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Memorandum

Date: December 24, 2019

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, Acting City Manager

Subject: Proposed Changes to 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda

Introduction

Each year, City staff reviews the Federal Legislative Agenda (Agenda) and recommends changes to ensure the Agenda is up-to-date and addresses legislative concerns of the City of Long Beach (City). The 2019 Agenda was sent to all departments for input. The Federal Legislative Committee reviewed and discussed staff's recommended changes on December 3, 2019. Attached for your review are proposed changes for the 2020 State Legislative Agenda.

Proposed Legislative Agenda Changes

ABOUT LONG BEACH

Staff proposes two changes to the language in the About Long Beach section which serves as an introduction in the Federal Legislative Agenda. Previous Federal Legislative Agenda items in About Long Beach included:

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.

Located at the Port, Long Beach Container Terminal at Middle Harbor will be the world's first zero emissions terminal operation. The Port is investing over $4 billion to improve its infrastructure and create additional jobs through projects like the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement and Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility.

Staff is proposing to replace the above items with the following:

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, ***18*** *historical districts, and over 180 local neighborhoods and business organizations.*

The Port of Long Beach is undertaking multiple programs to enhance competitiveness and environmental sustainability. Over the next 10 years, the Port will invest more than $2 billion in capital improvements, including $1 billion in projects that will expand on-

dock rail use and minimize cargo truck trips on local roads and freeways. The Port is currently engaged in $150 million worth of projects to demonstrate the effectiveness of zero-emissions cargo-handling and power-storage equipment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objectives

Staff proposed no changes.

Focus Statements

Staff proposed no changes.

Council Directives

Directive 2. Increase access to economic opportunities in low-income communities to advance economic equity.
Staff proposed to add Item (j) to alleviate the digital divide by affording internet as an eligible utility for federal housing vouchers and subsidies.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Objectives

Staff proposed no changes.

Focus Statements

Staff proposed no changes.

Council Directives

Directive 5. Embrace technology to enhance public safety services.
Staff proposed to add Item (e) to improve upon natural disaster early warning systems.

EDUCATION

Objectives

Staff propose no changes.

Focus Statements

Staff propose no changes.

Council Directives

Staff propose no changes.

SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES

Objectives

Staff proposed to add a new Sustainable & Livable Cities Objective statement. Previous Sustainable & Livable Cities Objective statements include:

1. Maximize Long Beach's Livability Index.
2. Support efforts to improve air quality.
3. Support efforts to improve stormwater management and recreational water quality.
4. Support active transportation and transit oriented development.
5. Support affordable housing policies that are consistent with the City Council's adopted Housing Element.
6. Support energy resiliency.
7. Support parks, recreation and marine programming and infrastructure.

Staff propose to add a new Objective statement to acknowledgement of the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. Proposed Sustainable & Livable Cities Objective statements would include:

1. Maximize Long Beach's Livability Index.
2. Support efforts to improve air quality.
3. Support efforts to improve stormwater management and recreational water quality.
4. Support active transportation and transit oriented development.
5. Support affordable housing policies that are consistent with the City Council's adopted Housing Element.
6. Support energy resiliency.
7. Support parks, recreation and marine programming and infrastructure.
8. Support implementation of the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

<u>Focus Statements</u>

Staff propose no changes.

<u>City Council Directives</u>

Directive 1. Maximize Long Beach's Livability Index
The Long Beach Water Department proposed to delete Item (d), the second half of Item (q) and Item (y) to consolidate efforts made by the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners.

Directive 5. Support affordable housing policies consistent with the City Council's adopted Housing Element.
Staff proposed to add Item (f) to promote appropriate redevelopment and housing development, including in the Coastal Zone, through closer and respectful coordination among local and State land-use, housing and coastal regulators.

Staff also proposed to add Item (g) to provide reimbursements for income-restricted affordable housing that is exempt from property tax.

Directive 7. Support parks, recreation and marine programming and infrastructure.
Staff proposed to add Item (c) for coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers to protect Alamitos Bay and the City's shoreline from sea level rise and other climate change effects.

