



**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Kristine Schmidt, Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution No.20-\_\_ entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Establishing the City of Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020."

**BACKGROUND:**

On February 4, 2020, Council considered the adoption of a draft Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020. The staff report for that item is included as Attachment 1 to this report. As part of the discussion, staff considered input from Councilmembers Kyriaco and Kasdin and reached consensus on several additional changes. Those changes have been incorporated into the current draft Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020, as described below and included as Attachment 2 (clean version) and Attachment 3 (redline version). In the interest of time, some other suggestions were referred back to the Ad Hoc Legislative Issues Committee for further discussion. The Ad Hoc Committee discussed these items, and recommends additional changes, as explained below and included in the staff presentation on this item.

The amendments that resulted in consensus from Council on February 4 have been incorporated into the draft platform presented today and are as follows:

1. Section 4 (E) "Family Services"
  - Support legislation and grants that provide affordable, **accessible**, quality prenatal care and childcare services and assistance to low-income families.
2. Section 6 (A) "Public Safety"
  - **Oppose legislation that seeks to impose mandatory levels of cannabis business permitting.** (new)
3. Section 2 (A) "Housing":
  - 6. Support legislation that provides the City with options in meeting its housing needs; ~~or~~ **and** 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.~~

4. Section 3 (A) "Transportation"
  - 10. Support legislation that increases administrative flexibility and ~~streamlines reforms~~ **offers streamlining reforms** that assist 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.
5. Section 3 (C) "Telecommunications and Utilities"
  - **11. Support legislation that enables or encourages public utilities to mitigate and find alternatives to public safety power shutoffs.** (new)

The additional changes that are suggested by the Ad Hoc Committee are not yet included in the attached draft, but will be included with Council concurrence:

1. Add a sentence to the beginning paragraph, applicable to all of Council's legislative positions, such as **"Support for legislation identified herein may also be applied to support regulatory changes and funding opportunities for local government, such as grants, that are related to that legislative priority."**
2. Section 2 (B) "Land Use planning"
  - **6. Support legislation that would limit sprawl into the wildland urban interface so as to avoid increasing wildfire hazards and to support more effective firebreaks.** (new)
3. Section 4 (A) "Parks and Recreation"
  - 2. Support legislation to develop **and expand** regional and state parks and connecting trail systems.
4. Sec. 6 (A) (5-7) "Public Safety" to combine as follows:
  - **Support legislation to help local government and law enforcement agencies to improve security and public safety at the local level, such as Crisis Intervention Team training, block grants, etc.** (replacement language)

In addition, upon the recommendation of Neighborhood Services and Public Safety staff, the provision that read, with previously considered amendments, "12. **Support** legislation which bans the personal possession and use of weapons with automatic firing capabilities **and/or high capacity magazines**" has been removed from the platform, as both are already banned under existing law in California.

## **FISCAL IMPACTS:**

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The City Council could choose not to take action on a 2020 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 and also provide information to our State Legislators as they prepare the bills they will introduce in 2020.


**Reviewed By:**

**Legal Review By:**

**Approved By:**

  
Kristine Schmidt  
Assistant City Manager

  
Michael Jenkins  
City Attorney

  
Michelle Greene  
City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Staff Report from February 4, 2020
2. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Establishing the City of Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020.  
Exhibit A. - Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020 – Clean version
3. Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020 – Redline Version



**Attachment 1**

Staff Report from February 4, 2020





**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Kristine Schmidt, Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution No. 20-\_\_ entitled, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Establishing the City of Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020.”

**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 initial 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 2019 legislative session, based on the Legislative Platform, the Mayor signed letters to address the following bills:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Policy Area</b>	<b>Bill No. &amp; Title</b>
2/25/19	Public Works, Transportation, and Communication	HR 530 (Accelerating Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019)
3/19/19	Housing, Community, and Economic Development	AB 377 (Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations)
3/26/19	Revenue and Taxation	ACA 1 (Local Government Financing)
4/11/19	Housing, Community, and Economic Development	Executive Order 13778 (Proposed Revised Definition of "waters of the U.S.")
4/22/19	Housing, Community, and Economic Development	AB 1356 (Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity)
6/19/19	Environmental Quality	Central Coast Heritage Protection Act
6/21/19	Housing, Community, and Economic Development	SB 5 (Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program)
7/15/19	Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations	SB 266 (Public Employees' Retirement System: Disallowed Compensation: Benefit Adjustments)
7/22/19	Public Works, Transportation, and Communication	S 2012 (Restoring Local Control over Public Infrastructure Act of 2019)

Council also took separate action to encourage legislation in several areas not included in the Platform, or not addressed with specificity in the Platform, as follows:

9/3/19	Public Safety	Mayor's Letter to Senate on Gun Safety Legislation
10/15/19	Public Safety	Resolution Condemning White Nationalism and White Supremacy
11/5/19	Community Services	Resolution Supporting Medicare for All Act of 2019 (H.R. 1384)

To prepare for the 2020 update, the 2019 Platform was reviewed as the basis for the upcoming year. The Platform was routed to staff and the City's lobbyist 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 2019 bills adopted by the State Legislature as well as insights on issues the League foresees for the 2020 Legislative Session.

The draft platform was reviewed with the members of the Ad-Hoc Legislative Issues Committee – Mayor Paula Perotte and Mayor Pro Tempore Richards (Attachment 1). The Committee members serve in an advisory capacity to review the Platform and provide input, making recommendations on proposed amendments.

