



**Agenda Item C.3**  
**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**  
**Meeting Date: October 20, 2015**

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**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Michelle Greene, City Manager

**CONTACT:** Heidi Aten, Senior Management Analyst

**SUBJECT:** Establishment of an Ad Hoc 2016 Legislative Issues Committee and Appointment of Two Council Members to the Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 15-\_\_ entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California Establishing an Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee;" and
- B. Appoint two members of the City Council to serve on the Ad Hoc 2016 Legislative Issues Committee.

**BACKGROUND:**

With the 2015 Legislative Session ending and the Governor's deadline for signing/vetoing legislation falling on October 11, 2015, it is appropriate to start consideration of the City's Legislative Platform ("Platform") for 2016. This is also the time of year when Council typically establishes an Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee and appoints two councilmembers to serve in an advisory capacity to review the Platform and provide input on proposed amendments before it is adopted by City Council in December for the 2016 calendar year.

Each year Council is asked to consider appointments to the Committee. Last year, Council appointed Mayor Perotte and Mayor Pro Tempore Farr to serve as Committee members. Meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee have been held on an as-needed basis, and the duties and assignments of the Committee have been supported by staff in the City Manager's Office. Once the final recommendations regarding the Legislative Platform are presented to City Council, the ad hoc Committee will cease to exist until a new committee is formed next year to address the 2017 Platform.

**DISCUSSION:**

At this time, staff requests that Council establish the Ad Hoc 2016 Legislative Issues Committee and appoint two council members to serve on the Committee. Members of the Committee will meet to discuss any modifications or updates to the Platform as well

as consider recommendations provided by department directors and staff. When considering Platform recommendations, staff evaluates information gathered from 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. In December, following Committee review, staff will bring the proposed 2016 Legislative Platform to Council for review and approval.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with establishing an Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee and appointing two councilmembers to serve on the Committee.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Council has the option to make the Legislative Issues Committee a standing committee. Council could appoint members and allow appointments to occur along with the other Council appointments every two years following an election. 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. The Committee's responsibilities would remain the same, reviewing the Legislative Platform annually, while throughout the year staff would continue to utilize the Legislative Platform for advocacy efforts.

Reviewed by:



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Tim W. Giles  
City Attorney

Approved By:



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Michelle Greene  
City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. A Resolution No. 15-\_\_ entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California Establishing an Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee."

**ATTACHMENT 1:**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California Establishing an Ad Hoc  
Legislative Issues Committee