City of Long Beach
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Memorandum

Date: November 9, 2015

To: State Legislative Committee

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager

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

Introduction

Each year, City staff reviews the State 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

All three focus statements from 2015 have been accomplished, and therefore removed.

The first new focus statement addresses workforce development by seeking opportunities to pilot innovative programs that expand employment for workers who are not part of the traditional taxable economy through 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.

The second focus statement reflects the City's commitment to coordinating with the State Department of Finance to secure repayment of loans from the former Redevelopment Agency to the City of Long Beach.

The third new focus statement reflects the City's commitment to coordinating with the State Department of Finance to secure timely approval of property sales, as outlined in the City's Long Range Property Management Plan.

Council Directives

Item 3 is removed, as the Workforce Investment Act has been updated and reauthorized as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and this language is no longer relevant.

Item 16 supports legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for the aerospace industry. Staff is proposing to add "ports" to this language, as the City supports goods movement at the Port of Long Beach.

Items 17 and 18 are removed as the Boeing Company will no longer be operating at the C-17 airlifter site.

Item 20 pertains to support for grants that fund dredging of ocean channels to enhance navigation and recreation. The Port of Long Beach is recommending an amendment to include language that supports the use of safe methods of either disposal or sustainable reuse of dredge materials.

Item 23 is amended to support the ability for cities to collect fees from users of the goods movement system, and from parties that impact air quality and the environment. The Port of Long Beach recommend this change so that the City's support is reflective of the current federal National Freight Policy discussion. This process will allow a unified national approach to determine how the fee will be assessed and collected.

Item 28 is added to support efforts to sustain investment made by the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment to help the C-17 plant as it transitions into a new center for economic activity and innovation.

Item 29 is added to oppose efforts that would restrict local workforce development service strategies that can be implemented using Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding. The Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) became effective July 1, 2015 and official regulations are coming out during the current program year (through June 30, 2016). The City will be requesting the State to allow flexibility as regulations are established. This is a rare implementation window that presents a real opportunity to introduce new models for helping residents find employment. The City of Long Beach, through Pacific Gateway is often on the cutting edge of workforce programs, opening up access and utilizing funding in creative, effective ways.

Item 30 is added to support efforts that ensure access to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) resources among target populations, specifically Out-of-School Youth and Veterans.

Item 31 is added to support efforts and partnerships with GoBiz and the Governor's Office that stimulate renewed, diversified economic activity in and around the former C-17 Site, as well as other manufacturing clusters in the City.

Item 32 is added to support efforts and funding to expand workforce opportunities for immigrant communities.

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* and the primary objective in the City Council's adopted violence prevention plan, which is for Long Beach residents to live in safe families and communities and attend safe 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

Since the State passed the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act during the 2015 State Legislative Session, the third focus statement is amended to state the City will monitor future State law regarding medical marijuana regulations in order to enable clear local enforcement, while protecting the City's authority to establish a municipal codes and regulate medical marijuana activities.

The fourth focus statement is amended to include monitoring all emerging public safety technologies, and report back as appropriate.

City Council Directives

Item 20 is amended to reflect a need for referrals to employment, health and mental health services as a result of the State realignment (AB 109) changes.

Item 25 is added to support efforts to provide funding for multi-sector collaborative approaches to violence prevention and public safety.

Item 26 is added to oppose mandating police data reporting requirements without the provision of technology funding.

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 1 is also amended to emphasize the importance of support for after school programs, as well as safety in and around schools and bullying prevention.

Item 22 is amended to include support for transitional, and probation youth transition from the foster system into independent adulthood.

Item 23 is added enable the City to sponsor statewide legislation to fund 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.

SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES

Objectives

In coordination with the Port of Long Beach, Objective 6 is added to support of energy resiliency. Reliable energy is essential to remaining economically competitive in a world with growing urban populations and demand.

City Council Directives

Item 2 pertained to support for a pilot needled exchange program. It is removed, as State law now allows the State Office of AIDS to certify local needle exchange programs.

