

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE
PLATFORM FOR THE 2015-16 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
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FINANCIAL IMPACT

No direct impact.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Consider and approve the attached legislative platform for the 2015-16 Legislative Session.


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Deputy City Manager

Attachment 1: Proposed Legislative Platform for the 2015-16 Legislative Session
Attachment 2: League of California Cities 2015 Strategic Goals

Recommended for Approval


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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2015-16 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

FINANCE

1. Oppose new unfunded state and federal mandates, and support full cost reimbursement of existing mandates.
2. Oppose legislation that shifts tax revenues away from local governments without the adequate provision of a constitutionally guaranteed backfill to offset the lost revenues.
3. Support generation, protection and timely allocation of local funding distributed by the state.
4. **Support legislative efforts to update the local government tax structure to respond to the "new economy" including developing policy options for responding to the erosion of the major local government revenue sources resulting from the expansion of e-commerce, increased consumption of retail services rather than goods, changing patterns of commerce and innovations in technology.**

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Support legislative efforts to grant state and federal funding to supplement local law enforcement and fire suppression to facilitate the efficient delivery of public safety services and to provide equipment to maintain the safety, security and quality of life for Garden Grove residents.
2. Support legislation that protects Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) funding and provides for additional funding for local agencies to recoup the costs of crime and increase community safety.
3. Oppose any legislation that would limit or restrict the City's ability to collect fees for the expense of an emergency response (e.g., non-resident medical aid fee)
4. Support legislation and grants that provide funding for equipment upgrades, training and capital improvements, including funding to enhance Emergency Operation Centers.

5. Support legislative efforts to improve fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, emergency medical services, and disaster preparedness initiatives.
6. Support legislation that seeks to reimburse the City for overtime costs, training, and equipment, paid to and for fire suppression personnel who are fighting statewide wildland fires, attending regional trainings, and promoting interoperability through the upgrade and replacement of outdated equipment.
7. Oppose attempts to eliminate local control of alcohol beverage establishments.
- ~~8. Oppose any broadening of access to law enforcement records.~~
9. Support funding for community-based gang diversion programs.
10. Oppose attempts to expand "early release" for low-risk, serious and violent offenders without an increase in sustained funding to ensure responsible supervision by parole agents and for local agencies that provide post-release supervision.
11. Support measures that provide frontline funding for police services associated with "early release" of state prisoners as a result of state-mandated criminal justice realignment provisions.
12. Support legislation to provide for local regulation and control of massage establishments.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Support legislation and grants to fund parks, recreation and capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Garden Grove residents.
2. Support funding for community-based efforts to address the social, recreational and developmental needs of youth.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

1. Oppose imposition of new or enhanced mandated employee benefits, including the mandatory expansion of benefits to part-time employees or retirees.
2. Oppose any reduction in local control over public employee disputes, or imposition of regulations of an outside agency.
3. Oppose any measure expanding public employees' ability to strike.

4. Support continued workers compensation reforms to prevent fraud and abuse of the workers' compensation system.
5. Support workers' compensation reforms that protect the ability of employers to challenge the work-relatedness of illnesses claimed by public employees in workers' compensation cases, and to overcome presumptions that illnesses are work related.
6. Oppose any efforts to expand the length of "4850" time for safety employees on industrial injury leave.
7. Oppose any measures designed to insert state control or influence over the municipal bankruptcy process as a way to prevent the renegotiation of financially unsustainable labor agreements.
8. Oppose any state legislation that would mandate interest arbitration in labor disputes.
9. **Support responsible implementation of recent pension reforms by CalPERS, as well as the adoption of additional pension, other post-employment benefits (OPEB) and related reforms to better manage the long-term growth of unfunded pension and OPEB liabilities and reduce the risk of fiscal and service level insolvency.**

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

1. Support measures which provide for cooperative efforts to reduce air pollution through the reduction of actual emissions, rather than vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled.
2. Support measures that maintain and enhance local decision making authority, where appropriate, in the development and implementation of air quality attainment strategies.
3. Support measures that maintain and enhance local authority and flexibility to regulate solid waste and recyclables.
4. Support measures to increase water supply, encourage conservation of water resources and improve drinking water quality in the region.
5. Support state, federal or other funding for desalinization, water reuse technologies, and drought related infrastructure improvements.
6. Support measures to provide for and promote the use of reclaimed water.
7. Oppose efforts to make all National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits the same. Requirements of Los Angeles or San Diego permits

may be too onerous or not applicable. Orange County's permit should be tailored to our region/watershed.

