



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Michelle Greene, City Manager

CONTACT: Valerie Kushnerov, Community Relations Manager

SUBJECT: City of Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 18-__ entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Establishing the City of Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2018."

BACKGROUND:

A legislative platform serves as a declaration of a governing body's position on the current policy issues it faces and provides a vehicle whereby its interests can be protected at the state and federal levels. Local government platforms often contain positions related to policy areas, including: public administration; community services; land use; revenue and taxation; public safety; environmental quality; economic development; and, public works. A legislative platform conveys to legislators, policymakers, the public, and the media where the Council stands on important policy issues. Similar to a strategic plan, a legislative platform also provides a mechanism for staff and Council to be on the same page and better coordinate execution of Council's policies.

A legislative platform allows the City to respond quickly in support of or in opposition to issues that could directly impact the City. For example, letters of support or opposition may be sent by the Mayor or staff without the need to convene the City Council for approval. Timing of these actions can be critical and very often the window to respond does not coincide with the Council's regular meeting schedule. A legislative platform allows for greater flexibility in reaching out to legislators and assists the City in communicating its interests at the state and federal level in a timely and economical manner.

The City's Legislative Platform (Platform) was established in 2010 and is reviewed and amended annually by the Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee. It allows the City to weigh in on important issues coming up in the upcoming legislative session as a result of the changing political landscape and issues facing local governments.

DISCUSSION:

During the 2017 legislative session, a total of 2,550 bills were introduced, with 33.69% (859) being enacted.

State: CA Session: 2017-2018 Regular Session

2017-2018 California Session Statistics

Partisan Composition:

Senate: 27D / 13R

Assembly: 52D / 25R / 3V

Governor: D

Convened: 01/03/2018

Projected Adjournment: 08/31/2018

Bills Introduced (bills): 2550

Bills Enacted: 859 (33.69%)*

Legtype	Measures Introduced	Measures Passed/ Adopted	Bills Enacted *	Bills Vetoed
A	1733	652 (38%)	568	84
ACA	19	3 (16%)		
ACR	138	116 (84%)		
AJR	26	21 (81%)		
HR	66	53 (80%)		
SUBTOTAL	1982	845	568	84
S	817	325 (40%)	291	34
SCA	15			
SCR	84	68 (81%)		
SJR	14	6 (43%)		
SR	68	63 (93%)		
SUBTOTAL	998	462	291	34
TOTAL	2980	1307	859	118

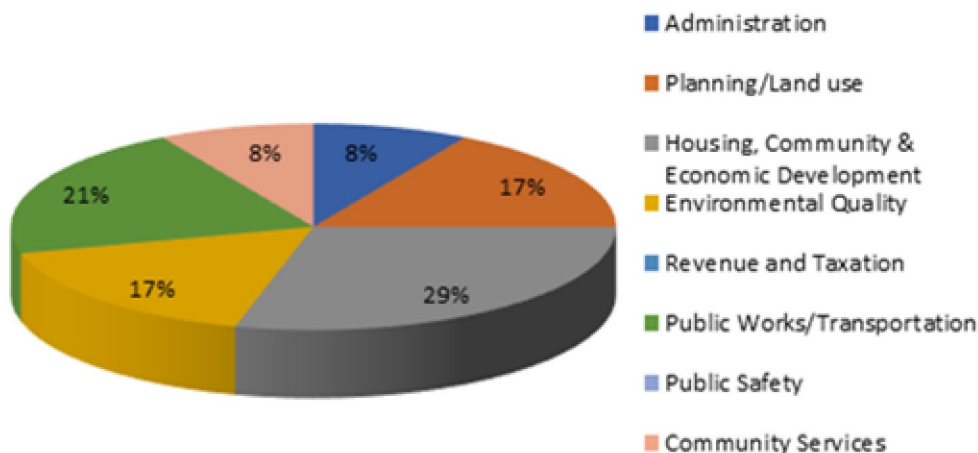
Carryover: 2017-2018

* Pending final action by Governor (Projected Deadline: 09/30/2018)

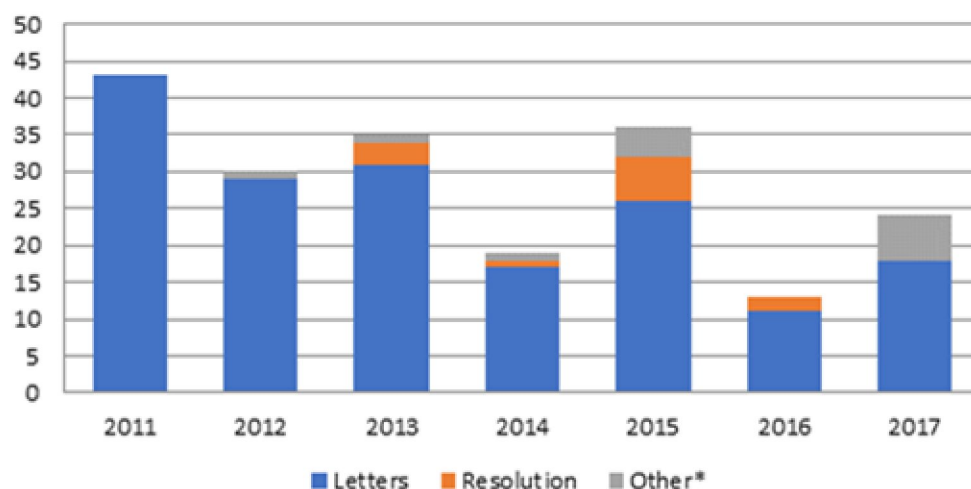
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The City regularly advocated for and against legislation based on the previous platform. This included 24 letters, resolutions and other forms of advocacy such as meetings and phone calls to elected officials.

Advocacy by Policy Area



Advocacy by Type



To prepare for the 2018 update, the 2017 Platform was reviewed as the basis for the upcoming year. The Platform was routed to department directors, the City's lobbyist, and staff for feedback and suggestions on any new initiatives or topics that might need to be included. Staff participated in a League of California Cities legislative webinar briefing that provided a review of 2017 bills adopted by the State Legislature as well as insights on issues the League foresees for the 2018 Legislative Session. Staff evaluated this information to help identify areas that have the potential to impact the City and may be considered for inclusion in the City's Legislative Platform.

On December 6, 2017, staff met with the Ad-Hoc Legislative Issues Committee – Mayor Perotte and Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin. The Committee members serve in an advisory capacity to review the Platform and provide input, making recommendations on

proposed amendments. The resulting 2018 Platform is provided in Attachment 1, Exhibit A. A redlined version of the Platform is Attachment 2.

A highlight of some of the changes include:

- The addition of overarching principles opposing any legislation that takes away local control and any legislation that creates unfunded mandates.
- Reorganization of the document to better reflect the categories under which the items fall.
- Consolidation of several items to streamline the platform. This is a work in progress and will be continued next year to make the platform easier to use and understand.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Maintaining and updating the legislative platform does not include any fiscal impacts, other than staff time.

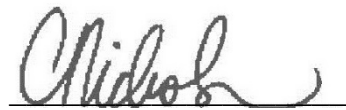
ALTERNATIVES:

Council could choose not to take action on a 2018 Legislative Platform at this time, and ask for additional information from staff. Staff would return with this item at a future meeting date, which would allow for additional Council consideration, but may limit the City's ability to actively engage in advocacy in the meantime.

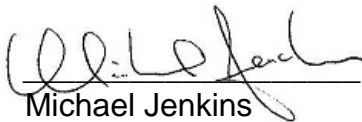
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 18-__ entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Adopting the City of Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2018", including Exhibit A: "City of Goleta Legislative Platform.
2. Redlined version of the Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2018

Attachment 1

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California Establishing the
City of Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 18-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF GOLETA
LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018**

WHEREAS, the Goleta City Council adopted a legislative platform in December 2016, with the goal of strengthening our local government by promoting City goals and defending the City against legislative actions by state and federal governments that would weaken local government control and/or take away traditional municipal revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Platform will be reviewed by the Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee each year to ensure that the Platform is current with emerging policy and reflects the City's current interests as well as priorities common to cities throughout the State of California; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the fiscal health and self-determination of the City to effectively communicate with state legislators and federal representatives in order to favorably influence state and federal legislation, regulations and grant requests; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to be proactive and involved in the governmental decision-making processes by directly affecting the City legislative priorities identified in Exhibit "A" and other selected issues as may from time to time be recommended by the National League of Cities, the League of California Cities and other agencies conducting legislative analysis and advocacy on behalf of cities; and

WHEREAS, a legislative platform will allow City officials and staff to communicate effectively and in a timely manner with elected officials at the federal, state and county levels and coordinate with similar efforts made by other local government entities.

