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To: Federal Legislation Committee

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: **2021 Draft Federal Legislative Agenda**

Each year, City staff review the Federal Legislative Agenda and recommend changes to ensure the agenda reflects and advocates for the legislative and funding priorities of the City of Long Beach (City). In October 2020, the adopted 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda was sent to all departments for input to incorporate into the 2021 Draft Federal Legislative Agenda, and the Government Affairs team met with departments to understand their recommended legislative and funding priorities for the upcoming year.

Attachment A (“2021 Draft Federal Legislative Agenda”) incorporates staff recommendations for the Federal Legislation Committee’s consideration. New language is indicated by blue text; moved or streamlined language is indicated by green text; and, deleted language is indicated by ~~red~~ text. Next to added or revised language is the name of the department in parentheses pertaining to that specific recommended revision, indicated by highlighted text.

Given the unprecedented impacts of COVID-19 on the City’s legislative and funding priorities, Attachment B (“COVID-19 Advocacy Strategy”) outlines a proposed strategy for the City to advocate for resources and needs specific to the pandemic, based on City Council action over the past year and departmental priorities. While some specific items related to COVID-19 response are also incorporated in the draft legislative agenda, the urgency and scope of the pandemic necessitate a targeted advocacy strategy and one-pager that can be easily shared with the delegation.

Proposed Changes to the Federal Legislative Agenda

This memorandum explains the rationale behind staff’s recommendations for significant revisions to the 2021 Draft Federal Legislative Agenda. Explanations of the revisions are organized by topic, and many are shared with the proposed 2021 State Legislative Agenda. Please refer to Attachment A for the specific proposed language.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Over the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic devastated local businesses and industry sectors. Staff recommend incorporating a 2021 Focus Statement to support legislation and resources that will help to mitigate the financial impacts of the pandemic on businesses, workers, and community members.

The pandemic has underscored the need for digital resources and the disparate impacts arising

from the digital divide. Staff recommend adding Objective 7 to advance digital inclusion and equity for residents, workers, and businesses. The proposed objective includes new directives for legislative and funding advocacy based on the City's Digital Inclusion Initiative and ongoing CARES Act programs related to digital inclusion, in addition to expanding broadband infrastructure and consumer privacy protections.

Under Objective 6, the Harbor Department recommends adding a directive to support additional resources for sustainable dredging at the port.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the topic of community safety and racial equity has been a top priority for the City and for state and federal legislators. On August 11, 2020, the City Council unanimously approved the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report (Report), which includes policy priorities related to racial equity. In an effort to capture the values of the Report, the 2021 Draft Federal Legislative Agenda contains additional language to support resources and funding for community health, mental health, racial bias training, de-escalation, and alternatives to deadly force. As part of the Reconciliation implementation plan, staff are leading a policy workgroup to develop a draft equity policy advocacy strategy for Committee and Council consideration.

Staff recommend adding two new items to Objective 1 regarding gun control. The new items pertain to “ghost guns,” which are weapons assembled from the acquisition of legal weapon components, and interoperable databases of objects retrieved from crime scenes.

Objective 3 includes new proposed items regarding partnerships with community mental health workers and professionals, mental health resources for public safety workers, and educational opportunities for criminal justice programs. An additional item is proposed related to City Council action taken on June 16, 2020, to support national standards for alternatives to deadly force, such as a ban on the carotid restraint hold.

Staff propose adding two items to Objective 4. One item supports training resources and funding for implicit and racial bias, alternatives to deadly force, and community awareness. The other recommendation stems from the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative Report Goal 3, which advocates for the City's participation in various public safety reform efforts.

Staff propose to slightly amend Objective 5 to maximize technological advancement in public safety, instead of simply embracing technology. Staff also recommend Item F to expand resources and funding for Cybersecurity systems to protect City infrastructure.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of public health to nearly all aspects of the City's legislative agendas. Long Beach is one of only three California cities with a health department. Previously adopted legislative agendas have included numerous advocacy directives related to public health, but staff recommends focusing these efforts by creating a new Public Health section in the 2021 Draft Federal Legislative Agenda. Advocating for policies

and funding for public health has been and will continue to be a top City priority.