A red-line version of the revised Platform is attached (Attachment 2). Changes in the Platform for 2020 include general style changes to specifically align each platform position to the support or opposition of legislation and other non-substantive wording changes for consistency and improved clarity throughout the document. Other notable changes include the following:

- Modified a provision in Section 1(A) (Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations; Employee and Labor Relations) which had supported legislation to protect the authority of city employers to require “applicants” to disclose a prior felony conviction, in order to conform with AB 1008, which still allows job related pre-employment inquiries, but only after a job offer has been made. The revised section reads: “Oppose legislation that limits a public sector employer's ability to conduct job related pre-employment inquiries and background checks in order to prevent physical, financial, economic and personal threats to employees and general public.”
- Added new Subsection F. “Brown Act/Public Notice” to Section 1 “Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations” and added a new provision, “Support legislation modernizing the methods by which a local agency may comply with public noticing, advertisement, and posting requirements related to agendas, hearings, resolutions, ordinances and other government matters,” to encourage legislative consideration of technological advances in these requirements.
- Added two provisions under Section 1, “Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations”, designed to improve employees’ ability to save for their own health and retirement expenses: 1) “Support legislation that enhances tax-advantaged health saving accounts (HSAs) for employees” and 2) “Support legislation that enhances participation and promotes increased retirement savings in various types of deferred compensation plans.”
- Added a provision to Section 6(A), “Public Safety”, that states “Support legislation and grants that promote Crisis Intervention Team training for local law enforcement agencies in order to reduce arrests of people with mental illness and increase law enforcement's ability to do their job safely and effectively,” consistent with the City’s increased focus on crisis intervention.
- Add a new provision to Section 7, “Revenue and Taxation, Local Government Finance”, stating “Oppose legislation that threatens tax exemption for municipal bonds, including reinstating authority to issue tax-exempt advance refunding bonds.” This addresses changes from the Tax Cuts and Job Acts in 2017 that made interest on advance refunding bonds taxable, limiting local governments’ ability to restructure debt and lower borrowing costs.
- Three new provisions reflecting Council’s legislative direction to staff during 2019: 1) “Support legislation to reduce gun violence through measures such as enhancing background check requirements, prohibiting unlicensed transfers of guns through unregulated secondary sales, and increasing law enforcement’s ability to trace crime guns” (Section 6(A), Public Safety); “Support legislation

protecting the rights of residents of all national origins, races, ethnicities, religious beliefs, genders, gender identities, and sexual orientations to reside safely in our community, free from violence and intimidation” Section 6(A), Public Safety); and “Support legislation providing affordable universal access to health care” (Section 4(E), Community Services, Family Welfare).

### FISCAL IMPACTS:

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

### ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could choose not to take action on a 2020 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 and also provide information to our State Legislators as they prepare the bills they will introduce in 2020.


**Reviewed By:**

**Legal Review By:**

**Approved By:**



Kristine Schmidt  
Assistant City Manager



Michael Jenkins  
City Attorney



Michelle Greene  
City Manager

### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Establishing the City of Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020.  
Exhibit A. - Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020 – Clean version
2. Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020 – Redline Version

## **ATTACHMENT 1:**

1. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Establishing the City of Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020.  
Exhibit A. - Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020 – Clean version



## **RESOLUTION NO. 20-XX**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF GOLETA LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Goleta City Council adopted a legislative platform in December 2018, 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 is 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 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 2020 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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    )  
CITY OF GOLETA                 )       ss.

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO  
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 20-\_\_ was duly adopted  
by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the \_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK





**2020**

**LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

This page left intentionally blank.

## Table of Contents

<b>Introduction. Purpose and Scope</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Section 1. Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations</b>	<b>5</b>
A. Employee and Labor Relations	5
B. Tort Reform	5
C. Elections	6
D. Public Records Act	65
E. Political Reform Act/Ethics/Conflict of Interest Laws	6
F. Brown Act/Public Notice	7
<b>Section 2. Housing, Community, and Economic Development</b>	<b>8</b>
A. Housing	8
B. Land Use Planning	9
C. Regional Governance/Growth Management	9
D. Local Agency Formation Commissions' ("LAFCO") Policies	10
E. Economic Development	11
<b>Section 3. Transportation, Communication, and Public Works</b>	<b>12</b>
A. Transportation	12
B. Water and Biological Resources	13
C. Telecommunications and Utilities	14
D. Contracts	15
<b>Section 4. Community Services</b>	<b>16</b>
A. Parks and Recreation	16
B. Facilities	16
C. Libraries	16
D. Arts, Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation	17
E. Family Services	17
F. Animal Welfare	18
<b>Section 5. Environmental Quality</b>	<b>19</b>
A. Climate Adaptation and Sustainability	19
B. Oil and Gas Cleanup, Restoration, and Oil-Spill Prevention	20
C. Solid Waste	21
<b>Section 6. Public Safety</b>	<b>22</b>
A. Public Safety	22
B. Emergency Preparedness	24
C. Crime Victims	24
<b>Section 7. Revenue and Taxation</b>	<b>25</b>
A. Local Government Finance	25
B. Property Tax Appeals Process	26



## **CITY OF GOLETA 2020 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 local 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 increases the transparency of all public employee compensation and benefits.
2. Support legislation that grants public pension and other post-retirement benefit reform 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 control escalating workers' compensation costs to public agencies and taxpayers.
5. Oppose legislation that limits a public sector employer's ability to conduct job related pre-employment inquiries and background checks in order to prevent physical, financial, economic and personal threats to employees and general public.
6. Support legislation that enhances tax-advantaged health saving accounts (HSAs) for employees.
7. Support legislation that enhances participation and promotes increased retirement savings in various types of deferred compensation plan.

### **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 encourages and expands civic engagement and voter participation in elections.
3. Support legislation that lowers the threshold 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 increases 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.

## F. Brown Act/Public Notice

1. Support legislation modernizing the methods by which a local agency may comply with public noticing, advertisement, and posting requirements related to agendas, hearings, resolutions, ordinances and other government matters.

## **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 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 legislation that cuts 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 legislation that promotes 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 legislation that is consistent with the principle of local control and the local exercise of police powers over local land use.
3. Support legislation 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.
6. 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.
7. Support legislation that retains the discretion of cities to prohibit or limit their own use of power of eminent domain to acquire property.
8. Support legislation that streamlines the California Environmental Quality Act, while supporting its goals.

## C. Regional Governance/Growth Management

1. Support legislation funding 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 legislation 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 legislation that clarifies and redefines 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 legislation that enhances 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 legislation that encourages 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 local gas tax revenues for roads and streets improvements and proposes new alternative funding solutions with longer-term sustainability.
5. Support legislation protecting 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 legislation 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 to expedite 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 reforms that assist 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 and does 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 legislative 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 legislative 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.
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 legislation that grants the ability of local governments to provide electricity and ancillary services to residential, commercial and industrial sectors.
4. Support legislation that grants cities’ authority to zone and plan for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure.

5. Support legislation that protects 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 legislation that erodes 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 and oppose legislation that reduces the public power options available to local governments.

