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To: State Legislation Committee Members

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Subject: Recommended Changes to the 2009 State Legislative Agenda

Each year, City staff reviews the State Legislative Agenda and recommends changes to the State Legislation Committee and the City Council to ensure that the agenda is up-to-date and addresses the legislative concerns of the City. The 2008 agenda was sent to all departments for their input, and was circulated among the Council offices. Attached for your review are staff's proposed changes. Below is a summary of those proposed changes, which helps describe why deletions and additions were made.

BUSINESS GROWTH & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Item A: Workforce Development

In coordination with the City's sustainability goals, a fifth bullet was added to support efforts toward training and retraining workers for well-paid, local green collar jobs. A sixth bullet was added, at the request of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) committee of the Department of Health and Human Services (Health), to support efforts to increase funding for the development and training of the education workforce in order to facilitate improved educational success and graduation rates for all children, youth, and young adults.

Item E: Economic Development

A fourth bullet was added to support efforts to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Item A: Public Health

The third bullet was revised to include improved access to healthy, locally grown food and low-cost exercise options in the City's support of legislation and grants that work to reduce youth obesity.

At the request of the Health Department, a fourth bullet was added to support legislation that would protect local health jurisdiction funding for core public health services, including the State Public Health Realignment Program. These funds provide support for local critical services such as communicable disease control, epidemiology, public health laboratory, maternal child health, and public health nursing.

ENVIRONMENTAL

New Item: Climate Change

This section was added to highlight the City's focus on addressing climate change at the local level. The four bullets included support legislation that: 1) aids in the implementation of the goals and policies of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as they relate to AB 32 (The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006); 2) promotes and protects early local government actions to address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; 3) provides funding for local government actions on climate change under SB 375 (Transportation Planning and Sustainable Communities Strategies) and AB 32; and 4) provides funding for mitigation and adaptation related to the effects of climate change.

Item B: Air Quality

Minor technical changes were made to the fourth bullet to indicate a change in the status of the South Coast Air Quality District (SCAQMD) 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) from "Draft" to "Final", as well as a shift in the City's focus from supporting efforts related to the report's development toward the actual implementation of the report's goals with regard to mobile source controls.

A seventh bullet was added to support legislation that would assist the Port of Long Beach in their efforts to improve local air quality via the goals of the Clean Air Action Plan.

Item G: SERRF

A minor technical change was made to this item to clarify what the acronym "SERRF" stands for (the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility).

Item L: Water Conservation

The first bullet was revised to emphasize the City's support of legislation and grants that will allow for aging irrigation infrastructure to be replaced and/or repaired with water efficient systems. The second bullet was revised to highlight a commitment to seeking funds that will provide for water conservation efforts on city property and throughout the City, as well as support for regional water conservation efforts.

The third bullet regarding the sponsorship of legislation requiring retailers to implement a water consumption rating system that would indicate the level of water consumption used for every plant sold has been removed from the legislative agenda. This legislation was introduced as SB 1404 (Plant Labeling: Water Use) by Senator Lowenthal and ultimately passed the Senate. However, the bill failed passage out of the Assembly's Agriculture Committee in June. Given the current economic climate, such a bill would not be likely to succeed in

the upcoming legislative session.

New Item: Conversion Technology

Per the City Council's direction in July 2008, a new item was added in support of legislation and grants designed to evaluate and promote the development of next generation conversion technologies that minimize landfill disposal, create green collar jobs, and utilize waste material in an environmentally beneficial manner.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Item D: Parks, Recreation, and Marine

A third bullet was added to support or sponsor legislation that would amend State Park grant requirements to allow cities to utilize a federally approved overhead allocation system to account for the costs associated with the administration of these grants.

New Item: Mortgage Reform/Assistance

Given the negative impacts of the current home foreclosure crisis on local communities across the nation, this item was added to focus the City's efforts on two key goals: 1) supporting legislation and grants that provide assistance to homeowners in their efforts to rework their mortgages, thereby allowing them to remain in their homes; and 2) supporting legislation and grants to cities to provide funding to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.

Item H: Planning

A second bullet was added to support coupling planning efforts with greenhouse gas emission reduction, green building, and transit-oriented development strategies.

New Item: Parking-Impacted Areas

Per the request of Council Member DeLong and in response to ongoing concerns regarding parking-related impacts in the Peninsula area of the City, a new item was added to support or sponsor legislation that provides cities with the authority to allow vehicles, on two-way, dead-end streets that have been identified by the local jurisdiction as being parking-impacted, to park facing the street's ingress and egress on either side of the street (with their left-hand wheels adjacent to the left-hand curb). This change would provide vehicles with the flexibility needed to easily turnaround, thereby easing the parking situation in those neighborhoods.

TRANSPORTATION

New Item: Alternative Transportation & Mobility

Per the request of the Office of Sustainability, this item was added to highlight the

City's interest in supporting efforts to: 1) increase funding for infrastructure improvements that improve connections to and facilities around public transit, buses, and Metro Lines; 2) improve public education to promote an increase in transit ridership; and 3) promote and provide funding for development near transit.

