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Each year, staff reviews the Federal Legislative Agenda and recommends changes to reflect the City of Long Beach's (City) legislative and funding priorities for the upcoming year. This memorandum presents staff recommendations that have been incorporated into the attached 2022 Draft Federal Legislative Agenda for the Federal Legislation Committee's consideration.

This past year, the Government Affairs Office developed a system to streamline coordination with departments on the City's advocacy efforts. In January 2021, the Government Affairs Office established a Policy Liaison group comprised of representatives assigned by department directors to create an open line of communication between subject matter experts within City departments and the Government Affairs team, allowing for real-time feedback on legislative items and proposals throughout the year. As bills are introduced, Government Affairs staff work directly with departmental policy liaisons to determine the impacts of legislation on City operations before forming an official position in alignment with the Federal Legislative Agenda.

Policy liaisons and department directors have also helped shape the development of the City's proposed 2022 advocacy priorities. In July 2021, the Government Affairs Office hosted a training session for all departments to learn about the legislative agenda update process and timeline and circulated the adopted 2021 Federal Legislative Agenda to departments for input on substantive changes that could be incorporated into the 2022 Draft Federal Legislative Agenda. Following departmental review of the previous year's agenda, the Government Affairs team met with departments individually to further develop their recommended legislative and funding priorities for the upcoming year.

Proposed Changes to the Federal Legislative Agenda

Creating a Strategic Advocacy Plan

In addition to reflecting departmental priorities, the 2022 Draft Federal Legislative Agenda has been reframed to create a more cohesive strategic advocacy plan moving forward. The intention behind restructuring the agenda is to prioritize the City's advocacy needs for the upcoming year, while also streamlining the document for ease of use.

For the legislative agenda to serve as a strategic plan that directs staff activities

throughout the year, the document should clearly outline the underlying principles that influence the City's perspective across policy issues. The revised agenda highlights core values that guide the City's advocacy priorities. Based on Council action and direction, staff recommends highlighting three core values: (1) preserving local control over finances and decision making; (2) advancing equity and inclusion for communities most impacted by policy decisions; and (3) ensuring the City's long-term resilience and adaptability in the face of growing environmental, economic, and public safety and health challenges. These values shape the City's advocacy positions in each policy theme and should be made explicit at the outset of the agenda.

Staff has also found it useful to build an advocacy plan to leverage key policy initiatives and priorities at other levels of government in a given legislative year so as to more effectively advance City Council direction. The previously adopted agenda included Focus Statements for each major section, which have been retained unless otherwise noted. Just as the City adopted a COVID-19 Advocacy Strategy last year, staff recommends prioritizing specific issues, projects, and funding items in the 2022 Focus Statements section related to the themes of infrastructure and recovery, which will continue to receive attention and resources from all levels of government this coming year.

Furthermore, the Federal Legislative Agenda has evolved over the years in a way that has outgrown the usefulness of the existing sections (Economic Development, Public Safety, Public Health, Education, Sustainable and Livable Cities, and Local Control). While these sections capture many of the City's advocacy efforts, they are too broad to clearly align with all City policy priorities, which now includes items such as affordable housing, technology, and transportation. For example, last year the City added the Public Health section, given the heightened needs of the pandemic. Restructuring the document around more specific policy themes not only makes the agenda easier to read, but also makes it more consistent with how the Government Affairs team utilizes the document to identify Council direction on different legislative items. All the objectives and policy directives in the previously adopted agenda have been retained as subcategories under specific policy issue areas, except where substantive changes have been noted.

Recommended Language Changes

Apart from the proposed restructuring of the agenda, the core language of the previously adopted agenda remains intact, and changes are denoted in the attached draft agenda in the following ways:

- New proposed language is indicated by Blue text. Next to added or revised language is the name of the department in parentheses pertaining to that specific recommended revision. The rationale behind staff's recommendations for revisions to the agenda are noted in detail below.