D. Contracts

1. Support legislation 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 legislation 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 legislation to monitor and protect Goleta Beach Park and to support kelp bed restoration in the Goleta Bay.

### **B. Facilities**

1. Support legislation and grants 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 legislation providing funding for local arts activities and historic preservation.
2. Support legislation providing 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, and persons with disabilities.
2. Support legislation providing affordable universal access to health care.
3. Support legislation and grants that provide affordable, quality prenatal care and child care services and assistance to low-income families.
4. Support legislation and grants that facilitate the provision of recreational activities for all segments of our population.
5. Support legislative reforms in healthcare policy that address prevention, promote health and wellness, and encourage affordability and cost containment.
6. Support legislation and policies that promote mental health and substance use disorder services and make resources available that support and assist members of our community.
7. 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.

8. 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.
9. Support legislation and local, state, and federal programs to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by promoting mental health and substance use disorder services; providing emergency and transitional housing; expanding affordable permanent and supported housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services. add
10. Support legislation that addresses the needs of at-risk youth, juvenile offenders and juveniles that are placed on court-ordered probation.
11. Support legislation that provides funding at the local level to address gang prevention and intervention programs including after school programs for at- risk teens.
12. Support legislation that educates and protects children from tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, and other drugs.
13. Support legislation that encourages safe routes to schools including enforcement of school zone speed limits and expanded school zones.

#### F. Animal Welfare

1. Support legislation that facilitates responsible pet ownership.
2. Support legislation that supports humane treatment of animals and increases the penalties for animal abuse.

## **Section 5. Environmental Quality**

### **A. Climate Adaptation and Sustainability**

1. Oppose legislative 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 local governments 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 targets, 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 legislation enhancing 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 legislation that provides 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 legislation that promotes 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.
5. Oppose legislation that grants any new oil drilling or well leases off the coast of California.

### C. Solid Waste

1. Support legislation that expands the market for recyclable materials and encourages meeting state and local commercial recycling goals.
2. Support legislation that maintains and enhances local authority and flexibility to regulate solid waste and recyclables.
3. Support legislation that streamlines compliance and implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Act.
4. Oppose legislation that invalidates the Integrated Waste Management Act indemnification and/or prevent cities from negotiating indemnification clauses with waste haulers.
5. Support legislation that increases local funding to governments and special districts for the collection of household waste.
6. Support legislation that reduces 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 legislation 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 legislation that provides flexible block grants to local governments that improve security and public safety at the local level.
7. Support legislation and grants that promote Crisis Intervention Team training for local law enforcement agencies in order to reduce arrests of people with mental illness and increase law enforcement's ability to do their job safely and effectively.
8. Support legislation that grants 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. Oppose legislation that eliminates local control of alcohol beverage establishments and any state or federal interference with local codes or compliance mechanisms.
11. Support legislation that promotes and increases vehicle, bicycle, scooter and pedestrian safety.
12. Support legislation which bans the personal possession and use of weapons with automatic firing capabilities.
13. Support legislation that strengthens cities' authority to regulate business that serve as fronts for illegal conduct such as human trafficking and prostitution.
14. Support legislation to reduce gun violence through measures such as enhancing background check requirements, prohibiting unlicensed transfers of guns through unregulated secondary sales, and increasing law enforcement's ability to trace crime guns.
15. Support legislation protecting the rights of residents of all national origins, races, ethnicities, religious beliefs, genders, gender identities, and sexual orientations to reside safely in our community, free from violence and intimidation
16. Oppose legislation that diminishes local authority to establish regulations regarding reasonable use of public space and appropriate behavior in public spaces.
17. Support legislation that enhances local control to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries, cooperatives, collectives or other distribution points.
18. Support legislation that increases the cannabis industry's access to banking systems and supports a consistency between state and federal regulation in this area.
19. Support legislation to develop processes and standards for evaluating impairment due to cannabis influence for drivers.

## 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 legislation that secures adequate frequencies and communications systems for multi-jurisdictional connectivity for public safety and protects the frequencies from intrusion.
3. Support legislation that increases 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 legislation that strengthens and enforces 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 legislation that grants 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 and use taxes, 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 legislation that delays the payment of revenues due the City.
8. Support legislation 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.
12. Oppose legislation that threatens tax exemption for municipal bonds, including reinstating authority to issue tax-exempt advance refunding bonds

B. Property Tax Appeals Process

1. Support legislation that changes 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 payment

## **ATTACHMENT 2:**

Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020 – Redline Version





**2020**

**LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

Deleted: 2019

Deleted: (Approved 12/4/18)¶

This page left intentionally blank.

## Table of Contents

<b>Introduction. Purpose and Scope</b>	?
<b>Section 1. Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations</b>	?
A. Employee and Labor Relations	?
B. Tort Reform	?
C. Elections	?
D. Public Records Act	?
E. Political Reform Act/Ethics/Conflict of Interest Laws	?
F. <u>Brown Act/Public Notice</u>	?
<b>Section 2. Housing, Community, and Economic Development</b>	?
A. Housing	?
B. Land Use Planning	?
C. Regional Governance/Growth Management	?
D. Local Agency Formation Commissions' ("LAFCO") Policies	?
E. Economic Development	?
<b>Section 3. <u>Transportation, Communication, and Public Works</u></b>	?
A. Transportation	?
B. Water and Biological Resources	?
C. Telecommunications and Utilities	?
D. Contracts	?
<b>Section 4. Community Services</b>	?
A. Parks and Recreation	?
B. Facilities	?
C. Libraries	?
D. Arts, Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation	?
E. Family Services	?
F. Animal <u>Welfare</u>	?
<b>Section 5. Environmental Quality</b>	?
A. Climate Adaptation and Sustainability	?
B. Oil and Gas Cleanup, Restoration, and Oil-Spill Prevention	?
C. Solid Waste	?
<b>Section 6. Public Safety</b>	?
A. Public Safety	?
B. Emergency Preparedness	?
C. Crime Victims	?
<b>Section 7. Revenue and Taxation</b>	?
A. Local Government Finance	?
B. Property Tax Appeals Process	?

Deleted: Public Works, Transportation, and Communication

Deleted: Care (

Deleted: )



**CITY OF GOLETA  
2020  
LEGISLATIVE  
PLATFORM**

Deleted: 19

**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 local governance; protect and enhance public health, safety and welfare; and aid the City's delivery of high-quality services to its residents.