Directive 8. Support implementation of the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

Staff proposed to add Item (a) to increase funding for climate mitigation and adaptation.

Staff additionally proposed to add Item (b) to provide the City with funding mechanisms to address sea level rise and climate change effects.

Staff also proposed to add Item (c) to clarify the City's ability to protect public structures and lands through the construction of protective structures.

LOCAL CONTROL

Objectives

Staff propose no changes.

Focus Statements

Staff propose no changes.

City Council Directives

Staff propose no changes.

Next Steps

The Federal Legislative Committee will forward the proposed agenda to the full City Council for consideration and formal approval.

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CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

2020 PROPOSED FEDERAL 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~~ 18 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: 42.8% Latino/Hispanic, 27.6% Caucasian, 12.9% African American, 13.2% Asian, and 1.2% 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, Bisexual or Transgender (LGBT) 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 Molina Healthcare and Boeing. The Port of Long Beach remains the port of choice, with innovative transportation solutions, infrastructure improvements, environmental mitigation and community engagement programs.

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The Port of Long Beach is undertaking multiple programs to enhance competitiveness and environmental sustainability. Over the next 10 years, the Port will invest more than $2 billion in capital improvements, including $1 billion in projects that will expand on-dock rail use and minimize cargo truck trips on local roads and freeways. The Port is currently engaged in $150 million worth of projects to demonstrate the effectiveness of zero-emissions cargo-handling and power-storage equipment.

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) ***Grow and strengthen our established industry clusters and emerging sectors.***
2) ***Increase access to economic opportunities in low-income communities to advance economic equity.***
3) ***Ensure the preparedness of the workforce and the competitiveness of business through alignment of economic development, training, education and community partner efforts.***
4) ***Build a supportive economic ecosystem that creates reliable pathways for entrepreneurs to confidently start and grow successful businesses.***
5) ***Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs.***
6) ***Support efforts to increase operational excellence in terms of balancing environmentally sustainable achievements and financial strength at the Port of Long Beach.***

2020 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- Support the development of a federally funded public infrastructure package.
- Support the United States Army Corps of Engineers with securing federal funding for the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, and dredging the Los Angeles River Estuary.
- Support the re-establishment of the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction, Private Activity Bonds (PAB), and tax-exempt municipal bonds to maintain a low-cost and efficient way for cities to finance critical infrastructure.

LONG BEACH: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

City Council Directives

1. Grow and strengthen our established industry clusters and emerging sectors.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of jobs in key industry clusters.
b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of businesses in key industry clusters.
c) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of jobs in traded industries that bring wealth into Long Beach.
d) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase research capacity and relevancy as measured by approved patents.
e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase tourism activity as measured by transient occupancy tax (TOT) revenue.
f) Support policies, legislation and grants that foster greater economic opportunity, including pursuit of Economic Development Administration (EDA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Brownfields Redevelopment Action Grant investment program funding.
g) Support policies, legislation and grants for funding for the City of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach Airport and Long Beach Transit for mass transit, transportation projects, and needed infrastructure.
h) Support policies and legislation restoring the Glass-Steagall Act and, if necessary, repeal provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to restore integrity and trust in our financial system.
i) Support policies, legislation and grants for investment programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.
j) Support policies and legislation to continue funding the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program to stimulate the U.S. economy.
k) Support policies, legislation, and grants that provide support for women and minority owned businesses.