- The previous Local Control section represents a core value touching each of the policy areas identified in the other sections. Staff recommends moving the items in the Local Control section to the policy issue areas they address. These movements are indicated by Purple text.
- The individual Focus Statements from the previous agendas were also incorporated into the newly structured agenda. Some items were moved to specific policy subsections based on the nature of the item, while others became the title of the subsections to eliminate redundancies in the document. The Focus Statements are noted by Green text.
- Staff recommendations to delete duplicative or obsolete items are indicated by ~~red strikethrough~~ text.

The following explains the rationale for items added to the draft agenda:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1.2. Economic Equity

- Proposed language recommended by Economic Development: “Support resources and funding to facilitate the establishment of ‘economic’ empowerment zones and the use of revolving loan funds to expand commercial and cultural opportunities in designated zones for low-to-moderate income (LMI) communities.”

Rationale: This item will help support the development of empowerment zones. The City would benefit from additional funding to establish empowerment zones and allow for revolving loan funds to support businesses and organizations within these zones.

ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND RECREATION

4.1. Air Quality and Environmental Sustainability

- Proposed language recommended by Airport: “Support policies, legislation and funding to reduce air pollutants adversely impacting the environment and population’s wellbeing while ensuring equitable access to healthy air quality.”

Rationale: This language was added to make this priority consistent with State Legislative Agenda, as this is both a State and federal issue.

- Proposed language recommended by Recovery Team: “Support funding for multi-benefit parks projects and an urban forestry plan to expand the City’s tree canopy and advance the City’s ability to adapt to climate change impacts including but not limited to air quality, flooding, extreme temperatures, and drought.”

Rationale: Parks projects and the City's tree planting programs in environmental justice communities will help achieve urban heat reduction and urban greening strategies in line with the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. Dedicating resources to ongoing tree maintenance is critical to the survival of trees. Tree maintenance also provides an opportunity to engage the surrounding community in sustainability and climate initiatives.

4.2. Stormwater Management and Recreational Water Quality

- Proposed language based on City Council action: "Support efforts to clean up the DDT waste dumped in the ocean near Long Beach and resources to prevent further harm to natural resources from the waste sites."

Rationale: This language comes from direct Council action taken on [May 18, 2021](#) requesting the City Attorney to draft a resolution calling on the United States Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to take all measures necessary to prevent further harm to natural resources, wildlife and citizens from the DDT waste dumped in the waters between Long Beach and Santa Catalina Island.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

5.1. Revenue, Fees and Taxation

- Proposed language recommended by Financial Management: "Support funding to transition to a zero-emissions City fleet and advance policies that ensure government fleets receive full value for tax credits on purchase of zero-emissions commercial vehicles"

Rationale: This language aligns with local sustainability efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by transitioning the City to a zero-emissions fleet. This tax credit assistance will allow the City to purchase ZEVs at a faster pace and will benefit the community and region as a whole.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

6.1. Airport

- Proposed language recommended by Airport: "Support legislation that includes a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) liability exemption for airports for the costs of responding to, or damages resulting from, a release of PFAS due to the use of FAA-mandated Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) and the lack of approved alternatives."

Rationale: This language is consistent with the priority of the Airports Council International, the largest trade group for airports. PFAS refers to chemicals that are used in the production of a wide range of products, including fire-fighting foams. The language reflects the fact that the Federal Aviation Administration currently mandates the use of AFFF during incidents on the airfield.

- Proposed language recommended by Airport: “Support policies, legislation, and funding to establish an intergovernmental agency working group to plan and coordinate efforts related to the safety, infrastructure, physical security, cybersecurity, and federal investment necessary to bolster advanced air mobility deployment in the United States.”

Rationale: Urban Air Mobility (UAM) is an emerging issue for airports, the Federal Aviation Administration, and local government. This language is consistent with the Airports Council International’s priorities.