WHEREAS, the 2018 platform will remain in full force and effect until a subsequent platform is reviewed by the committee and adopted by the City Council.

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

SECTION 1.

The City Council hereby approves a Legislative Platform for 2018 by adopting the principles attached in Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2.

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 ADOPTED this ___ day of _____ 2018.

PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

MICHAEL JENKINS
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 18-__ was duly adopted
by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the __ day
of _____, 2018 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK



**2018
LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

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CITY OF GOLETA 2018 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Introduction. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the City of Goleta's Legislative Platform is to intentionally promote the adoption of state and federal legislation that will establish sound public policy for responsible governance; protect and enhance public health, safety and welfare; and aid the City's delivery of high quality services to its residents.

The Legislative Platform is intended to articulate the City's positions on issues that are currently, or are anticipated to be, the focus of future legislation by the state or federal governments. Overarching positions include opposing any federal or state legislation that takes away local control and opposing any unfunded mandates.

The positions contained in the Platform are intended to supplement the broad range of goals, policies and programs reflected in the Goleta Strategic Plan, the General Plan, the Municipal Code and other adopted documents. Therefore, advocacy efforts may be based on references articulated in these policy documents as they provide current direction for the City organization.

City departments are authorized to review proposed legislation to determine how it relates to the City's Legislative Platform and to recommend that the Mayor take a position on legislation that the department determines to be "high priority" and write letters, contact legislators, and otherwise communicate the position of the City as appropriate. The Mayor, or his/her designee, after conferring with City staff, may make contact with legislators to advocate for or against legislation which is consistent with the legislative platform.

Section 1. Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

A. Employee and Labor Relations

1. Support legislation that increase the transparency of all public employee compensation and benefits.
2. Support public pension and other post-retirement benefit reform legislation that is fiscally responsible, sustainable affordable and equitable for employees and taxpayers in the long term.
3. Support legislation that streamlines the Workers' Compensation system and makes it easier for employers, employees, and health care providers to navigate.
4. Support legislation and policy that controls escalating workers' compensation costs to public agencies and taxpayers.
5. Support legislation to protect the authority of city employers to request that an applicant disclose information or use for hiring decisions information concerning a prior felony conviction.

B. Tort Reform

1. Support legislation to limit local government liability.
2. Oppose legislation that limits power of local government to negotiate indemnification protections in public contracts.
3. Support legislation to reform California's tort system to curtail unreasonable liability exposure for public agencies and restore the ability of public agencies to obtain affordable insurance.

C. Elections

1. Support legislation to reduce unnecessary and costly procedures for conducting municipal elections.
2. Support legislation that encourage and expands civic engagement and voter participation in elections.
3. Support legislation that lowers the voting requirements for passage of local special purpose agency funding propositions.

D. Public Records Act

1. Support legislation to improve data management systems and allow public

agencies greater access to data.

E. Political Reform Act/Ethics/Conflict of Interest Laws

1. Support legislation and regulations that establish sound practices and principles related to political campaigns. Regulations that would restrict or preempt local authority are opposed.
2. Support legislation designed to improve and streamline the Political Reform Act and its implementation through regulations.
3. Support legislation that increase the transparency of all public official compensation and benefits.
4. Support legislation to revise laws governing local agency transparency and ethics when it addresses material and documented inadequacies and has a reasonable relationship to resolving those problems, is internally consistent, avoids redundancy, and accommodates the practical challenges of implementation.

Section 2. Housing, Community, and Economic Development

A. Housing

1. Support legislation that increases financial assistance to local governments, nonprofit housing organizations, and public/private partnerships to provide affordable, transitional, supported, and emergency housing to seniors, farmworkers and people with special needs, including people who are homeless or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.
2. Support legislation that increases the City's ability to effectively compete for state and federal housing funding.
3. Support legislation and grants that promote development and enhancement of safe, affordable, sustainable, and accessible housing within the City.
4. Support legislation that maintains local government's statutory authority to implement reasonable, non-discriminatory housing occupancy limitations.
5. Support legislation allowing local jurisdictions to pool resources to meet sub-regional affordable housing goals.
6. Support legislation that provides the City with options in meeting its housing needs; or that would simplify the housing element review process while still recognizing the important role that California Department of Housing and Community Development plays; and still ensuring City housing needs are being met.

7. Oppose efforts to cut funding for affordable housing and services to vulnerable populations through programs such as HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

B. Land Use Planning

1. Support environmentally sustainable land use patterns that maintain safe residential neighborhoods, bolster economic prosperity, preserve open space, and enhance the overall quality of life in the City of Goleta.
2. Support efforts that are consistent with the principle of local control and the local exercise of police powers over local land use.
3. Support efforts that would provide priority processing of Coastal Development Permits for critical needs, including affordable housing projects, public and quasi-public medical facilities and public safety facilities.
4. Oppose legislation that diminishes the City's discretionary ability to approve land use patterns and entitlement applications or restrict city permitting and land use planning authority including land use processes, decisions, and fees.
5. Oppose project entitlements in areas outside the City limits, but within the City's General Plan proposed sphere of influence that do not conform to current City standards. Oppose legislation in areas outside the City of Goleta, such as the Santa Barbara Airport in the City of Santa Barbara, which may have negative impacts on the City of Goleta. Support legislation in these areas which may provide benefits to the City of Goleta.
6. Support efforts that retain the discretion of cities to prohibit or limit their own use of power of eminent domain to acquire property.
7. Support legislation that streamlines the California Environmental Quality Act, while supporting its goals.

C. Regional Governance/Growth Management

1. Support funding for state and local investment in the physical infrastructure of California, including but not limited to, its roadways, bridges, railway systems, levees, dams, parks, libraries, public safety facilities, jails, prisons, and systems for delivering and treating water, wastewater and storm water.
2. Support legislation to achieve fair and proportionate representation on statewide and regional boards.
3. Support proposals encouraging regional, sub-regional or countywide cooperation in planning urban development strategies in areas such as:

transportation, air quality, affordable housing and conservation; especially those that provide funding for effective implementation of agreed upon goals.

4. Oppose legislation that mandates compliance of the City's local land use authority to regional, sub-regional, or Countywide plans.

D. Local Agency Formation Commissions' ("LAFCO") Policies

1. Support the clarification and redefinition of the sphere of influence concept to provide better planning for growth, development and service delivery while preserving agricultural and open space resources, discouraging urban sprawl, and coordinating local and regional planning.
2. Support the enhancement of LAFCO's ability to mitigate fiscal impacts regarding "change of organization" proposals through tax sharing conditions.
3. Support legislation that provides for tax reform to mitigate negative fiscal impacts to local governments from past and present tax revenue shifts away from said local governments.
4. Support legislation aimed at creating equity in determining annexation matters.
5. Support legislation which amends the state's Revenue and Taxation Code so that counties are no longer allowed to block annexations in exchange for unreasonable property tax sharing agreements.

E. Economic Development

1. Support efforts that encourage economic development using criteria which is not limited to census tract-based eligibility.
2. Support legislation that enhances or expands community and economic development tools and funding to address revitalization and redevelopment needs.
3. Support legislation that will provide tools and incentives to support job creation and retention and address the infrastructure and jobs/housing needs and long-term affordability within the City and State.