Deleted:

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 increases the transparency of all public employee compensation and benefits.
2. Support legislation that grants public pension and other post-retirement benefit reform 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 control escalating workers' compensation costs to public agencies and taxpayers.

Commented [SR1]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: legislation

- ~~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.~~ Oppose legislation that limits a public sector employer's ability to conduct job related pre-employment inquiries and background checks in order to prevent physical, financial, economic and personal threats to employees and general public.

Commented [SR2]:  
Kristy Schmidt

6. Support legislation that enhances tax-advantaged health saving accounts (HSAs) for employees.
7. Support legislation that enhances participation and promotes increased retirement savings in various types of deferred compensation plan.

Commented [3]:  
Luke Rioux

Commented [4]:  
Luke Rioux

### 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.

Deleted: ¶

C. Elections

1. Support legislation to reduce unnecessary and costly procedures for conducting municipal elections.
2. Support legislation that encourages and expands civic engagement and voter participation in elections.

3. Support legislation that lowers the threshold for passage of local special purpose agency funding propositions.

Deleted: requirements

Commented [SR5]:  
Helyne Meshar

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 increases 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.

F. Brown Act/Public Notice

1. Support legislation modernizing the methods by which a local agency may comply with public noticing, advertisement, and posting requirements related to agendas, hearings, resolutions, ordinances and other government matters.

Commented [KS6]:  
Deborah Lopez and Helyne Meshar.

## **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 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 ~~legislation that cuts~~ funding for affordable housing and services to vulnerable populations through programs such as HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

Deleted: reasonable

Commented [SR8]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: efforts to

### **B. Land Use Planning**

1. Support ~~legislation that promotes~~ environmentally sustainable land use patterns that maintain safe residential neighborhoods,

Commented [SR9]:  
Helyne Meshar

bolster economic prosperity, preserve open space, and enhance the overall quality of life in the City of Goleta.

2. Support legislation, that is consistent with the principle of local control and the local exercise of police powers over local land use.
3. Support legislation, 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.

Commented [SR10]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: efforts

Deleted: are

Commented [SR11]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: efforts

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.
6. 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.
7. Support legislation that retains the discretion of cities to prohibit or limit their own use of power of eminent domain to acquire property.
8. Support legislation that streamlines the California Environmental Quality Act, while supporting its goals.

Commented [SR12]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: efforts

#### C. Regional Governance/Growth Management

1. Support legislation funding 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 legislation 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.

Commented [SR13]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: for

Commented [SR14]:  
Helyne Meshar.

Deleted: proposals

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

1. Support legislation that clarifies and redefines 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 legislation that enhances LAFCO's ability to mitigate fiscal impacts regarding "change of organization" proposals through tax sharing conditions.

Deleted: the

Deleted: clarification

Deleted: redefinition of

Commented [SR15]:  
Helyne Meshar.

Deleted: the

Deleted: enhancement of

Commented [SR16]:  
Helyne Meshar.

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 legislation that encourages 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.

Commented [SR17]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: efforts

### **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 local gas tax revenues for roads and streets improvements and proposes new alternative funding solutions with longer-term sustainability.
5. Support legislation protecting 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 legislation 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 to expedite federal review and reduce delays in payment of local agencies and their contractors for transportation project development, right-of-way and construction activities.

Commented [SR18]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: the protection

Deleted: of

Commented [SR19]:  
Helyne Meshar

10. Support legislation that increases administrative flexibility and streamlines reforms that assist 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.

Commented [SR20]:  
Helyne Meshar

11. Support legislation that ensures transportation infrastructure funding and does 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 legislative 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 legislative 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.
7. Support legislation and grants that promote wildlife, habitat protection, and preservation of endangered or threatened species, including care for injured wildlife.

Commented [SR21]:  
Helyne Meshar

Commented [SR22]:  
Helyne Meshar

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 legislation that grants the ability of local governments to provide electricity and ancillary services to residential, commercial and industrial sectors.

Commented [SR23]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: the

4. Support legislation that grants cities' authority to zone and plan for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure.

Commented [SR24]:  
Helyne Meshar

5. Support legislation that protects cities' ability to maintain and manage the public right-of-way and negotiate compensation for its use.

Commented [SR25]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: grants

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 legislation that erodes the ability of local governments to maintain existing fees on telecommunications services.

Commented [SR26]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: efforts

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 and oppose legislation that reduces the public power options available to local governments.

#### D. Contracts

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

Commented [SR27]:  
Helyne Meshar.

Deleted: changes in the law

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 legislation to develop regional and state parks and connecting trail systems.

Commented [SR28]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: initiatives

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

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

Commented [SR29]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: efforts

Deleted: . S

### **B. Facilities**

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

Commented [SR30]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: and legislation

### **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 legislation providing funding for local arts activities and historic preservation.

Deleted: state and federal

2. Support legislation providing funding for high quality art programs

Commented [SR31]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: federal and state

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, and persons with disabilities.

2. Support legislation providing affordable universal access to health care.

Commented [KS32]: Per Council 2019 Action

3. Support legislation and grants that provide affordable, quality prenatal care and child care services and assistance to low-income families.

4. Support legislation and grants that facilitate the provision of recreational activities for all segments of our population.

5. Support legislative reforms in healthcare policy that address prevention, promote health and wellness, and encourage affordability and cost containment.

Commented [SR33]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: on

6. Support legislation and policies that promote mental health and substance use disorder services and make resources available that support and assist members of our community.

Commented [KS34]: Helyne Meshar

Deleted: abuse

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Support legislation and local, state, and federal programs to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by promoting mental health and substance use disorder services; providing emergency and transitional housing; expanding affordable permanent and supported housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services. add

Commented [SR35]:  
Helyne Meshar.

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

11. Support legislation that provides funding at the local level to address

gang prevention and intervention programs including after school programs for at- risk teens.

- 12.Support legislation that educates and protects children from tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, and other drugs.
- 13.Support legislation that encourages safe routes to schools including enforcement of school zone speed limits and expanded school zones.

F. Animal Welfare

- 1. Support legislation that facilitates responsible pet ownership.
- 2. Support legislation that supports humane treatment of animals and increases the penalties for animal abuse.

