Long Beach was one of only 25 cities nationwide to achieve a perfect score on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index.

Long Beach Unified School District is 82,000 students spread over 84 schools. There are five charter schools and more than 40 private schools in Long Beach. Across the school district, 80% of high school students graduate on time. Long Beach City College and the California State University, Long Beach serve as local education hubs.

The City's economy is expanding as the region's economic base continues to shift from manufacturing to an information-based economy. There are several hundred businesses in the City. The top 10 private sector employers include Verizon and Boeing. The Port of Long Beach promises job growth and new career opportunities with the development of Middle Harbor.

***Located at the Port of Long Beach, Middle Harbor will be the world's 1st zero emissions terminal. $4.5 billion will be invested into the regional economy over 40 years.***

Groundbreaking new programs and technologies are used in Long Beach to provide city services. The Long Beach Police Department has assembled the LB COP system using grant funds to integrate technologies to make this City a safer place to do business, live, work and play. The Long Beach Public Library has 12 branches with over 1.2 million visitors and 1.3 million materials loaned annually, and the City's Parks, Recreation and Marine Department has won the National Gold Medal Award 5 years in a row for providing quality programming and open space at over 170 locations throughout Long Beach.

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## OBJECTIVES:

1. *Cultivate a healthy environment to support sustainable economic growth*
2. *Support community oriented businesses*
3. *Support arts, tourism and culture*
4. *Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs*
5. *Ensure operational continuity at the Port of Long Beach*

## 2016 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- In coordination with the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment, and in response to the C-17 closure, ~~develop an economic development plan for future aerospace manufacturing in the Long Beach region.~~implement the workforce transition strategy and initial land use transition activities that are funded by the 2015 economic adjustment grant that was awarded to the City of Long Beach.

- ~~Support efforts to increase funding to~~ In coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, ensure that ~~for operation and maintenance dredging in~~ the Los Angeles River Estuary remains navigable.

- Support tax-exempt municipal bonds to maintain a low-cost and efficient way for cities to finance critical infrastructure.

- Support economic development groups in their efforts to identify industry clusters, and efforts to facilitate a healthy economic environment for cluster industries.

## LONG BEACH: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*City Council Directives*

1. Support efforts to develop and promote policies, legislation and grants that foster greater economic opportunity.
2. Support efforts 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, foster collaborative operational efficiencies and industry convening/research efforts.
3. Pursue appropriations for streetscape improvements on major city corridors, including 7th Street, Artesia Boulevard, Anaheim Street, Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach Boulevard, Atlantic Avenue, Willow Street, Santa Fe Avenue, and Pacific Coast Highway.
4. Support 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.
5. Support efforts to obtain Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding for economic development projects.
6. Support legislation that strengthens small business loans and incentive programs provided through the U.S. Small Business Administration and local banks with a focus on easing the "credit crunch" for small businesses to encourage innovation and green business opportunities, as well as create new jobs, real jobs and train workers.
7. Support strategies and business incubator approaches that support and grow small business activity, including targeted growth among "homegrown" businesses in the City.
8. ~~Support efforts toward reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act that maintains a strong, locally-controlled workforce investment system for businesses and residents.~~
9. Support stabilized and increased funding for the workforce development system, encourage investments and fund development in the system's one-stop centers, as well as training programs that address worker skill gaps in growing industries.
10. Support efforts that increase the skills base of the workforce, aligned with business and industry needs – with the Workforce Development Board's adopted Demand Sectors and its Self-Sufficiency Standard.
11. Support efforts 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, emancipating foster youth, military veterans (and spouses), re-entry populations, disabled individuals, older workers and transitioning dislocated workers.
12. Support efforts that increase the marketability of unemployed or underemployed workers.

~~13. Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for The Boeing Company and the aerospace industry overall, and all businesses in Long Beach, especially service industries, retail and car dealerships.~~

~~14.~~13. Support legislation that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration.