Section 3. Transportation, Communication, and Public Works

A. Transportation

1. Support legislation to enhance the ability of local agencies to finance local transportation programs and facilities.

2. Support legislation that ensures the City of Goleta receives its fair share of transportation revenue.
3. Support legislation that provides increased state and federal funding for preservation and maintenance of local streets and roads and secures the maximum amount of state and federal funding for maintenance and construction of local streets roads, infrastructure, transportation projects and major corridors.
4. Support legislation that reduces local reliance on gas tax revenues for roads and streets improvements, and proposes new alternative funding solutions with longer-term sustainability.
5. Support the protection of dedicated transportation-related tax revenues and funding for transit operations and maintenance.
6. Support legislation that provides funding for development of an integrated, comprehensive, and efficient multi-modal transportation network; this includes inter-county and intra-county highways, pedestrian and bicycle, mass-transit, commuter rail service, facilities and infrastructure within the region.
7. Support legislation that provides local agencies greater discretionary authority to expend available transportation funds.
8. Support funding opportunities for transit and para-transit operations, including service for persons with disabilities as well as the senior citizen community.
9. Support legislation that encourages reform that expedites federal review and reduce delays in payment of local agencies and their contractors for transportation project development, right-of-way and construction activities.
10. Support legislation that increases administrative flexibility and streamlines reform that assists cities with operating and maintaining the existing transportation network; this includes lobbying for consistency between the National Environmental Protection Act ("NEPA") and the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") to alleviate redundant environmental review of transportation projects which will promote expedited project delivery.
11. Support legislation that ensures transportation infrastructure funding issues do not jeopardize critical projects with each reauthorization.
12. Support legislation that allows for discretion on the part of traffic engineering professionals in setting appropriate speed limits rather than having to rely on prevailing speeds.

B. Water and Biological Resources

1. Support legislation to diversify the City's water supply resources and improve water quality in the region.
2. Support legislation that would increase funding for infrastructure to distribute reclaimed water city-wide. Support legislation that calls for the conservation of water resources.
3. Support policy development, funding, research, and implementation strategies based on scientific data and human/ecological risk assessment for addressing urban water and storm water runoff.
4. Support policy development, "watershed based" solutions, funding and research for addressing urban runoff and beach closures, which identify the sources of bacterial, viral and other contaminants as well as human pathogens.
5. Support legislation that would regionally retain any Regional Board fines that are levied against storm water permit violators within the Region.
6. Oppose actions by Regional Water Quality Control Boards that imposes mandates on cities that exceed state or federal regulations and/or are outside their jurisdictional authority to impose or enforce.
7. Support legislation and grants that promote wildlife, habitat protection, and preservation of endangered or threatened species, including care for injured wildlife.

C. Telecommunications and Utilities

1. Support legislation that preserves state and local authority to manage public rights-of-way including the appearance and aesthetics of equipment placed within it, zoning and planning for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure that protects public safety and welfare.
2. Oppose legislation that pre-empts the city's authority to negotiate compensation paid to cities for the use of their property and rights-of-way for telecommunications.
3. Support the ability of local governments to provide electricity and ancillary services to residential, commercial and industrial sectors.
4. Support cities' authority to zone and plan for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure.
5. Support cities' ability to maintain and manage the public right-of-way and negotiate compensation for its use.

6. Support legislation to specifically allow municipalities to use public-goods funds for development of renewable energy sources and require public utilities to improve and expand incentive structures for renewable energy generation.
7. Oppose efforts that erode the ability of local governments to maintain existing fees on telecommunications services.
8. Support legislation that would result in lower energy rates for the residents and businesses of the City of Goleta including funding that assists with the conversion of outdated energy systems to new energy efficient options.
9. Support legislation that improves the reliability and consistency of electrical supply and improve transmission of electricity to local governments and their communities.
10. Support legislation that enhances the public power options available to local governments.

D. Contracts

1. Support changes in the law that allows cities the option to use design/build contracting and other innovations designed to bring efficiency to the public contracting process.
2. Support legislation that preserves a minimum 5 percent retention for construction contracts.
3. Support legislation to maintain maximum local flexibility in the area of contracting and contract negotiations.

Section 4. Community Services

A. Parks and Recreation

1. Support legislation and park bond measures that provide per capita grants to local governments that fund parks, recreation and capital improvements, as well as programs that enhance the quality of life for the City of Goleta residents.
2. Support initiatives to develop regional and state parks and connecting trail systems.
3. Support legislation that increases funding to repair, maintain and develop state and local park and facility infrastructures.

4. Support efforts to monitor and protect Goleta Beach Park. Support kelp bed restoration in the Goleta Bay.

B. Facilities

1. Support grants and legislation that provide for construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of public facilities.

C. Libraries

1. Support legislation and grants that provide increased funding for library programs and services, construction, renovation, and development.
2. Support legislation that restores state funding for public libraries.
3. Support local legislation for additional funding for the Goleta Valley Library.

D. Arts, Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation

1. Support state and federal funding legislation for local arts activities and historic preservation.
2. Support federal and state funding for high quality art programs in schools and for the community at large.

E. Family Services

1. Support legislation and grants that provide for the overall wellbeing and physical, mental and emotional health of the individuals within the City of Goleta including children, youth, seniors, persons with disabilities.
2. Support legislation and grants that provide affordable, quality prenatal care and child care services and assistance to low-income families.
3. Support legislation and grants that facilitate the provision of recreational activities for all segments of our population.
4. Support reforms in healthcare policy that address prevention, promote health and wellness, and encourage affordability and cost containment.
5. Support legislation and policies that promote mental health and substance abuse services and make resources available that support and assist members of our community.

6. Support legislation and grant programs that provide funding for youth programs, such as job training programs, after school programs, educational programs and those designed specifically for transitional and marginalized youth.
7. Support legislation and grants that provide services for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities; services will specifically include nutrition, housing, transportation, recreation, and social services.
8. Support legislation and local, state, and federal programs to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by promoting mental health and substance abuse services, providing emergency and transitional housing; expanding affordable permanent housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services.
9. Support legislation that addresses the needs of at-risk youth, juvenile offenders and juveniles that are placed on court-ordered probation.
10. Support legislation that provides funding at the local level to address gang prevention and intervention programs including after school programs for at-risk teens.
11. Support legislation that educate and protect children from tobacco, alcohol, and drugs.
12. Support legislation that encourages safe routes to schools including enforcement of school zone speed limits and expanded school zones.

F. Animal Care

1. Support legislation that facilitate responsible pet ownership.
2. Support legislation that increases the penalties for animal abuse.

Section 5. Environmental Quality

A. Climate Adaptation and Sustainability

1. Oppose any infringement on local control and authority to plan for and adapt to future climate conditions, including sea level rise, precipitation patterns, temperatures, and air quality attainment strategies.
2. Support legislation that provides for continued funding and incentives to cities to work together to improve air quality by reducing emissions and advancing economic development.

3. Support legislation that holds gross polluters (those which exceed current standards) directly accountable for increased emissions.
4. Support legislation that supports energy resiliency and programs to achieve state emission reduction, in addition to providing incentives and grants for their implementation.
5. Support legislation to increase state and federal funding for reforestation.
6. Support legislation that provides funding and other incentives for the installation of charging stations for “low” and “zero emission” vehicles.
7. Support continual adoption of enhanced building energy efficiency standards and building safety standards.
8. Oppose legislation that diminishes the authority of local jurisdictions to enforce building codes, or mandate the manner of enforcement.
9. Support federal and state rebate programs, tax credits, and other financial incentives that encourage property owners to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy systems.
10. Support legislation to ensure that new construction and major renovations include smart meters, pre-wiring of buildings to accommodate future GHG-reducing retrofits such as solar hot water heaters, photovoltaic (PV) panels, or other distributed renewable power sources and metered charging outlets in parking areas for electric vehicles.
11. Support the use of green building rating systems for new construction and existing buildings as one of several model options for achieving verifiable greenhouse gases emissions reductions and improving energy efficiency.

B. Oil and Gas Cleanup, Restoration, and Oil-Spill Prevention

1. Support legislation that results in the discontinuation of offshore unused or abandoned facilities, and the restoration of areas affected by existing or former oil and gas facilities within the City.
2. Support legislation that mandates a percentage of state revenue from onshore and offshore coastal leases be directed to the cleanup and natural restoration of those leaseholds, particularly those leaseholds that lie along Haskell’s Beach, Ellwood Mesa, Sands Beach and Coal Oil Point.
3. Support legislation to fund oil-spill prevention and response as well as to remediate improperly abandoned legacy oil and gas wells, equipment and the Ellwood Onshore Facility.
4. Support legislation that would eliminate hydraulic fracturing.

