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# CITY OF GOLETA

## 2023 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

### INTRODUCTION. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of the City of Goleta’s Legislative Platform is to promote the adoption of state and federal legislation that will establish sound public policy for responsible local governance; protect and enhance public health, safety and welfare; and aid the City’s delivery of high-quality, equitable services to its residents.

The Legislative Platform is intended to articulate the City’s positions on issues that are currently, or are anticipated to be, the focus of future legislation by the state or federal governments. Overarching positions include opposing unfunded mandates as well as any federal or state legislation that takes away local control.

The positions contained in the Platform are intended to supplement the broad range of goals, policies and programs reflected in the Goleta Strategic Plan, the General Plan, the Municipal Code and other adopted documents. Therefore, advocacy efforts may be based on references articulated in these policy documents as they provide current direction for the City organization.

City departments are authorized to review proposed legislation to determine how it relates to the City’s Legislative Platform and to recommend that the Mayor take a position on legislation that the department determines to be “high priority” and write letters, contact legislators, and otherwise communicate the position of the City as appropriate. The Mayor or their designee is authorized to send letters in support of grant applications from organizations that are consistent with the positions expressed herein. The Mayor, or their designee, after conferring with City staff, may make contact with legislators to advocate for or against legislation consistent with the legislative platform.





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## **SECTION 1. GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY AND LABOR RELATIONS**

### **A. Employee and Labor Relations**

1. Support legislation that increases the transparency of all public employee compensation and benefits.
2. Support legislation that grants public pension and other post-retirement benefit reform that is fiscally responsible, sustainable, affordable and equitable for employees and taxpayers in the long term.
3. Support legislation that streamlines the Workers' Compensation system and makes it easier for employers, employees and health care providers to navigate.
4. Support legislation and policy that control escalating workers' compensation costs to public agencies and taxpayers.
5. Oppose legislation that limits a public sector employer's ability to conduct job related pre-employment inquiries and background checks in order to prevent physical, financial, economic and personal threats to employees and general public.
6. Support legislation that enhances tax-advantaged health saving accounts (HSAs) for employees.
7. Support legislation that enhances participation and promotes increased retirement savings in various types of deferred compensation plan.

### **B. Tort Reform**

1. Support legislation to limit local government liability.
2. Oppose legislation that limits power of local government to negotiate indemnification protections in public contracts.

3. Support legislation to reform California's tort system to curtail unreasonable liability exposure for public agencies and restore the ability of public agencies to obtain affordable insurance.

#### C. Elections

1. Support legislation to reduce unnecessary and costly procedures for conducting municipal elections.
2. Support legislation that encourages and expands civic engagement and voter participation in elections.
3. Support legislation that lowers the threshold for passage of local special purpose agency funding propositions.
4. Support legislation that maintains the integrity of the recall process.
5. Support legislation that reduces the amount of recall abuse while improving, streamlining and ensuring that the public has full knowledge of the issues.

#### D. Public Records Act

1. Support legislation to improve data management systems and allow public agencies greater access to data.

#### E. Political Reform Act/Ethics/Conflict of Interest Laws

1. Support legislation and regulations that establish sound practices and principles related to political campaigns. Regulations that would restrict or preempt local authority are opposed.
2. Support legislation designed to improve and streamline the Political Reform Act and its implementation through regulations.
3. Support legislation that increases the transparency of all public official compensation and benefits.
4. Support legislation to revise laws governing local agency transparency and ethics when it addresses material and documented inadequacies and has a reasonable relationship to

resolving those problems, is internally consistent, avoids redundancy, and accommodates the practical challenges of implementation.

F. Brown Act/Public Notice

1. Support legislation modernizing the methods by which a local agency may comply with public noticing, advertisement, and posting requirements related to agendas, hearings, resolutions, ordinances and other government matters.
2. Support legislation clarifying and modernizing public meeting requirements for elected officials and the public to take advantage of technological advances and provide maximum flexibility for participation with advancing the goals of the Brown Act.



