

RECOMMENDATION

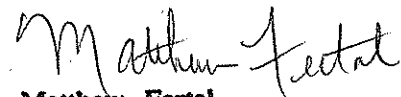
It is recommended that the City Council:

- Consider and approve the attached legislative platform for the 2011-12 Legislative Session.


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Deputy City Manager

Attachment: Proposed Legislative Platform for the 2011-12 Legislative Session

Recommended for Approval


Matthew Ferial
City Manager

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM
2011-12 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

FINANCE

1. Support relieving taxpayers of the burden of paying for services that can be charged directly to users.
2. Oppose new unfunded state and federal mandates, and support repeal or full cost reimbursement of existing mandates.
3. Oppose legislation that shifts tax revenues away from local governments without the adequate provision of a constitutionally guaranteed backfill to offset the lost revenues of those local governments.
4. Support generation, protection and timely allocation of local funding distributed by the state.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Support legislative efforts to grant state and federal funding to supplement local law enforcement and fire suppression to increase staffing and 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 advocates 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, which 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. Support legislation to allow automated red light enforcement citations to be placed as a registration lien against those who refuse to pay or appear in court for their citations.
8. Oppose attempts to eliminate local control of alcohol beverage establishments.
9. Oppose any broadening of access to law enforcement records.
10. Support legislation to maintain the level of distribution of asset forfeiture funds.
11. Support funding for community-based gang diversion programs.

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 right to strike.
4. Oppose mandated heightened disciplinary proceeding standards for police officers and firefighters compared to other employees.
5. Support continued workers compensation reforms to prevent fraud and abuse of the workers' compensation system.

6. 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.
7. **Oppose any efforts to expand the length of "4850" time for safety employees on industrial injury leave.**
8. Support proposals that seek to responsibly reform pension formulas for future employees in order to insure the ongoing viability of CalPERS.
9. 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.
10. Oppose any state legislation that would mandate interest arbitration in labor disputes.

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 and improve drinking-water quality in the region.
5. Support state, federal or other funding for desalinization and water reuse technologies.
6. Support measures to provide for and promote the use of reclaimed water.
7. Support measures to permit the sale, lease, exchange or transfer of surplus water within the state.
8. Support voluntary approaches to the reduction of non-point-source water pollution.

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Oppose environmental regulations for which the costs of regulation, both direct and indirect, significantly exceed the benefits or provide only minimal protections.
13. Oppose imposition of clean-fuel vehicle fleet standards on local agencies unless fully funded by the State or South Coast Air Quality Management District.

HOUSING

1. Support federal and state participation in funding innovative housing solutions for low-income, elderly, and handicapped individuals.
2. Oppose any reduction in the housing or community development authority of municipalities.
3. Support flexibility in utilizing funding and other housing resources.
4. Support the provision of legislative authority for local governments to implement reasonable housing occupancy standards.
5. Support funding of community-based local efforts to address the homelessness problem.
6. Support legislation that permits self-certification of the City's Housing Element

COMMUNITY 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. Oppose further erosion of **measures that diminish current** redevelopment agency authority and financing capabilities **and/or advocate eliminating local redevelopment agencies**, including support of specific California Redevelopment Association and League of California Cities legislative priorities in this area.
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

1. Oppose new requirements for state or federal review of predominantly local transportation projects.
2. Support increased local discretionary authority to expend transportation funds.
3. Support measures that ensure Orange County cities receive their fair share of transportation revenues.
4. Support implementing legislation that enables faster, more efficient delivery of transportation projects.
5. Support legislation that expands infrastructure and transportation investment.

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.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1. Oppose efforts to exempt cable television providers and other users of the public rights-of-way from reimbursing the public for the use of these facilities.

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.