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Memorandum

Date: January 3, 2017

To: State Legislation Committee Members

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager

Subject: **Recommended Changes for the 2017 State Legislative Agenda**

Each year, City staff reviews the State Legislative Agenda and recommends changes to the State Legislation Committee to ensure the agenda is up-to-date and addresses the legislative concerns of the City. The 2016 agenda was sent to all City departments for input, and staff's proposed changes are described in this memorandum.

Overall Proposed Legislative Agenda Changes

The City Manager's Office proposes to:

1. Use a consistent format that supports "policies, legislation and grants" where applicable.
2. Merge items that can be merged without changing the original intent of the policy.
3. Broaden definitions where the original intent of the policy would not be affected if broadened.
4. Reorganize the State Legislative Agenda so that all items fall under an objective.

A similar effort was conducted last year on the Federal Legislative Agenda, and these changes will align the State Legislative Agenda with that format.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective 4 is amended to reflect the City's intent to promote equity, in addition to diversity and inclusiveness.

Directive 1 (f) is removed as the State has a specific format they use for their budging purposes.

Directive 1 (g) is amended to widen the scope of public-private partnerships that City may support or pursue.

Directive 1 (h) is added in order to reflect the criticality of operational continuity at the Port of Long Beach.

Directive 3 (b) is amended to spell out the acronym DBAW, which stands for Department of Boating and Waterways.
Directive 4 (a) is amended to include the City's support of efforts that ensure

effective resources for projects related to populations in particular need for interventions: (e.g., emancipating foster youth, transitional aged youth, and systems-involved youth).

Directive 5 (e) is removed as the issue of incremental change to the Statewide minimum wage has already been addressed in the 2016 legislative session. Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 3 into law on April 4, 2016. The new law increases the statewide minimum wage to $15 per hour by January 1, 2022, for employers with 26 or more employees. For employers with 25 or fewer employees the minimum wage will reach $15 per hour by January 1, 2023.

Directive 5 (i) is amended to include support of workforce development activities that are flexible to changes in maritime industries, in addition to the aerospace and aviation industries.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Focus statement 2 is amended to include the City's support for regional initiatives related to substance use treatment and homelessness intervention efforts.

Focus statement 4 is removed to eliminate redundancy on technology related issues referenced in other sections of the state legislative agenda.

Focus statement 5 is added to reflect the City's support of legislation and regional initiatives that recognize and provide funding for public health as it supports public safety, particularly violence prevention efforts.

Directive 1 (a) is amended to expand the scope of support for social equality and the fundamental liberties of all families.

Directive 1 (c) is removed as language in this item previously referred to good Samaritan acts such as the administration of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). However, given the ambiguity of this item and the wide range of public safety functions that local public safety personnel are trained to perform staff is proposing to remove this item.

Directive 1 (g) is added to reflect the City's opposition to legislation that limits law enforcement's ability to effectively combat Drug Trafficking Organization money laundering and currency transportation.

Directive 1 (h) is added to reflect the City's support of legislation that strengthens sentencing of human trafficking suspects.

Directive 1 (i) is added to reflect the City's support of legislation that provides a safe environment for witnesses and victims of a crime to testify.

Directive 3 (k) is added to reflect the City's support of policies, legislation, and grants that support trauma-informed care. Trauma informed care is grounded in and

directed by a thorough understanding of the neurological, biological, psychological, and social effects of trauma and the prevalence of these experiences in persons who seek and receive mental health services. It takes into account knowledge about trauma — its impact, interpersonal dynamic, and paths to recovery — and incorporates this knowledge into all aspects of service delivery. Additionally, trauma informed care is a person-centered response focused on improving an individuals' all around wellness rather than simply treating symptoms of mental illness.

Directive 3 (m) is added in support of policies, legislation, and grants that would facilitate the lateral hiring of police officers.

Directive 4 (b) is added to reflect City support of policies, legislation, and grants to strengthen police and community relations through additional funding.

Directive 4 (c) is added to reflect City's intent to recruit a law enforcement workforce that contains a broad range of diversity to improve understanding and effectiveness in dealing with all communities.

Directive 5 (c) is amended to include the prioritization of multi-sector data-sharing initiatives that do not compromise confidential or sensitive information.

Directive 5 (d) is added to reflect the City's support of policies, legislation, and grants to fully fund technologies that provide the public with enhanced forecasting of natural disasters.