The proposed 2021 Focus Statements include two items from the previously adopted agenda regarding resources for public health prevention and homeless services. Given the needs brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, staff recommend additional statements that support direct funding to City health departments and resources to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Objective 1 includes items pertaining to the Health Department's prevention, management, and recovery programs and services. Most of the items in Objective 1 were in the previous agenda and have simply been moved to fit within the new proposed Public Health section. The final two recommendations are new based on City Council action this year. Proposed Item J would support additional resources for paid sick leave benefits during an emergency health declaration, and Item K is to advance the public health priorities identified in the Racial Equity and Reconciliation – Initial Report.

Objective 2 focuses on the importance of preserving and strengthening the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This objective includes existing items pertaining to health coverage, public health infrastructure, and the establishment of a national health insurance program. Item A is recommended to support the preservation of the Affordable Care Act, which provides much-needed health resources to the state and our local community.

Objective 3 is recommended to aggregate items pertaining to homeless services, including support for policies consistent with the Everyone Home Long Beach Report and an existing item to assist with local homeless programs.

EDUCATION

Staff propose no significant changes. The Harbor Department recommends adding language to Item 2C regarding training resources for near-zero and zero-emission technology.

SUSTAINABLE AND LIVABLE CITIES

Under Objective 1, staff recommend moving a number of items to the new proposed Public Health section. Items that are moved would be deleted to avoid duplication. Staff propose adding items related to advocating for resources alongside the Harbor Department and improving technological infrastructure to advance resiliency and quality of life in the city.

Objective 5 encompasses items related to affordable housing. Economic Development proposes an item to support the classification of internet services as a cost able to be accounted for by housing assistance programs. Development Services recommends including items related to the development of moderate-income housing and expansion of the Historic Tax Credit program, given the concentration of historic resources in the city.

Staff propose several new items to Objective 5 based on City Council action this year. Proposed Items K and L support national eviction, foreclosure protections, and rental assistance during emergencies, with resources for mortgage forbearance. Following Council approval of the City's Universal Basic Income pilot in September 2020, staff recommend adding

Item M to advocate for federal funding and resources to support this program. Item N, based on Goal 2 of the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Report, would seek to advance affordable and supportive housing opportunities for the reentry population.

LOCAL CONTROL

Following the completion of the 2020 Census count, 2021 redistricting efforts are underway. Staff propose adding items to Objective 2 pertaining to equitable redrawing of district boundaries and retaining the vast majority of Long Beach in predominant seats for federal representatives, as was achieved in the 2010 redistricting process.

COVID-19 Advocacy Priorities

In addition to the proposed changes to the federal legislative agenda, staff recommend a stand-alone document that outlines the City's priorities related to legislative and funding advocacy for COVID-19 response. The pandemic has impacted the City and community in myriad ways; and defining a core set of priorities based on Council action over the past year and local needs will bolster the City's advocacy efforts. Attachment B, therefore, proposes some of the core needs for the City's response to the pandemic, including local funding for economic recovery, public health resources, infrastructure stimulus, and community supports.

Next Steps

A Federal Legislation Committee meeting will be scheduled in January 2021 to review and discuss staff's recommended changes to the 2021 Federal Legislative Agenda. Upon approval by the Federal Legislation Committee, the Committee will forward the proposed agenda to the full City Council for consideration and adoption.

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CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

2021 DRAFT FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



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About Long Beach

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

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 \$1.72 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. (Harbor Department)

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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LONG BEACH: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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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.*
- 7) *Advance digital inclusion and equity for residents, workers and businesses.*

2021 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Support legislation and resources to mitigate the fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on local businesses, workers, and community members.
- ❖ 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.

