



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2019**
FROM: OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM UPDATE

ISSUE:

Review and approval of an update to the City's Legislative Platform.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Review and approve an update to the City's Legislative Platform; and
2. Direct staff to coordinate with the City's legislative advocacy team to advance the City's legislative priorities and actively pursue grant funding for priority projects.

BACKGROUND:

Every two years, the City Council considers an update to the City's Legislative Platform (Platform) to coincide with a new legislative session. The Platform provides focus and guides the City's advocacy efforts, ensuring the most effective use of available resources. Equally important, it provides for a streamlined process that enables City staff, as well as the City's legislative advocacy team, to act in a timely manner in response to legislative proposals.

The proposed update has been developed with input received from the Mayor, City Council, Department Directors and the City Manager's Office. The Platform is also informed by the legislative priorities of local and regional partner agencies and organizations.

DISCUSSION:

Priority areas highlighted in the platform include:

1. Riverside and the Region: Riverside will advocate for Inland Southern California's share of scarce public and philanthropic resources and support opportunities that uplift the capacity of our regional partners.

2. **Transportation and Infrastructure:** Riverside seeks funding to mitigate the disproportionate share of negative impacts on the City related to national goods movement as well as to implement Complete Streets design principles to safely accommodate all users, including cars, buses, bicyclists and pedestrians.
3. **Safe and Resilient Riverside:** Riverside seeks funding and tools to promote the safety of City residents, elevate the community's preparedness for natural and human-caused conditions and events, and improve cybersecurity defenses.
4. **Smart and Sustainable Riverside:** Riverside seeks funding and tools to develop and implement technologies that improve efficiencies, and supports opportunities to maximize sustainability initiatives including local resource recovery and renewable energy production.
5. **Housing, Neighborhoods and Quality of Life:** Riverside seeks resources and tools to provide diverse and affordable housing opportunities to further the City's revitalization efforts and protect and enhance the City's quality of life.
6. **Economic and Workforce Development:** Riverside supports activities and opportunities that will help develop a skilled workforce and grow the local economy.
7. **Fiscal Stability:** Riverside supports opportunities that will help ensure the financial health of the City and leverage public tax dollars for maximum benefit locally.

Key legislative issues and funding priorities are described further in the document. Items that are new to the Platform are highlighted in red. The principle of Local Control is woven throughout each of the overarching priority areas and will serve as a guiding assumption to direct City staff on issues that require attention.

The City may support legislation that is consistent with the Platform and may oppose legislation that is inconsistent with the Platform. Legislative matters will be reviewed and considered by the City Manager's Office, and will be coordinated with the Mayor's Office for signature as appropriate. Due to the dynamic nature of the policy making process, additional issues are likely to arise during the legislative session, including some that could create significant impacts on the City. These issues will be addressed accordingly and may necessitate additional consideration from the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with adopting the update to the City's Legislative Platform.

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Attachments:

1. Legislative Platform
2. Presentation