The Port of Long Beach recommends amending Item 16, as assessed fees on cargo moving only through California ports places the State's ports at a competitive disadvantage with ports along the West Coast that do not assess cargo fees. Most container cargo is discretionary and if a fee is imposed only on containers, then that cargo can easily be moved by the beneficial cargo owners to ports in other states/regions. In addition to cargo fees, it is recommended that other funding sources also be reviewed to assist in funding environmental programs.

In addition to zero emissions projects, Item 23 is amended to support efforts to explore, fund, and construct near zero emissions or the best available technologies for goods movement projects in Long Beach.

Item 42 is added to support efforts that promote and provide funding for the screening and control of communicable diseases, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and other emerging diseases that threaten the public's health.

LOCAL CONTROL

Focus Statements

The first focus statement is removed as this was accomplished in 2015. Initially, the City sponsored AB 204 (O'Donnell) to extend the authority of the Long Beach Oversight Board. This concept was adopted as a part of the State budget for a period of two years and will apply to individual oversight boards statewide.

The second focus statement is amended to encourage the use of a more positive vocabulary with respect to violence prevention. The City's places an emphasis on creating opportunities that encourage and facilitate "safety", with the goal of violence prevention.

City Council Directives

Item 62 is added to support the modification of recent pension reforms to prevent adverse impact on current and prospective employees by changing the allowed time of separation from government employment from six months to twelve months.

Next Steps

A State Legislation Committee meeting has been called for December 1, 2015 at 3:00 PM to review and discuss staff's recommended changes for the 2016 State 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 STATE 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 in 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 or Bixsexual 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 has 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. *Promote diversity and inclusiveness*
5. *Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs*

2016 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ~~Sponsor or support legislation to maximize the economic potential of the new Long Beach Civic Center.~~
- ~~Obtain the State Department of Finance's (DOF) approval on the City's Long Range Property Management Plan, as it was submitted in October 2013.~~
- ~~Provide the Long Beach business community with greater access to information about tax credit programs that are available through the Governor's Economic Development Initiative.~~
- 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.
- Coordinate with the State Department of Finance to secure repayment of loans from the former Redevelopment Agency to the City of Long Beach.
- Coordinate with the State Department of Finance to secure timely approval of property sales, as described in the City's approved Long Range Property Management Plan.

LONG BEACH: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

City Council Directives

1. Support efforts to maximize State allocated Workforce ~~Investment~~ Development Board grants in the City of Long Beach.
2. Support efforts 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*.

~~3. Oppose efforts to restrict federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) dollars through State mandated thresholds.~~

~~4.~~3. Support state incentives that increase the marketability of unemployed or under-employed workers.

~~5.~~4. Support strategies and business incubator approaches that support and grow small business activity, including targeted growth among "homegrown" businesses in Long Beach.

~~6.~~5. Support efforts to ensure effective responses and resources for projects that support populations in particular need of interventions: e.g. emancipating foster youth, probationary youth dropouts, military veterans (and spouses), re-entry populations, disabled individuals, older workers, and transitioning dislocated workers.

~~7.~~6. Support legislation that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration.

~~8.~~7. Support efforts to develop and promote policies that help Long Beach foster greater economic opportunity.

~~9.~~8. Support efforts to retain, expand, and attract manufacturing, technology and other high value businesses.

~~10.~~9. Support legislation 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.

~~11.~~10. Support efforts to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.

~~12.~~11. Assist small and large Long Beach businesses in connecting with the Long Beach delegation on issues that would have a substantial positive or negative affect on the City of Long Beach.

~~13.~~12. Support legislation that streamlines State permitting and business licensing processes.

~~14.~~13. Ensure that State hiring and manufacturing tax credits remain valid until the program sunsets in the year 2021, and support efforts to extend the tax credits beyond 2021.