- j) 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.
- b) Support policies, 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. (Harbor Department)

7. Advance digital inclusion and equity for residents, workers and businesses. (Technology & Innovation and Economic Development Departments)

- a) Support policies, legislation and funding to increase the number of households and businesses which have access to low-cost or free high-speed and reliable Internet as well as low-cost or free quality, Internet-enabled technology devices and technical support.
- b) Support policies, legislation and funding to increase the number and location of City-provided public Wi-Fi services and community-focused computer labs.
- c) Support policies and legislation that seek to restore local control in regulatory matters concerning Internet telecommunications, including instituting requirements for Internet Service Providers to share data on infrastructure and subscribers with the City to assist in Dig Once coordination and assess equitable access to the Internet.
- d) Support policies, legislation and funding to increase ongoing Internet access as an eligible utility for federal housing vouchers and other subsidies.
- e) Support policies and legislation that opens Internet connections subsidized by the federal E-Rate program, currently only allowed for schools and libraries.
- f) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the availability of free, multilingual digital literacy training and support, job preparedness, and skill development.
- g) Support policies, legislation and grants that provide safe access to the Internet through cybersecurity training and resources for residents, workers and businesses.
- h) Support policies, legislation and grants that protect consumer privacy and a free, open Internet, to ensure interoperability, inclusion and opportunity in digital services.
- i) Support policies, legislation and grants that ensure transparency, accountability, and non-discrimination of data, content, and algorithms.

- l) [Support policies, legislation, and grants that encourage technological innovation to improve opportunities for local businesses and advance economic development outcomes.](#)

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LONG BEACH: PUBLIC SAFETY



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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) *Maximize technological applications and data-driven approaches **Embrace technology** to enhance public safety services.*

2021 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.
- j) [Support or sponsor legislation to promote regulation of “ghost guns” and support enhanced penalties for manufacturers, suppliers and distributors of illegal firearms.](#) (LBPD)
- k) [Support legislation, policies and funding to enable local law enforcement agencies to establish interoperable databases of ammunition and cartridge cases, including fingerprints found on ammunition and cartridge cases at documented crime scenes.](#) (LBPD)

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.
- j) [Support legislation that would fund and/or incentivize multi-agency collaborative models of law enforcement through partnerships with community health workers and mental health professionals.](#) (LBPD)
- k) [Support resources and funding for programs to improve peace officers' mental health and wellness.](#) (LBPD)
- l) [Support federal funding for educational grants to help establish criminal justice programs at local high schools and community colleges to engage and help establish a future workforce representative of the local community.](#) (LBPD)
- m) [Support policies and legislation to instate national standards for alternatives to deadly force, such as a ban on use of the carotid artery restraint tactic.](#) (City Council #20-0565 on 6/16/20)

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).
- b) [Support resources and funding for implicit and racial bias training for all law enforcement, de-escalation and/or other training that focuses on alternatives to deadly force and training to promote cultural and community awareness.](#) (LBPD)
- c) [Support policies, legislation and funding allowing the City to participate in Federal policy reform efforts to establish a federal database of complaints against police officers to inform hiring decisions, strengthen whistleblower protections for officers or staff reporting police misconduct, improve transparency around acts of misconduct to improve public trust, and remove provisions that prohibit people reentering society from accessing services, employment, and housing.](#) (Recommendation from Goal 3 of the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report)

5. ~~Embrace technology~~ Maximize technological applications and data-driven approaches 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.
- f) [Support policies, legislation and funding for Cybersecurity systems that serve to detect, prevent, and remediate unlawful access to critical city technology infrastructure including 9-1-1 systems, financial management, and HR records.](#) (Technology & Innovation and Disaster Preparedness Departments)

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LONG BEACH: Public Health (Health Department)



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OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Support comprehensive public health intervention strategies.
- 2) Support the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- 3) Support policies consistent with the Everyone Home Long Beach Report.

2021 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Support efforts to fund and sustain public health prevention and services to increase health and wellness opportunities across the City. (Moved to align with topic)
- ❖ 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. (Moved to align with topic)
- ❖ Support funding allocated directly to City health departments. (Health Department)
- ❖ Support legislation and resources to effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigate the spread of the virus.