C. Solid Waste

1. Support legislation that expand the market for recyclable materials and encourage meeting state and local commercial recycling goals.
2. Support legislation that maintain and enhance local authority and flexibility to regulate solid waste and recyclables.
3. Continue to support legislation that streamline compliance and implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Act.
4. Oppose any legislation that invalidate the Integrated Waste Management Act indemnification and/or prevent cities from negotiating indemnification clauses with waste haulers.
5. Support legislation that increase local funding to governments and special districts for the collection of household waste.
6. Support efforts to reduce the toxic and non-reusable waste load.
7. Support Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation to encourage manufacturers to design environmentally friendly products by holding producers responsible for the costs of managing their products at end of life.

Section 6. Public Safety

A. Public Safety

1. Support legislative efforts to provide state and federal funding to support local law enforcement through equipment upgrades, capital improvements, training, and emergency preparedness initiatives.
2. Support legislation that provides a greater share of asset forfeiture funds for cities and increases latitude for spending local funds.
3. Support legislation that seeks to reimburse the City for the overtime costs associated with public safety personnel who are required to appear before state or county courts.
4. Support legislation that: A) Promotes comprehensive drug and alcohol education and rehabilitation; B) Discourages drivers from operating motor vehicles while under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and, C) Maintains state funding necessary to post and operate sobriety and driver's license checkpoints.
5. Support legislation that seeks funding to assist local law enforcement with crime prevention and reduction.

6. Support flexible block grants to local governments that improve security and public safety at the local level.
7. Support federal funding for first responder training and improved communications systems as part of Homeland Security.
8. Support legislation that mitigates the impacts of transferring state and federal inmates into our community.
9. Oppose attempts to eliminate local control of alcohol beverage establishments and any state or federal interference with local codes or compliance mechanisms.
10. Support legislation that promotes and increases vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety.
11. Support legislation which bans the personal possession and use of weapons with automatic firing capabilities.
12. Support legislation that strengthens cities' authority to regulate business that serve as fronts for illegal conduct such as human trafficking and prostitution.
13. Oppose legislation that diminishes local authority to establish regulations regarding reasonable use of public space and appropriate behavior in public spaces.
14. Support legislation that enhances local control to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries, cooperatives, collectives or other distribution points.
15. Support legislation that increases the cannabis industry's access to banking systems and supports a consistency between state and federal regulation in this area.

B. Emergency Preparedness

1. Support legislation, strategies and initiatives that provide increased state and federal funding for emergency preparedness, planning, response and recovery.
2. Support efforts to secure adequate frequencies and communications systems for multi-jurisdictional connectivity for public safety and protect the frequencies from intrusion.
3. Support an increase of Emergency Management Performance Grant funding which retains flexibility of fund usage for emergency preparedness training, disaster events and disaster communication outreach efforts.

4. Support federal, state, and local regulations that provide the highest levels of public health and safety in the transportation of hazardous materials.
5. Support legislation that ensures first responders can perform their duties during an emergency without interference from unmanned aerial systems (UAS) or drones, and legislation that provide local agencies immunity if responders damage or destroy UAS during emergency operations.

C. Crime Victims

1. Support efforts to strengthen and enforce legal protections for all individuals who are victims of crime, especially victims of family violence and sexual assault.
2. Support legislation that provides funding for shelters and victim advocacy, as well as trauma and crisis counseling to assist victims of violent crime.

Section 7. Revenue and Taxation

A. Local Government Finance

1. Support legislation that provides tax reform to mitigate negative fiscal impacts to local governments from past and present tax revenue shifts away from local governments.
2. Support legislation to change the terms of the Revenue Neutrality Agreement, including the tax sharing arrangements the state and local level.
3. Support full cost reimbursement to local agencies by the state and federal government for all mandated programs.
4. Support legislation that ensures the retention of existing local revenue sources, including the City's share of property taxes, sales taxes, use tax, transient occupancy taxes, vehicle license fees, development fees, etc.
5. Support legislation that authorizes a simple majority of the voters in a city to establish local priorities such as the right to increase taxes or issue general obligation bonds.
6. Oppose legislation, such as "maintenance of effort" requirements, that further limit cities' ability to administer their own revenues.
7. Oppose state or regional legislation or efforts that delay the payment of revenues due the City.
8. Support state and federal legislative action that will enhance revenue for cities.

9. Support legislation that bolsters local authority to enforce local ordinances and tools to collect revenue associated with short-term vacation rentals.
10. Oppose legislation that undermines the City's ability to manage financial resources and limits decisions regarding the long-term interests of local residents.
11. Support legislation which streamlines the creation and expands the applicability of Infrastructure Finance Districts as well as Enhanced Infrastructure Finance Districts.

B. Property Tax Appeals Process

1. Support changes to the property tax appeals procedures providing each public agency receiving property tax with the legal standing to appear and be heard at any property tax appeal affecting property tax revenue received by such agency.
2. Support legislation that would require the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to inform local jurisdictions in a timely manner of Sales Tax disputes prior to the issuance of adjustments to the local jurisdictions Sales Tax payments.

ATTACHMENT 2

Redlined version of the Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2018



**2018
LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

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CITY OF GOLETA 2018 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Introduction. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the City of Goleta's Legislative Platform is to intentionally promote the adoption of state and federal legislation that will establish sound public policy for responsible governance; protect and enhance public health, safety and welfare; and aid the City's delivery of high quality services to its residents.

The Legislative Platform is intended to articulate the City's positions on issues that are currently, or are anticipated to be, the focus of future legislation by the state or federal governments. Overarching positions include opposing any federal or state legislation that takes away local control and opposing any unfunded mandates.

The positions contained in the Platform are intended to supplement the broad range of goals, policies and programs reflected in the Goleta Strategic Plan, the General Plan, the Municipal Code and other adopted documents. Therefore, advocacy efforts may be based on references articulated in these policy documents as they provide current direction for the City organization.

City departments are authorized to review proposed legislation to determine how it relates to the City's Legislative Platform and to recommend that the Mayor take a position on legislation that the department determines to be "high priority" and write letters, contact legislators, and otherwise communicate the position of the City as appropriate. The Mayor, or his/her designee, after conferring with City staff, may make contact with legislators to advocate for or against legislation which is consistent with the legislative platform.

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Section 1. ~~Administration~~ Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

A. ~~Employee and Labor Relations~~

- ~~1. any measure that imposes upon local government mandated employee benefits that are more properly decided at the local level.~~

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~~efforts which reduce local control over public employer/employee disputes relations and/or delegates impose the regulation of public employees to s of an outside agency.~~

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Support measures that increase the transparency of all public employee compensation and benefits.

1. Support legislation that increase the transparency of all public employee compensation and benefits.

2. Support public pension and other post-retirement benefit reform measures legislation that are fiscally responsible, provide sustainable and secure public pensions and other post-retirement benefits to ensure responsive and affordable and equitable for employees and taxpayers in the long term public services.

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3. Support legislation that streamlines the Workers' Compensation system and makes it easier for employers, employees, and health care providers to navigate.

4. Support legislation and policy that controls escalating workers' compensation costs to public agencies and taxpayers.

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~~Oppose legislation that would allow employment applicants to bring action against the agency for taking into consideration their status as a current or former public employee.~~

5. Support legislation to protect the authority of city employers to request that an applicant disclose information or use for hiring decisions information concerning a prior felony conviction.

6-5.

Public Contracts

Commented [VK8]: A new bill passed that incorporates some new guidelines regarding the use of this information, but it may still be in the City's best interest to keep this in the platform to continue to support the City's rights.

~~Support measures legislation that preserve the City's right to assure that all public contracts are completed in a timely and professional manner to avoid liens and stop work notices.~~

Commented [VK9]: HA – Moved to Section 3 since this is specifically related to public works contracts

~~Support changes in the law that allow cities the option to use design/build contracting and other innovations designed to bring efficiency to the public contracting process.~~

~~Support measures legislation that preserve a minimum 5 percent retention for construction contracts.~~

B. Tort Reform

1. Support legislation to limit local government liability in such areas as for property damage, design immunity, unimproved natural conditions, hazardous recreational activities, and injuries due to wild animals

Commented [VK10]: HA – Suggested edits with specifics to help in applying the platform. WC didn't have any changes to HA suggested language.