PUBLIC HEALTH

8.1. Intervention

- Proposed language recommended by Police: “Support legislation and grant efforts that assist municipalities in combatting opioid overdose.”

Rationale: The opioid epidemic has plagued cities across the country. Additional resources to fight against opioid addiction and overdose will further advance our public health efforts in Long Beach.

PUBLIC SAFETY

9.1. Constitutional Rights

- Proposed language recommended by Police: “Support legislation that provides resources and services for victims of human trafficking, sexual abuse, and rape, including support measures to decrease rape kit backlogs.”

Rationale: Additional resources would help to support local efforts to combat human trafficking, sexual abuse, and rape.

- Proposed language recommended by Police: “Support legislation for increased penalties or fees for individuals who willfully disrupt communities with noise from altered motor vehicles and that participate in street takeovers and/or street racing.”

Rationale: Street racing and takeovers are detrimental to public safety and neighborhood livability. This item is in line with City Council action on [July 20, 2021](#),

to review policies to enhance penalties for participating in or being a spectator at a street takeover event.

Next Steps

A Federal Legislation Committee meeting will be scheduled in mid-November 2021 to review and discuss staff's recommended changes to the 2022 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 on December 7, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Bonanno-Curley, Manager of Government Affairs, at (562) 570-5715 or Tyler.Curley@longbeach.gov.

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Key:

- *Local Control Items in Purple for reference
- *Focus Statement Items in Green for reference
- *New Items in Blue for reference



The Federal Legislative Agenda codifies the City's positions on legislation, regulatory proposals, and funding opportunities. The purpose of the agenda is to align the advocacy efforts of the City's Government Affairs Office with the City's core values, principles, and policy statements covering a variety of issues that impact the City.

Each year, the Federal Legislative Agenda is updated in consultation with the Mayor, City Council, and City departments to highlight the legislative and funding priorities for consideration and adoption by the City Council. The agenda provides direction to the Government Affairs Office and the City's legislative advocates on strategic objectives for the year, allowing the City to effectively take positions on specific policy issues that affect City operations.

The legislative agenda serves as a strategic plan that directs staff activities and advocacy priorities throughout the year. These priorities are driven by the City's core values of preserving local control over finances and decisionmaking; advancing equity and inclusion for communities most impacted by policy decisions at other levels of government; and ensuring the City's long-term resilience and adaptability in the face of growing environmental, economic, and public safety and health challenges.

Core Values

Local Control

The City of Long Beach supports policies and legislation that protect and/or expand the City's authority and rights over its affairs. Staff will work to oppose policies and legislation that preempts the current authority possessed by the City and delegates that authority to the Federal Government or other governmental jurisdictions. Local control gives leaders the flexibility to solve problems that are in the best interest of their own communities. This is vital for Long Beach to remain a unique place to live, work, and play.

Equity and Inclusion

Equity is when everyone can reach their highest level of health and potential for a successful life, regardless of their background and identity. Inclusion means the practice of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized. Each area of the legislative agenda is considered through a lens of advancing equity and inclusion. The City acknowledges the existence and impacts of historic systemic racism and supports equitable community practices through innovative local government models. We further support the use of an equity lens in policy and program design and will seek funding to increase access and opportunity for all members of the Long Beach community.

Resilience and Adaptability

The City has been greatly tested in the last year as we and the rest of the world faced unprecedented challenges brought on by the global COVID-19 public health pandemic and economic downturn. Resilience and adaptability are crucial as we continue to recover and adapt to ever changing surroundings. Resiliency is the capacity for communities and organizations to heal from trauma, and adaptability refers to the ability to cope with adversity and adapt to challenges or change.

2022 Focus Statements

While the legislative agenda contains City Council-adopted objectives and directives regarding a wide array of issue areas impacting the City, focus statements help to bring attention to funding and legislative priorities for the current legislative year. These statements highlight issues that need to be addressed throughout the year. Focus statements are developed in conjunction with various City departments and may shift from year to year based on the social, political, and economic environment.