## **SECTION 2. HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **A. Homelessness**

1. Support legislation and local, state and federal programs that employ evidence-based best practice strategies to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by preventing homelessness for those at-risk; providing emergency and transitional housing and low-barrier navigation centers; increasing the supply of permanent supportive housing; expanding permanent affordable housing; increasing outreach to persons experiencing homelessness; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training and other supportive services.
2. Support legislation and local, state and federal programs that reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by promoting mental health and substance abuse services; providing emergency and transitional housing and low-barrier navigation centers; expanding permanent affordable/supportive housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services for those who suffer from mental health issues and/or substance abuse.
3. Support legislation and local, state and federal programs that encourage and fund collaborative efforts to provide services to assist those experiencing unsheltered homelessness in encampments and vehicles, to support people living in encampments onto paths to safe and stable housing and result in sustainable restoration of public spaces to their intended uses while safeguarding the needs of unhoused people seeking shelter.

### **B. Housing**

1. Support legislation that increases financial assistance to local governments, nonprofit housing organizations and public/private partnerships to provide affordable, transitional, subsidized,



supportive, and emergency housing to lower and moderate income households, seniors, farmworkers, and people with special needs.

2. Support legislation that increases the City's ability to effectively compete for state and federal housing funding.
3. Support legislation and grants that promote development and enhancement of safe, affordable, sustainable, equitable, and accessible housing within the City.
4. Support legislation allowing local jurisdictions to pool resources to meet sub-regional affordable housing goals.
5. Support legislation that provides the City with options in meeting its housing needs and that would simplify the Housing Element review process, while still ensuring City housing needs are met.
6. Oppose legislation that cuts funding for affordable housing and services to vulnerable populations through programs such as HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).
7. Support legislation that creates or expands innovative programs that leverage funds to subsidize affordable housing, such as the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.

### C. Land Use Planning

1. Support legislation that promotes environmentally sustainable land use patterns, maintains safe residential neighborhoods, bolsters economic prosperity, preserves open space, and enhances the overall quality of life in the City of Goleta.
2. Support legislation that is consistent with the principle of local control and the local exercise of police powers over local land use.
3. Support legislation that would provide priority processing of Coastal Development Permits for critical needs, including affordable housing projects, public and quasi-public medical facilities, and public safety facilities.

4. Oppose legislation that diminishes the City's authority to apply discretion to approve land use patterns and review entitlement applications or restricts City permitting and land use planning authority including over land use procedures, parking requirements, development standards, and fees.
5. Oppose project entitlements in areas outside the City limits, but within the City's General Plan proposed sphere of influence that do not conform to current City standards.
6. Oppose legislation that impacts areas outside the City of Goleta, such as the Santa Barbara Airport in the City of Santa Barbara, which may have negative impacts on the City of Goleta. Support legislation impacting these areas which may provide benefits to the City of Goleta.
7. Support legislation that streamlines the California Environmental Quality Act, while supporting its legislative intent.

#### D. Regional Governance/Growth Management

1. Support legislation funding state and local investment in the physical infrastructure of California, including but not limited to its roadways, bridges, railway systems, bicycle and pedestrian networks, levees, dams, parks and open spaces, libraries, public safety facilities, jails, prisons, and systems for delivering and treating water, wastewater, and storm water.
2. Support legislation to achieve fair and proportionate representation on statewide and regional boards.
3. Support legislation encouraging regional, sub-regional and County-wide cooperation in planning and land use strategies in areas such as: transportation, air quality, affordable housing, and conservation; especially those that provide funding for effective implementation of agreed upon goals.
4. Oppose legislation that mandates compliance of the City's local land use authority with regional, sub-regional, or Countywide plans.

#### E. Local Agency Formation Commissions' ("LAFCO") Policies

1. Support legislation that clarifies and redefines the sphere of influence concept to provide better planning for growth, development and service delivery, while preserving agricultural and open space resources, discouraging urban sprawl, and coordinating local and regional planning.
2. Support legislation that enhances LAFCO's ability to mitigate fiscal impacts regarding "change of organization" proposals through tax-sharing conditions.
3. Support legislation that provides for tax reform to mitigate negative fiscal impacts to local governments from past and present tax revenue shifts away from said local governments.
4. Support legislation aimed at creating equity in determining annexation matters.
5. Support legislation that amends the state's Revenue and Taxation Code so that counties are no longer allowed to block annexations in exchange for unreasonable property tax-sharing agreements.

#### F. Economic Development

1. Support legislation that encourages economic development using criteria which are not limited to census tract-based eligibility or designation as a disadvantaged community.
2. Support legislation that enhances or expands community and economic development tools and funding to address revitalization and redevelopment needs.
3. Support legislation that provides tools and incentives to support job creation and retention and address the infrastructure and jobs/housing needs and long-term affordability within the City and State.
4. Support legislation that helps the City recover from economic downturns

A background image showing construction workers in high-visibility vests and hard hats working on a road. The scene is slightly faded to allow text to be overlaid.