~~15. Support The Boeing Company in obtaining ongoing production commitments for the C-17 airlifter in Long Beach, and when appropriate, funding to transition the C-17 airlifter site to the next best use, including funds for employee job training.~~

~~16. Support efforts to obtain ongoing maintenance and 737-MAX upgrades at the Long Beach facility.~~

~~16. Support efforts to optimally position Long Beach to support the manufacture of Boeing's 777x Jetliner and related components.~~

~~17.~~14. Support federal efforts to enhance international trade that benefit local businesses, port development, and the overall local economy, providing it is consistent with Council policy on addressing the environmental impacts of goods movement.

~~18.~~15. Support an increase in investment programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.

~~19.~~16. Support legislation and grants that provide funding for museums that are supported with municipal funds.

~~20.~~17. Support legislative efforts that would provide increased funding to the Army Corps of Engineers for navigation and dredging projects in Long Beach, including funds for operation and maintenance dredging in the Los Angeles River Estuary.

~~21.~~18. Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming and facilities.

~~22.~~19. Support efforts to protect and enhance federal 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.

~~23.~~20. Support the creation of a National Freight Policy with dedicated funding for regionally and nationally significant freight projects in a dedicated freight/goods movement account in the next Transportation Reauthorization bill.

~~24.~~21. Support legislation that provides qualifying undocumented youth with a conditional path to citizenship requiring completion of a college degree or military service.

~~25.~~22. Support 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.

~~26.~~23. Support efforts to establish a new Brownfields Redevelopment Action Grant investment program that can be used by cities to leverage private investment in Brownfields.

~~27.~~24. Support efforts to raise the federal minimum wage from $7.25 to $10.10 an hour.

~~28.~~25. Support efforts to provide paid ~~maternity~~ parental leave to full-time employees.

~~29.~~26. Support comprehensive immigration reform that will provide a dignified path to United States citizenship, strengthen the nation's workforce and the economy.

27. Support 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.

~~30.~~28. Support legislation and pilot-program funding that expands workforce opportunities for immigrant communities, in particular programs that build on the President's Executive Action on Immigration, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

## OBJECTIVES:

1. *Protect civil liberties, life, limb and property*
2. ~~*Protect life, limb and property*~~
2. *Foster a healthy economic environment through law enforcement*
3. *Ensure that Long Beach residents live in safe families and communities, attend safe schools, and are contributing citizens connected to their communities*
4. *Encourage community participation in the public safety process by being open, transparent, and accessible to a diverse population*
5. *Embrace technology to enhance public safety services*
~~5.~~ 6. *Encourage partnerships and community participation in the public safety process by being transparent and accessible.*

## 2016 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- Support risk-based allocation of Homeland Security funds to help sustain local and regional disaster preparedness planning, training and response activities.
- Oppose legislation that combines multiple homeland security funding initiatives into a single funding mechanism.
- In anticipation of an El Niño year, monitor and engage in federal initiatives to plan, mitigate and~~or~~ respond to natural disasters.
- Support federal funding to implement the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, which includes intervention, prevention, treatment and suppression.