~~15.~~14. Support legislation that would help California retain film industry jobs and associated economic benefits, including legislation to prevent runaway production.

~~16.~~15. Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for the aerospace and port ~~industry~~ industries.

~~17. Support efforts to optimally position Long Beach to benefit from the manufacture of Boeing's 777x Jetliner.~~

~~18. Support efforts to obtain ongoing maintenance and 737-MAX upgrades at the Long Beach facility.~~

~~19.~~16. Support efforts to obtain funds for job training, and other transition activities that are needed to be flexible to changes in the aerospace and aviation industry.

~~20.~~17. Support legislation and grants that fund the dredging of ocean channels to enhance navigation and recreation, and that allow cost-effective and safe methods of either disposal or sustainable reuse of dredge materials.

~~21.~~18. Advocate for the protection of the proper use of funds from DBAW for recreational uses, and oppose the use of these funds for unrelated purposes.

~~22.~~19. Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming and facilities.

~~23.~~20. Support efforts to explore, fund, and construct zero emissions goods movement projects in Long Beach.

~~24.~~21. Support efforts to increase funding for system preservation and relax funding requirements that prohibit the use of existing transportation funding for rehabilitation, resurfacing and reconstruction of local streets.

~~25.~~22. Support efforts to secure the maximum amount of State funding for the construction and maintenance of local roads, infrastructure, transportation projects and major corridors.

~~26.~~23. Support legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from users of the goods movement system and from parties ~~responsible for detrimental impacts on transportation infrastructure.~~that impact local air quality and the environment.

~~27.~~24. Support legislation requiring the State Legislature to implement a performance-based budget model for use in developing, implementing, and evaluating the budget for the State of California.

~~28.~~25. Support or sponsor legislation that allows the City of Long Beach to pursue public-private partnerships, and specifically include in State statute authorization for the City to use a design, build, finance, operate and maintain structure for the Long Beach Civic Center project.

~~29.~~26. Support legislation that would ensure new safety regulations be made available for review and comment by employers prior to implementation.

27. Support legislation that would incrementally raise the Statewide minimum wage and index the wage to the California Consumer Price Index.

28. Support legislation and grants to sustain 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.
29. Oppose efforts to restrict local service strategies that can be implemented using Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding.
30. Support legislation and policy that ensures greatest access to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) resources among target populations namely Out-of-School Youth and Veterans.
31. Support legislation, grants, and greater partnership with GoBiz and the Governor's Office that stimulate renewed, diversified economic activity in and around the former C-17 Site, as well as other manufacturing clusters in the City.
~~30.~~32. Support legislation and pursue pilot-program funding that expands workforce opportunities for immigrant communities, in particular those that may utilize recent State measures related to undocumented youth, access to driver's licenses among undocumented adults, and other measures that have sought to remove barriers toward self-sufficiency.

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 open, transparent, and accessible*

2016 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- Support legislation that provides funding to cities for realignment-related public safety operations.
- Support regional initiatives that encourage mental health treatment programs, instead of incarceration only solutions.
- Monitor medical marijuana legislation ~~and support legislation~~ that clarifies medical marijuana laws in order to enable clear local enforcement of State law, while protecting the City's authority to establish municipal codes to regulate medical marijuana activities.
- Monitor legislation pertaining to ~~body cameras~~ emerging public sector technologies and report back to the State Legislative Committee and City Council as appropriate.

