CITY OF FULLERTON
2019 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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PURPOSE

The City of Fullerton's 2019 Legislative Platform confirms the City Council's position on current issues with the potential to directly or indirectly impact the City, thereby establishing guidelines to actively pursue pending legislation through monitoring and communications activities. Below are the Guiding Principles and Policy Statements that will allow City staff to address 2019 legislative and regulatory issues in a timely manner, without precluding the consideration of additional legislative and budget issues that may arise during the legislative session.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

I. PRESERVE LOCAL CONTROL

Preserve and protect the City's powers, duties and prerogatives to enact local legislation and policy direction concerning local affairs and oppose legislation that preempts local authority. Local agencies should preserve authority and accountability for revenues raised and services provided.

II. PROMOTE FISCAL STABILITY

Support measures that promote fiscal stability, predictability, financial independence, and preserve the City's revenue base and maximum local control over local government budgeting. Oppose measures that shift local funds to the County, State or Federal Governments and/or make cities more dependent on the County, State or Federal Governments for financial stability, such as unfunded mandates or mandated costs with no guarantee of local reimbursement or offsetting benefits.

III. SUPPORT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Support opportunities that allow the City to compete for its fair share of regional, state and federal funding. Support funding for programs including, but not limited to economic development such as infrastructure investment and housing, transportation projects including road resurfacing, bicycle and pedestrian safety, multi-modal transportation systems and transit oriented development, air quality, water quality and local water reliability, parks and recreation, historic preservation, natural resources, hazard mitigation, public safety and public health.

POLICY STATEMENTS

Administration

1. Oppose State or Federal efforts to "borrow" local revenues and encourage the State to find other methods of balancing its budget.
2. Support local sales and use tax reform to create an equitable distribution structure that appropriately captures and allocates online sales tax.

3. Support local government action, rather than the imposition of state, federal or regional mandates upon local governments, as well as federal mandates placed on the state.
4. Support maximum flexibility for local government in contracting and contract negotiations.
5. Support open government initiatives as well as the principles of the open meetings provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act at all levels of government.
6. Support legislation that facilitates the ability of local government to share resources to increase efficiencies and decrease costs, including local efforts to address regional management of public safety personnel.
7. Support legislation that preserves the ability of local governments to determine the appropriate type of election for their jurisdiction.
8. Monitor local, state and federal legislation pertaining to e-cigarettes.
9. Support the preservation of Proposition 13 as stated in City Council Resolution No. 2014-51.

Economic Development

10. Support international, statewide, regional and local efforts to attract, retain and provide resources for current and future commercial and industrial businesses.
11. Support policies and programs that encourage working with other cities, counties and government agencies to jointly leverage resources and assets to create and strengthen economic clusters within the region.
12. Support policies, projects, programs and regulations for diversifying Fullerton's manufacturing base and facilitating investment in the City's industrial areas that will result in maintaining or growing local jobs and creating an environment that is attractive to high tech, research and development, business incubators, manufacturers, transportation and warehouse logistic companies, services and other emerging industries.
13. Support economic development initiatives that preserve and enhance a positive business climate and maintain and grow the business tax base.
14. Support efforts to allow cities to recapture true values of redevelopment and successor agency funds.

Air Quality

15. Support continued funding and incentives to local agencies to work together to improve air quality through the reduction of emissions and advancing economic and technical developments.

Building

16. Support policies and guidelines to facilitate alternative building methods, materials and technologies.

Natural Hazards

17. Support programs which provide funding to hazard mitigation projects including those identified in a FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
18. Support legislation or funding of state efforts to create an earthquake early warning system as well as to update and prepare earthquake hazard mapping.

Solid Waste and Recycling

19. Support measures that maintain and enhance local authority and economic flexibility to regulate solid waste and recyclables.
20. Oppose any measures that invalidate AB 939 (California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989) indemnification and prevent cities from negotiating indemnification clauses with waste haulers as well as support measures that mandate state agencies to comply with AB 939 in the same manner as required of cities and counties.
21. Support legislation that will provide funding to cities that must comply with unfunded state mandates related to waste management, solid waste recycling and organics recycling.