Commented [SR36]:  
Helyne Mesnar and Kristy Schmidt

Commented [SR37]:  
Helyne Mesnar

Deleted:

Deleted: and cannabis

Commented [SR38]:  
Helyne Mesnar.

Deleted: Care (

Deleted: )

## **Section 5. Environmental Quality**

### **A. Climate Adaptation and Sustainability**

1. Oppose legislative 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 local governments 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 targets, 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 legislation enhancing 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 legislation that provides 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

Commented [SR39]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: any

Deleted: on

Deleted: cities

Commented [41]:  
Peter Imhof

Commented [SR42]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: continual adoption of enhanced

Commented [SR43]:  
Helyne Meshar

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 legislation that promotes 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.

Commented [SR44]:  
Helyne Meshar

## 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.
5. Oppose legislation that grants any new oil drilling or well leases off the coast of California.

Commented [SR45]:  
Helyne Meshar

## C. Solid Waste

1. Support legislation that expands the market for recyclable materials and encourages meeting state and local commercial recycling goals.
2. Support legislation that maintains and enhances local authority and flexibility to regulate solid waste and recyclables.
3. Support legislation that streamlines compliance and implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Act.
4. Oppose legislation that invalidates the Integrated Waste Management Act indemnification and/or prevent cities from negotiating indemnification clauses with waste haulers.
5. Support legislation that increases local funding to governments and special districts for the collection of household waste.

Deleted: Continue to

Deleted: s

Deleted: any

6. Support legislation that reduces the toxic and non-reusable waste load.

Commented [SR46]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: efforts to

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 legislation on 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 legislation that provides flexible block grants to local governments that improve security and public safety at the local level.
7. Support legislation and grants that promote Crisis Intervention Team training for local law enforcement agencies in order to reduce arrests of people with mental illness and increase law enforcement's ability to do their job safely and effectively.
8. Support legislation that grants 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. Oppose legislation that eliminates local control of alcohol

Deleted: ve efforts

Commented [47]:  
Luke Rioux.

Deleted: A

Deleted: P

Deleted: B

Deleted: D

Deleted: C

Deleted: M

Commented [48]:  
Peter Imhof

Commented [SR49]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: grants

Commented [50]:  
Dominique Samario, Vyto Adomaitis

Commented [SR51]:  
Helyne Meshar

Commented [SR52]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: attempts to

beverage establishments and any state or federal interference with local codes or compliance mechanisms.

11. Support legislation that promotes and increases vehicle, bicycle, scooter and pedestrian safety.
12. Support legislation which bans the personal possession and use of weapons with automatic firing capabilities.
13. Support legislation that strengthens cities' authority to regulate business that serve as fronts for illegal conduct such as human trafficking and prostitution.

Commented [SR53]:  
Helyne Meshar.

14. Support legislation to reduce gun violence through measures such as enhancing background check requirements, prohibiting unlicensed transfers of guns through unregulated secondary sales, and increasing law enforcement's ability to trace crime guns.

Commented [KS54]: Per 2019 Council Action

15. Support legislation protecting the rights of residents of all national origins, races, ethnicities, religious beliefs, genders, gender identities, and sexual orientations to reside safely in our community, free from violence and intimidation.

Commented [KS55]: Per 2019 Council Action

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

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

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

19. Support legislation to develop processes and standards for evaluating impairment due to cannabis influence for drivers.

#### 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 legislation that secures adequate frequencies and communications systems for multi-jurisdictional connectivity for public safety and protects the frequencies from intrusion.

Commented [SR56]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: efforts

Deleted: to

3. Support legislation that increases Emergency Management Performance Grant funding which retains flexibility of fund usage for emergency preparedness training, disaster events and disaster communication outreach efforts.

Commented [SR57]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: an

Deleted: of

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 ~~legislation that~~ strengthens and enforces 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.

Commented [SR58]:  
Helyne Mesnar

Deleted: efforts to

## **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 **legislation that grants** 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 **and use taxes**, 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 **legislation that delays** the payment of revenues due the City.
8. Support **legislation 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.

Commented [SR59]:  
Helyne Meshar

Commented [60]:  
Luke Rioux.

Deleted: taxes, use

Deleted: state or regional

Deleted: or efforts

Deleted: state and federal

Deleted: ive

Deleted: actions

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

12. Oppose legislation that threatens tax exemption for municipal bonds, including reinstating authority to issue tax-exempt advance refunding bonds

Commented [61]:  
Luke Rioux.

#### B. Property Tax Appeals Process

1. Support legislation that changes 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.

Commented [SR62]:  
Helyne Meshar

Deleted: to

1. 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.

Formatted: Indent: Hanging: 0.25", Outline numbered + Level: 2 + Numbering Style: 1, 2, 3, ... + Start at: 1 + Alignment: Left + Aligned at: 0.33" + Indent at: 0.58"

Deleted: ¶

**Attachment 2**

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Establishing the City of Goleta  
Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020



## **RESOLUTION NO. 20-XX**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF GOLETA LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Goleta City Council adopted a legislative platform in December 2018, 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 is 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 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 2020 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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        )  
CITY OF GOLETA                        )       ss.

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO  
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 20-\_\_ was duly adopted  
by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the \_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK





**2020**

## **LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

This page left intentionally blank.

## Table of Contents

<b>Introduction. Purpose and Scope</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Section 1. Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations</b>	<b>5</b>
A. Employee and Labor Relations	5
B. Tort Reform	5
C. Elections	6
D. Public Records Act	65
E. Political Reform Act/Ethics/Conflict of Interest Laws	6
F. Brown Act/Public Notice	7
<b>Section 2. Housing, Community, and Economic Development</b>	<b>8</b>
A. Housing	8
B. Land Use Planning	9
C. Regional Governance/Growth Management	9
D. Local Agency Formation Commissions' ("LAFCO") Policies	10
E. Economic Development	11
<b>Section 3. Transportation, Communication, and Public Works</b>	<b>12</b>
A. Transportation	12
B. Water and Biological Resources	13
C. Telecommunications and Utilities	14
D. Contracts	15
<b>Section 4. Community Services</b>	<b>16</b>
A. Parks and Recreation	16
B. Facilities	16
C. Libraries	16
D. Arts, Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation	17
E. Family Services	17
F. Animal Welfare	18
<b>Section 5. Environmental Quality</b>	<b>19</b>
A. Climate Adaptation and Sustainability	19
B. Oil and Gas Cleanup, Restoration, and Oil-Spill Prevention	20
C. Solid Waste	21
<b>Section 6. Public Safety</b>	<b>22</b>
A. Public Safety	22
B. Emergency Preparedness	24
C. Crime Victims	24
<b>Section 7. Revenue and Taxation</b>	<b>25</b>
A. Local Government Finance	25
B. Property Tax Appeals Process	26