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 to enhance the ability to local public safety units to respond to, prevent, and prepare for terrorist threats.
2. Support legislation and pursue grants to fund new public safety equipment and technology, as well as legislation that would fund the maintenance of existing equipment and facilities, improve existing apparatuses and replace obsolete apparatuses.
3. Support legislation that reduces the percentage required for passage of public safety bonds to the same percentage as school bonds (55%).
4. Support legislation that provides immunity to public safety personnel who have been trained and assigned to take emergency calls from the public.
5. Support legislation that seeks to reimburse the City for overtime costs paid to public safety personnel who are required to appear in State and/or County courts.
6. Support legislation to make State law enforcement grant funding less restrictive and allow greater discretionary use of funds for support staff within the jail, communications and records divisions.
7. Support legislation to strengthen penalties for those using motor vehicles to evade peace officers.
8. Support legislation and grants that enhance or promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion and intervention programs.
9. Support legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of re-entry points for sex offenders and parolees.
10. Support legislation that will strengthen penalties for traffic violations in school zones in an attempt to reduce speed of drivers and protect youth.
11. Support legislation that will protect witnesses from intimidation during and after criminal proceedings.
12. Support legislative efforts to ban the sale and use of fireworks in the State of California, with the exception of professional demonstrators.
13. Support State legislation that further clarifies medical marijuana laws in order to enable clear local enforcement of State law.
14. Support legislation to classify medical marijuana as a recognized pharmaceutical medication dispensed through pharmacies.
15. Support legislation that authorizes and funds regional interoperable public safety radio communications.
16. Support or sponsor legislation to regulate second-hand precious metal transfers and/or transactions.
17. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.
18. Support legislation that increases penalties to individuals who pay for sex with a minor, or those involved in aiding and abetting a rape of a minor, 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.
19. Support gun control legislation, including those that would strengthen gun control laws and stem the flow of guns to the drug trade, criminal gangs and potential terrorists by reducing the number of assault weapons in California, banning large capacity magazines, promoting gun safety, enabling ammunition tracking and ensuring that prohibited possessors cannot own guns.
20. Support legislation that provides funding for cities to proactively address State realignment (AB 109) changes through strategies such as compliance checks, partnerships with the probation department, referrals to employment, health and mental services, and enhanced resources for local public safety officials.
21. Support legislation that creates a mandatory minimum prison sentence for residential burglary.
22. Support legislation that increases incarceration time for habitual, repeat offenders of property crimes such as automobile theft, automobile burglary and theft from an automobile.
23. Support legislation prohibiting the over-concentration of sex offenders and parolees, and their location within close proximity to daycare centers and neighborhoods in residential areas.
24. Support legislation that will allow marriage equality for same sex couples, defend same sex civil marriages, and protect the fundamental liberties of all families.

~~24.~~25. Support legislation that provides funding for multi-sector collaborative approaches to violence prevention and public

safety, recognizing the continuum of services that are responsible for public safety.

~~25.~~26. Oppose legislation that would mandate police data reporting requirements without providing technology funding.

OBJECTIVES:

1. *Support equal access to quality education*
2. *Support the 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*
5. *Support efforts to utilize 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 the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.
- Support and expand the Long Beach College Promise.

LONG BEACH: EDUCATION

City Council Directives

1. Support legislation and initiatives that provide funding for universal preschool, after school programs, safety in and around schools and bullying prevention.
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 and expand the Long Beach College Promise.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Support legislation and grant programs that provide funding for library construction, renovation and development.
7. Support full funding of the Public Library Fund.
8. Support efforts to improve public education to promote an increase in transit ridership.
9. Support efforts 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.
10. Support efforts to prioritize career technical education, alongside college preparatory programming.
11. Support efforts to bolster strategies to actively engage youth who are out-of-school, disconnected, emancipated, gang-affiliated, and have had significant involvement with the justice system.
12. Support efforts to increase school readiness opportunities for children and their families, including access to affordable, high quality early childhood education services.
13. Support efforts 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.
14. 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 a related field.
15. Support legislation that promotes State investment in youth and young adult employment and training activities that align with career pathways, technical education, and overall workforce readiness.
16. Support legislation to provide qualifying undocumented students with financial aid for education.
17. Support legislation 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.
18. 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.
19. Support legislation that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries.
20. Support the rights of the community to elect their school board members and preserve the authority of local school districts.
21. Support legislation that 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.
22. Support legislation that facilitates foster, transitional, and probation youth transition from the foster system into independent adulthood.