Water Quality and Water Supply

22. Support and monitor legislation that increases the availability of, and funding for, water conservation, water reuse technologies, water recycling, local water storage and other water supply technologies such as the Groundwater Replenishment System project.
23. Support Metropolitan Water District's regional recycled water demonstration program in Carson.
24. Support the enhancement of a reliable and sustainable water supply for California as well as measures that improve water quality in the region.
25. Monitor the development of a State framework for long term water conservation measures.
26. Support policy development, funding and research for water conservation, addressing urban runoff and beach closures and required programs associated with OC NPDES permits.
27. Support the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix
28. Monitor water desalination technologies and support community education efforts, both pro and con, regarding desalination.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

29. Support all efforts to create efficiencies within CEQA and support efforts to limit delays in the local planning and development process.
30. Support measures and reforms which streamline the CEQA process for the development of housing and mixed-use infill projects that support transit.
31. Support legislation that allows State agencies and local governments to continue to retain full authority to reject projects or to condition project approvals and impose mitigation measures.

Land Use Planning and Housing

32. Support efforts to strengthen the legal and fiscal capability of local agencies to prepare, adopt and implement plans for orderly growth, development, beautification and conservation of local planning areas.
33. Support housing measures that promote the development and enhancement of safe and affordable housing and accessible housing within the City for all economic segments of the population, while still retaining local control.
34. Monitor local, state and federal actions related to medical and recreational marijuana regulatory changes.

35. Support local control over the licensure and regulation of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities.

Libraries

36. Support full State funding of the Public Library fund and other local public library programs.

Parks and Recreation

37. Oppose efforts that erode funding for vital regional and community services that negatively impact Californian's access to parks, open space, bike lanes and bike ways, after school programming, senior services, facilities that promote physical activity, protect natural resources
38. Support funding for the City of Fullerton to acquire additional land in West Coyote Hills.
39. Promote local agency control over policies that recognize the benefits of parks and recreation facilities.

Human Resources and Risk Management

40. Oppose measures that reduce local control over employee relations issues or mandate new or enhanced local government employee benefits.
41. Oppose measures that impose compulsory and binding arbitration with respect to employees.
42. Support pension reform measures designed to control or decrease employer liability or increase transparency in reporting without imposing undo hardships or administrative burdens on local government.

Public Safety

43. Support measures that encourage community safety and well-being including those which support state and federal reimbursement of homeland security related expenses.
44. Support the use of Homeland Security Funds for local law enforcement agencies as first responders.
45. Support existing Proposition 83 (Jessica’s Law) restrictions on residency requirements for sex offenders and advocate for increased restrictions and enforcement of penalties.
46. Oppose legislative attempts at early release of incarcerated prisoners and measures that would further de-criminalize non-violent offenses.
47. Support the repeal of Proposition 47 and Proposition 57 as well as funding for local mitigation related to Proposition 47 and Proposition 57, while they are in effect.
48. Support initiatives involving county, state, and federal governments to reduce and prevent homelessness in Orange County.

Police

49. Support local control over adult entertainment facilities, alcohol establishments and properties where illegal drugs are sold.
50. Support local control for the regulation of cultivation, storage, manufacture, transport and use of medicinal and recreational marijuana and monitor legislative and administration activity to create a regulatory structure for medical and adult use.
51. Support legislation increasing resources and local authority for abatement of public vandalism, especially graffiti.

52. Support local efforts to establish a 24-hour detoxification center in Orange County for use by police agencies.
53. Support use of Homeland Security Funds for local public safety agencies.
54. Support and promote statewide actions to reform POBAR to allow for more transparency.

Fire and Emergency Medical Services

55. Support local control of emergency medical services and ambulance service, including pre-hospital care and transport.
56. Support efforts to streamline and coordinate hazardous materials regulations.
57. Oppose National Fire Prevention Association (NPFA) standard 1710 requiring four-person fire crew staffing on each apparatus but support effective firefighting force.
58. Oppose the California Emergency Response Initiative and similar initiatives.

Public Works

59. Support increased State and Federal funding of transportation improvements with regional or sub-regional benefits for all modes of transportation.
60. Support protection of dedicated transportation-related tax revenues and enhance the ability of local agencies to finance local transportation programs and facilities.
61. Oppose any further funding for the California High Speed Rail project and to see if that funding can be used to fix our roads and infrastructure instead.
62. Support the reallocation of state or federal transportation dollars to fund local rail and transit projects.
63. Support continued appropriation of monies to fully fund the Federal Aviation Administration Contract Tower Program.
64. Monitor legislation that will impact or change the reorganization of taxicab and ride-hailing services transportation services.
65. Support the City securing their fair share of funding from SB 1 revenues to fund local transportation projects.
66. Oppose efforts that remove local regulatory authority on wireless infrastructure development.