## **CITY OF GOLETA 2020 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 local 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 increases the transparency of all public employee compensation and benefits.
2. Support legislation that grants public pension and other post-retirement benefit reform 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 control escalating workers' compensation costs to public agencies and taxpayers.
5. Oppose legislation that limits a public sector employer's ability to conduct job related pre-employment inquiries and background checks in order to prevent physical, financial, economic and personal threats to employees and general public.
6. Support legislation that enhances tax-advantaged health saving accounts (HSAs) for employees.
7. Support legislation that enhances participation and promotes increased retirement savings in various types of deferred compensation plan.

### **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 encourages and expands civic engagement and voter participation in elections.
3. Support legislation that lowers the threshold 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 increases 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.

F. Brown Act/Public Notice

1. Support legislation modernizing the methods by which a local agency may comply with public noticing, advertisement, and posting requirements related to agendas, hearings, resolutions, ordinances and other government matters.

## **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 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; and that would simplify the housing element review process.
7. Oppose legislation that cuts 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 legislation that promotes 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 legislation that is consistent with the principle of local control and the local exercise of police powers over local land use.
3. Support legislation 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.
6. 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.
7. Support legislation that retains the discretion of cities to prohibit or limit their own use of power of eminent domain to acquire property.
8. Support legislation that streamlines the California Environmental Quality Act, while supporting its goals.

## C. Regional Governance/Growth Management

1. Support legislation funding 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 legislation 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 legislation that clarifies and redefines 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 legislation that enhances 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 legislation that encourages 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 local gas tax revenues for roads and streets improvements and proposes new alternative funding solutions with longer-term sustainability.
5. Support legislation protecting 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 legislation 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 to expedite 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 offers streamlining reforms that assist 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 and does 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 legislative 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 legislative 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.
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 legislation that grants the ability of local governments to provide electricity and ancillary services to residential, commercial and industrial sectors.
4. Support legislation that grants cities’ authority to zone and plan for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure.

5. Support legislation that protects 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 legislation that erodes 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 and oppose legislation that reduces the public power options available to local governments.
11. Support legislation that enables or encourages public utilities to mitigate and find alternatives to public safety power shutoffs.

D. Contracts

1. Support legislation 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 legislation 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 legislation to monitor and protect Goleta Beach Park and to support kelp bed restoration in the Goleta Bay.

### **B. Facilities**

1. Support legislation and grants 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 legislation providing funding for local arts activities and historic preservation.
2. Support legislation providing 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, and persons with disabilities.
2. Support legislation providing affordable universal access to health care.
3. Support legislation and grants that provide affordable, accessible, quality prenatal care and childcare services and assistance to low-income families.
4. Support legislation and grants that facilitate the provision of recreational activities for all segments of our population.
5. Support legislative reforms in healthcare policy that address prevention, promote health and wellness, and encourage affordability and cost containment.
6. Support legislation and policies that promote mental health and substance use disorder services and make resources available that support and assist members of our community.
7. 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.

8. 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.
9. Support legislation and local, state, and federal programs to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by promoting mental health and substance use disorder services; providing emergency and transitional housing; expanding affordable permanent and supported housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services. add
10. Support legislation that addresses the needs of at-risk youth, juvenile offenders and juveniles that are placed on court-ordered probation.
11. Support legislation that provides funding at the local level to address gang prevention and intervention programs including after school programs for at- risk teens.
12. Support legislation that educates and protects children from tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, and other drugs.
13. Support legislation that encourages safe routes to schools including enforcement of school zone speed limits and expanded school zones.

#### F. Animal Welfare

1. Support legislation that facilitates responsible pet ownership.
2. Support legislation that supports humane treatment of animals and increases the penalties for animal abuse.

## **Section 5. Environmental Quality**

### **A. Climate Adaptation and Sustainability**

1. Oppose legislative 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 local governments 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 targets, 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 legislation enhancing 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 legislation that provides 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 legislation that promotes 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.
5. Oppose legislation that grants any new oil drilling or well leases off the coast of California.

C. Solid Waste

1. Support legislation that expands the market for recyclable materials and encourages meeting state and local commercial recycling goals.
2. Support legislation that maintains and enhances local authority and flexibility to regulate solid waste and recyclables.
3. Support legislation that streamlines compliance and implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Act.
4. Oppose legislation that invalidates the Integrated Waste Management Act indemnification and/or prevent cities from negotiating indemnification clauses with waste haulers.
5. Support legislation that increases local funding to governments and special districts for the collection of household waste.
6. Support legislation that reduces 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 legislation 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 legislation that provides flexible block grants to local governments that improve security and public safety at the local level.
7. Support legislation and grants that promote Crisis Intervention Team training for local law enforcement agencies in order to reduce arrests of people with mental illness and increase law enforcement's ability to do their job safely and effectively.
8. Support legislation that grants 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. Oppose legislation that eliminates local control of alcohol beverage establishments and any state or federal interference with local codes or compliance mechanisms.
11. Support legislation that promotes and increases vehicle, bicycle, scooter and pedestrian safety.
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 seeks to impose mandatory levels of cannabis business permitting.
14. Support legislation to reduce gun violence through measures such as enhancing background check requirements, prohibiting unlicensed transfers of guns through unregulated secondary sales, and increasing law enforcement's ability to trace crime guns.
15. Support legislation protecting the rights of residents of all national origins, races, ethnicities, religious beliefs, genders, gender identities, and sexual orientations to reside safely in our community, free from violence and intimidation
16. Oppose legislation that diminishes local authority to establish regulations regarding reasonable use of public space and appropriate behavior in public spaces.
17. Support legislation that enhances local control to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries, cooperatives, collectives or other distribution points.
18. Support legislation that increases the cannabis industry's access to banking systems and supports a consistency between state and federal regulation in this area.