~~22.~~23. Support or sponsor legislation that provides funding for Community Schools, particularly in at-risk communities with limited local access to resources.

OBJECTIVES:

1. *Support efforts to improve air quality*
2. *Support efforts to improve recreational water quality*
3. *Support active transportation*
4. *Support transit-oriented development*
5. *Support affordable housing policies that encourage a path to self-reliance*
6. *Support energy resiliency*

2016 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- 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 legislation, programs and initiatives that are consistent with the City's Mobility Element.
- 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 transportation efforts that provide funding to cities for sustainable mobility programs, integrated connectivity projects, and zero to near-zero emission vehicle development.
- Maximize partnerships with Long Beach Transit.

1. Support legislation to protect local health jurisdiction funding for core public health services, including the State Public Health Realignment Program, as well as grants that 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.

~~2. Support the implementation of a pilot needle exchange program for the prevention of the spread of HIV disease and, advocate for additional State funding for HIV testing and linkages to care to ensure swift treatment to individuals impacted by HIV and at risk for HIV and STI's.~~

~~3.~~2. Support legislation for grants and sustainable funding mechanisms that provide support for programs for the reduction of ~~youth~~ obesity 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.

~~4.~~3. Support legislation that provides a sufficient process for businesses and other governmental entities to implement ADA requirements, while protecting the rights of the disabled community.

~~5.~~4. Support legislation that preserves funding for non-profit organizations that provide child and family mental health services for the Long Beach community.

~~6.~~5. Support legislation that restricts where people can use e-cigarettes and prohibits marketing of e-cigarettes to minors.

~~7.~~6. Support legislation that further increases access to quality care, particularly for those individuals and families who rely on safety net programs.

~~8.~~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 or abandoned animals.

~~9.~~8. Support legislation that would require all dogs and cats to be microchipped upon release from an animal care center, shelter, or similar facility.

~~10.~~9. Support legislation that provides funding for local government actions that address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, consistent with the goals and policies of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as they relate to AB 32 and SB 375 (Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, respectively), while protecting recognition of early local government actions that were taken to address climate change.

~~11.~~10. Support legislation that seeks to improve the air quality and health issues associated with construction improvements and operations of the I-710 Freeway and Port of Long Beach.

~~12.~~11. Pursue funding 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.

~~13.~~12. In addition to local I-710 Early Action Projects, support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for Alameda Corridor East projects.

~~14.~~13. Support legislation that will ban Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs) that consist of longer double tractor and triple tractor-trailers from traveling on State highways and freeways to improve traffic congestion and prevent fatal accidents.

~~15.~~14. 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.

~~16.~~15. Support the adoption of comprehensive and aggressive State air quality standards for mobile sources, including passenger vehicles, heavy-duty trucks, locomotives, and ships.

16. ~~Support the implementation of a port container fee, which would provide a funding source for goods movement infrastructure and air quality improvements~~ 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.

17. Support legislation that would assist the Port of Long Beach in their efforts to deliver major air quality benefits to the community and is consistent with the goals of the Clean Air Action Plan.
18. Support funding and initiatives that would provide local governments with resources to implement stormwater best management practices, including low impact development to capture stormwater at its source and improve recreational water quality at the City's beaches and local waterways.
19. Support legislation that excludes stormwater and urban runoff management fees and charges from the current constitutional approval requirements for the establishment or increase of a property-related fee or charge.
20. Support 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.
21. Support legislation that will fund or enhance funding to local health department recreational water testing programs.
22. Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches and bluffs from erosion.
23. Support efforts to explore, fund, and construct zero emissions, near zero or the best available technologies for goods movement projects in Long Beach.
24. Support legislation that protects the City's ability to efficiently operate the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF), including efforts to develop an incentive program or foster innovate partnerships that will promote sustainability, recycling and beneficial reuse of municipal solid waste.
25. Support 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.
26. Support efforts to require cap and trade regulations to give credit for greenhouse gas emission reductions that are attributable to waste to energy facilities.
27. Support the development of incentives for cities with alternative fuel programs to encourage the use of clean burning alternative fuels or electronic charging stations for vehicles.
28. Support alternative energy proposals that promote the use of solar/alternative energy at City facilities, and for utility customers and providers.
29. Support legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City of Long Beach and the surrounding region.
30. 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.
31. Support regional efforts at water conservation.
32. Support legislation that promotes 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 Styrofoam.
33. Support legislation to reduce homelessness, including housing assistance and case management service funding, including those related to mental health, and support efforts to ensure each city within the region is providing appropriate homeless accommodations.
34. Support legislation and grants to fund parks, recreation and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents.
35. 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.
36. Support legislation that provides 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.