## LONG BEACH: PUBLIC SAFETY

*City Council Directives*

1. Support legislative efforts to maintain local control of, and improve municipal public safety services, local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives.
2. Support legislation and seek grants to fund new equipment, improve existing apparatuses, improve technology, and facilities or fund new facilities, and replace obsolete public safety assets.
3. Support legislation and grants to provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies, including through cross-departmental or multi-sector collaboration.
4. Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.
5. Support efforts that ensure civil liberties are protected, including under such legislation as the USA PATRIOT Act.
6. Support legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinklers in existing structures.
7. Support legislation for the 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 and abandoned animals.
8. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.
9. Support legislation that would strengthen gun control laws to promote public safety.
10. Support risk-based allocation of Homeland Security funds.
11. Oppose legislation that would disrupt the process by which federal homeland security dollars are passed directly to established regional homeland security areas, including efforts to combine multiple homeland security funding initiatives into a single funding mechanism.
12. Support funding for replacement/maintenance and continued operation of equipment purchased with Homeland Security grants.
13. Support legislation that would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from requiring matching funds for homeland security grants.
14. Support decreasing the state administrative cap for all federal grants and increasing the administrative cap for local governments.
15. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City and Region receive necessary funding to develop and implement a regional communication system to ensure interoperable communications across disciplines and jurisdictions.
16. Support legislation that will allow marriage equality for same sex couples, defend same sex civil marriages, and protect the fundamental liberties of all families.
17. Support legislation to classify medical marijuana as a recognized pharmaceutical medication dispensed through pharmacies.
18. Support 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.
19. Support policy changes that recognize and promote mental health services as part of the gun control law discussion.
20. Support Legislation that provides increased mental health support resources and incarceration diversion strategies in the Southern California region (urgent care centers, police training).
21. Oppose legislation that would mandate police data reporting requirements without providing technology

funding.

22. Support the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act.
23. Support legislation that makes it easier for departments and organizations to share data to support cross-sector approaches to addressing safety.

## OBJECTIVES:

1. *Support equal access to quality education*
2. *Support creation of career pathways by doubling the number of internships for Long Beach Unified School District students*
3. *Support the Long Beach College Promise*
4. *Promote diversity and inclusiveness in education*
5. *Support efforts to expand the use of technology at schools and libraries*

## 2016 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- Support legislation and initiatives that provide funding for universal preschool, after school programs, safety in and around schools and bullying prevention.
- Support and 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.

## LONG BEACH: EDUCATION

*City Council Directives*

1. Support policies and programs that expand the Long Beach College Promise.
2. Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College, and California State University, Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.
3. Support 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.
4. Support 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 Investment Network's Youth Opportunity Center aimed at increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults.
5. Support efforts to increase school readiness for children and their parents through access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education services.
6. Support legislation and grants that increase the presence of youth participation in all levels of government decision-making, such as local youth councils and board participation, voting and civic engagement.
7. Support legislation that provides funding for local university, college, and high school programs that train students in renewable energy technology, energy efficiency, green building, or other related fields.
8. Support legislation that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries.
9. Support efforts to increase funding 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.
10. Support legislation that enhances funding for public library programs and facilities, including access to affordable e-books and audio books.
11. Support Legislation that provides funding for Community Schools, particularly in at-risk communities with limited local access to resources.

~~10.~~12. Support funding and legislation that furthers the implementation of the My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.

## OBJECTIVES:

1. *Maximize Long Beach's Livability Index*
2. *Support efforts to improve air quality*
3. *Support efforts to improve recreational water quality*
4. *Support active transportation*
5. *Support transit oriented development*
6. *Support affordable housing policies that encourage a path to self-reliance*

## 2016 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- Support efforts to improve clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers, lakes and waterways that affect the City, including water capture, recycling and reuse projects.
- Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and retain the CDBG program as a separate and distinct federal program.
- Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funding and retain the HOME program as a separate and distinct federal program.
- Seek grant funding to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to veteran affairs and/or mental health.
- Pursue a Promise Zone designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## LONG BEACH: SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES

*City Council Directives*

1. Seek federal funding to support the assessment and clean-up of water that may affect recreational water quality at the City's beaches, including funding for innovative water reclamation, filtration and other best management stormwater treatment techniques at the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers, still-water areas, and other waterways.
2. Pursue funding to study and implement solutions to reduce trash debris and pollution associated with the Los Angeles River, including incorporating the Los Angeles River as project in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).
3. Support legislation and pursue funding for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 and industrial NPDES Permit compliance measures.
4. Specifically pursue funding for Low Impact Development (LID) strategies and integrated watershed management approaches.
5. Support efforts to reform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
6. Support efforts that will assist in the successful implementation of the purposes and mission of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.
7. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for wetlands and ecosystem restoration projects in the Long Beach region, including funds for property acquisition.
8. Support the establishment of a publicly held wetlands mitigation bank to facilitate investment in wetlands restoration projects throughout Long Beach, including legislation to allow Ports to obtain mitigation credits to offset impacts of future port development projects by participating in restoration projects through the use of Tidelands Trust funds.
9. Seek funding for water conservation throughout the City of Long Beach, and support coordinated regional water conservation efforts and public education.
10. Support legislation that encourages the use of clean burning alternative fuels for vehicles and provides incentives or rewards for cities with innovative alternative fuel programs.
11. Support alternative energy proposals that further the utilization of environmentally friendly, renewable energy applications at both the customer and utility level.
12. Support legislation to set limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the intent of curbing global warming.
13. Support legislation that provides 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.
14. Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches from erosion.
15. Pursue actions to allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to obtain federal funding for a feasibility study of the East San Pedro Bay, including the Los Angeles River and the Long Beach Breakwater, for the purposes of ecosystem restoration.
16. Support legislation and seek grants, including partnerships with the private sector, to provide assistance to environmental clean-up projects.
17. Support legislation and regulations that protect the City's ability to efficiently operate the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) in a cost-effective manner.
18. Support legislation and seek grants to fund parks, recreation and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents, such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

19. Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of CDBG funding and retain the CDBG program as a separate and distinct federal program.
20. Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of HOME funding and retain the HOME program as a separate and distinct federal program.
21. Support legislation that provides funding for enhanced social and mental health services, as well as facilities, housing, recreational programs and transportation, to address the diverse needs of Long Beach's senior community.
22. Aggressively seek grant funding to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to veteran affairs, and/or mental health.
23. Support legislation to increase funding for services to assist veterans.
24. Support 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 Section 8 vouchers and administrative costs
25. Support legislation that promotes neighborhood revitalization through mixed income housing.
26. Support a change in federal laws to prohibit tenants who no longer meet income requirements from continuing to live in units that are dedicated for affordable housing.
27. Support legislation and grants that provide assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages to allow them to remain in their homes.
28. Support legislation and grants to cities to provide funding to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.
29. Support efforts to lower age requirements for gold star mother housing facilities to 55 years of age, so that mothers of fallen soldiers in recent wars may qualify for residency in these facilities, and to provide admission priority for US veterans.
30. Support legislation that provides a sufficient process for businesses and financial relief for local governments to implement ADA requirements, while protecting the rights of the disabled community.
31. Support legislation that reduces helicopter noise pollution in residential areas.
32. Support legislation and grants that enhance public health services, including prenatal care, infant and early childhood health care, and access to affordable medical, dental and mental care services for children and youth who may be at risk for drug and alcohol dependency (including tobacco), asthma, obesity, and other conditions.

33. Support the federal "Let's Move" campaign through the encouragement of physical activity and information needed to make healthier dietary choices.

~~33.~~34. Support the continued funding of the Prevention Fund, which provides communities around the country with funding to invest in effective prevention efforts, such as childhood obesity prevention and tobacco cessation.

~~34.~~35. Oppose funding cuts to 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.

~~35.~~36. Support legislation and grants that increase safety and survival of children and youth through programs that reduce child abuse, accidental injury deaths, homicides, gang involvement, misdemeanor and felony arrests and incidents of violence among youth and young adults.

~~36.~~37. Support legislation and grant programs that reduce child poverty through ensuring that children and youth, including emancipated youth, have access to essential resources such as food, shelter, employment opportunities and transportation.

~~37.~~38. Support legislation and grants that enhance social and emotional well-being; including promoting English

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.

~~38.~~39. Pursue federal funding for soundwalls and maintenance along goods movement corridors.

~~39.~~40. Advocate for funding 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 stormwater projects in Long Beach.