2. Increase access to economic opportunities in low-income communities to advance economic equity.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of minority-owned, LGBT-owned and women-owned businesses.
b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase non-traditional capital resources for minority-owned, LGBT-owned and women-owned businesses.
c) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase investment in low-income business corridors.
d) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the percentage of City spending on local businesses, with emphasis on minority, LGBT-owned and women-owned businesses.
e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase financial literacy and wealth-building opportunities for young people and disadvantaged families.
f) Support policies, legislation and grants to decrease the digital divide for low-income households.
g) Support federal legislation that maintains existing allowances for undocumented immigrants who qualified for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program to remain in the United States, as well as any legislation that protects the safety and well-being of all Californians by ensuring State and local resources are not used to support deportations, collect information about an individual's religious beliefs or affiliations, and ultimately hurt California's economy.
h) Support policies and legislation that support comprehensive immigration reform that will provide a dignified path to United States citizenship to strengthen the nation's workforce and the economy including qualifying undocumented youth with a conditional path to citizenship upon completion of a college degree or military service.
~~i)~~ Support policies and legislation to raise the federal minimum wage from $7.25 to $15.00 an hour by 2022.

i) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase ongoing internet access as an eligible utility for federal housing vouchers and other subsidies.

3. Ensure the preparedness of the workforce and competitiveness of business through alignment of economic development, training, education, and community partner efforts.

a) Support policies and legislation that will increase year over year per capita income in the City.
b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of middle and high-skill jobs in the City.
c) Support policies, legislation and grants to reduce the unemployment rate.
d) Support policies and legislation increase the share of adult population with a Bachelor's degree.
e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of Long Beach residents who re-engage with the education and training system.
f) Support policies to increase the number of CSULB and LBCC graduates that reside and work in the City after graduation.
g) Support policies, legislation and grants for museums and community arts programming and facilities.

4. Build a supportive economic ecosystem that creates reliable pathways for entrepreneurs to confidently start and grow successful businesses.

a) Support policies and legislation to reduce the cost of doing business and median days to approval for business licensing.
b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of active business licenses.
c) Support policies and legislation to increase availability and access to high-speed internet throughout the City.
d) Support policies, legislation and grants to establish Long Beach as one of the most business friendly cities in the State.
e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number and value of small business loans secured.

5. Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants to retain, expand and attract manufacturing, technology, health care and other high-wage businesses, including regional approaches to workforce solutions that leverage regional planning, project delivery and industry convening/research efforts.
b) Support policies, legislation and grants for a renewable energy worker training grant program, including the creation of an "Energy Conservation Corps" or similar program, to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.
c) Support policies, legislation and grants for the workforce development system, and encourage investment and development of the system's one-stop centers, as well as training programs that address worker skill gaps in growing industries.
d) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the skills base of the workforce, aligned with business and industry needs – with the Workforce Development Board's adopted Demand Sectors and its Self-Sufficiency Standard.
e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase and stabilize investment in the local workforce development system, for the benefit of youth development with a special focus on the needs of out-of-school, those who are emancipated and enrolled in justice system programs, emancipating foster youth, military veterans (and spouses), re-entry populations, disabled individuals, older workers and transitioning dislocated workers.
f) Support policies, legislation and grants that increase the marketability of unemployed or underemployed workers.

g) Support policies, legislation and grants that creates a more competitive business environment for all Long Beach businesses.
h) Support policies, legislation and grants that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space- oriented development, and space exploration.
i) Support policies, legislation and grants to sustain the investment made by the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment to help transition the C-17 plant and parcels into a new center of economic activity and innovation.
j) Support policies and legislation to provide paid parental leave to full-time employees.
k) Support policies, legislation, and grants that assist families in gaining access to quality and affordable childcare.
l) Support policies, legislation, and grants that restrict employers from requesting criminal history information for purposes of employment while also providing job training resources to individuals with criminal histories.

6. Support efforts to increase operational excellence in terms of balancing environmentally sustainable achievements and financial strength at the Port of Long Beach.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants to enhance international trade that benefit local businesses, port development, and the overall local economy, providing it is consistent with Council policy on addressing the environmental impacts of goods movement.

OBJECTIVES:

1) ***Protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all people.***
2) ***Foster innovation to address economic and social changes.***
3) ***Continue to develop partnerships and work together to ensure a safe city for all people.***
4) ***Strengthen the public's trust through accountability, open communication and community inclusion***
5) ***Embrace technology to enhance public safety services.***

2020 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- Support federal funding to implement the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, which includes intervention, prevention, treatment and suppression.
- Monitor and engage in federal initiatives to plan, mitigate and respond to natural and man-made disasters.
- Support risk-based allocation of Homeland Security funds to help sustain local and regional disaster preparedness planning, training and response activities.
- Oppose legislation that combines multiple homeland security funding initiatives into a single funding mechanism.
- Oppose policies and legislation that ban LGBTQ Americans for serving in our military.

1. Protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all people.

a) Oppose legislation that would require concealed carry reciprocity from state-to-state.
b) Support legislation, policies and grants that provide funding to prevent mass casualty shooting incidents.
c) Support policies, legislation and grants to maintain local control of, incorporate technology into, and improve municipal public safety services, local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives.
d) Support policies and legislation that ensure civil liberties are protected, including under such legislation as the USA PATRIOT Act and the USA Freedom Act.
e) Support policies and legislation that will allow marriage equality for same sex couples, defend same sex civil marriages, and protect the fundamental liberties of all families.
f) Support policies and legislation for a risk-based allocation of Homeland Security funds directly to municipalities, and legislation that would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from requiring matching funds for homeland security grants.
g) Support policies and legislation decreasing the state administrative cap for all federal grants and increasing the administrative cap for local governments.
h) Support the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act.
i) Support policies and legislation that is transgender inclusive and oppose efforts to remove or redefine support and/or funding for the transgender community.

2. Foster innovation to address economic and social changes.

a) Support legislation and policies that enable immigrants who arrived in the United States as children and who meet certain criteria to apply for work permits, as well as deferred action from deportation.
b) Support proposals which would protect Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA).
c) Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.
d) Support federal policies that would be applicable nationwide to create a system that would enable medical cannabis to be distributed at accredited pharmacies.
e) Support policies and legislation that provides more local government control over the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities, including sober-living homes that rent up to six beds to recovering individuals and are not currently required to register for city business licenses, obtain conditional use permits or state licenses.

3. Continue to develop partnerships and work together to ensure a safe city for all people.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinklers in existing structures.
b) Support policies, legislation and grants to fund the planning, logistics and execution of emergency/disaster management plans for residents, business, visitors and animals.
c) Support policies, legislation and grants that would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.
d) Support policies and legislation that would strengthen gun control laws to promote public safety.
e) Support policy changes that recognize and promote mental health services as part of the gun control law discussion.
f) Support legislation and policy that would require background checks on ammunition purchases.
g) Support legislation, policy and grants that would enable the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

to fund gun violence studies and data collection.

h) Support legislation, policy and grants that support implementation of family and community violence prevention programs.
i) Support legislation, policies, and grants for restorative justice programs.

4. Strengthen the public's trust through accountability, open communication and community inclusion.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants that provide increased mental health and substance use treatment facilities, support resources and incarceration diversion strategies in the Southern California region (urgent care centers, police training).

5. Embrace technology to enhance public safety services.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants to provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies, including through cross-departmental or multi-sector collaboration.
b) Support policies, legislation and grants to ensure that the City and Region receive necessary funding to develop and implement a regional communication system to ensure interoperable communications across disciplines and jurisdictions.
c) Support legislation that would require police data reporting, if funding is available to sustain data collection.
d) Support policies, legislation and grants that makes it easier for departments and organizations to share data to support cross-sector approaches to addressing safety and improving wellness.
e) Support policies, legislation and grants that implement or improve upon natural disaster early warning systems.

OBJECTIVES:

1) ***Support education equity.***
2) ***Support creation of career pathways by doubling the number of internships for Long Beach Unified School District students.***
3) ***Support the Long Beach College Promise.***
4) ***Support efforts to expand the use of technology at schools and libraries.***

2020 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- Support legislation and initiatives that provide funding for universal preschool, after school programs, safety in and around schools and bullying prevention.
- Support and expand the Long Beach College Promise.
- Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.