19. Support legislation to develop processes and standards for evaluating impairment due to cannabis influence for drivers.

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 legislation that secures adequate frequencies and communications systems for multi-jurisdictional connectivity for public safety and protects the frequencies from intrusion.
3. Support legislation that increases 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 legislation that strengthens and enforces 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 legislation that grants 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 and use taxes, 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 legislation that delays the payment of revenues due the City.
8. Support legislation 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.
12. Oppose legislation that threatens tax exemption for municipal bonds, including reinstating authority to issue tax-exempt advance refunding bonds

B. Property Tax Appeals Process

1. Support legislation that changes 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 payment



### **Attachment 3**

Goleta Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2020 – Redline Version





20192020

## LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

(Approved 12/4/18)

This page left intentionally blank.

## Table of Contents

<b>Introduction. Purpose and Scope</b>	?
<b>Section 1. Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations</b>	?
A. Employee and Labor Relations	?
B. Tort Reform	?
C. Elections	?
D. Public Records Act	?
E. Political Reform Act/Ethics/Conflict of Interest Laws	?
E.F. <u>Brown Act/Public Notice</u>	?
<b>Section 2. Housing, Community, and Economic Development</b>	?
A. Housing	?
B. Land Use Planning	?
C. Regional Governance/Growth Management	?
D. Local Agency Formation Commissions' ("LAFCO") Policies	?
E. Economic Development	?
<b>Section 3. <del>Public Works, Transportation, and</del> <u>CommunicationTransportation, Communication, and Public Works</u></b>	?
A. Transportation	?
B. Water and Biological Resources	?
C. Telecommunications and Utilities	?
D. Contracts	?
<b>Section 4. Community Services</b>	?
A. Parks and Recreation	?
B. Facilities	?
C. Libraries	?
D. Arts, Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation	?
E. Family Services	?
F. Animal <del>Care</del> <u>(Welfare)</u>	?
<b>Section 5. Environmental Quality</b>	?
A. Climate Adaptation and Sustainability	?
B. Oil and Gas Cleanup, Restoration, and Oil-Spill Prevention	?
C. Solid Waste	?
<b>Section 6. Public Safety</b>	?
A. Public Safety	?
B. Emergency Preparedness	?
C. Crime Victims	?
<b>Section 7. Revenue and Taxation</b>	?
A. Local Government Finance	?
B. Property Tax Appeals Process	?



## **CITY OF GOLETA 202019 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 local 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 increases the transparency of all public employee compensation and benefits.
2. Support [legislation<sup>\[SR1\]</sup> that grants](#) 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 control 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<sup>[SR2]</sup>.~~  
[Oppose legislation that limits a public sector employer's ability to conduct job related pre-employment inquiries and background checks in order to prevent physical, financial, economic and personal threats to employees and general public.](#)

~~5.6.~~ [Support legislation that enhances tax-advantaged<sup>d</sup> health saving accounts \(HSAs\) <sup>\[3\]</sup>for employees.](#)

~~6.7.~~ [Support legislation that enhances participation and promotes increased retirement savings in various types of deferred compensation plan<sup>\[4\]</sup>.](#)

### **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 encourages and expands civic engagement and voter participation in elections.
3. Support legislation that lowers the threshold requirements for passage of local special purpose agency funding propositions. [SR5]

#### 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 increases 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.

#### F. Brown Act/Public Notice

1. Support legislation modernizing the methods by which a local<sup>[KS6]</sup> agency may comply with public noticing, advertisement, and posting requirements related to agendas, hearings, resolutions, ordinances and other government matters.

## **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~~<sup>[SR7]</sup> 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 and 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~~<sup>[KS8]</sup>.
7. Oppose ~~legislation~~<sup>[SR9]</sup> ~~efforts to that~~ cuts 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 ~~legislation~~<sup>[SR10]</sup> ~~that promotes~~ 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 legislation<sup>SR11</sup> on efforts that isare consistent with the principle of local control and the local exercise of police powers over local land use.
3. Support legislation<sup>SR12</sup> on 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.
- 5-6. 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.
- 6-7. Support ~~efforts~~ legislation <sup>[SR13]</sup> that retains the discretion of cities to prohibit or limit their own use of power of eminent domain to acquire property.
- 7-8. Support legislation that streamlines the California Environmental Quality Act, while supporting its goals.

#### c. Regional Governance/Growth Management

1. Support legislation <sup>[SR14]</sup> 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~~ legislation <sup>[SR15]</sup> 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 ~~legislation that the clarifies clarification~~ and ~~redefinition of redefines~~ 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.<sup>[SR16]</sup>
2. Support ~~the legislation that enhances enhancement of~~ LAFCO's ability to mitigate fiscal impacts regarding "change of organization" proposals through tax sharing conditions.<sup>[SR17]</sup>

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~~ legislation<sup>[SR18]</sup> that encourages 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 local gas tax revenues for roads and streets improvements and proposes new alternative funding solutions with longer-term sustainability.
5. Support [legislation](#)<sup>SR19</sup> ~~protecting 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 [legislation](#)<sup>SR20</sup> 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 to expedite 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 reforms~~<sup>[SR21]</sup> offers streamlining reforms<sup>[KS22]</sup> that assist 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.

~~40.11.~~ Support legislation that enables or encourages public utilities to mitigate and find alternatives to public safety power shutoffs.<sup>[KS23]</sup>

~~41.12.~~ Support legislation that ensures transportation infrastructure funding and does not jeopardize critical projects with each reauthorization.

~~42.13.~~ 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 [legislative](#) [SR24](#) 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 [legislative](#) [SR25](#) 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.
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 [legislation](#)<sup>[SR26]</sup> ~~that~~ [grants the](#) ability of local governments to provide electricity and ancillary services to residential, commercial and industrial sectors.
4. Support [legislation](#)<sup>[SR27]</sup> [that grants](#) cities' authority to zone and plan for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure.
5. Support [legislation](#)<sup>[SR28]</sup> [that grants protects](#) 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 [legislation](#)<sup>[SR29]</sup> ~~efforts~~ that ~~erodes~~ 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 and oppose legislation that reduces the public power options available to local governments.