## **SECTION 3. TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC WORK**

### **A. Transportation**

1. Support legislation to enhance the ability of local agencies to finance local transportation programs and facilities.
2. Support legislation that ensures the City of Goleta receives its fair share of transportation revenue.
3. Support legislation that provides increased state and federal funding for preservation and maintenance of local streets and roads and secures the maximum amount of state and federal funding for maintenance and construction of local streets, roads, infrastructure, transportation projects, and major corridors.
4. Support legislation that reduces local reliance on local gas tax revenues for road and street improvements and proposes new alternative funding solutions with longer-term sustainability.
5. Support legislation protecting dedicated transportation-related tax revenues and funding for transit operations and maintenance.
6. Support legislation that provides funding for development of an integrated, comprehensive, and efficient multi-modal transportation network; this includes inter-county and intra-county highways, pedestrian and bicycle, mass transit, commuter rail service, facilities, and infrastructure within the region.
7. Support legislation that provides local agencies greater discretionary authority to expend available transportation funds.
8. Support legislation funding opportunities for transit and para-transit operations, including service for persons with disabilities as well as the senior citizen community.

9. Support legislation that encourages reform to expedite federal review and reduce delays in payment of local agencies and their contractors for transportation project development, right-of-way, and construction activities.
10. Support legislation that increases administrative flexibility and streamlines reforms that assist cities with operating and maintaining the existing transportation network.
11. Support legislation that ensures transportation infrastructure funding and does not jeopardize critical projects with each reauthorization.
12. Support legislation that allows for discretion on the part of traffic engineering professionals in setting appropriate speed limits rather than having to rely on prevailing speeds.

#### B. Water and Biological Resources

1. Support legislation to diversify the City's water supply resources and improve water quality in the region.
2. Support legislation that would increase funding for infrastructure to distribute reclaimed water city-wide. Support legislation that calls for the conservation of water resources.
3. Support legislation that provides federal and state rebate programs, tax credits, and other financial incentives that encourage property owners to invest in water efficient systems and landscaping.
4. Support legislation that would increase funding and flexibility for trash reduction strategies in creeks and watersheds.
5. Support legislation, funding, research, and implementation strategies based on scientific data and human/ecological risk assessment for addressing urban water and stormwater runoff.
6. Support legislation for performance-based and diversified stormwater protection strategies that can be adapted to local environmental conditions.
7. Oppose legislation or policies that are overly prescriptive or

- inflexible with respect to implementation strategies.
8. Support legislation or policy that promotes agricultural practices that are adequately protective of water quality and water resources.
  9. Support legislation providing for policy development, “watershed- based” solutions, funding and research for addressing urban runoff and beach closures, which identify the sources of bacterial, viral and other contaminants as well as human pathogens.
  10. Support legislation that would regionally retain any Regional Board fines that are levied against stormwater permit violators within the Region.
  11. Support legislation and grants that promote wildlife, habitat protection and preservation of endangered or threatened species, including care for injured wildlife.
  12. Oppose legislation that places the burden of assessment and remediation related to manufactured products on local jurisdictions instead of manufacturers or potentially responsible parties.

### C. Telecommunications and Utilities

1. Support legislation that preserves state and local authority to manage public rights-of-way including the appearance and aesthetics of equipment placed within them, and zoning and planning for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure that protects public safety and welfare.
2. Oppose legislation that pre-empts the City’s authority to negotiate compensation paid to cities for the use of their property and rights- of-way for telecommunications.
3. Support legislation that grants the ability of local governments to provide electricity and ancillary services to residential, commercial and industrial sectors.
4. Support legislation that grants cities’ authority to zone and plan

- for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure.
5. Support legislation that protects cities' ability to maintain and manage the public right-of-way and negotiate compensation for its use.
  6. Support legislation to specifically allow municipalities and other local agencies to use public funds for development of renewable energy sources and battery energy storage systems; and require public utilities to improve and expand incentive structures for renewable energy generation and battery energy storage.
  7. Oppose legislation that erodes the ability of local governments to maintain existing fees on telecommunications services.
  8. Support legislation that would result in lower energy rates for the residents and businesses of the City of Goleta including funding that assists with the conversion of outdated energy systems to new energy efficient options.
  9. Support legislation that improves the reliability and consistency of electrical supply and improves transmission of electricity to local governments and their communities.
  10. Support legislation that enhances the public power options available to local governments and oppose legislation that reduces the public power options available to local governments.
  11. Support legislation and grants that encourage the development of broadband infrastructure and establish and enhance equitable access to broadband services.

