



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council **DATE:** March 27, 2023
FROM: Matthew Bronson, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Kristin Eriksson, Deputy City Manager
SUBJECT: Approval of an Amended 2023 Legislative Platform

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the 2023 City of Grover Beach Legislative Platform, as amended based on Council direction.

BACKGROUND:

At the March 13, 2023 City Council meeting, the Council considered approval of the proposed 2023 Legislative Platform (see Attachment 1) to authorize the City Manager to take positions on legislation on behalf of the City consistent with the platform to allow for timely communications through opposition or support letters on legislative proposals and actions in State and Federal government. Staff would subsequently inform the Council of such communications when carried out.

The platform is organized in the following topic-based categories:

- General Government – Generally supports local control to address local needs and opposes State preemption of local authority and unfunded or underfunded mandates;
- Local Government Finance – Generally supports legislation protecting or enhancing City revenues and opposes unfunded mandates, restrictions on revenues and restrictions on contracting for cities;
- Public Safety – Generally supports funding and support for emergency response and crime reduction programs;
- Transportation and Public Works – Generally supports funding and expedited processes capital and infrastructure projects, supports funding for key water supply projects, and funding for implementation of organic waste disposal requirements;
- Resources and Environment – Generally supports funding and programs related to energy and water supply projects along with organic waste disposal
- Community Development – Generally supports funding and programs to address homelessness, supports legislation to reform cannabis regulations and supports protection of transient occupancy tax revenue.

During Council deliberations, Council Member Weirick requested a number of modifications to the platform which were discussed by the Council. Council provided direction to staff to bring back an amended version of the platform for final approval reflecting modifications that received consensus from the Council. The amended 2023 Legislative Platform with tracked changes is shown in Attachment 2 with a final version shown in Attachment 3. Upon approval, the platform will be distributed to the City's State and Federal officials representing the City, as well as the

National League of Cities and the League of California Cities. The platform will also be available on the City's website.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these actions.

ALTERNATIVES

The Council has the following alternatives to consider:

- 1) Approve the 2023 City of Grover Beach Legislative Platform, as amended per Council direction; or
- 2) Provide alternative direction to staff.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The agenda was posted in accordance with the Brown Act.

Attachments

1. Amended 2023 City of Grover Beach Legislative Platform (tracked changes)
2. Final 2023 City of Grover Beach Legislative Platform

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2023 Legislative Platform

Approved by City Council March [4327](#), 2023

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SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION

1.1 General Purpose

The City of Grover Beach Legislative Platform (Platform) is adopted to formalize Council priorities and allow for expedient promotion of the City's interests in legislative matters. The Platform is designed to guide the Council and staff in taking appropriate action on legislative proposals and actions in the State and Federal governments.

1.2 Authority

1.2.1 *Adoption* - The Platform is developed with input from all City departments and is adopted by the City Council annually.

1.2.2 *City Manager Authority* – The City Manager or designee may take actions to support or oppose proposed legislation without prior approval of the City Council when consistent with the platform, provided that the City Council may set or change the City's established position on any specific legislation even if inconsistent with this Platform's general position.

1.2.3 *Limit to City Manager Authority* – The City Council will maintain sole authority to establish an initial position for any proposed legislation that would result in the matter coming before voters as a statewide ballot measure, such as California constitutional amendments, a statewide bond measure, or a measure amending a previously-approved statewide ballot measure.

1.3 Distribution

Upon the Council's annual approval, the Legislative Platform shall be distributed to California's U.S. Senators and U.S. Congress Members representing the City, as well as all California State Constitutional offices representing the City, all California State Senator(s) and Assemblymember(s) representing the City, the National League of Cities and the League of California Cities.

SECTION 2 – GENERAL GOVERNMENT

2.1 Local Control

- Support legislation that enhances local control for various permitting, land use, contracting and discretionary actions and allows cities to address the needs of local communities within a framework of regional cooperation
- Oppose legislation that preempts local authority ~~by the State~~ and impedes the City's ability to address community needs.
- Oppose legislation that imposes unfunded or insufficiently funded mandates by the State.

SECTION 3 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

- Support legislation that protects, increases and/or modernizes revenue streams for local priorities.
- Support legislation to provide full and prompt reimbursement to all local agencies for all state-mandated programs and/or infractions and losses associated with local revenue shifts.
- Support legislation that creates streamlined and less competitive funding opportunities for cities with smaller budgets, geographical size and population, such as the City.
- Support legislation that fully funds positions in State and Federal agencies that can accelerate the prompt administration of funding and reimbursements from those agencies to the City.
- Oppose legislation that mandates new duties, responsibilities or obligations to a City under state realignment.
- Oppose legislation that increases the threshold for voters to pass new or increased state or local taxes needed to fund local services and infrastructure.
- Oppose legislation that eliminates or restricts control of or creates barriers to the City's revenue sources.
- Oppose legislation that restricts the City's ability to contract for goods or services or otherwise increases costs of contracting for goods or services.

SECTION 4 – PUBLIC SAFETY

4.1 General

Support legislation to establish a peace officer decertification process through POST.

4.21 **Emergency Response**

- Support legislation to provide funding for disaster prevention efforts, emergency response planning, and training and equipment for response and recovery efforts.
- Support legislation to develop and implement statewide-integrated public safety communication systems.

4.2 **Crime Reduction**

- Support legislation to allow for greater crime reduction in the community.
- Support legislation to add fentanyl to the list of illegal substances subject to the existing weight enhancements for criminal sentencing.

4.3 Victim's Rights

- Support legislation increasing the rights of victims of crimes.

SECTION 5 – TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

5.1 General Infrastructure

- Support legislation providing funding for revolving loan fund programs to assist with financing capital costs of infrastructure improvements, including facility replacements.
- Support legislation to expedite project delivery processes and expand project delivery methods for use by all cities for facilities and infrastructure.
- Support legislation that secures state and federal fees and taxes originally programmed for roadway repairs, highway congestion management and transportation improvement projects.
- Oppose legislation that slows, impairs or eliminates funding for public infrastructure.

SECTION 6 – RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

6.1 Water Resiliency

- Support legislation and administrative actions that provide funding or grant programs for energy and water efficiency improvements.
- Support legislation that provides funding for key water supply and infrastructure grant and loan programs.

6.2 Organic Waste Disposal

- Support legislation that provides additional funding or other assistance to implement organic waste disposal requirements [from SB-1383](#).
- Support legislation providing funding for smaller cities to pursue carbon neutral solutions.

SECTION 7 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

7.1 Housing and Homelessness

- Support legislation to streamline [all types of](#) housing development while protecting the City's permitting, fees and regulatory processes.
- Support legislation to providing funding mechanisms for infrastructure needed for housing development.
- Support legislation providing funding for homeless services and shelter projects and operations.

- Support legislation to allow the City more flexibility in creating shelters and temporary and permanent housing.
- Support legislation to provide funding for cleanup efforts as a result of homeless encampments.

7.2 Commercial Cannabis

- Support legislation that provides for ~~realistic~~ reforms of regulatory barriers to the legal cannabis industry
- Support legislation that allows for the sale of food and non-alcoholic drinks at cannabis retailers that permit onsite consumption of cannabis products.

7.3 Travel and Tourism

- Oppose legislation that would reduce or eliminate online travel agencies or platforms from collecting and remitting Transient Occupancy Tax to local jurisdictions.

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