8. Support State General Fund subventions and Bond revenue to cities for local and regional efforts that educate the public on urban runoff, which provide for long-term capital improvements (e.g., storm drain diversions and filters), and which encourage municipalities to implement Urban Runoff Best Management Practices at the local level.
9. Oppose actions by Regional Water Quality Control Boards that impose mandates on cities that exceed State or Federal Regulations and/or are outside their jurisdictional authority to impose or enforce.
10. Oppose environmental regulations for which the costs of regulation, both direct and indirect, significantly exceed the benefits or provide only minimal protections.

HOUSING

1. Oppose any reduction in the housing or community development authority of municipalities.
2. Support the provision of legislative authority for local governments to implement reasonable housing occupancy standards.
3. Support funding of community-based local efforts to address the homelessness problem.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Support the doctrine of "home rule" and the local exercise of the police power in local land use and oppose any legislation that is inconsistent with this position, or requires a federal, state and/or county entity to develop model planning practices and policies.
2. **Support efforts to expand economic development tools and reduce regulation, including advocating for new tax increment financing and other economic development tools and supporting reductions in burdensome state regulations, to support job creation and a stronger economy.**
- ~~3. Support efforts to reestablish the authority and financing capability previously afforded to local governments by redevelopment through legislation designed to support businesses through economic development.~~

3. Oppose Federal legislation that would reduce funds dedicated to the Community Development Block Grant Program.

REGIONAL ISSUES

1. Oppose new authority for sub-regional or regional bodies that infringe on municipal authority.
2. Oppose the creation of new levels of regional government.
3. Support measures to achieve fair and proportionate representation on countywide and regional boards.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Support legislation that expands infrastructure and transportation investment.
2. Support protection of dedicated transportation-related tax revenues and enhance the ability of local agencies to finance local transportation programs and facilities (e.g., Gas Tax, M2, State bond funds).
3. Support increased local discretionary authority to expend transportation funds.
4. Support measures that ensure Orange County cities receive their fair share of transportation revenues.
5. Support implementing legislation that enables faster, more efficient delivery of transportation projects.
6. Support efforts to secure funding for the Santa Ana-Garden Grove Fixed Guideway project.
7. **Support new and innovative revenue options and resources to finance critical infrastructure maintenance and construction needs for our transportation, water supply, wastewater, stormwater and other critical infrastructure systems.**

LIABILITY EXPOSURE

1. Support reform of California tort law to curtail unreasonable liability exposure for cities.
2. Support reform of the California tort law system to facilitate the ability of cities to obtain affordable insurance.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Support changes in the law that allow cities the option to use design/build contracting and other innovations designed to bring efficiency to public contracting.
2. Support legislation that allows cities to effectively address the problem of abandoned shopping carts located in the public right-of-way, including recovery of reasonable related costs.

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2015 Strategic Goals

How does the League determine the organization's top issues?

Every year, the League's members and leadership work together to set strategic priorities for the next 12 months. These goals focus our legislative and advocacy activities and serve as a powerful tool for advancing local control.

2015 Goals

Meeting in joint session Nov. 13-14, 2014 in Sacramento, the officers and directors of the divisions, departments, diversity caucuses, policy committees and board of directors of the League of California Cities adopted the following strategic goals for 2015:

- ✓ **1. Expand Economic Development Tools and Reduce Regulation.** Advocate for new tax increment financing and other economic development tools, and support reductions in burdensome and overlapping state regulations, to support job creation and a stronger economy.
- ✓ **2. Implement Additional Pension, Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Related Reforms to Help Reduce Unfunded Liabilities and Insolvency Risks.** Support responsible implementation of recent pension reforms by CalPERS, and urge the adoption of additional pension, OPEB and related reforms by the legislature and cities to better manage the long-term growth of unfunded pension and OPEB liabilities and reduce the risk of fiscal and service level insolvency by cities.
- ✓ **3. Modernize the Financing of Critical Infrastructure Maintenance and Construction Programs.** Provide state and local governments with new and innovative revenue options and resources to finance critical infrastructure maintenance and construction needs for our transportation (streets, roads, rail & transit), water supply, wastewater, stormwater, and other critical infrastructure systems.
- ✓ **4. Update the Local Government Tax Structure to Respond to the "New Economy."**** Consistent with the constitutional protections for property, sales and local taxes contained

in Propositions 1A and 22, develop policy options, where feasible, for responding to the erosion of the major local government revenue sources resulting from the expansion of e-commerce, increased consumption of retail services rather than goods, changing patterns of commerce, and innovations in technology.

*The **new economy** is the result of the transition from a manufacturing-based economy to a service-based economy." Examples include online retailers, mass customization manufacturers (e.g., 3D printing), social media, sharing economy companies like Lyft, Airbnb, etc., online media companies, etc. For more information on how the new economy has affected sales tax receipts, for example, see "[The Fiscal Challenges Ahead for Cities.](#)" *Western City*, November, 2014.

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