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~~in public places.~~

~~4.2.~~ Oppose legislation that limits power of local government to negotiate indemnification protections in public contracts.

~~2.3.~~ Support legislation to reform California's tort system to curtail unreasonable liability exposure for public agencies and restore the ability of public agencies to obtain affordable insurance.

C. Elections

Support legislation to reduce unnecessary and costly procedures for conducting municipal elections.

- 1.
2. Support legislation that encourage and expands civic engagement and voter participation in elections.
- ~~3.~~ Support legislation that lowers the voting requirements for passage of local special purpose agency funding propositions.
- ~~3.~~

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D. Public Records Act

~~1. Oppose legislation that would circumvent the Public Records Act, Government Code §6255 and potentially reverse the "balancing test" used by public agencies to disseminate documents.~~

Commented [VK13]: MJ – Suggested deletion - not aware of any legislative efforts regarding GC section 6255.

~~2.1.~~ Support ~~measures~~ legislation to improve data management systems and allow public agencies greater access to data.

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E. Open Meeting Law (Brown Act)

~~1. Support legislation that recognizes the need to conduct the public's business in public. To this end, the City supports the regulation of the state and all public agencies to ensure conformance to the principles of the open meetings provision in the Ralph M. Brown Act.~~

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SK had concerns about this section and general issues with the Brown Act.

~~2. Support legislation that recognizes the realities under which a local governing body must operate that necessitates judicious use of closed door sessions, including:~~

MJ said the following: As for #1, the Brown Act basically already does this. Some legislation that arguably advances #1 is hostile to local government and extremely impractical and often opposed by the League. This statement suggests that the City will always support legislation that arguably enhances transparency, even if the legislation is unwise, badly written, unnecessary or impractical. We've seen a fair amount of such legislation in the past, and the League has uniformly opposed those bills. So, I agree with Stuart that a blanket statement supporting all such legislation is in my judgment bad policy.

- ~~• Privacy rights granted to individuals under the United States and California Constitutions;~~
- ~~• Protection of taxpayer interests over property and other acquisitions by a public agency; and~~

- ~~Proper maintenance of the same attorney-client privilege enjoyed by the private sector.~~

F.E. Political Reform Act/~~Ethics~~/Conflict of Interest Laws

1. Support legislation and regulations that establish sound practices and principles related to political campaigns. Regulations that would restrict or preempt local authority are opposed.
2. Support legislation designed to improve and streamline the Political Reform Act and its implementation through regulations.
3. Support ~~measures~~legislation that increase the transparency of all public official compensation and benefits.
4. Support legislation to revise laws governing local agency transparency and ethics when it addresses material and documented inadequacies and has a reasonable relationship to resolving those problems, is internally consistent, avoids redundancy, and accommodates the practical challenges of implementation.

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Commented [VK17]: HA – Suggestion to add because it relates to bills such as AB22 which would have increased transparency.

Section 2. Housing, Community, and Economic Development

A. Housing

1. Support legislation that increases financial assistance to local governments, nonprofit housing organizations, and public/private partnerships to provide affordable, transitional, ~~special needs~~supported, and emergency housing to seniors, farmworkers and people with special needs, including people who are homeless or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.
2. Support legislation that increases the City's ability to effectively compete for state and federal housing funding.
3. Support legislation and grants that promote development and enhancement of safe, affordable, sustainable, and accessible housing within the City.
4. Support legislation that maintains local government's statutory authority to implement reasonable, non-discriminatory housing occupancy limitations.
5. Support legislation ~~measures~~ allowing local jurisdictions to pool resources to meet sub-regional affordable housing goals.
6. Support legislation that provides the City with options in meeting its housing needs; or that would simplify the housing element review process while still

Commented [HJM18]: Suggested change from our lobbyist

recognizing the important role that ~~State~~ California Department of Housing and Community Development plays; and still ensuring City housing needs are being met.

- ~~7. Oppose efforts to cut funding for affordable housing and services to vulnerable populations through programs such as HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). (“CDBG”) programs.~~

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~~8.7.~~

- ~~9. Oppose legislation and measures that diminish the housing and community development authority of local elected officials.~~

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B. Land Use Planning

1. Support environmentally sustainable land use patterns that maintain safe residential neighborhoods, bolster economic prosperity, preserve open space, and enhance the overall quality of life in the City of Goleta.
2. Support efforts that are consistent with the ~~doctrine-principle~~ of ~~“home-rule local control”~~ and the local exercise of police powers over local land use.
3. Support efforts that would provide priority processing of Coastal Development Permits for critical needs, including affordable housing projects, public and quasi-public medical facilities and public safety facilities.
4. Oppose legislation that diminishes the City’s discretionary ability to approve land use patterns and entitlement applications or restrict city permitting and land use planning authority including land use processes, decisions, and fees.
5. Oppose project entitlements in areas outside the City limits, but within the City’s General Plan proposed sphere of influence that do not conform to current City standards. Oppose legislation in areas outside the City of Goleta, such as the Santa Barbara Airport in the City of Santa Barbara, which may have negative impacts on the City of Goleta. Support legislation in these areas which may provide benefits to the City of Goleta.
6. Support efforts that retain the discretion of cities to prohibit or limit their own use of power of eminent domain to acquire property.
- ~~7. Support legislation that streamlines the California Environmental Quality Act, while supporting its goals.~~

Commented [VK21]: MJ - delete the phrase "home rule" in both paragraphs. The concept of home rule only applies to charter cities. Goleta is a general law city; hence, home rule has no application. "Local control" is more accurate.

Commented [VK22]: HA – Every session has legislation that reduces local control. Suggestion to add this to provide additional clarification.

~~8.7.~~

- ~~9. Monitor City of Santa Barbara Airport and noncontiguous territory of the City of Santa Barbara situated at the center of Goleta.~~

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C. Regional Governance/Growth Management

1. Support funding for state and local investment in the ~~physical~~

~~infrastructure~~physical infrastructure of California, including but not limited to, its roadways, bridges, railway systems, levees, dams, parks, libraries, public safety facilities, jails, prisons, and systems for delivering and treating water, wastewater and storm water.

2. Support ~~measures~~legislation to achieve fair and proportionate representation on statewide and regional boards.
3. Support proposals encouraging regional, sub-regional or countywide cooperation in planning urban development strategies in areas such as: transportation, air quality, affordable housing and conservation; especially those that provide funding for effective implementation of agreed upon goals.
4. Oppose legislation that mandates compliance of the City's local land use authority to regional, sub-regional, or Countywide plans.

D. Local Agency Formation Commissions' ("LAFCO") Policies

1. Support the clarification and redefinition of the sphere of influence concept to provide better planning for growth, development and service delivery while preserving agricultural and open space resources, discouraging urban sprawl, and coordinating local and regional planning.
2. Support the enhancement of LAFCO's ability to mitigate fiscal impacts regarding "change of organization" proposals through tax sharing conditions.
3. Support legislation that provides for tax reform to mitigate negative fiscal impacts to local governments from past and present tax revenue shifts away from said local governments.
4. Support legislation aimed at creating equity in determining annexation matters.
5. Support legislation which amends the state's Revenue and Taxation Code so that counties are no longer allowed to block ~~annexations, in~~annexations in exchange for unreasonable property tax sharing agreements.

E. Economic Development

- ~~1.~~ Support efforts that encourage economic development using ~~broader~~ criteria ~~in addition to generally which is not~~ limited ~~to~~ census tract-based eligibility.
- ~~2.1.~~
- ~~3.~~ ~~Monitor legislation that would increase the cost of doing business in California and in the City of Goleta.~~
- ~~4.2.~~ Support legislation that enhances or expands community and economic development tools and funding to address revitalization and

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redevelopment needs.

5. ~~Support measures~~ legislation that will provide tools and incentives to support job creation and retention and address the infrastructure and jobs/housing needs and long-term affordability within the City and State.

