



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: JUNE 18, 2019

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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SUBJECT: MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, ADVOCACY POSITIONS AND FORMATION OF A CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

SUMMARY

A summary of legislative activity during May 2019 as provided by Townsend Public Affairs (TPA) as well as consideration of advocacy positions pertaining to specific proposed legislation and formation of a City Council legislative subcommittee.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the Monthly Legislative Update report, provide direction pertaining to advocacy positions for specific proposed legislation and formation of a City Council legislative subcommittee.

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

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

Monthly Legislative Update

May was a busy month in Sacramento as the legislative calendar included the non-fiscal policy committee, fiscal committee, and floor session bill deadlines. May 17 was the Appropriations Committee deadline for both the Senate and the Assembly. If a bill is deemed as having a fiscal impact to the State, it must pass the Appropriations Committee before it has a vote on the Floor.

On May 16, the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committee both conducted their Suspense Files hearings, which considered over 1,000 bills in as little as a couple of hours. The over 400 bills that did not pass out of their Appropriations Committees are now two-year bills and can be considered again in January 2020. May 31 was also the last day for bills to be passed out of their house of origin. All bills that did not pass out of their house of origin by May 31 are now two-year bills.

Additionally, both the Assembly and Senate have adopted their respective budgets and have now entered the budget conference committee negotiations phase of the budget process. The 2019 Conference Committee on the Budget conferees from each house are:

Senate

- Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles) - Conference Chair
- Jim Nielsen (R-Roseville)
- Richard Roth (D-Riverside)
- Nancy Skinner (D-Oakland)
- John Moorlach (R-Costa Mesa)

Assembly

- Phil Ting (D-San Francisco) - Conference Co-Chair
- Chad Mayes (R-Rancho Mirage)
- Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento)
- Jay Obernolte (R-Hesperia)
- Shirley Weber (D-San Diego)

The Legislature must pass a budget to send to the Governor for his signature or veto by June 15. Below is a list of other key upcoming deadlines in the Legislature:

June 3 – Committee hearings may resume

June 15 – Budget bill must be passed by midnight

July 12 – Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills to the floor

On May 9, Governor Newsom released his May Revision Budget proposal for FY 2019-20. The May Revise incorporates changes to the Governor's January Budget proposal after taking into account actual state tax revenue and a more accurate financial forecast for the upcoming fiscal years. The January Budget proposal totaled \$209.1 billion, however, the May Revise projects additional revenues bringing the total proposed Budget to approximately \$213.5 billion. The Governor noted that the majority of these revenue funds are largely constitutionally obligated to fund statewide reserves (rainy day fund), debt repayment, and Proposition 98 education investments, making the Budget surplus levels more or less unchanged. The May Revise also forecasts slower economic growth over the next three years, a decrease from the January forecast of approximately \$1.6 billion overall by FY 2022-23.

The Governor highlighted his top budget priorities in his presentation, including additional education investment, expanding access to Medi-Cal for undocumented immigrants, and establishing The Parent's Agenda.

Advocacy Positions

Advocacy letters will be drafted once the City’s position is confirmed for the following list (based on the City Council’s 2019 adopted Legislative Platform a recommended position is provide below and additional discussion is provided in the attached Advocacy Tracking Matrix):

• AB 47	Driver records: Points, Distracted Driving	Support
• AB 147	Use Taxes: Collection, Marketplace Facilitators	Support
• AB 291	Local Emergency Preparedness: Hazard Mitigation Fund	Support
• AB 377	Microenterprise home kitchen operations	Oppose, unless amended
• AB 510	Local government records: destruction of records	Support
• AB 516	Authority to remove vehicles.	Oppose
• AB 533	Income taxes: exclusion: turf removal water conservation program.	Support
• AB 849	Elections: city and county redistricting	Oppose
• AB1273	County of Orange: joint exercise of powers agreements: toll roads.	Oppose
• AB 1332	Sanctuary State Contracting and Investment Act	Oppose
• AB 1530	Unauthorized cannabis activity reduction grants:	Support
• SB 667	Greenhouse gases: recycling infrastructure and facilities.	Support
• SB 669	Water quality: Safe Drinking Water Fund	Support
• SB 732	Transactions and use tax: South Coast Air Quality Management District	Oppose

City Council Legislative Subcommittee

In order to be more proactively engaged in the legislative cycle, it is proposed that the City form a Legislative Subcommittee. The proposed subcommittee would consist of 2 Councilmembers, the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem (or their designee of a fellow Councilmember). The subcommittee would meet quarterly to coincide with appropriate legislative timeframes to discuss legislation and implement the Legislative Platform adopted annually by City Council.

Attachments

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