Directive 5 (e) is added to reflect the City's support of enhanced or alternate technologies to report public safety emergency needs (e.g., text to 911).

EDUCATION

Objective 4 is amended to reflect the City's intent to promote equity, in addition to diversity and inclusiveness.

Directive 4 (e) is removed to widen the scope on local control matters of interest to the City, also covered under the first Objective in Local Control.

SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES

Objectives 3 and 4 are combined as these two transportation elements are complementary.

Objective 7 and 8 are added to more effectively categorize already-existing directives.

Directive 7 (g) is amended to emphasize City's support of policies, legislation and grants that promote and fund screening and control of emerging vector borne diseases, in addition to communicable diseases and sexually transmitted diseases.

LOCAL CONTROL

Objective 4 is amended to expand the focus of possible City actions related to legislation that would affect City revenues.

Focus statement 1 is amended to include support of legislation that would provide funding for My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.

Directive 1 (j) is removed as State legislation has already been secured to name the bicycle path project on the Gerald Desmond Bridge after Mark Bixby.

Directive 1 (m) and (n) is removed as this portion of the redevelopment dissolution process no longer applies to Long Beach.

Directive 1 (o) is removed as City sponsored legislation to enable fair reuse rather than fair market value sales of former redevelopment property is adopted, and these parcels addressed.

Directive 1 (p) is amended to provide the City with the option to pursue maintaining the Long Beach Oversight Board to the former Redevelopment Agency. The original language enabled the City to pursue maintaining the Long Beach Oversight Board past July 1, 2016, which was achieved. This amendment would enable the City to pursue an additional extension if necessary.

Directive 1 (v) is removed as this item is no longer relevant.

Directive 2 (j) is removed as this portion of the redevelopment dissolution process no longer applies to Long Beach.

Directive 2 (k) is removed as the State/local government fiscal relationship pertaining to the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) repayments is no longer applicable.

Directive 2 (o) is added to reflect the City's support of legislation and funding for the implementation of Safe Long Beach and My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.

Directive 2 (p) is added to reflect the City's support of legislation that utilizes the Small Area Fair Market Rents in the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.

Directive 3 (e) is removed as the 2013 State Pension Reform has already banned retroactive pension benefits.

Directive 3 (h) is removed as this item has already been addressed. The 2015 State Budget included language to enable former public employees who retire under the Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) to reinstate as

CalPERS employees without penalty, if they become employed again by a CalPERS agency by virtue of becoming elected to public office.

Directive 3 (k) is added to reflect City support of legislation that provides funding for State mandates.

Directive 4 (a) is removed as this item is specific to former City/Redevelopment agency loans, and no longer applicable.

Next Steps

State Legislation Committee meeting has been called for January 10, 2017 to review and discuss these recommended changes.

If you have questions or comments about the legislative ideas, or for more information, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs at (562) 570-6506.

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CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

2017 PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Economic Development • Public Safety • Education • Sustainable & Livable Cities • Local Control

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 Bisexual 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, and equity***
5) ***Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs***

2017 Focus Statements:

- 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.

1. Cultivate a healthy environment to support sustainable economic growth

a) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~efforts~~ to develop and promote policies that help Long Beach foster greater economic opportunity.

b) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

c) 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.

d) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

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

f) ~~Support policies, legislation and grants 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.~~

g) 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~~.

h) Ensure operational continuity at the Port of Long Beach.

2. Support community oriented businesses

a) Support policies, legislation and grants to ~~strategies and business incubator approaches that support and~~ grow small business activity, including targeted growth among "homegrown" businesses in Long Beach.

b) 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.

c) Support legislation that streamlines State permitting and business licensing processes.

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

e) Oppose efforts to restrict local service strategies that can be implemented using Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding.

f) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

3. Support arts, tourism and culture

a) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that would help California retain film industry jobs and associated economic benefits, including legislation to prevent runaway production.

b) Advocate for the protection of the proper use of funds from the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) for recreational uses, and oppose the use of these funds for unrelated purposes.

c) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that assist~~s~~ the City in ~~obtaining funding for~~providing community arts programming and facilities.

4. Promote diversity, ~~and~~ inclusiveness, and equity

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

b) 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.

c) 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.

5. Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs

a) Support policies and legislation ~~efforts~~ to maximize State allocated Workforce Development Board grants in the City of Long Beach.

b) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~efforts~~ to increase outcomes and relevancy of One-Stop Career Centers through resource integration with Stat "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*.

c) Support state incentives that increase the marketability of unemployed or under-employed workers.

d) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~efforts~~ to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.

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

f) 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.

g) Support efforts to retain, expand, and attract manufacturing, technology and other high value businesses.

h) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that create~~s~~ a more competitive business environment for the aerospace and port industries.

i) 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 and maritime ~~industry~~industries.

j) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

k) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~efforts~~ to ~~explore, fund, and~~ facilitate the construction of zero emissions goods movement projects in Long Beach.

l) Support legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from users of the goods movement system and from parties that impact local air quality and the environment.

m) Support legislation that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration.

OBJECTIVES:

1) ***Protect civil liberties, 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***

2017 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- Support legislation that provides funding to cities for realignment-related public safety operations.
- Support regional initiatives that encourage mental health treatment programs, funding for substance use treatment, and homelessness intervention efforts~~,~~ instead of incarceration only solutions.
- Monitor medical marijuana 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 or recreational marijuana activities.
- ~~Monitor legislation pertaining to emerging public sector technologies and report back to the State Legislative Committee and City Council as appropriate~~.
- Support legislation and regional initiatives that recognize and provide funding for public health as it supports public safety, particularly violence prevention efforts.

1. Protect civil liberties, life, limb and property

a) Support policies and legislation that ~~will allow marriage~~promotes equality ~~for same sex couples, defend same sex civil marriages,~~ and protects the fundamental liberties of all families.

b) 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.

c) ~~Support legislation that provides immunity to public safety personnel who have been trained and assigned to take emergency calls from the public.~~

d) Support legislation to strengthen penalties for those using motor vehicles to evade peace officers.

e) Support legislation that creates a mandatory minimum prison sentence for residential burglary.

f) Support legislation that increases incarceration time for habitual, repeat offenders of property crimes such as automobile theft, automobile burglary and theft from an automobile.

g) Oppose legislation that limits law enforcement's ability to effectively combat Drug Trafficking Organization money laundering and currency transportation.

h) Support legislation for stronger sentencing of human trafficking suspects.

i) Support legislation that provides a safe environment for witnesses and victims of a crime to testify.

j) Support policies, legislation and grants that would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.

2. Foster a healthy economic environment through law enforcement

a) Support policies and legislation that reduces the percentage required for passage of public safety bonds to the same percentage as school bonds (55%).

b) Support policies and 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.

c) Support policies and 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.

d) Support or sponsor legislation to regulate second-hand precious metal transfers and/or transactions.

3. Ensure that Long Beach residents live in safe families and communities, attend safe schools, and are contributing citizens connected to their communities

a) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation and grants~~ that enhance or promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion and intervention programs.

b) Support policies and legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of re-entry points for sex offenders and parolees.

c) Support policies and legislation that will strengthen penalties for traffic violations in school zones in an attempt to reduce speed of drivers and protect youth.

d) Support policies and legislative efforts to ban the sale and use of fireworks in the State of California, with the exception of professional demonstrators.

e) Support State legislation that further clarifies medical marijuana laws in order to enable clear local enforcement of State law.

f) Support policies and legislation to classify medical marijuana as a recognized pharmaceutical medication dispensed through pharmacies.

g) Support or sponsor 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.

h) 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.

i) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that provide~~s~~ 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.

j) Support policies and legislation prohibiting the over-concentration of sex offenders and parolees, and their location within close proximity to daycare centers and neighborhoods in residential areas.

k) Support policies, legislation and grants that support trauma-informed care.

l) Support legislation that would strictly regulate the distribution of recreational marijuana to enable clear local enforcement of state laws.

m) Support legislation, policies and grants that would facilitate the lateral hiring of police officers to fill critical law enforcement vacancies.

4. Encourage community participation in the public safety process by being open, transparent, and accessible to a diverse population

a) Support policies and legislation that will protect witnesses from intimidation during and after criminal proceedings.

b) Support policies, legislation and grants that provide~~s~~ funding for police departments to strengthen police and community relations.

c) Support policies, legislation and grants that provides funding to cities to recruit a law enforcement workforce that contains a broad range of diversity, including race, gender, language, life experience, and cultural background to improve understanding and effectiveness in dealing with all communities.