1. Support education equity.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase school readiness for children and their parents through access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education services.
b) Support policies, 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.
c) Support policies, legislation and grants for the development and training of the education workforce in order to facilitate improved educational success and graduation rates for all children, youth, and young adults.
d) Support policies, legislation and grants that provides funding for Community Schools, particularly in at-risk communities with limited local access to resources.
e) Support policies, legislation and grants to further the implementation of the My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.
f) Support policies, legislation, and grants that include underrepresented groups in the development of California in the United States as it pertains to history in textbooks.
g) Support legislation that includes favorable interest rates for students and new borrowers, refinancing for existing borrowers, and which would prevent the federal government from profiting off student loans.
h) Support policies and legislation that preserve and strengthen the FAIR Education Act of 2011 which requires that history instruction cover LGBT persons as well as those with disabilities.

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

a) Support policies, legislation and grants for 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.
b) Support policies, legislation and grants that enhance the effective education of the City's children and youth from pre-school through post-secondary education, including school readiness, educational enhancement institutions such as the Aquarium of the Pacific, and services of the Workforce Innovation Network's Youth Opportunity Center aimed at increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults.
c) Support policies, legislation and grants for local university, college, and high school programs that train students in renewable energy technology, energy efficiency, green building, or other related fields.

3. Support the Long Beach College Promise.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants that expand the Long Beach College Promise.
b) Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College, and California State University, Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.

4. Support efforts to expand the use of technology at schools and libraries.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries.
b) Support policies, legislation and grants for public library programs and facilities, including access to affordable e-books and audio books.

OBJECTIVES:

1) ***Maximize Long Beach's Livability Index.***
2) ***Support efforts to improve air quality.***
3) ***Support efforts to improve stormwater management and recreational water quality.***
4) ***Support active transportation and transit oriented development.***
5) ***Support affordable housing policies that are consistent with the City Council's adopted Housing Element.***
6) ***Support energy resiliency.***
7) ***Support parks, recreation and marine programming and infrastructure.***
8) ***Support implementation of the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).***

2020 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- Support changes in federal legislation and regulations that require chromium plating of federally owned aircraft to improve air quality in neighborhoods adjacent to aerospace manufacturing facilities.
- Support efforts to improve clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers, lakes and waterways that affect the City, including stormwater management, water capture, recycling and reuse projects.
- Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program funding as separate and distinct federal programs.
- Seek grant funding to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to supportive housing, mental health and substance use, veterans and seniors.

- Support efforts to fund and sustain public health prevention and services to increase health and wellness opportunities across the City.

- Support efforts to improve bike and pedestrian safety.

1. Maximize Long Beach's Livability Index

a) Support legislation, policies and grants that will establish a national health insurance program to provide every resident of the United States with health insurance through an expanded Medicare program, inclusive of improved and comprehensive benefits.

b) Support policies, legislation and grants for stormwater management best practices, Low Impact Development (LID) strategies and integrated watershed management approaches.

c) Support policies, legislation and grants for wetlands and ecosystem restoration projects in the Long Beach region, including funds for property acquisition and the establishment of a publicly held wetlands mitigation bank.

~~d) Support policies, legislation and grants for water conservation throughout the City of Long Beach, and support coordinated regional water conservation efforts and public education.~~

e) Support policies, legislation and grants to provide assistance to environmental clean-up projects, including partnerships with the private sector.

f) Support policies, legislation and grants to maintain and maximize the City's share of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding and retain each as separate and distinct federal programs.

g) Support policies, legislation and grants that provide funding for enhanced social and mental health services, as well as facilities, housing, recreational programs and transportation, to address the diverse needs of Long Beach's senior community.

h) Support policies, legislation and grants to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.

i) Support policies, legislation and grants to lower age requirements for Gold Star Mother housing facilities to 55 years of age, so that mothers of fallen soldiers in recent wars may qualify for residency in these facilities, and to provide admission priority for US veterans.

j) Support policies and legislation that expand the Americans with Disability Act to fully support the rights of individuals with disabilities and provide assistance for businesses and local governments to implement ADA requirements.

k) Support policies and legislation that reduces helicopter noise pollution in residential areas.