#### D. Contracts

1. Support legislation that allows cities the option to use design/build contracting and other innovations designed to bring efficiency to the public contracting process.
2. Support legislation that preserves a minimum 5 percent retention for construction contracts.

3. Support legislation to maintain maximum local flexibility in the area of contracting and contract negotiations.





## **SECTION 4. COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **A. Parks and Recreation**

1. Support legislation and park bond measures that provide per capita grants which are not limited to census tract-based eligibility or designation as a disadvantaged community to local governments that fund parks, recreation and capital improvements, as well as programs that enhance the quality of life for the City of Goleta residents.
2. Support legislation to develop regional and state parks and connecting trail systems.
3. Support legislation which is not limited to census tract-based eligibility or designation as a disadvantaged community that increases funding to repair, maintain and develop state and local park and facility infrastructures.
4. Support legislation to monitor and protect Goleta Beach Park and to support kelp bed restoration in the Goleta Bay.
5. Support legislation that increases funding for acquisition of property for parks and open space.

### **B. Facilities**

1. Support legislation, grants and low-cost financing that provide for construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of public facilities.

### **C. Libraries**

1. Support legislation and grants that provide increased funding for library programs and services, construction, renovation and development.
2. Support legislation that restores state funding for public libraries.

3. Support local legislation for additional funding for the Goleta Valley Library.
4. Support legislation that provides state funding and resources for regional cooperation and materials sharing between libraries and library systems.

#### D. Arts, Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation

1. Support legislation providing funding for local arts activities and historic preservation.
2. Support legislation providing funding for high quality art programs in schools and for the community at large.

#### E. Family Services

1. Support legislation and grants that provide for the overall wellbeing and physical, mental and emotional health of the individuals within the City of Goleta including children, youth, seniors, persons with disabilities, low-income and other disadvantaged populations.
2. Support legislation providing affordable universal access to health care.
3. Support legislation and grants that provide affordable, quality prenatal care and childcare services and promote regional cooperation in addressing childcare needs.
4. Support legislation and grants that facilitate the provision of recreational activities for all segments of our population.
5. Support legislative reforms in healthcare policy that address prevention, promote health and wellness and encourage affordability and cost containment.
6. Support legislation and policies that promote mental health and substance use disorder services and make resources available that support and assist members of our community.
7. Support legislation and grant programs that provide funding for youth programs, such as job training programs, after school

programs, educational programs and those designed specifically for transitional and marginalized youth.

8. Support legislation and grants that provide services for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities; services will specifically include nutrition, housing, transportation, recreation, and social services.
9. Support legislation that addresses the needs of at-risk youth, juvenile offenders and juveniles that are placed on court-ordered probation.
10. Support legislation that provides funding at the local level to address gang prevention and intervention programs including after school programs for at-risk teens.
11. Support legislation that educates and protects children from tobacco, alcohol, cannabis and other drugs.
12. Support legislation that encourages safe routes to schools including enforcement of school zone speed limits and expanded school zones.
13. Support legislation and federal/state funding for behavioral health services such as substance use disorder treatment, mental health services and sober living housing.

#### F. Animal Welfare

1. Support legislation that facilitates responsible pet ownership.
2. Support legislation that supports humane treatment of animals and increases the penalties for animal abuse.



## SECTION 5. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### A. Climate Adaptation and Sustainability

1. Oppose legislative infringement on local control and authority to plan for and adapt to future climate conditions, including sea level rise, precipitation patterns, temperatures, and air quality attainment strategies.
2. Support legislation that provides funding and incentives for local governments to work together on local and regional energy and climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience initiatives to improve air quality by reducing emissions and to advance economic, social and environmental equity.
3. Support legislation that holds gross polluters (those which exceed current standards) directly accountable for increased emissions.
4. Support legislation that supports energy resiliency and programs to achieve state emission reduction targets, in addition to providing incentives and grants for their implementation.
5. Support legislation and California Public Utility Commission and California Energy Commission regulatory actions and legislative activities that are favorable to community resiliency, energy efficiency and local distributed energy generation, renewable energy, energy storage, electrification initiatives and Community Choice Energy programs.
6. Identify, evaluate, and advocate for changes to state and federal regulatory requirements that create unnecessary and/or unintended barriers to implementation of renewable energy programs and projects.
7. Support legislation to increase state and federal funding for reforestation.