5. Embrace technology to enhance public safety services

a) Support policies, 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.

b) Support policies, legislation and grants that authorize~~s~~ and fund~~s~~ regional interoperable public safety radio communications.

c) Support or sponsor legislation and pursue grants ~~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, prioritizing multi sector data sharing initiatives that do not compromise confidential or sensitive information.

d) Support policies, legislation and grants to fully fund technologies that provides the public with enhanced forecasting of natural disasters.

e) Support policies, legislation and grants that provide~~s~~ the public with enhanced or alternate technologies to report public safety emergency needs (e.g., text to 9-1-1).

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, and equity***
5) ***Support efforts to utilize technology at schools and libraries***

2017 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.

1. Support equal access to quality education

a) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation and initiatives~~ that provide funding for universal preschool, after school programs, safety in and around schools and bullying prevention

b) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~efforts~~ to increase school readiness opportunities for children and their families, including access to affordable, high quality early childhood education services.

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

a) 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.

b) 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.

c) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~efforts~~ to prioritize career technical education, alongside college preparatory programming.

d) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that provide~~s~~ funding for local university, college, and high school programs that train students in renewable energy technology, energy efficiency, green building, or a related field.

e) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that promote~~s~~ State investment in youth and young adult employment and training activities that align with career pathways, technical education, and overall workforce readiness.

f) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

g) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

3. Support the Long Beach College Promise

a) Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.

b) Support and expand the Long Beach College Promise.

c) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~efforts~~ to improve public education to promote an increase in transit ridership.

d) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

4. Promote diversity~~, and~~ inclusiveness, and equity

a) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

b) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

c) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ to provide qualifying undocumented students with financial aid for education.

d) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

e) ~~Support the rights of the community to elect their school board members and preserve the authority of local school districts.~~

f) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that facilitate~~s~~ foster, transitional, and probation youth transition from the foster system into independent adulthood.

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

5. Support efforts to utilize technology at schools and libraries

a) Support legislation and grant programs that provide funding for library construction, renovation and development.

b) Support full funding of the Public Library Fund.

c) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that provide~~s~~ discount Internet access to schools and libraries.

Objectives:

1) ***Support efforts to improve air quality***
2) ***Support efforts to improve recreational water quality***
3) ~~***Support active transportation***~~
4) ***Support active transportation, and transit-oriented development***
5) ***Support affordable housing policies that encourage a path to self-reliance***
6) ***Support energy resiliency***
7) ***Support public health infrastructure and services***
8) ***Support animal care services and related infrastructure***

2017 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 efforts to improve air quality

a) Support policies and legislation that restrict~~s~~ where people can use e-cigarettes and prohibits marketing of e-cigarettes to minors.

b) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that provide~~s~~ 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.

c) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that seek~~s~~ to improve the air quality and health issues associated with construction improvements and operations of the I-710 Freeway and Port of Long Beach.

d) 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.

e) Support policies and legislation that would enable the adoption of comprehensive and aggressive State air quality standards for mobile sources, including passenger vehicles, heavy-duty trucks, locomotives, and ships.

f) 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.

g) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

h) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that promote an environmentally responsible approach to consumer goods, including requiring product take-back and recycling, reduction of packaging waste, phase out of toxic products, reduce single-use disposable goods, and ban single-use carryout bags and/or Styrofoam.

i) Support policies, legislation and grants that coupl~~ing~~e planning efforts with greenhouse gas emission reduction, green building, and transit-oriented development strategies.

j) Support policies and legislation to require that petroleum coke products are covered during transport, including on rail.

2. Support efforts to improve recreational water quality

a) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

b) Support policies and legislation that exclude~~s~~ 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.

c) Support policies and legislation that will fund regional cooperative conservation partnership accounts, natural resource protection and restoration programs, regional watershed protection and recovery programs, and watershed improvement programs.

d) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that will fund or enhance funding to local health department recreational water testing programs.

e) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ and pursue funding to protect our beaches and bluffs from erosion.

f) Support legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City of Long Beach and the surrounding region.

g) 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.

h) Support regional ~~efforts at~~ water conservation efforts.

i) 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.

3. ~~Support active transportation~~

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4. Support active transportation and transit-oriented development

a) Pursue policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

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

c) Support policies and 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.

d) Support ~~efforts~~ policies and legislation to explore, fund, and construct zero emissions, near zero or the best available technologies for goods movement projects in Long Beach.