37. Support legislation and grants 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.
38. Support coupling planning efforts with greenhouse gas emission reduction, green building, and transit-oriented development strategies.
39. 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).
40. Support efforts that promote and provide funding for housing, alternative transportation and mobility projects oriented around transit developments.
41. Support legislation and grants that enhance public health services, including pre-natal services, infant and early childhood health care, access to affordable medical, dental, and mental health care and prevention and intervention services for children and youth who may be at risk for tobacco, drug and alcohol dependency, asthma, obesity, and other conditions that threaten health.

~~41.~~42. Support legislation that promotes and provides funding for the screening and control of communicable diseases, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and other emerging diseases that threaten the public's health.

~~42.~~43. Support legislation and grants that increase the level of 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.

~~43.~~44. Support legislation and grants that 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.

~~44.~~45. Support legislation and grants that 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.

~~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, 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.

~~47.~~48. Oppose legislation that would weaken the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA).

~~48.~~49. Support legislation requiring increased notification, prevention and response for crude oil shipped to California via rail.

~~49.~~50. Support legislation to require that petroleum coke products are covered during transport, including on rail.

OBJECTIVES:

1. *Oppose legislation that preempts the City's existing control over local matters*
2. *Support increased flexible State funding for local initiatives*
3. *Oppose unfunded State mandates*
4. *Oppose legislation that reduces the City's revenues*

2016 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ~~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 past July 1, 2016 through to time period necessary to retire or pay off all debts of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of long Beach, recover all loans due to the City, and dispose of remaining assets.~~
- Support implementation of ~~the~~ *Safe Long Beach*, the City's ~~Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan~~violence prevention plan.
- Support implementation of the Long Beach Housing Element.
- Support implementation of the Long Beach Mobility Element.

LONG BEACH: LOCAL CONTROL

City Council Directives

1. Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs.
2. Oppose legislation that preempts the current authority possessed by the City and delegates that authority to the State or other governmental jurisdiction.
3. Support legislation that requires that new safety regulations are made available for review and comment by employers prior to implementation.
4. Support efforts to reform workers' compensation statutes to simplify the system and reduce costs to employers, while ensuring adequate protection for injured workers.
5. Support legislation that increases NPDES Permit Fees and/or tries to remove Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) language from MS4 permits.
6. Support legislation that allows the County of Los Angeles to conduct an election to implement a fee to improve stormwater systems and water quality, provided Long Beach receives an appropriate benefit in the proposed measure.
7. Seek funding for the maintenance of existing oil property infrastructure, repair and improvement.
8. Support the full funding of the State's future obligation for abandonment and cleanup of oil fields located in the Long Beach Tidelands.
9. Support legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities.
10. Support legislation that provides 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.
11. Support legislation to reduce the overconcentration of drug and alcohol recovery facilities by specifying that a required distance be maintained between facilities.
12. Oppose legislation that diminishes 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.
13. Support legislation that allows for local control of shopping cart retrieval.
14. Support legislation to reduce blight in neighborhoods by placing reasonable restrictions on utilizing vehicles solely for the purpose of advertisement.
15. Support efforts and/or sponsor legislation to name a potential bicycle path on the new Gerald Desmond Bridge after Mark Bixby.
16. Support legislation that would grant discretion to local government Traffic Engineers to make the final determination of a safe and reasonable speed limit.
17. 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.
18. Support efforts to enhance access, accommodations, and visitability in dwellings and businesses for all of Long Beach's residents.
19. Support efforts to ensure the fair allocation of tax credits for the Southern California region and prioritize local control over allocation of affordable housing tax credits.
20. Support efforts to maximize funding and funding flexibility for the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City.
21. Support efforts to reform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
22. Oppose efforts to limit acquisition-rehabilitation as a method of providing replacement housing in built-out cities.
23. Oppose legislation that restricts the use of local housing funds.

