



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: MAY 21, 2019

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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SUBJECT: MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SUMMARY

A summary of legislative activity during April 2019 as provided by Townsend Public Affairs (TPA) including a complete summary of all proposed legislative bills.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the Monthly Legislative Update report.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement/s:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Public Safety
- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND

The City's Legislative Platform serves as the policy document that communicates supportive or opposing advocacy of legislation having potential to impact the City of Fullerton. The City's Legislative Platform is reviewed by the City Council annually and is based upon three Guiding Principles:

1. Preserve Local Control
2. Promote Fiscal Stability
3. Support Funding Opportunities

The 2019 Legislative Platform reflects the version adopted by the City Council on February 19, 2019 and contains Policy Statements organized into the following categories:

- Administration
- Economic Development
- Air Quality
- Building
- Natural Hazards
- Solid Waste and Recycling
- Water Quality and Water Supply
- California Environmental Quality Act
- Land Use Planning and Housing
- Libraries
- Parks and Recreation
- Human Resources and Risk Management
- Public Safety
- Police
- Fire and Emergency Medical Services
- Public Works

Following the City Council's adoption, TPA has transmitted the City's 2019 Legislative Platform to the City's Federal and State representatives to provide them with guidelines to follow as they monitor relevant legislation and grant funding opportunities for the City of Fullerton. In addition, TPA provides monthly legislative updates to the City Council on state legislation, federal legislation, funding opportunities and other political issues of importance to the City of Fullerton. The monthly update reports also include a quick reference matrix identifying proposed legislation, the City's advocacy position and the date of any advocacy letters sent on behalf of the City Council. The "sent" advocacy letters are accessible to the public on the City's website under the heading of Legislative Reports within the City Manager's Office.

DISCUSSION

2019 marks the start of a new two-year legislative cycle.

After the Legislature returned from Spring Recess, legislators had only five working days to pass fiscal bills out of their assigned policy committees before the April 26 deadline. This is the first step in the legislative process for bills to either move forward to their appropriations committees or "die" in their house of origin. There have been nearly 3,000 bills introduced in the first year of this two-year session and only 330 of them

failed passage before the April 26 deadline. Those bills are now two-year bills and will be considered again in January 2020.

The policy committee deadline is not only the first time that bills are considered by committees, but also provides the public with their first opportunity to voice their opposition or support for a bill. As a result, Sacramento hosted a myriad of demonstrators and activists in April expressing their opinions on a variety of topics, including police use of force, vaccination exemptions, homelessness, and housing.

Below is a list of key upcoming deadlines in the Legislature:

- May 3 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills to the floor
- May 14 – Governor to release May Revise of the State Budget
- May 17 – Last day for fiscal committees to refer bills to the floor
- May 31 – Last day for bills to be passed out of their house of origin

After the May 17 deadline, the total number of proposed legislative bills typical decreases significantly, sometimes by as much as half.

During the month of May and June, Staff will be coordinating with TPA to brief City Council Members in greater detail regarding various proposed legislation in preparation for further discussion of specific advocacy efforts at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Townsend Public Affairs – April 2019 Update Report
- Attachment 2 – Townsend Public Affairs –April 2019 Advocacy Tracking Matrix
- Attachment 3 – City of Fullerton 2019 Legislative Platform