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

f) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~efforts~~ that promote and provide funding for housing, alternative transportation and mobility projects oriented around transit developments.

5. Support affordable housing policies that encourage a path to self-reliance

a) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

b) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

c) Support policies, 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.

6. Support energy resiliency

a) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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 innovative partnerships that will promote sustainability, recycling and beneficial reuse of municipal solid waste.

b) Support policies, legislation and grants designed to evaluate and promote the development of next generation conversion technologies that minimize landfill disposal, create green collar jobs, and utilize waste material in an environmentally beneficial manner.

c) Support ~~efforts~~ policies and legislation to require cap and trade regulations to give credit for greenhouse gas emission reductions that are attributable to waste to energy facilities.

d) 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.

e) Support alternative energy proposals that promote the use of solar/alternative energy at City facilities, and for utility customers and providers.

f) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~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.

g) Support legislation requiring increased notification, prevention and response for crude oil shipped to California via rail.

7. Support public health infrastructure and services

a) 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.

b) Support policies, legislation and grants to ~~legislation for grants and sustainable funding mechanisms that provide support for programs for the reduction of~~ fund obesity prevention programs, and the promotion of physical activity, including programs that promote policies for healthy food access and options, healthy food

labeling, access to healthy locally grown food, low-cost exercise options, and promotion of walkability and physical activity policies, as well as active modes of transportation.

c) Support policies and legislation that provide~~s~~ a sufficient process for businesses and other governmental entities to implement ADA requirements, while protecting the rights of the disabled community.

d) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that preserve~~s~~ funding for non-profit organizations that provide child and family mental health services for the Long Beach community.

e) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that further increase~~s~~ access to quality care, particularly for those individuals and families who rely on safety net programs.

f) Support policies, 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.

g) Support policies, legislation and grants ~~legislation~~ that promote~~s~~ and ~~provides~~ fund~~ing for the~~ screening and control of communicable diseases, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and other emerging vector borne diseases in California ~~that threaten the public's health~~.

h) Support policies, 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.

i) Support policies, 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.

j) Support policies, 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.

k) Oppose legislation that would weaken the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA).

8. Support animal care services and infrastructure

a) Support policies legislation and grants to facilitate ~~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.

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

9. Support parks, recreation and marine programming and infrastructure

a) Support policies, legislation and grants to fund parks, recreation and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents.

b) 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.

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~~ Monitor legislation ~~that reduces~~ related to ~~the~~ City~~'s~~ revenues***

2017 Focus Statements:

- Support legislation that would provide funding for the implementation of *Safe Long Beach*, and My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.
- Support implementation of the Long Beach Housing Element.
- Support implementation of the Long Beach Mobility Element.

1. Oppose legislation that preempts the City's existing control over local matters

a) Support policies and legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs.
b) Oppose policies and legislation that preempts the current authority possessed by the City and delegates that authority to the State or other governmental jurisdiction.
c) Support policies and legislation that requires that new safety regulations are made available for review and comment by employers prior to implementation.
d) Support ~~efforts~~ policies and legislation to reform workers' compensation statutes to simplify the system and reduce costs to employers, while ensuring adequate protection for injured workers.
e) Support policies and 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.
f) Oppose policies and 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.
g) Support legislation that allows for local control of shopping cart retrieval.
h) Support policies and legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities.
i) Support legislation to reduce blight in neighborhoods by placing reasonable restrictions on utilizing vehicles solely for the purpose of advertisement.
j) ~~Support efforts and/or sponsor legislation to name a potential bicycle path on the new Gerald Desmond Bridge after Mark Bixby~~.
k) Support policies and legislation that would grant discretion to local government Traffic Engineers to make the final determination of a safe and reasonable speed limit.
l) Oppose policies and legislation that restricts the use of local housing funds.
m) ~~Support policies and legislation that protects the use of existing former redevelopment bonds for planned projects.~~
n) ~~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~~.
o) ~~Support or sponsor legislation that would return the non-monetary powers of former Redevelopment Agencies to cities, such as land use disposal.~~
p) 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~~.
q) Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.
r) Oppose ~~efforts~~ policies and legislation to preempt the local government's current authority as it relates to bankruptcy proceedings.
s) Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communication services to their citizens.
t) 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.
u) Support policies and legislation or request an amendment to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) rules and regulations to ensure that the City has the authority to abate visual blight that is created by cable television service wires and related equipment that are in place and open to public view when these wires and related equipment are not actually being used for their intended purpose.
v) ~~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.~~
w) Support ~~efforts~~ policies and legislation that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently administer local elections.
x) 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.