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6.3.

F. ~~Building/Construction~~

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1. ~~Support continual adoption of enhanced building energy efficiency standards and building safety standards.~~
2. ~~Oppose measures that diminish the authority of local jurisdictions to enforce building codes, or mandate the manner of enforcement.~~
3. ~~Support rebate programs, tax credits, and other financial incentives that encourage property owners to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy systems.~~
4. ~~Support legislation to ensure that new construction and major renovations include smart meters, pre-wiring of buildings to accommodate future GHG-reducing retrofits such as solar hot water heaters, photovoltaic (PV) panels, or other distributed renewable power sources and metered charging outlets in parking areas for electric vehicles.~~
5. ~~Support the use of green building rating systems for new construction and existing buildings as one of several model options for achieving verifiable greenhouse gases emissions reductions and improving energy efficiency.~~

Section 3. ~~Public Works, Transportation, and Communication, and Public Works~~

Commented [VK28]: HA – Suggested change to align with League's policy committee title

A. Transportation

1. Support ~~measures~~ legislation to enhance the ability of local agencies to finance local transportation programs and facilities.
2. Support ~~measures~~ legislation that ensures the City of Goleta receives its fair share of transportation revenue.
3. Support legislation that provides increased state and federal funding for preservation and maintenance of local streets and roads and secures the maximum amount of state and federal funding for maintenance and construction of local streets roads, infrastructure, transportation projects and major corridors.
4. Support legislation that reduces local reliance on gas tax revenues for roads and streets improvements, and proposes new alternative funding solutions with longer-term sustainability.

5. Support the protection of dedicated transportation-related tax revenues and funding for transit operations and maintenance.
6. Support legislation that provides funding for development of an integrated, comprehensive, and efficient multi-modal transportation network; this includes inter-county and intra-county highways, pedestrian and bicycle, mass-transit, commuter rail service, facilities and infrastructure within the region.
7. Support legislation that provides local agencies greater discretionary authority to expend available transportation funds.
8. Support funding opportunities for transit and para-transit operations, including service for persons with disabilities as well as the senior citizen community.
9. Support legislation that encourages reform that expedites federal review and reduce delays in payment of local agencies and their contractors for transportation project development, right-of-way and construction activities.
- ~~10.~~ Support legislation that increases administrative flexibility and streamlines reform that assists cities with operating and maintaining the existing transportation network; this includes lobbying for consistency between the National Environmental Protection Act ("NEPA") and the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") to alleviate redundant environmental review of transportation projects which will promote expedited project delivery.
- ~~11.~~ ~~Support legislation that funds programs to strengthen and improve increases vehicular and bike safety on Highway 154~~
- ~~12.~~ ~~11.~~ Support legislation that ensures transportation infrastructure funding issues do not jeopardize critical projects with each reauthorization.
- ~~13.~~ ~~12.~~ Support legislation that allows for discretion on the part of traffic engineering professionals in setting appropriate speed limits rather than having to rely on prevailing speeds.

B. Water Supply and Biological Resources

- ~~1.~~ Support legislation to diversify the City's water supply resources and improve water quality in the region.
- ~~2.~~ ~~2.~~ Support legislation that would increase funding for infrastructure to distribute reclaimed water city-wide. Support legislation that calls for the conservation of water resources.
- ~~3.~~ ~~3.~~ Support policy development, funding, research, and implementation

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strategies based on scientific data and human/ecological risk assessment for addressing urban water and storm water runoff.

~~3.4.~~ Support policy development, “watershed based” solutions, funding and research for addressing urban runoff and beach closures, which identify the sources of bacterial, viral and other contaminants as well as human pathogens.

~~4.5.~~ Support legislation that would regionally retain any Regional Board fines that are levied against storm water permit violators within the Region.

~~5.6.~~ Oppose actions by Regional Water Quality Control Boards that imposes mandates on cities that exceed state or federal regulations and/or are outside their jurisdictional authority to impose or enforce.

~~6.7.~~ Support legislation and grants that promote wildlife, habitat protection, and preservation of endangered or threatened species, including care for injured wildlife.

C. Telecommunications and Utilities

1. Support legislation that preserves state and local authority to manage public rights-of-way including the appearance and aesthetics of equipment placed within it, ~~zoning zoning and planning for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure and that~~ protects public safety and welfare.
2. Oppose legislation that ~~pre-empts the city's authority to negotiate reduces or eliminates~~ compensation paid to cities for the use of their property and rights-of-way for telecommunications.
3. Support the ability of local governments to provide electricity and ancillary services to residential, commercial and industrial sectors.
4. Support cities' authority to zone and plan for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure.
5. Support cities' ability to maintain and manage the public right-of-way and negotiate compensation for its use.
6. Support legislation to specifically allow municipalities to use public-goods funds for development of renewable energy sources and require public utilities to improve and expand incentive structures for renewable energy generation.
7. Oppose efforts that erode the ability of local governments to maintain existing fees on telecommunications services.

Commented [VK31]: HA – Additional clarification

8. Support legislation that would result in lower energy rates for the residents and businesses of the City of Goleta including funding that assists with the conversion of outdated energy systems to new energy efficient options.

9. Support ~~measures and~~ legislation that improves the reliability and consistency of electrical supply and improve transmission of electricity to local governments and their communities.

9. Support ~~measure~~ legislation that enhances the public power options available to local governments.

10.

D. Contracts

1. Support changes in the law that allows cities the option to use design/build contracting and other innovations designed to bring efficiency to the public contracting process.

2. Support ~~measures~~ legislation that preserves a minimum 5 percent retention for construction contracts.

4.3. Support legislation to maintain maximum local flexibility in the area of contracting and contract negotiations.

Section 4. Community Services

A. Parks and Recreation

1. Support legislation and park bond measures that provide per capita grants to local governments that fund parks, recreation and capital improvements, as well as programs that enhance the quality of life for the City of Goleta residents.

2. Support initiatives to develop regional and state parks and connecting trail systems.

3. Support legislation that increases funding to repair, maintain and develop state and local park and facility infrastructures.

4. Support efforts to monitor and protect Goleta Beach Park. Support kelp bed restoration in the Goleta Bay.

B. Facilities

1. Support grants and legislation that provide for construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of public facilities.

Commented [VK32]: Moved over from section 1.

Commented [VK33]: MJ – Recommended for deletion. Can't visualize any legislation that would have the effect of improving the timeliness of completion of public works projects without the possibility of stop notices from subcontractors when they don't get paid.

Commented [VK34]: HA – Every year there's a bill regarding per capita funding. It would help Goleta and make the platform clearer.

Commented [VK35]: Added kelp bed restoration in the Goleta Bay.

C. Libraries

1. Support legislation and grants that provide increased funding for library programs and services, construction, renovation, and development.
2. Support legislation that restores state funding for public libraries.
3. Support local ~~measure~~legislation for additional funding for the Goleta Valley Library.

Commented [VK36]: HA – Language is more inclusive of all of the library needs, not just capital needs.

D. Arts, Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation

1. Support state and federal funding ~~measures~~legislation for local arts activities and historic preservation.
2. Support federal and state funding for high quality art programs in schools and for the community at large.~~funding measures~~legislation
- ~~3. Support funding measures for Arts in Education in the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for Improvement of Education to encourage high quality arts instruction in schools.~~

Commented [VK37]: Broader support for arts funding.

E. ~~Services for Families and Youth~~Human Family Services

Commented [VK38]: New section title

1. Support legislation and grants that provide for the overall wellbeing and physical, mental and emotional health of the individuals within the City of Goleta including children, youth, seniors, persons with disabilities.~~reduction of youth obesity and encourage proper nutrition.~~
- ~~2.3.~~ Support legislation and grants that provide affordable, quality prenatal care and child care services and assistance to low-income families.
- ~~2.3.~~ Support legislation and grants that facilitate the provision of ~~child and youth~~recreational activities for all segments of our population.
- ~~3.4.~~ Support reforms in healthcare policy that address prevention, promote health and wellness, and encourage affordability and cost containment.
- ~~4.5.~~ Support legislation and policies that promote mental health and substance abuse services and make resources available that support and assist ~~families and youth~~members of our community.
6. Support legislation and grant programs that provide funding for youth programs, such as job training programs, after school programs and educational programs and those designed specifically for transitional and marginalized youth.