l) Support policies, legislation and grants that enhance public health services, including prenatal care, infant and early childhood health care, and access to affordable medical, dental and mental care services for children and youth who may have experienced violence or be at risk for drug and alcohol dependency (including tobacco), asthma, obesity, and other conditions.

m) Support policies, legislation and grants for nutrition programs including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that provides food security and improved nutrition for families and individuals of all ages, and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program, which provides supplemental food, health care referrals and nutrition education for low-income mothers and children.

n) Support policies, legislation and grants that enhance social and emotional well-being outcomes: including promoting English literacy, quality childcare, teen pregnancy prevention, mentoring, mental health, substance abuse treatment, human dignity, foster and kinship care, after school and weekend enrichment activities, and other cultural enhancement programs.

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

p) Support policies, legislation or grants for zero or near zero emission transportation projects in Long Beach.

q) Support policies, legislation, or grants 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~~.

r) Support policies, legislation or grants that would allow earthquake insurance to become more affordable and accessible, in a fiscally responsible manner.
s) Support policies, legislation or grants for Prevention and Public Health Fund, as well as grants that provide funding for public health programs to prevent diseases, childhood obesity, treat and manage mental health, fund substance abuse programs, and develop public health infrastructure and capacity.
t) Support policies, legislation and grants for HIV testing, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing, and ensures swift treatment to individuals impacted and at risk for HIV and STI's.
u) Support policies, legislation and grants that would increase Medi-Care reimbursement rates as related to ambulance billing.
v) Support policies and legislation requiring notification and response activities related to crude oil shipped to California via rail, and funding to local governments if local government response activities become necessary.
w) Support full and stable funding for the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP).
x) Support policies, legislation, and grants to support voice and broadband services for low-income consumers.
~~y) Support for drinking water quality, reliability and supply, conservation programming and affordability.~~

2. Support efforts to improve air quality.

a) Support changes in federal legislation or regulations to enable aerospace manufacturers to use industry-approved alternative materials in place of chromium in the production of federally owned aircraft for the purposes of improving air quality in neighborhoods adjacent to aerospace manufacturing facilities.
b) Support policies, legislation and grants that encourage the use of electric vehicles, or clean burning alternative fuels and provide incentives to cities with innovative low-carbon fuel programs.
c) Support policies, legislation and grants that protect the City's ability to efficiently operate the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) in a cost-effective manner.
d) Support policies and legislation to require that petroleum coke products are covered during transport and that coal and petroleum coke products from outside California in railcars be covered during transport to the Port of Long Beach for export.

3. Support efforts to improve stormwater management and recreational water quality.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants for the assessment and clean-up of water that may affect recreational water quality at the City's beaches, including funding for innovative water reclamation, filtration and other best management storm water treatment techniques at the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers, still-water areas, and other waterways.
b) Support policies, legislation grants to fund Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 and industrial NPDES Permit compliance measures.
c) Pursue actions to allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to obtain federal funding for the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, and federal funding to ensure the Los Angeles River continues to remain navigable.
d) Support policies, legislation, and grants that support small businesses with transitioning to non-polystyrene and green business practices.

4. Support active transportation and transit oriented development.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants to improve local transportation infrastructure, including: local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility networks, complete bicycle and mobility projects, pedestrian and bicycle safety projects, and storm water projects in Long Beach.
b) Support policies, legislation and grants for infrastructure improvements that improve connections to and facilities around public transit, buses, and Metro lines (i.e. the Blue Line).
c) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase transit ridership through education and funding for transit oriented development projects.

5. Support affordable housing policies consistent with the City Council's adopted Housing Element.

a) Support the preservation of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC).
b) Support policies, legislation and grants to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to supportive housing, mental health and substance use, veterans and seniors.
c) Support policies, legislation and grants for services to assist veterans.
d) Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City, including full funding for housing assistance programs that are utilized in Long Beach, including existing Section 8 vouchers and administrative costs.
e) Support policies, legislation and grants for assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages to allow them to remain in their homes.
f) Support policies, legislation and grants that promote appropriate redevelopment and housing development including in the Coastal Zone through closer and respectful coordination among local and State land-use, housing and coastal regulators.
g) Support legislation and policies that provide reimbursements or other financial incentives for income-restricted affordable housing that is exempt from property tax.

