



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2020

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: KENNETH A. DOMER, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL POSITION ON LEGISLATION PENDING
BEFORE CONGRESS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

SUMMARY

On January 30, 2020, the City Council Legislative Subcommittee met to discuss Federal and State legislation in addition to the upcoming Fiscal Year 2020 federal funding levels. This Agenda Report requests authorization for the Mayor to sign a City position letter of support for federal appropriation programs and to authorize Staff to continue to work with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's office on City-sponsored 2020 legislation.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for federal appropriation programs.
2. Authorize Staff to work with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's Office on City-sponsored 2020 legislation.
3. Authorize the Mayor to send a follow-up letter in support of Senate Bill 667 (Hueso) – Greenhouse Gases: Recycling Infrastructure and Facilities.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND

The Legislative Subcommittee is comprised of Mayor Fitzgerald and Mayor Pro Tem Flory. The Subcommittee meets as needed during the legislative session to discuss pending Federal and State legislation with City staff and the City's Federal and State Advocate, Townsend Public Affairs (TPA). All items discussed at this meeting are brought forth to the entire City Council for action.

DISCUSSION

On January 30, 2020, the Legislative Subcommittee met to discuss pending Federal and State legislation. The Committee, comprised of Mayor Jennifer Fitzgerald and Mayor Pro Tem Jan Flory, reviewed the 2020 State Legislative Matrix provided by the City's Advocacy Firm, TPA and went received an update regarding bills that the City took positions on in 2019. The Committee members chose to take action on the following items:

- **Authorize a Letter of Support for Fiscal Year 2021 federal funding levels through the annual appropriations process** – The City requests support for funding for Federal programs that reflect the priorities of the City of Fullerton and its residents. Some of the programs that the City wishes Congress to continue to fund are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Homelessness Programs and programs administered by the Federal Aviation Administration among other programs. A draft of the letter is attached to this Agenda Report.
- **City-Sponsored Legislation** – The Committee discussed working with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva on two concepts as standalone bills; one related to transportation funding and the other related to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions for mixed-use development projects. Staff will work with TPA and the Legislative Counsel to draft language that will be introduced as legislation by Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva.

Additionally, the Committee identified the City's preliminary funding priorities. These were identified as Pearl Park, the Don Castro Center at Richman Park and the Fox Theater Parking Structure. A discussion ensued about these priorities and the topic of City grants came up, Staff explained that a Citywide Interdepartmental Grants Committee had been established and a quarterly report will be provided to City Council on grants applied for and awarded.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Fiscal Year 2021 Federal Appropriations Letter