



2025 - 2026 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

City Manager's Office

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BACKGROUND



The City of Riverside (City) utilizes advocacy services at both the State and Congressional level to advance the City's legislative agenda.



Every two years, the City Council considers an update to the City's Legislative Platform to coincide with a new legislative session.



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BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Platform is:

Provide strategic policy direction on State and Federal issues and guide the City's legislative advocacy efforts.

Provide a streamlined process for City officials, staff and legislative advocates to timely respond to legislative proposals.

Ensure the most effective use of available resources.



BACKGROUND

The proposed 2025-26 Legislative Platform was developed with input from:

- ❖ City departments and staff
- ❖ City executive leadership
- ❖ City elected officials
- ❖ Regional partners



DISCUSSION

Priority issues highlighted in the Platform include:

- ❖ Addressing California's Marketplace for Property Insurance
- ❖ Addressing Homelessness and Housing
- ❖ Connecting Riverside to the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympics
- ❖ Expanding Recreational Opportunities
- ❖ Increasing Behavioral Health Infrastructure
- ❖ Revitalizing the Santa Ana River



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DISCUSSION

- ❖ The Platform further describes additional legislative issues and funding priorities.
- ❖ Proposed legislation and policy issues that warrant City action but are not included in the Platform, will be addressed accordingly and may necessitate additional consideration by the City Council.
- ❖ Approval of the Platform authorizes the City to take a position on legislation consistent with the Platform.



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority 5 – High Performing Government



RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Review and approve the City's 2025 - 2026 Legislative Platform; and
2. Direct staff to coordinate with the City's legislative advocacy teams to advance the City's legislative priorities and actively pursue funding opportunities.

