



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: MAY 20, 2025

TO: CITY COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY: DAISY PEREZ, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: 2025 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM (Continued from May 6, 2025)

SUMMARY

Consideration of the 2025 Legislative Platform confirming City Council positions on legislative issues that may impact the City of Fullerton.

PROPOSED MOTION

Adopt the 2025 Legislative Platform and authorize the Mayor (or Mayor Pro Tem in Mayor's absence) to sign policy and position letters within platform guidelines.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Do not approve the 2025 Legislative Platform and provide direction for revisions
- Other options brought by City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

Based on the City Council discussion at the City Council Meeting, we have placed an attachment with explanation of the changes.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Public Safety

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The City's Legislative Platform serves as a policy document to communicate support or opposition to legislation that may impact the City. The Platform enables the City to advocate for local control, fiscal stability, regional funding opportunities and other priorities at the state and federal levels.

The 2025 Legislative Platform reaffirms Fullerton's long-standing Guiding Principles:

- Preserve Local Control
- Promote Fiscal Stability
- Support Funding Opportunities.

The Platform organizes policy statements into various categories such as Administration, Economic Development, Water Supply, Housing, Parks, Public Safety and Public Works.

City Council reviews and updates the Platform each year to align with evolving legislative priorities. The proposed 2025 Legislative Platform updates clarify positions, address emerging legislative challenges and advocate for funding opportunities. The changes incorporate new policy statements regarding issues such as housing transparency, water infrastructure, CalPERS contributions, local revenue protection and homeless services support.

The following table summarizes substantive changes from the 2024 to the 2025 Platform:

Category	Change Description
Administration	Added support for flexibility regarding Brown Act remote meetings; added support for additional funding into the State Mandated Programs reimbursement program; added opposition to increases in CalPERS contributions; added opposition to new challenges to local tax measures.
Economic Development	Added support for adaptive reuse incentives; clarified support for restoring or creating a modern form of Redevelopment Agencies (RDAs).
Building	Added support for historic preservation funding and tools.
Natural Hazards	Added support for an earthquake early warning system and hazard mapping updates.
Solid Waste and Recycling	Added opposition to unfunded state mandates; support for city funding for mandated recycling programs.

Water Quality and Water Supply	Added opposition to SB 1255 unless amended regarding water rate assistance program; expanded support for replacement of aging infrastructure and for Metropolitan Water District programs.
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Added emphasis on streamlining CEQA for housing and infill projects.
Land Use Planning, Housing, and Homelessness	Added support for transparency and local stakeholder input in RHND process; added opposition to additional surplus land requirements; added support for scalable federal homeless services funding.
Parks and Recreation	Added support for policies that promote sustainability goals including carbon sequestration through landscape management.
Human Resources and Risk Management	Added monitoring employee vaccine mandates; expanded opposition to mandatory binding arbitration and administrative burdens.
Public Safety	Added support for illegal dump site and encampment funding; emphasized reimbursement for unfunded public safety mandates.
Police	Added support for graffiti abatement resources; expanded support for transparency reforms to POBAR.
Fire and Emergency Medical Services	Expanded support for local EMS control and hazardous materials regulation coordination.
Public Works	Added opposition to California High Speed Rail funding; added opposition to aggressive CARB Advanced Clean Fleet compliance schedules; expanded support for wireless infrastructure local control.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – 2025 Legislative Platform
- Attachment 2 – 2025 Legislative Platform Redline
- Attachment 3 – 2025 Legislative Platform Changes

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