LONG BEACH: Public Health

City Council Directives

1. Support comprehensive public health intervention strategies.

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants that enhance infant and early-childhood 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.~~ (Moved and streamlined)
- b) 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. (Moved)
- c) 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. (Moved)
- d) Support policies, legislation or grants for Prevention and Public Health Fund. (Moved and streamlined)
- e) Support policies, legislation and, ~~as well as grants that provide~~ funding for public health programs to prevent diseases, ~~childhood~~ obesity, asthma, and treat and manage mental health including ~~fund~~ substance abuse programs., ~~and develop public health infrastructure and capacity.~~ (Moved and streamlined)
- f) 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. (Moved)
- g) Support policies, legislation and grants that would increase Medi-Care reimbursement rates as related to ambulance billing. (Moved)
- h) Support policies, legislation and funding for services provided to ~~children and~~ youth who may have experienced violence ~~and/or or~~ be at risk for drug ~~and or~~ alcohol dependency. ~~(including tobacco),~~ (Moved and streamlined)
- i) Support full and stable funding for the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP). (Moved)
- j) Support policies, legislation and funding to expand paid sick leave benefits, in the event of an emergency health declaration. (City Council #20-0320 on 4/14/20)
- k) Support policies, legislation and grants to help the City achieve the goals and strategies outlined in the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative's Initial Report. (General recommendation based on the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report)

2. Support the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

- a) Support policies and legislation to preserve and favorably reform the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. (Health Department)
- b) Support policies and legislation providing access to affordable medical, dental and mental care and coverage. (Moved and streamlined)
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to develop public health infrastructure and capacity. (Moved and streamlined)
- d) 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. (Moved)

3. Support policies consistent with the Everyone Home Long Beach Report.

(New objective for streamlining)

- a) Support policies, legislation and funding for programs and services directed in the Everyone Home Long Beach Report.
- 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. (Moved)

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LONG BEACH: EDUCATION



Economic Development • Public Safety • Public Health • **Education** • Sustainable & Livable City • Local Control

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.*

2021 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 [near-zero and zero-emission technology](#), renewable energy technology, energy efficiency, green building, or other related fields. [\(Harbor Department\)](#)

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.

2021 DRAFT FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

LONG BEACH: SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES



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

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).*

2021 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.~~ (Moved to the proposed Public Health section)

❖ ~~Support efforts to fund and sustain public health prevention and services to increase health and wellness opportunities across the City.~~ (Moved to the proposed Public Health section)

❖ Support efforts to improve bike and pedestrian safety.

1. Maximize Long Beach's Livability Index

- ~~❖ 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. (Moved to the proposed Public Health section)~~
- a) —
- 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 to provide assistance to environmental clean-up projects, including partnerships with the private sector.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) Support policies, legislation and grants to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.
- h) 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.
- i) 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.
- j) Support policies and legislation that reduces helicopter noise pollution in residential areas.
- ~~k) 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. (Moved to the proposed Public Health section)~~
- ~~l) 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. (Moved to the proposed Public Health section)~~
- ~~m) 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. (Moved to the proposed Public Health section)~~
- n) 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 sound walls and environmental mitigation to reduce the impacts of port operations.
- o) Support policies, legislation or grants for zero or near zero emission transportation projects in Long Beach.
- p) 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.
- q) Support policies, legislation or grants that would allow earthquake insurance to become more affordable

and accessible, in a fiscally responsible manner.

- r) ~~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. (Moved to the proposed Public Health section)~~
- s) ~~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. (Moved to the proposed Public Health section)~~
- t) ~~Support policies, legislation and grants that would increase Medi-Care reimbursement rates as related to ambulance billing. (Moved to the proposed Public Health section)~~
- u) 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.
- v) ~~Support full and stable funding for the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP). (Moved to the proposed Public Health section)~~
- w) Support policies, legislation, and grants to support voice and broadband services for low-income consumers.
- x) Support policies, legislation and grants initiated and/or advocated by the Long Beach Harbor Department/Port of Long Beach. (Harbor Department)
- y) Support policies, legislation, and grants that provide cities with technology tools and resources to improve civic resilience, operational efficiency, and quality of life outcomes for residents. (Technology and Innovation Department)