6. Support energy resiliency.

a) Support policies and legislation to set limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the intent of curbing global warming, and funding, recognition and support of local government action to mitigate and adapt to climate change through full funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, as well as incentives to encourage property tax-based financing for energy efficiency.
b) Support policies, legislation or grants that assists with the preservation of low-cost natural gas to the City's residents, funding for gas infrastructure and maintenance, and policies that allow for a reliable, competitively priced energy supply.
c) Support policies, legislation and grants for alternative energy proposals that further the utilization of environmentally friendly, renewable energy applications at both the customer and utility level.

7. Support parks recreation, and marine programming and infrastructure.

a) Support legislation and grants to facilitate the public's access to the Internet when in parks, beaches, and recreational facilities through Wi-Fi technologies.
b) Support legislation, policies and grants to facilitate cities to increase public awareness and desire to adopt domestic pets from animal care shelters.
c) Support legislation, policies, grants and coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers to protect Alamitos Bay and the City's shoreline from sea level rise and other climate change effects.

8. Support implementation of the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

a) Support policies, legislation and grants that increase funding for climate mitigation and adaptation.
b) Support policies and legislation that provide the City with tax and funding mechanisms necessary to address sea level rise and other climate change effects.
c) Support policies and legislation, including changes to the Coastal Act, that clarify the City's ability to protect public structures and lands including, where necessary, through the construction of protective structures.

OBJECTIVES:

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

2020 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- Support efforts to ensure the City of Long Beach continues to be eligible for federal grant funds without needing to provide new certifications of compliance with federal laws.
- Support implementation of the Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan and My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.
- Support implementation of the Long Beach Housing Element.
- Support implementation of the Long Beach Mobility Element.
- Support implementation of the City's Language Access Plan.

1. Seek federal funding for Long Beach projects.

a) Support policies, legislation and grants that invest in priority municipal projects, including but not limited to parks, streets, infrastructure, public safety, affordable housing, trade, tourism, goods movement, airports, and other projects.
b) Support policies and legislation to ensure that the City receives the maximum benefits from Internet commerce through an equitable distribution of sales tax on Internet sales.

2. Support flexible funding for local initiatives.

a) Support policies and legislation that would permit local agencies to consider local hiring practices in projects supported with more than 50% non-federal funds.
b) Support policies and legislation to increase the federal cap on airport passenger facility charges so that local governments have additional funding options available at local discretion.
c) Support policies and legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on local air quality and the environment.
d) Support policies, legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives, including the ability to utilize Public, Educational and Government (PEG) franchise fee support for both capital and operational expenses.
e) Support policies, legislation and grants that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections, including legislation to allow municipal elections officials to mail out official election- related materials through the United States Postal Service at nonprofit rates.
f) Support policies and legislation to allow local governments to withdraw from participation in FICA and Social Security programs if the local government has other retirement programs in place, and oppose mandatory social security coverage, which would place an additional negative fiscal impact on the City.

3. Oppose unfunded mandates.

a) Oppose any policy or legislation that places a federal mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the program.
b) Oppose any policy or legislation that would reclassify areas currently protected by recently upgraded, federally certified flood protection levees with no demonstrable history of recent flooding as “residual risk” zones that would be subject to mandatory flood insurance. In such areas locally, require FEMA to meet current requirements for a formal flood insurance study before attempting to rezone as a flood risk area.
c) Support policies and legislation that identify a more balanced approach to reducing the federal deficit while minimizing harm to cities and the national economy.

4. 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 the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.
c) Oppose policies and legislation to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City’s Proposition M.
d) Support policies, 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.
g) Support policies or legislation that will ban Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs) that consist of longer double tractor and triple tractor-trailers from traveling on federal highways to improve traffic congestion and percent fatal accidents.
h) Support policies or legislation to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.