Commented [VK39]: Added to be broader

7. Support legislation and grants that provide services for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities; services will specifically include nutrition, housing, transportation, recreation, and social services.

5. ~~Support legislation and grants that provide services for persons with disabilities; services will specifically include nutrition, housing, transportation, recreation, and social services.~~

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7. Homelessness

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9-8. Support legislation and local, state, and federal programs ~~that employ evidence-based best practice strategies~~ to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by promoting mental health and substance abuse ~~: preventing homelessness for those at risk; providing services,~~ providing emergency and transitional housing; expanding affordable permanent housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services.

9. ~~Support legislation that addresses the needs of at-risk youth, juvenile offenders and juveniles that are placed on court-ordered probation.~~

Commented [VK41]: Moved per the committee

10. ~~Support legislation that provides funding at the local level to address gang prevention and intervention programs including after school programs for at-risk teens.~~

11. ~~Support legislation that educate and protect children from tobacco, alcohol, and drugs.~~

12. ~~Support legislation that encourages safe routes to schools and including enforcement of school zone speed limits and expanded school zones.~~

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~~Support legislation that would expand the limits of school zones to more than the current 500 ft. to allow for reduced speed limits.~~

F. Animal Care

1. Support legislation that facilitate responsible pet ownership.
2. Support legislation that increases the penalties for animal abuse.

Section 5. Environmental Quality

A. Climate Adaptation and Sustainability

4. ~~Oppose any infringement on local home rule control and~~ authority to plan for and adapt to future climate conditions, including sea level rise, precipitation patterns, temperatures, and air quality attainment ~~strategies.~~

Commented [VK43]: MJ – home rule only applies to charter cities. "Local control" is more accurate.

Commented [VK44]: Removed for redundancy

~~2.1.~~

~~3. Support legislation, programs, and funding for local governments' implementation of SB 375, AB 32, and sea level rise adaptation.~~

~~4.2.~~ Support ~~legislation measures~~ legislation that provides for continued funding and incentives to cities to work together to improve air quality by reducing emissions and advancing economic development.

~~5.3.~~ Support legislation that holds gross polluters (those which exceed current standards) directly accountable for increased emissions.

~~6.4.~~ Support ~~legislation efforts that emphasize the use of advanced technologies such as solar power and battery storage, and market incentives as a means~~ supports energy resiliency and programs to achieve state emission reduction ~~objectives for all sources~~, in addition to providing incentives and grants for their implementation.

Commented [VK45]: Per the committee

~~7.5.~~ Support ~~legislation measures~~ legislation to increase state and federal funding for ~~Urban Forestry reforestation programs~~.

Commented [VK46]: SK requested more general language

~~6.~~ Support legislation that provides funding and other incentives for the installation of charging stations for "low" and "zero emission" vehicles.

~~7.~~ Support continual adoption of enhanced building energy efficiency standards and building safety standards.

Commented [VK47]: Moved to put all sustainability efforts in one section

~~8.~~ Oppose legislation that diminishes the authority of local jurisdictions to enforce building codes, or mandate the manner of enforcement.

~~9.~~ Support federal and state rebate programs, tax credits, and other financial incentives that encourage property owners to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy systems.

~~10.~~ Support legislation to ensure that new construction and major renovations include smart meters, pre-wiring of buildings to accommodate future GHG-reducing retrofits such as solar hot water heaters, photovoltaic (PV) panels, or other distributed renewable power sources and metered charging outlets in parking areas for electric vehicles.

~~11.~~ Support the use of green building rating systems for new construction and existing buildings as one of several model options for achieving verifiable greenhouse gases emissions reductions and improving energy efficiency.

B. Oil and Gas Cleanup, Restoration, and Oil-Spill Prevention

1. Support legislation that results in the discontinuation of offshore unused or abandoned facilities, and the restoration of areas affected by existing or

former oil and gas facilities within the City.

2. Support ~~measures~~legislation that mandates a percentage of state revenue from onshore and offshore coastal leases be directed to the cleanup and natural restoration of those leaseholds, particularly those leaseholds that lie along Haskell's Beach, Ellwood Mesa, Sands Beach and Coal Oil Point.

- ~~3.~~ Support ~~measures~~legislation and ~~legislation~~ to fund oil-spill prevention and response as well as to remediate improperly abandoned legacy oil and gas wells, equipment and the Ellwood Onshore Facility.

- ~~3.~~ Support legislation that would eliminate hydraulic fracturing.

4.

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BASED ON CURRENT COUNCIL INTERESTS

C. Water Quality, Urban Runoff, and Biology

- ~~1.~~ Support policy development, funding, research, and implementation strategies based on scientific data and human/ecological risk assessment for addressing urban water and storm water runoff.
- ~~2.~~ Support policy development, "watershed based" solutions, funding and research for addressing urban runoff and beach closures, which identify the sources of bacterial, viral and other contaminants as well as human pathogens.
- ~~3.~~ Support legislation that would regionally retain any Regional Board fines that are levied against storm water permit violators within the Region.
- ~~4.~~ Oppose actions by Regional Water Quality Control Boards that impose mandates on cities that exceed state or federal regulations and/or are outside their jurisdictional authority to impose or enforce.
- ~~5.~~ Support legislation and grants that promote wildlife, habitat protection, and preservation of endangered or threatened species, including care for injured wildlife.

D.C. Solid Waste

1. Support ~~measures~~legislation that expand the market for recyclable materials and encourage meeting state and local commercial recycling goals.
2. Support ~~measures~~legislation that maintain and enhance local authority and flexibility to regulate solid waste and recyclables.
3. Continue to support ~~measures~~legislation that streamline compliance and implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Act.
4. Oppose any ~~measures~~legislation that invalidate the Integrated Waste Management Act indemnification and/or prevent cities from negotiating

indemnification clauses with waste haulers.

5. Support ~~measures~~legislation that increase local funding to governments and special districts for the collection of household waste.
6. Support efforts to reduce the toxic and non-reusable waste load.
- ~~7.~~ Support Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation to encourage manufacturers to design environmentally friendly products by holding producers responsible for the costs of managing their products at end of life.

~~8.~~

~~E. Sustainability~~

- ~~— Support continual adoption of enhanced building energy efficiency standards and building safety standards.~~
- ~~— Oppose legislation that diminish the authority of local jurisdictions to enforce building codes, or mandate the manner of enforcement.~~
- ~~— Support federal and state rebate programs, tax credits, and other financial incentives that encourage property owners to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy systems.~~
- ~~— Support legislation to ensure that new construction and major renovations include smart meters, pre-wiring of buildings to accommodate future GHG-reducing retrofits such as solar hot water heaters, photovoltaic (PV) panels, or other distributed renewable power sources and metered charging outlets in parking areas for electric vehicles.~~
- ~~— Support the use of green building rating systems for new construction and existing buildings as one of several model options for achieving verifiable greenhouse gases emissions reductions and improving energy efficiency.~~

~~9.7.~~

Section 6. Public Safety

A. Public Safety

- ~~1. Support legislative efforts to provide state and federal funding to support local law enforcement through equipment upgrades, capital improvements, training, and emergency preparedness initiatives.~~
- ~~2. Support legislation that provides a greater share of asset forfeiture funds for cities and increases latitude for spending local funds.~~
- ~~3. Support legislation that seeks to reimburse the City for the overtime costs associated with public safety personnel who are required to appear before state or county courts.~~

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Commented [VK50]: Combined

4. -Support legislation that: A) Promotes comprehensive drug and alcohol education and rehabilitation; B) Discourages drivers from operating motor vehicles while under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and, C) Maintains state funding necessary to post and operate sobriety and driver's license checkpoints.

5. Support legislation that seeks funding to assist local law enforcement with crime prevention and reduction.

Commented [VK51]: Changed to be more general/comprehensive

6. Support flexible block grants to local governments that improve security and public safety at the local level.

7. Support federal funding for first responder training and improved communications systems as part of Homeland Security.

