



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

SUBMITTED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Shannon Kirn, Assistant to the City Manager

Blake Markum, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 25-__entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Establishing a 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee;" and

B. Approve the mayoral appointment of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore to serve on the 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee.

BACKGROUND:

With the end of the 2025 Legislative Session and the Governor's deadline to sign or veto bills on October 13, 2025, it is appropriate to start consideration of the City's Legislative Platform for 2026. This is the time of year when the City Council typically establishes an Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee (Committee) and approves the mayoral appointment of two councilmembers to serve in an advisory capacity to review the Legislative Platform and provide input on proposed amendments for adoption by City Council in December for the next calendar year.

Last year at the October 15, 2024, meeting City Council approved the appointment of Mayor Perotte and Mayor Pro Tempore Reyes-Martín to serve as Committee members. Meetings of the Committee are held on an as-needed basis, and the duties and assignments of the Committee are supported by staff in the City Manager's Office. Once the final recommendations regarding the Legislative Platform are presented to the City Council, the Committee ceases to exist until a new one is formed the following year.

DISCUSSION:

Members of the Committee will be provided a draft Legislative Platform for review and will meet to discuss any modifications or updates to the Legislative Platform, as well as consider recommendations provided by staff. When considering Legislative Platform

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recommendations, staff evaluates information gathered from Cal Cities' (formerly the League of California Cities) annual reports and briefings, which provide an overview of current state and federal issues that could potentially impact local governments. Staff will also include recommendations for amendments to the Platform by the City's lobbyist in Sacramento, as well as input from key staff from each of the City's departments. In December of 2025, following Committee review, staff will bring the proposed 2026 Legislative Platform to the City Council for review and approval.

Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution No. 25-__ entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California Establishing a 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee" (Attachment 1). This will establish the 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee and appoint the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tempore to serve on the Committee, in keeping with the consensus direction from prior years.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could choose to make the Legislative Issues Committee a standing committee and allow appointments to occur along with the other City Council appointments. As a reminder, a standing committee requires 24-hour noticing before a meeting is to occur in order to be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. Council could also choose not to establish a 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee, however, that will eliminate the chance for staff to receive feedback from the two Committee members before taking the draft Legislative Platform to the full Council.

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Isaac Rosen, City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 25-__ "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Establishing a 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee"

ATTACHMENT 1

Resolution No. 25-__ "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Establishing a 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee"

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A 2026 AD HOC LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Goleta City Council wishes to establish a 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee to conduct an annual review of the City's Legislative Platform prior to its adoption by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the focus of the committee will be a single-topic matter of limited time duration.

WHEREAS, all prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

A 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee is hereby established consisting of the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tempore to be appointed by the City Council.

SECTION 2.

The 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and will review the City's Legislative Platform and provide input on proposed amendments to the Platform prior to its adoption by the City Council for the 2026 calendar year.

SECTION 3.

The 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee shall cease to exist and shall have no further meetings or duties once the final recommendations are provided to the City Council concerning the Legislative Platform for the calendar year, or at the end of 2026, whichever comes sooner.

SECTION 4.

Meetings of the 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee shall be held on an as needed basis at such time and locations as identified by City staff to carry out the duties and assignments of the committee stated above.

SECTION 5.

The 2026 Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee shall be supported by the City Manager's Office.

SECTION 6.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND AD	DOPTED this day of 2025.
	PAULA PEROTTE MAYOR
ATTEST:	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DEBORAH S. LOPEZ CITY CLERK	ISAAC ROSEN CITY ATTORNEY

TATE OF CALIFORNIA) OUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss. ITY OF GOLETA)
I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO EREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 25 was duly adopted by e City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the day of 2025, by the following roll call vote of the Council:
YES:
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BSENT:
(SEAL)
DEBORAH S. LOPEZ CITY CLERK