8. Support legislation that provides funding and other incentives for the installation of charging stations for “low” and “zero emission” vehicles.
9. Support legislation enhancing building energy efficiency standards and building safety standards.
10. Support legislation that promotes environmental and economic equity, including targeted distribution of funding sources to historically underserved and/or disadvantaged communities.
11. Oppose legislation that diminishes the authority of local jurisdictions to enforce building codes or mandates the manner of enforcement.
12. Support legislation that promotes changes in the State Building Code that encourage electrification of buildings to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the use of natural gas.
13. Support legislation that provides federal and state rebate programs, tax credits, and other financial incentives that encourage property owners to invest in energy efficiency, renewable energy and battery energy storage systems.
14. Support legislation to ensure that new construction and major renovations include smart meters, pre-wiring of buildings to accommodate future GHG-reducing retrofits such as solar hot water heaters, photovoltaic (PV) panels or other distributed renewable power sources and electric vehicle chargers in parking areas for electric vehicles.
15. Support legislation that promotes the use of green building rating systems for new construction and existing buildings as one of several model options for achieving verifiable greenhouse gases emissions reductions and improving energy efficiency.

#### B. Oil and Gas Cleanup, Restoration, and Oil-Spill Prevention

1. Support legislation that results in the discontinuation of offshore unused or abandoned facilities, and the restoration of areas affected by existing or former oil and gas facilities within the

City.

2. Support legislation that mandates a percentage of state revenue from onshore and offshore coastal leases be directed to the cleanup and natural restoration of those leaseholds, particularly those leaseholds that lie along Haskell's Beach, Ellwood Mesa, Sands Beach and Coal Oil Point.
3. Support legislation to fund oil-spill prevention and response as well as to remediate improperly abandoned legacy oil and gas wells, support structures, equipment, pipelines and cables, and the Ellwood Onshore Oil and Gas Processing Facility.
4. Support legislation that would eliminate hydraulic fracturing.
5. Oppose legislation that grants any new oil drilling, well leases, hydraulic fracturing, or any other high-intensity petroleum operations off the coast of California.

#### C. Solid Waste

1. Support legislation that expands the market for recyclable materials and encourages meeting state and local commercial recycling goals.
2. Oppose legislation that dictates greenhouse gas emissions strategies that are not based on scientific data or credible information.
3. Support legislation that provides greater flexibility and diversification in the use of methane-reducing technologies and strategies with respect to food-based (organics) greenhouse gas emissions and that increases state and local funding to support the development of new organic waste recycling infrastructure and programs.
4. Support legislation that maintains and enhances local authority and flexibility to regulate solid waste and recyclables.
5. Support legislation that streamlines compliance and implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Act.
6. Oppose legislation that invalidates the Integrated Waste

- Management Act indemnification and/or prevent cities from negotiating indemnification clauses with waste haulers.
7. Support legislation that increases local funding to governments and special districts for the collection of household waste.
  8. Support legislation that reduces the toxic and non-reusable waste load.
  9. Support Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation to encourage manufacturers to design environmentally friendly products by holding producers responsible for the costs of managing their products at end of life.



## SECTION 6. PUBLIC SAFETY

### A. Public Safety

1. Support legislation to provide state and federal funding to support local law enforcement through equipment upgrades, capital improvements, training, and emergency preparedness initiatives.
2. Support legislation that provides a greater share of asset forfeiture funds for cities and increases latitude for spending local funds.
3. Support legislation that seeks to reimburse the City for the overtime costs associated with public safety personnel who are required to appear before state or county courts.
4. Support legislation that: promotes comprehensive drug and alcohol education and rehabilitation; discourages drivers from operating motor vehicles while under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and maintains state funding necessary to post and operate sobriety and driver's license checkpoints.
5. Support legislation that seeks funding to assist local law enforcement with crime prevention and reduction.
6. Support legislation that provides flexible block grants to local governments that improve security and public safety at the local level.
7. Support legislation and grants that promote Crisis Intervention Team training for local law enforcement agencies in order to reduce arrests of people with mental illness and increase law enforcement's ability to do their job safely and effectively.
8. Support legislation that grants federal funding for first responder training and improved communications systems as part of Homeland Security.