~~40.~~41. Encourage recognition of infrastructure and environmental demands placed on Long Beach due to the movement of goods through our City and region, and advocate for legislation or grants that provide funding for environmental mitigation to reduce the impacts of port operations.

~~41.~~42. Support zero or near zero emission transportation projects in Long Beach.

~~42.~~43. Support efforts to increase funding for infrastructure improvements that improve connections to and facilities around public transit, buses, and Metro lines (i.e. the Blue Line).

~~43.~~44. Support efforts to increase transit ridership through education and funding for transit oriented development projects.

~~44.~~45. Support legislation, initiatives and policies on behalf of the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department that are consistent with the City's long-term objectives for reliable, competitively priced energy supply.

~~45.~~46. 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 Department, that are consistent with the Department's cost-effective long-term local water supply reliability objectives.

~~46.~~47. Support legislation that would allow earthquake insurance to become more affordable and accessible, in a fiscally responsible manner.

~~47.~~48. Support increased funding and protection of the Prevention and Public Health Fund, as well as grants that provide funding for public health programs to prevent diseases, treat and manage mental health, fund substance abuse programs, develop public health infrastructure and capacity and mitigate seismic issues, assist with debt service relief, and enhance bioterrorism response.

~~48.~~49. Support legislation that provides for additional State and federal funding for HIV testing, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing, and ensures swift treatment to individuals impacted and at risk for HIV and STI's.

~~49.~~50. Oppose legislation that would reduce Medi-Care reimbursement rates as related to ambulance billing.

~~50.~~51. Support legislation requiring notification and response activities related to crude oil shipped to California via rail, and funding to local governments if local government response activities become necessary.

~~51.~~52. Support legislation to require that petroleum coke products are covered during transport.

~~52.~~53. Support federal legislation to require that coal and petroleum coke products from outside California in railcars be covered during transport to the Port of Long Beach for export.

## OBJECTIVES:

1. *Seek federal funding for Long Beach projects*
2. *Support flexible funding for local initiatives*
3. *Oppose unfunded mandates*
4. *Oppose legislation that preempts the City's existing control over local matters*
5. *Oppose legislation that reduces City revenues*

## 2016 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- Support implementation of the Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan.
- Support implementation of the Long Beach Housing Element.
- Support implementation of the Long Beach Mobility Element.
- Support implementation of the City's Language Access Plan.

## LONG BEACH: LOCAL CONTROL

*City Council Directives*

1. Oppose any legislation that places a federal mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the program.
2. Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs.
3. Support or sponsor legislation and/or changes in regulations that would permit local agencies to consider local hiring practices in projects supported with more than 50% non-federal funds.
4. Support federal authorizing legislation to increase airport passenger facility charges.
5. Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.
6. Support legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on local air quality and the environment.
7. Oppose legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M.
8. Aggressively pursue the repayment of investment funds owed to municipalities that were lost by financial institutions that are now undergoing bankruptcy proceedings and/or have received federal funding via the Troubled Assets Relief Program.
9. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City receives the maximum benefits from Internet commerce through an equitable distribution of sales tax on Internet sales.
10. Support legislative efforts to ensure local taxation authority of products purchased through the Internet.
11. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives.
12. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.
13. Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communications services to their citizens.
14. Seek legislation to allow local governments the ability to utilize Public, Educational and Government (PEG) franchise fee support for both capital and operational expenses.
15. Strongly oppose any 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.
16. Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections.
17. Support legislation to allow municipal elections officials to mail out official election- related materials through the United States Postal Service at nonprofit rates.
18. Support 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.
19. Assist in efforts to identify and secure grant-funding support for the Department of Civil Service.
20. Support finding a more balanced approach to reducing the federal deficit while minimizing harm to cities and the national economy.
21. 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.
22. Support legislation that will ban Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs) that consist of longer double tractor and triple tractor-trailers from traveling on federal highways to improve traffic congestion and percent fatal accidents.