Infrastructure

Both the State and federal governments have prioritized infrastructure investments over the coming years to promote long-term economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, advance equity and sustainability, and provide workforce development opportunities in key industry sectors. The City will continue to advocate for external funding opportunities to address the following critical infrastructure needs and projects:

- Support infrastructure investments that reduce long-term operations and maintenance expenditures for the City.
- Support sustainable infrastructure funding to advance the City's climate resiliency efforts and organics waste objectives.
- Support water quality infrastructure investments to improve the quality of stormwater, sustain wetlands habitat, and protect aquatic life.
- Support regional planning and investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and zero-emissions equipment.
- Support investments to improve port and transportation infrastructure to meet current and future supply chain demands, advance congestion relief and efficiency improvements, increase on-dock rail, reduce emissions, and expand workforce development opportunities in trade-related sectors.
- Support streamlined funding to incorporate technology into infrastructure programs, including "dig once" and "build once" opportunities that modernize technology in City and public facilities.
- Support the construction of and improvements to vital public safety infrastructure such as fire and police stations, health facilities, and emergency preparation and response resources.
- Support the development of a preventative and responsive public health infrastructure to identify early and respond swiftly to emerging infectious disease threats.
- Support funding for public facilities such as swimming pools, parks and open space, arts and cultural resources, and community centers in historically marginalized communities.
- Support investments to create housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness, long-term affordable housing, and mortgage down payment assistance programs.
- Support funding to complete the City's "8 by 28" infrastructure initiative in preparation for the 2028 Olympics.
- Seek opportunities to facilitate economic development through leveraging private investments to promote quality infrastructure benefiting all communities within the City.

Recovery

Since March 10, 2020, when the City Council declared a local health emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic, the City's top priority has been to mitigate the risks to residents' health and well-being, as well

as impacts to the economy and the local business community. The City will continue to advocate for ongoing funding to support Long Beach Recovery Act programs and resources for the long-term economic recovery and resilience of the City.

- Support legislation and resources to effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigate the spread of the virus.
- Support ongoing, structural funding for public health jurisdictions to coordinate and invest in public health infrastructure, workforce, equity, STD testing and prevention, and other local needs.
- Support resources for basic needs including food security, childcare, and access to transportation and work.
- Support funding that increases broadband access and adoption through devices, education, and affordable internet services.
- Support funding to invest in economic recovery in the sectors hardest-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, employment opportunities, and economic research to study the impacts of the City's investment programs.
- Support resources for programs that build generational wealth for low-income communities such as homeownership opportunities and inclusive entrepreneurship.
- Support funding to assist low-income residents that utilize the City parks and libraries and their services by subsidizing access to park programs and eliminating overdue library fines.
- In coordination with Long Beach Water, support policies that make water debt relief funding to local water systems and customers non-taxable.
- Support resources for the City to expand language access during in-person and hybrid public meetings through funding for translation services, software and technology, and personnel.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

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1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1.1. **Emerging Sectors** – Grow and strengthen our established industry clusters and emerging sectors

- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of jobs in key industry clusters.
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- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of jobs in traded industries that bring wealth into Long Beach.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase research capacity and relevancy as measured by approved patents.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase tourism activity as measured by transient occupancy tax (TOT) revenue.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for investment programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.
- Support policies and legislation to continue funding the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program to stimulate the U.S. economy.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that provide support for women and minority owned businesses.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that encourage technological innovation to improve opportunities for local businesses and advance economic development outcomes.

1.2. **Economic Equity** – Increase access to economic opportunities in low-income communities to advance economic equity

- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of minority-owned, LGBT-owned and women-owned businesses.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase non-traditional capital resources for minority-owned, LGBT-owned and women-owned businesses.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase investment in low-income business corridors.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase financial literacy and wealth-building opportunities for young people and disadvantaged families.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to decrease the digital divide for low-income households.
- 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.