#### D. Contracts

1. Support [legislation](#)<sup>[SR30]</sup> ~~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 legislation<sup>[SR32]</sup> ~~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 legislation<sup>[SR32]</sup> ~~efforts~~ to monitor and protect Goleta Beach Park ~~and~~ S to support kelp bed restoration in the Goleta Bay.

### **B. Facilities**

1. Support legislation<sup>[SR33]</sup> ~~and~~ 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~~ legislation providing funding for local arts activities and historic preservation.
2. Support ~~federal and state~~ legislation<sup>[SR34]</sup> providing 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, and persons with disabilities.

2. Support legislation providing affordable universal access to health care. [KS35]
3. Support legislation and grants that provide affordable, accessible, [KS36] quality prenatal care and child care services and assistance to low-income families.
4. Support legislation and grants that facilitate the provision of recreational activities for all segments of our population.
5. Support legislative on [SR37] reforms in healthcare policy that address prevention, promote health and wellness, and encourage affordability and cost containment.
6. Support legislation and policies that promote mental health and substance use disorder abuse services [KS38] and make resources available that support and assist members of our community.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Support legislation and local, state, and federal programs to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by promoting mental health and substance use disorder services; providing emergency and transitional housing; expanding affordable permanent and supported [SR39] housing; and promoting self- empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services. add
10. Support legislation that addresses the needs of at-risk youth, juvenile offenders and juveniles that are placed on court-ordered probation.
11. Support legislation that provides funding at the local level to address

gang prevention and intervention programs including after school programs for at- risk teens.

12. Support legislation that educates and protects children from tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, and other drugs and cannabis. [SR40] [SR41]
13. Support legislation that encourages safe routes to schools including enforcement of school zone speed limits and expanded school zones.

F. Animal Care (Welfare) [SR42]

1. Support legislation that facilitates responsible pet ownership.
2. Support legislation that supports humane treatment of animals and increases the penalties for animal abuse.

## **Section 5. Environmental Quality**

### **A. Climate Adaptation and Sustainability**

1. Oppose ~~any legislative on~~<sup>[SR43]</sup> 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~~<sup>[44]</sup> local governments 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 targets, in addition to providing incentives and grants for their implementation.<sup>[45]</sup>
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 legislation<sup>[SR46]</sup> ~~continual adoption of enhanced enhancing~~ 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 legislation<sup>[SR47]</sup> that provides 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 [legislation<sup>\[SR48\]</sup> that promotes](#) 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.
5. Oppose [legislation<sup>SR49</sup> that grants](#) any new oil drilling or well leases off the coast of California.

## C. Solid Waste

1. Support legislation that expands the market for recyclable materials and encourages meeting state and local commercial recycling goals.
2. Support legislation that maintains and enhances local authority and flexibility to regulate solid waste and recyclables.
3. ~~Continue to S~~support legislation that streamlines compliance and implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Act.
4. Oppose ~~any~~ legislation that invalidates the Integrated Waste Management Act indemnification and/or prevent cities from negotiating indemnification clauses with waste haulers.
5. Support legislation that increases local funding to governments and special districts for the collection of household waste.

6. Support [legislation](#)<sup>[SR50]</sup> ~~efforts to that~~ reduces 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 legislation onve efforts to provide state and federal funding to support local law enforcement <sup>[51]</sup> 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: aA) pPromotes comprehensive drug and alcohol education and rehabilitation; bB) dDiscourages drivers from operating motor vehicles while under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and, cC) mMaintains state funding necessary to post and operate sobriety and driver's license checkpoints. <sup>[52]</sup>
5. Support legislation that seeks funding to assist local law enforcement with crime prevention and reduction.
6. Support legislation <sup>[SR53]</sup> that provides grants flexible block grants to local governments that improve security and public safety at the local level.
- 6-7. Support legislation and grants that promote Crisis Intervention Team training for local law enforcement agencies in order to reduce arrests of people with mental illness and increase law enforcement's ability to do their job safely and effectively. <sup>[54]</sup>
- 7-8. Support legislation <sup>[SR55]</sup> that grants federal funding for first responder training and improved communications systems as part of Homeland Security.
- 8-9. Support legislation that mitigates the impacts of transferring state and federal inmates into our community.

~~9.10.~~ Oppose legislation <sup>[SR56]</sup> ~~that attempts to eliminate~~ local control of alcohol beverage establishments and any state or federal interference with local codes or compliance mechanisms.

~~10.11.~~ Support legislation that promotes and increases vehicle, bicycle, scooter <sup>[SR57]</sup> and pedestrian safety.

~~11.~~ ~~Support legislation which bans the personal possession and use of weapons~~ <sup>[KS58]</sup> ~~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.

~~12.13.~~ Oppose legislation that seeks to impose mandatory levels of cannabis business permitting. <sup>[KS59]</sup>

14. Support legislation to reduce gun violence through measures such as enhancing background check requirements, prohibiting unlicensed transfers of guns through unregulated secondary sales, and increasing law enforcement's ability to trace crime guns. [KS60]

15. Support legislation protecting the rights of residents of all national origins, races, ethnicities, religious beliefs, genders, gender identities, and sexual orientations to reside safely in our community, free from violence and intimidation. [KS61]

~~13-16.~~ Oppose legislation that diminishes local authority to establish regulations regarding reasonable use of public space and appropriate behavior in public spaces.

~~14-17.~~ Support legislation that enhances local control to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries, cooperatives, collectives or other distribution points.

~~15-18.~~ Support legislation that increases the cannabis industry's access to banking systems and supports a consistency between state and federal regulation in this area.

~~16-19.~~ Support legislation to develop processes and standards for evaluating impairment due to cannabis influence for drivers.

## 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 legislation [SR62] ~~efforts that~~ secure s adequate frequencies and communications systems for multi-jurisdictional connectivity for public safety and protect s the frequencies from intrusion.

3. Support legislation [SR63] ~~that an~~ increases 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 legislation<sup>SR641</sup> ~~efforts to that~~ strengthens and enforces 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 legislation [SR65] that grants 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 and use taxes, 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 delays the payment of revenues due the City.
8. Support state and federal legislation on ive actions 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.

44.12. Oppose legislation that threatens tax exemption for municipal bonds, including reinstating authority to issue tax-exempt advance refunding bonds<sup>[67]</sup>

## B. Property Tax Appeals Process

1. Support legislation <sup>[SR68]</sup> that 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.

4. 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.

