



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: JULY 6, 2021

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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SUBJECT: 2021 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

SUMMARY

Consideration of 2021 Legislative Platform confirming City Council's position on legislative issues with potential to impact the City of Fullerton.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt 2021 Legislative Platform.
2. Authorize Mayor (or Mayor Pro Tem in Mayor's absence) to sign policy and position letters within platform guidelines.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

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

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

DISCUSSION

On June 30, 2021, Mayor Bruce Whitaker and Mayor Pro Tem Nick Dunlap reviewed the attached 2021 Legislative Platform provided by the City's advocacy firm, Townsend

Public Affairs (TPA) and prepared to present the item during the July 6, 2021 City Council meeting.

The City's Legislative Platform serves as the policy document to communicate support or opposition to legislation with potential to impact the City. The platform provides a tool to protect and promote the City's interests on priority programs and projects, legislative proposals and regulatory matters that may affect the City. The platform provides a framework consisting of guiding principles and legislative initiatives which summarize the City's position on policy issues and priorities. The specific guiding principles and legislative priorities do not preclude the consideration of additional legislative and budget issues that may arise during the year.

City Council annually reviews the City's Legislative Platform. The following three Guiding Principles form the basis of the Platform:

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

The City routinely participates in the state and federal legislative process, advocating for local control, fiscal stability and regional funding opportunities. The City also participates in the rulemaking and policy setting process at the county and regional level. This participation protects and promotes the City's interests in priority issues, legislation and regulatory matters.

The attached 2021 Legislative Platform contains some updates to the 2019 Platform and memorializes the City's priority issues which enables the City's timely and direct response to legislative issues. It does not preclude City Council consideration of additional legislative matters or revising the City's platform at any time throughout the year.

The City did not bring forward a 2020 Legislative Platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic as the state legislature focused almost entirely on responding to the pandemic in 2020 and considered little policy on other matters. As the California economy enters recovery, legislators will propose new bills which necessitates the adoption of a current Legislative Platform that allows City Council and City staff to quickly act on top priority bills.

The proposed platform is primarily based upon existing City priority policy statements. Staff did propose some changes to prioritize COVID-19 recovery to protect the public's health and the economy. The following table summarizes the proposed changes to the Legislative Platform:

Policy Statement	Changed Language from 2019 to 2021	
Administration, Item #10	Support the reimbursement of local governments for COVID-19 related expenses, including the need for essential public safety service overtime, PPE and small business relief.	Added language

Land Use Planning and Housing, Item #34	Support housing policies that maintain local control and allow local governments to make decisions on local zoning and density requirements.	Added language
Parks and Recreation, Item #39	Promote local agency control over policies that recognize the benefits of parks and recreation facilities.	Deleted due to duplicative language.
Human Resources and Risk Management, Item #44	Oppose redundant or unnecessary proposals that require excessive human resource burdens without sufficient reimbursement.	Added language
Police, Item #53	Oppose legislation that places burdensome restrictions on law enforcement and limits their ability to protect public safety.	Added language
Public Works, Item #63	Support increased support and funding to maintain City streets and roads as well as additional funding beyond SB 1 to allow the City to increase the average pavement condition index.	Added language
Public Works, Item #64	Monitor legislation that will impact or change the reorganization of taxicab and ride hailing transportation services.	Deleted language
Public Works, Item #65	Oppose any further funding for the California High Speed Rail project and support reallocating funding to fix our local roads and infrastructure.	Edited to include specification on prioritizing City roads.

In addition to the updated 2021 Legislative Platform, TPA has provided a set of upcoming bills in the attached Fullerton Legislative Matrix. The Subcommittee may choose to take positions on these bills upon adoption of the 2021 Legislative Platform. Additionally, the Subcommittee will continue to work with TPA on identifying future grant funding opportunities.

During the legislative session, City staff and TPA will continue to monitor and provide updates on important legislative matters upon which the City has an established interest or stated position. When a legislative issue requires action, the City Manager's designee will prepare a position letter, in accordance with the adopted legislative platform, for the Mayor's signature on behalf of the City.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 - 2021 Legislative Platform – Redline Version
- Attachment 2 - 2021 Legislative Platform
- Attachment 3 - Fullerton Legislative Matrix