8. Support legislation that mitigates the impacts of transferring state and federal inmates into our community.

9. Oppose attempts to eliminate local control of alcohol beverage establishments and any state or federal interference with local codes or compliance mechanisms.

10. Support legislation that promotes and increases vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety.

11. Support legislation which bans the personal possession and use of weapons with automatic firing capabilities.

Commented [VK52]: For consideration, suggested by the committee

12. ~~Support~~ Support legislation that strengthens cities' authority to regulate business that serve as fronts for illegal conduct such as human trafficking and prostitution. ~~Legislation that strengthens cities' ability to enforce massage therapy regulations~~

Commented [VK53]: Revised statement to be directly related to human trafficking and prostitution rather than massage parlors.

13. Oppose legislation that diminishes local authority to establish regulations regarding reasonable use of public space and appropriate behavior in public spaces.

14. Support legislation that enhances local control to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries, cooperatives, collectives or other distribution points.

15. Support legislation that increases the cannabis industry's access to banking systems and supports a consistency between state and federal regulation in this area.

Commented [VK54]: Per the committee

~~Support measures~~ legislation that strengthen local law enforcement's ability to prevent and fight crime.

Commented [VK55]: HA – General support to prevent and fight crime, not just general support for additional funding.

~~Support legislation that provides a greater share of asset forfeiture funds for cities~~

and increases latitude for spending local funds.

~~Support legislation and funding to improve local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue services, emergency medical services, and disaster preparedness initiatives.~~

- ~~1. Support legislation that seeks to reimburse the City for the overtime costs associated with public safety personnel who are required to appear before state or county courts.~~
- ~~2. Support legislative efforts to provide state and federal funding to supplement local law enforcement in order to maintain the safety and security of Goleta residents.~~
- ~~3. Support legislation and grants that provide funding for Public Safety equipment upgrades, training and capital improvements.~~
- ~~4. Support legislation that: A) Promotes comprehensive drug and alcohol education and rehabilitation; B) Discourages drivers from operating motor vehicles while under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and, C) Maintains state funding necessary to post and operate sobriety and driver's license checkpoints.~~
- ~~5. Support legislation that seeks funding to assist local law enforcement with reducing crimes related to illicit drugs, burglary and assault.~~
- ~~6. Support legislation that provides funding at the local level to promote crime prevention, public outreach, and intervention programs.~~
- ~~7. Support flexible block grants to local governments that improve security and public safety at the local level.~~
- ~~8. Support federal funding for first responder training and improved communications systems as part of Homeland Security.~~
- ~~9. Support legislation that mitigates the impacts of transferring state and federal inmates into our community.~~
- ~~10. Support measures legislation that create restrictions on the early release of inmates from incarceration for the purpose of alleviating overcrowding in jails.~~
- ~~11. Oppose attempts to eliminate local control of alcohol beverage establishments and any state or federal interference with local codes or compliance mechanisms.~~
- ~~12. Support legislation that promotes and increases bicycle and pedestrian safety.~~
- ~~13. Support legislation which bans the personal possession and use of assault weapons, and other measures legislation that support gun control efforts.~~

- ~~14. Support legislation that strengthens cities' ability to enforce massage therapy regulations.~~
- ~~15. Oppose legislation that diminishes local authority to establish regulations regarding reasonable use of public space and appropriate behavior in public spaces.~~
- ~~16. Support legislation that enhances local control to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries, cooperatives, collectives or other distribution points.~~
- ~~17. Consider legislation that weakens the the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act or threatens public health and safety.~~
- ~~18. Support legislation that increases the medical marijuanacannabis industry's access to banking systems.~~
- ~~19. Support legislation that provides addition funding for smoking-related research associated with tobacco and marijuana use.~~

B. Emergency Preparedness

1. Support legislation, strategies and initiatives that provide increased state and federal funding for emergency preparedness, planning, response and recovery.
2. Support efforts to secure adequate frequencies and communications systems for multi-jurisdictional connectivity for public safety and protect the frequencies from intrusion.
3. Support an increase of Emergency Management Performance Grant funding which retains flexibility of fund usage for emergency preparedness training, disaster events and disaster communication outreach efforts.
4. Support federal, state, and local regulations that provide the highest levels of public health and safety in the transportation of hazardous materials.
5. Support legislation that ensures first responders can perform their duties during an emergency without interference from unmanned aerial systems (UAS) or drones, and ~~measures~~legislation that provide local agencies immunity if responders damage or destroy UAS during emergency operations.

C. Crime Victims

1. Support efforts to strengthen and enforce legal protections for all individuals who are victims of crime, especially victims of family violence and sexual

assault.

2. Support legislation that provides funding for shelters and victim advocacy, as well as trauma and crisis counseling to assist victims of violent crime.

3.2.

D. Youth

1. ~~Support legislation that treats and assists addresses with the needs of at-risk youth, juvenile offenders and juveniles that are placed on court-ordered probation.~~
2. ~~Support legislation that provides funding at the local level to address gang prevention and intervention programs including after school programs for at-risk teens.~~
3. ~~Support measures legislation that educate and protect children from tobacco, alcohol, and drugs.~~
4. ~~Support legislation that encourages safe routes to schools and enforcement of school zone speed limits.~~
5. ~~Support legislation that would expand the limits of school zones to more than the current 500 ft. to allow for reduced speed limits.~~

Section 7. Revenue and Taxation

A. Local Government Finance

1. Support legislation that provides tax reform to mitigate negative fiscal impacts to local governments from past and present tax revenue shifts away from local governments.

4.2. Support legislation to change the terms of the Revenue Neutrality Agreement, ~~including the tax sharing arrangements~~ the state and local level. ~~such as Revenue Neutrality Agreements.~~

Commented [VK56]: Per the committee

2. Support full cost reimbursement to local agencies by the state and federal government for all mandated programs.

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4. ~~Oppose measures that imposes state-mandated costs for which there is no guarantee of local reimbursement, or in the alternative, a worthwhile, quantifiable benefit.~~

Commented [VK57]: Proposed for deletion because it's repetitive

5. ~~Support measures to relieve taxpayers of the burden of paying for services that could be charged directly to the service user.~~

Commented [VK58]: Proposed for deletion by SK (waiting user fees)

6.4. Support ~~measures~~ legislation that ensures the retention of existing local revenue sources, including the City's share of property taxes, sales taxes, use tax, transient occupancy taxes, vehicle license fees, ~~development fees~~, etc.

Commented [VK59]: Committee decided to delete because of possible implications for low-income users AND because there isn't any legislation on horizon that this would apply to

Commented [VK60]: HA – adding specificity

~~7-5.~~ Support ~~measures~~ legislation that authorizes a simple majority of the voters in a city to establish local priorities such as the right to increase taxes or issue general obligation bonds.

~~8.~~ Oppose legislation, such as “maintenance of effort” requirements, that further limit cities’ ability to administer their own revenues.

~~9-6.~~

~~10.~~ ~~Oppose legislation that shifts tax revenues away from local governments without the adequate provision of a constitutionally guaranteed “backfill” to offset the lost revenues of those local governments.~~

Commented [VK61]: Proposed for deletion by SK, duplicate

~~11-7.~~ Oppose state or regional legislation or efforts that delay the payment of revenues due the City.

~~12-8.~~ Support state and federal legislative action that will enhance revenue for cities.

~~13-9.~~ Support ~~measures~~ legislation and legislation that bolsters local authority to enforce local ordinances and tools to collect revenue associated with short-term vacation rentals.

~~14-10.~~ Oppose legislation that undermines the City’s ability to manage financial resources and limits decisions regarding the long-term interests of local residents.

~~15-11.~~ Support legislation which streamlines the creation and expands the applicability of Infrastructure Finance Districts as well as Enhanced Infrastructure Finance Districts.

B. Property Tax Appeals Process

1. Support changes to the property tax appeals procedures providing each public agency receiving property tax with the legal standing to appear and be heard at any property tax appeal affecting property tax revenue received by such agency.

2. Support legislation that would require the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to inform local jurisdictions in a timely manner of Sales Tax disputes prior to the issuance of adjustments to the local jurisdictions Sales Tax payments.

Commented [HJM62]: Updated to reflect restructuring of the State Board of Equalization.