- 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.
- Support policies and legislation to raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15.00 an hour by 2022.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase ongoing internet access as an eligible utility for federal housing vouchers and other subsidies.
- Support resources and funding to facilitate the establishment of "economic" empowerment zones and the use of revolving loan funds to expand commercial and cultural opportunities in designated zones for low-to-moderate income (LMI) communities. (Recommended by ED)

1.3. Workforce Preparedness - Ensure the preparedness of the workforce and the competitiveness of business through alignment of economic development, training, education and community partner efforts.

- Support policies and legislation that will increase year over year per capita income in the City.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of middle and high-skill jobs in the City.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to reduce the unemployment rate.
- Support policies and legislation increase the share of adult population with a bachelor's degree.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of Long Beach residents who re-engage with the education and training system.
- Support policies to increase the number of CSULB and LBCC graduates that reside and work in the City after graduation.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for museums and community arts programming and facilities.
- Support policies and legislation that would permit local agencies to consider local hiring practices in projects supported with more than 50% non-federal funds.

1.4. Entrepreneurship – Build a supportive economic ecosystem that creates reliable pathways for entrepreneurs to confidently start and grow successful business

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

1.5. **Industry Needs** – Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that increase the marketability of unemployed or underemployed workers.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that creates a more competitive business environment for all Long Beach businesses.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space- oriented development, and space exploration.
- 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.
- Support policies and legislation to provide paid parental leave to full-time employees.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that assist families in gaining access to quality and affordable childcare.
- 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.
- 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.

1.6. **Global Connectedness**

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

2. EDUCATION

2.1. Education Equity

- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase school readiness for children and their parents through access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education services.
- 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.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that provides funding for Community Schools, particularly in at-risk communities with limited local access to resources.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to further the implementation of the My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Support legislation and initiatives that provide funding for universal preschool, after school programs, safety in and around schools and bullying prevention.

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

2.3. Long Beach College Promise

- Support policies, legislation and grants that 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.

2.4. Technology – Support efforts to expand the use of technology at schools and libraries

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

3. ENERGY

3.1. Energy Resiliency

- 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.
- 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.

3.2. Utilities and Waste Management

- 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.

4. ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

4.1. Air Quality and Environmental Sustainability – Support efforts to improve air quality

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 policies, legislation, and funding to reduce air pollutants adversely impacting the environment and population's wellbeing while ensuring equitable access to healthy air quality. (Recommended by LGB)
- Support funding for multi-benefit parks projects and an urban forestry plan to expand the City’s tree canopy and advance the City’s ability to adapt to climate change impacts including

but not limited to air quality, flooding, extreme temperatures, and drought. (Recommended by Recovery Team)

4.2. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)

- Support policies, legislation and grants that increase funding for climate mitigation and adaptation.
- Support policies and legislation that provide the City with tax and funding mechanisms necessary to address sea level rise and other climate change effects.
- 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.

4.3. Stormwater Management and Recreational Water Quality

- 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.
- Support policies, legislation grants to fund Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 and industrial NPDES Permit compliance measures.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that support small businesses with transitioning to non-polystyrene and green business practices.
- 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.
- Support efforts to clean up the DDT waste dumped in the ocean near Long Beach and resources to prevent further harm to natural resources from these waste sites. (Recommendation from Council action on May 18, 2021)
- 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.

4.4. Livability Index – Maximize Long Beach's Livability Index

- Support policies, legislation and grants for stormwater management best practices, Low Impact Development (LID) strategies and integrated watershed management approaches.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to provide assistance to environmental clean-up projects, including partnerships with the private sector.
- 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.

- 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.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.
- 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.
- 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.
- Support policies and legislation that reduces helicopter noise pollution in residential areas.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation or grants for zero or near zero emission transportation projects in Long Beach.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation or grants that would allow earthquake insurance to become more affordable and accessible, in a fiscally responsible manner.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to support voice and broadband services for low-income consumers.
- Support policies, legislation and grants initiated and/or advocated by the Long Beach Harbor Department/Port of Long Beach.
- 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.