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. (Moved to the proposed Public Health section)~~
- 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 and legislation classifying internet service as an additional cost that can be covered by housing assistance programs that are utilized in Long Beach, including Section 8 vouchers. (Economic Development)
- f) Support policies, legislation and grants for assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages to allow them to remain in their homes.
- g) 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.
- h) Support legislation and policies that provide reimbursements or other financial incentives for income-restricted affordable housing that is exempt from property tax.
- i) Support policies, legislation and grants incentivizing the development of moderate-income housing production. (Development Services)
- j) Support legislation and funding to increase the historic rehabilitation tax credit and expand eligibility for the Historic Tax Credit program to revitalize historic community assets and support economic development. (Development Services)
- k) Support policies, legislation and funding to establish a nationwide moratorium on evictions and foreclosures due to financial hardship during active emergencies, pandemics and naturally occurring disasters, with resources for mortgage forbearance on commercial and residential units. (City Council #20-0245 3/17/20)
- l) Support policies, legislation and funding to assist families in financial need to be able to obtain rental assistance during active emergencies, pandemics and naturally occurring disasters. (City Council #20-0348 on 4/21/20)
- m) Support policies, legislation and grants with funding to bolster the City's Universal Basic Income initiative. (City Council #20-0937 on 9/8/20)
- n) Support policies, legislation and funding to increase affordable and supportive housing opportunities for the reentry population. (Recommendation from Goal 2 of Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report)

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, [the Port of Long Beach](#) and the City's shoreline from sea level rise and other climate change effects. (Harbor Department)

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.

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LONG BEACH: LOCAL CONTROL



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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.*

2021 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.

LONG BEACH: LOCAL CONTROL

City Council Directives

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.
- g) [Support policies and legislation to ensure the City is accurately represented in the decennial Census and redistricting efforts.](#)
- h) [Support redistricting policies, practices and legislation to preserve the geographic and demographic integrity of the City through district lines that keep a vast majority of Long Beach together in predominant seats for federal representatives, as was achieved in the 2010 redistricting process.](#)

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.

- i) 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.
- j) 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.

Draft COVID-19 Advocacy Strategy

The City of Long Beach supports advocating for the following priorities related to COVID-19 pandemic response legislation, funding, and resources:

- **State and Local Funding**
 - Direct Allocations
 - Allocate funds directly to the City and/or local health jurisdictions
 - Eliminate or reduce the 500,000-population minimum threshold to receive direct City allocations
 - Timeline and Flexibility
 - Expanded timeline or no deadline to expend funds
 - Allow funding to be eligible for responding to, mitigating, covering costs, and replacing foregone revenues as a result of the pandemic
- **Relief Funding Priorities**
 - The City prioritizes the following uses for direct federal relief funding, in line with the City Council-approved CARES Act spending plan:
 - COVID-19 emergency and public health response expenditures
 - Revenue loss backfill (if eligible)—allowing the City to provide economic relief not permitted under CARES Act funding, including City fee reductions and waivers
 - Economic recovery: small business relief; digital inclusion resources and services; and support for hardest-hit sectors like nonprofits, restaurants, bars, and artists
 - Community support: homeless sheltering and services; food security; mental health resources; and public health services for the hardest-hit communities including Black residents, communities of color, older adults, and working families
- **State and Federal Public Health Resources**
 - A national testing and contact tracing initiative
 - Funding to support local testing and public health infrastructure
 - Funding for local vaccine storage and distribution
 - Increased Medicaid funding and benefit programs such as SNAP
- **State and Federal Community Resources**
 - Direct stimulus payments to residents
 - Expanded and extended unemployment insurance payments
 - Business relief resources, including a restaurant revitalization fund
 - Housing resources, including additional CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, emergency rental assistance, foreclosure and evictions protections, and mortgage forbearance
 - Suspend State and Local income tax deduction cap and expand eligibility for Earned Income Tax Credit
- **Critical Infrastructure Investments**
 - Stimulus should include investments in infrastructure projects that have been delayed and otherwise impacted by the pandemic, such as City facility improvements, street and sidewalk rehabilitation, park projects, fiber connectivity and broadband infrastructure, and critical transportation improvements.