9. Support legislation that mitigates the impacts of transferring state and federal inmates into our community.
10. Oppose legislation that eliminates local control of alcohol beverage establishments and any state or federal interference with local codes or compliance mechanisms.
11. Support legislation that promotes and increases vehicle, bicycle, scooter and pedestrian safety.
12. Oppose legislation which relaxes the ban on the personal possession and use of weapons with automatic firing capabilities.
13. Support legislation that strengthens cities' authority to regulate business that serve as fronts for illegal conduct such as human trafficking and prostitution.
14. Support legislation to reduce gun violence through measures such as enhancing background check requirements, prohibiting unlicensed transfers of guns through unregulated secondary sales and increasing law enforcement's ability to trace crime guns.
15. Support legislation protecting the rights of residents of all national origins, races, ethnicities, religious beliefs, genders, gender identities and sexual orientations to reside safely in our community, free from violence and intimidation.
16. Support police reform legislation that provides de-escalation training and the funding for such training, and that reduces unnecessary and excessive use of force.
17. Oppose legislation that diminishes local authority to establish regulations regarding reasonable use of public space and appropriate behavior in public spaces.
18. Support legislation that enhances local control to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries, cooperatives, collectives or other distribution points.
19. Support legislation that increases the cannabis industry's

access to banking systems and supports a consistency between state and federal regulation in this area.

20. Support legislation to develop processes and standards for evaluating impairment due to cannabis influence for drivers.

#### B. Emergency Preparedness

1. Support legislation, strategies and initiatives that provide increased state and federal funding for emergency preparedness, planning, response and recovery.
2. Support legislation that secures adequate frequencies and communications systems for multi-jurisdictional connectivity for public safety and protects the frequencies from intrusion.
3. Support legislation that increases Emergency Management Performance Grant funding which retains flexibility of fund usage for emergency preparedness training, disaster events and disaster communication outreach efforts.
4. Support federal, state, and local regulations that provide the highest levels of public health and safety in the transportation of hazardous materials.
5. Support legislation that ensures first responders can perform their duties during an emergency without interference from unmanned aerial systems (UAS) or drones, and legislation that provide local agencies immunity if responders damage or destroy UAS during emergency operations.
6. Support legislation that provides funding for constructing and equipping emergency facilities such as fire stations and emergency operations centers.
7. Support legislation that incentivizes the mitigation of wildfire risk.

#### C. Crime Victims

1. Support legislation that strengthens and enforces legal protections for all individuals who are victims of crime, especially victims of family violence and sexual assault.

2. Support legislation that provides funding for shelters and victim advocacy, as well as trauma and crisis counseling to assist victims of violent crime.



## SECTION 7. REVENUE AND TAXATION

### A. Local Government Finance

1. Support legislation that provides tax reform to mitigate negative fiscal impacts to local governments from past and present tax revenue shifts away from local governments.
2. Support legislation to change the terms of the Revenue Neutrality Agreement, including the tax sharing arrangements at the state and local level.
3. Support legislation that grants full cost reimbursement to local agencies by the state and federal government for all mandated programs.
4. Support legislation that ensures the retention of existing local revenue sources, including the City's share of property taxes, sales and use taxes, transient occupancy taxes, vehicle license fees, development fees, etc.
5. Support legislation that authorizes a simple majority of the voters in a city to establish local priorities such as the right to increase taxes or issue general obligation bonds.
6. Oppose legislation, such as "maintenance of effort" requirements, that further limit cities' ability to administer their own revenues.
7. Oppose legislation that delays the payment of revenues due the City.
8. Support legislation that will enhance revenue for cities.
9. Support legislation that bolsters local authority to enforce local ordinances and tools to collect revenue associated with short-term vacation rentals.
10. Oppose legislation that undermines the City's ability to manage financial resources and limits decisions regarding the long-term

interests of local residents.

11. Support legislation which streamlines the creation and expands the applicability of Infrastructure Finance Districts as well as Enhanced Infrastructure Finance Districts.
12. Oppose legislation that threatens tax exemption for municipal bonds, including reinstating authority to issue tax-exempt advance refunding bonds.

**B. Property Tax Appeals Process**

1. Support legislation that changes the property tax appeals procedures providing each public agency receiving property tax with the legal standing to appear and be heard at any property tax appeal affecting property tax revenue received by such agency.
2. Support legislation that would require the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to inform local jurisdictions in a timely manner of Sales Tax disputes prior to the issuance of adjustments to the local jurisdictions Sales Tax payment.