4.5. **Parks** – Support parks recreation, and marine programming and infrastructure

- Support legislation and grants to facilitate the public’s access to the Internet when in parks, beaches, and recreational facilities through Wi-Fi technologies.
- Support legislation, policies and grants to facilitate cities to increase public awareness and desire to adopt domestic pets from animal care shelters.
- 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.

5. **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

5.1. **Revenue, Fees and Taxation**

- ~~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.~~ (Deletion recommended by FM, given that this issue has already been addressed)
- Support policies and legislation that identify a more balanced approach to reducing the federal deficit while minimizing harm to cities and the national economy.
- Support the ~~re-establishment~~ increase of the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction, increase the volume cap for Private Activity Bonds (PAB), and restore advance refunding of tax-exempt municipal bonds to maintain a low-cost and efficient way for cities to finance critical infrastructure. (Clarifications recommended by FM)
- Support funding to transition to a zero-emissions City fleet and advance policies that ensure government fleets receive full value for tax credits on purchase of zero-emissions commercial vehicles. (Recommended by FM)

5.2. Unfunded Mandates

- Oppose any policy or legislation that places a federal mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the program.

6. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

6.1. Airport

- 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.
- Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.
- Support legislation that includes a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) liability exemption for airports for the costs of responding to, or damages resulting from, a release of PFAS due to the use of FAA-mandated Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) and the lack of approved alternatives. (Recommended by LGB)
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to establish an intergovernmental agency working group to plan and coordinate efforts related to the safety, infrastructure, physical security, cybersecurity, and federal investment necessary to bolster advanced air mobility deployment in the United States. (Recommended by LGB)

6.2. Local Initiatives

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

6.3. Elections and Campaign Finance

- 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.
- Oppose policies and legislation to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City’s Proposition M.
- 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.

6.4. Retirement, Compensation, and Benefits

- 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.

7. HOUSING

7.1. Everyone Home Long Beach – Support policies consistent with the Everyone Home Long Beach Report

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

7.2. Housing Element – Support affordable housing policies consistent with the City Council’s adopted Housing Element

- Support the preservation of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC).
- Support policies, legislation and grants for services to assist veterans.
- 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.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages to allow them to remain in their homes.
- 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.
- Support legislation and policies that provide reimbursements or other financial incentives for income-restricted affordable housing that is exempt from property tax.
- Support policies, legislation and grants incentivizing the development of moderate-income housing production.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH

8.1. **Intervention** – Support comprehensive public health intervention strategies

- Support policies, legislation and grants that enhance infant and early-childhood public health services, including prenatal care, infant and early childhood health care.
- 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.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation or grants for Prevention and Public Health Fund.
- Support policies, legislation and funding for public health programs to prevent diseases, obesity, asthma, and treat and manage mental health including substance abuse programs.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that would increase Medi-Care reimbursement rates as related to ambulance billing.
- Support policies, legislation and funding for services provided to youth who may have experienced violence and/or be at risk for drug or alcohol dependency.
- Support full and stable funding for the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP).
- Support efforts to fund and sustain public health prevention and services to increase health and wellness opportunities across the City.
- Support federal funding to implement the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, which includes intervention, prevention, treatment and suppression.
- Support legislation and grant efforts that assist municipalities in combatting opioid overdose. (Recommended by PD)

8.2. **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**

- Support policies and legislation to preserve and favorably reform the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act.
- Support policies and legislation providing access to affordable medical, dental and mental care and coverage.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to develop public health infrastructure and capacity.
- 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.

9. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

9.1. **Constitutional Rights** – Protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all people

- Oppose legislation that would require concealed carry reciprocity from state-to-state.