y) Monitor or sponsor State legislation that proposes to change the structure of State and regional boards on which Long Beach is represented, and maximize the City's representation.
z) Oppose legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M.
aa) Support policies and legislation to reduce the overconcentration of drug and alcohol recovery facilities by specifying that a required distance be maintained between facilities.
bb) Support efforts to enhance access, accommodations, and visit ability in dwellings and businesses for all of Long Beach's residents.
cc) Support efforts to reform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
dd) Support efforts to modify redevelopment rents to bring them in line with California Housing and Community Development (HCD) and tax credit program rents.

2. Support increased flexible State and County funding for local initiatives

a) Support legislation that allows the County of Los Angeles to conduct an election to implement a fee to improve storm water systems and water quality, provided Long Beach receives an appropriate benefit in the proposed measure.
b) ~~Seek funding~~Support policies, legislation and grants for the maintenance of existing oil property infrastructure, repair and improvement.
c) Support the full funding of the State's future obligation for abandonment and cleanup of oil fields located in the Long Beach Tidelands.
d) 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.
e) Support ~~efforts~~ policies and legislation to ensure the fair allocation of tax credits for the Southern California region and prioritize local control over allocation of affordable housing tax credits.
f) Support ~~efforts~~ policies, legislation and grants to maximize funding and funding flexibility for the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City.
g) Support the development of allowable uses for Low to Moderate Funds for cities that have met their affordable housing requirements in past planning cycles.
h) Support efforts to protect City revenue sources from diversion by the State Legislature or the Governor.
i) Support policies and legislation to preserve or extend the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) that directly funds local public safety programs such as COPS and booking fee reimbursements.
j) ~~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.~~
k) ~~Support legislation that would favorably address the State/local government fiscal relationship, including the capping and/or return of ERAF dollars to cities.~~
l) Support policies and legislation that would result in a more equitable distribution of sales taxes to the City, including taxes generated through Internet sales.
m) Support policies, legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives.
n) Support policies and legislation that increases NPDES Permit Fees and/or tries to remove Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) language from MS4 permits.
o) Support legislation and pursue funding for the implementation of *Safe Long Beach* and My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.
p) Support legislation that utilizes the Small Area Fair Market Rents in the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.

3. Oppose unfunded State mandates

a) Oppose policies and legislation that would place a mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the mandated program.
b) Oppose legislation that would mandate additional pension benefits.
c) Monitor legislative efforts to mandate increases in health benefit levels or increase the City's costs for changes to benefit levels for active employees.
d) Monitor efforts to reform public employee pension systems.
e) ~~Support or sponsor legislation that bans retroactive pension benefits~~.
f) Support or sponsor legislation that prohibits PERS members from combining disability retirement benefits and worker's compensation upon retirement.

g) Support legislation that reduces the overall cost of employee pensions to local governments.

h) ~~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.~~

i) 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.

j) Oppose other changes to the redevelopment dissolution process that would place a substantial burden on the City of Long Beach.

k) Support legislation that provides funding for State mandates.

4. ~~Oppose~~ Monitor legislation ~~that reduces the~~related to City~~'s~~ revenues

a) ~~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~~.

b) Oppose ~~efforts~~ policies and legislation to limit acquisition-rehabilitation as a method of providing replacement housing in built-out cities.

c) Oppose policies and legislation that would reduce City revenues.

d) Oppose policies and legislation that would reduce the City's autonomy and flexibility in dealing with the financing of public services.

e) Oppose policies and legislation that shift~~s~~ financial liabilities from contractors and/or consultants to the City.

f) Support ~~efforts~~ policies and legislation to exempt cities from paying State sales tax.

g) Oppose policies and legislation that would divert city sales tax revenues to a county pooled tax distribution system.

h) Support ~~legislative efforts~~policies and legislation to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.

i) Oppose policies and legislation that compromise~~s~~ the City's ability to impose and/or collect appropriate business license fees from Long Beach businesses.