24. Support efforts to modify redevelopment rents to bring them in line with California Housing and Community Development (HCD) and tax credit program rents.
25. Support the development of allowable uses for Low to Moderate Funds for cities that have met their affordable housing requirements in past planning cycles.
26. Support legislation to protect city/agency loans from being shifted for uses not related to the stated purposes and goals when those loans were entered into.
27. Oppose other changes to the redevelopment dissolution process that would place a substantial burden on the City of Long Beach.
28. Support legislation that protects the use of existing former redevelopment bonds for planned projects.
29. Support legislation that protects a city's right to access land owned by the city's former Redevelopment Agencies prior to the agency's dissolution.
30. Support or sponsor legislation that would return the non-monetary powers of former Redevelopment Agencies to cities, such as land use disposal.
31. 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 past July 1, 2016 through the time period necessary to retire or pay off all debt of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, recover all loans due to the City, and dispose of all remaining assets.
32. Support or sponsor legislation to clearly define the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) rate to be used to calculate interest on agency/city loans that have been deems enforceable obligations.
33. Oppose legislation that would reduce City revenues.
34. Support legislation that would favorably address the State/local government fiscal relationship, including the capping and/or return of ERAF dollars to cities.
35. Support efforts to protect City revenue sources from diversion by the State Legislature or the Governor.
36. Support legislation to preserve or extend the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) that directly funds local public safety programs such as COPS and booking fee reimbursements.
37. Oppose legislation that would reduce the City's autonomy and flexibility in dealing with the financing of public services.
38. Oppose legislation that shifts financial liabilities from contractors and/or consultants to the City.
39. Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.
40. Oppose legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M.
41. Oppose efforts to preempt the local government's current authority as it relates to bankruptcy proceedings.
42. Support legislation that would result in a more equitable distribution of sales taxes to the City, including taxes generated through Internet sales.
43. Support efforts to exempt cities from paying State sales tax.
44. Oppose legislation that would divert city sales tax revenues to a county pooled tax distribution system.
45. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.
46. Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communication services to their citizens.
47. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives.
48. 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.
49. Oppose legislation that would place a mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the mandated program.
50. Support legislation that will provide the City of Long Beach with the authority to appoint an alternate Metropolitan Water District (MWD) board representative who would serve in place of the primary board representative in their absence, thereby ensuring that the City of Long Beach retains its voting rights on critical water issues affecting the City and the region.

51. Oppose legislation that compromises the City's ability to impose and/or collect appropriate business license fees from Long Beach businesses.
52. Oppose legislation that would mandate additional pension benefits.
53. Monitor legislative efforts to mandate increases in health benefit levels or increase the City's costs for changes to benefit levels for active employees.
54. Monitor efforts to reform public employee pension systems.
55. Support or sponsor legislation that bans retroactive pension benefits.
56. Support or sponsor legislation that prohibits PERS members from combining disability retirement benefits and workers compensation upon retirement.
57. Support legislation that reduces the overall cost of employee pensions to local governments.
58. Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently administer local elections.
59. 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.
60. Monitor 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.
61. Support legislation that amends State law to clarify that former public employees who retire under the Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) are exempt from re-instating their retirement if they become employed again by a PERS agency by virtue of becoming elected to public office.
62. 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.