- Support legislation, policies and grants that provide funding to prevent mass casualty shooting incidents.
- 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.
- Support policies and legislation that ensure civil liberties are protected, including under such legislation as the USA PATRIOT Act and the USA Freedom Act.
- 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.
- 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.
- Support policies and legislation decreasing the state administrative cap for all federal grants and increasing the administrative cap for local governments.
- Support the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act.
- Support policies and legislation that is transgender inclusive and oppose efforts to remove or redefine support and/or funding for the transgender community.
- Support or sponsor legislation to promote regulation of “ghost guns” and support enhanced penalties for manufacturers, suppliers and distributors of illegal firearms.
- 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.
- ~~Oppose legislation that combines multiple homeland security funding initiatives into a single funding mechanism.~~ (Deletion recommended)
- Oppose policies and legislation that ban LGBTQ Americans for serving in our military.
- Support legislation that provides resources and services for victims of human trafficking, sexual abuse, and rape, including support measures to decrease rape kit backlogs. (Recommendation by PD)
- Support legislation for increased penalties or fees for individuals who willfully disrupt communities with noise from altered motor vehicles and that participate in street takeovers and/or street racing. (Recommendation by PD)

9.2. **Innovation** – Foster innovation ~~to address economic and social challenges~~ and partnerships with all communities to achieve safe and livable neighborhoods (Recommendation by PD)

- 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.
- Support proposals which would protect Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA).
- Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City’s gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.
- Support federal policies that would be applicable nationwide to create a system that would enable medical cannabis to be distributed at accredited pharmacies.
- 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.

9.3. Partnerships – Continue to develop partnerships and work together to ensure a safe city for all people

- Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinklers in existing structures.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to fund the planning, logistics and execution of emergency/disaster management plans for residents, business, visitors and animals.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.
- Support policies and legislation that would strengthen gun control laws to promote public safety.
- Support policy changes that recognize and promote mental health services as part of the gun control law discussion.
- Support legislation and policy that would require background checks on ammunition purchases.
- 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.
- Support legislation, policy and grants that support implementation of family and community violence prevention programs.
- Support legislation, policies, and grants for restorative justice programs.
- 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.
- Support resources and funding for programs to improve peace officers' mental health and wellness.
- Support legislation, policies and grants to strengthen and regulate universal background checks for firearms sales and transactions.

9.4. Public Trust – Strengthen the public's trust through accountability, open communication and community inclusion

- 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).
- Support resources and funding for implicit and racial bias training for all law enforcement, de-escalation training that focuses on alternatives to deadly force, and training that focuses on alternatives to deadly force, and training to promote cultural and community awareness.

9.5. Technology – Embrace technology to enhance public safety services

- Support policies, legislation and grants to provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies, including through cross-departmental or multi-sector collaboration.
- 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.
- Support legislation that would require police data reporting, if funding is available to sustain data collection.
- 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.

- Support policies, legislation and grants that implement or improve upon natural disaster early warning systems.

10. TECHNOLOGY

10.1. **Digital Inclusion** – Advance digital inclusion and equity for residents, workers and businesses

- 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.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to increase the number and location of City-provided public Wi-Fi services and community-focused computer labs.
- 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.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to increase ongoing Internet access as an eligible utility for federal housing vouchers and other subsidies.
- Support policies and legislation that opens Internet connections subsidized by the federal E-Rate program, currently only allowed for schools and libraries.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the availability of free, multilingual digital literacy training and support, job preparedness, and skill development.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that provide safe access to the Internet through cybersecurity training and resources for residents, workers and businesses.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that protect consumer privacy and a free, open Internet, to ensure interoperability, inclusion and opportunity in digital services.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that ensure transparency, accountability, and non-discrimination of data, content, and algorithms.

11. TRANSPORTATION

11.1. **Active Transportation and Transit-Oriented Development**

- 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.
- 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).
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase transit ridership through education and funding for transit-oriented development projects.
- 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.
- 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.
- Support efforts to improve bike and pedestrian safety.