CHILDREN/YOUTH & EDUCATION

In response to feedback received from the ECE committee, the title of this section was changed from "Youth & Education" to "Children/Youth & Education" to clarify this section's focus on all age groups ranging from 0-24.

Item A: Good Health, Item B: Safety and Survival, and Item C: Economic Well-Being

These items have been revised to clarify and include specific age ranges of the terms "children", "youth", and "young adults".

Item D: Social and Emotional Well-Being

In addition to specifying the age range of children and youth, a minor clarifying change was made to this item to highlight the City's goal of supporting legislation and grants that include enhancing the provision of quality childcare programs.

Item E: Children/Youth Education & Workforce Readiness

Four bullets were added to this section. The fourth and fifth bullets support efforts to: increase school readiness opportunities for children and their families including access to affordable, high quality early childhood education services; and increase parent education and engagement opportunities to improve school readiness and educational success for all children and youth, thereby leading to higher graduation outcomes.

The sixth bullet added focuses on supporting legislation that provides funding for local university, college, and high school programs that train students in renewable energy technology, energy efficiency, green building, or other related fields. The final bullet added focuses on supporting legislation that promotes State investment in youth and young adult (ages 14-24) employment and training activities that align with career pathways, technical education, and overall workforce readiness.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF STATE LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE

Item A: City Revenues

A seventh bullet was added to support legislation that would protect local redevelopment agency funds from being shifted for uses not related to the stated purposes and goals of redevelopment agencies.

Item E: Telecommunications

The sixth bullet regarding protecting local authority to negotiate and grant franchises to video providers was removed given the State's adoption of the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006 (DIVCA), which gives the State overall authority, and local entities specified authority, over the administration and implementation of video provider franchises.

New Item: Sustainability

This item was added to emphasize the City's sustainability goals by expressly supporting legislation that promotes an environmentally responsible approach to consumer goods, including requiring product take-back and recycling, reduction of packaging waste, phase out of toxic products, and reduction in single-use disposable goods.

NEXT STEPS

A State Legislation Committee meeting has been called for December 8, 2008 to review and discuss these recommended changes. City Council discussion and approval of the Committee's recommendations is expected to take place on December 16.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs at 8-5091.

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Proposed 2009 State Legislative Agenda

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Title	Section
BUSINESS GROWTH & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	<p>A. <u>Workforce Development:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Support efforts to maximize allocation of State-allocated formula-driven resources locally, and prioritize statewide discretionary resources to be retained within the workforce investment/WIB system.2. Support efforts to increase outcomes and relevancy of One-Stop Career Centers through resource integration with State “merit staff” systems and alignment of performance measures and goals among programs.3. Support efforts to ensure that planning efforts and monetary resources targeting post-secondary education (specifically community colleges) are aligned and timed with the needs of industries and residents.4. Support the EDGE Campaign, a broad-based coalition of entities, in its work to advance workforce policy around regional economic and workforce development strategies, access to post-secondary education, worker opportunities to obtain higher-paying jobs, and stronger education and workforce system alliances, to ensure that the State maintains a competitive advantage of skilled workers over other states.5. <u>Support efforts toward training and retraining workers for well-paid, local green collar jobs.</u>6. <u>Support efforts to increase funding for the development and training of the education workforce in order to facilitate improved educational success and graduation rates for all children, youth, and young adults (ages 0-24).</u> <p>B. <u>Aerospace Industry:</u> Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for the Aerospace Industry.</p> <p>C. <u>Space Technology:</u> Support legislation that promotes the development of space oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration.</p> <p>D. <u>Enterprise Zones:</u> Pursue and support legislation that protects and/or increases the value of State Enterprise Zones.</p> <p>E. <u>Economic Development:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Support efforts to develop and promote policies that help urban areas foster greater economic opportunity.2. Support efforts to retain, expand, and attract manufacturing, technology and other high value businesses.3. Support legislation to require the state’s Employment Development Department to provide the same economic data they provide for counties to the ten largest cities in the state.4. <u>Support efforts to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.</u> <p>F. <u>Workers’ Compensation:</u> Support efforts to reform workers’ compensation statutes to simplify the system and reduce costs to employers while ensuring adequate protection for injured workers.</p> <p>G. <u>The Boeing Company:</u> Support legislation that creates a more competitive</p>

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<p><u>BUSINESS GROWTH & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (CON'T)</u></p>	<p>business environment for the Boeing Company and the aerospace industry overall, to attract new aerospace manufacturing to Long Beach.</p> <p>H. CalOSHA: Support legislation that would ensure new safety regulations be made available for review and comment by employers prior to implementation.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY</p>	<p>A. Public Health:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grants that provide additional funding for public health programs, including substance abuse programs, services, infrastructure, debt service relief, seismic upgrades, and bio-terrorism response enhancements. 2. Support the implementation of a pilot needle exchange program for the prevention of the spread of HIV disease and the provision of swift treatment to individuals impacted by HIV. 3. Support legislation and grants that provide for the reduction of youth obesity <u>including programs that improve access to healthy, locally grown food and low-cost exercise options.</u> 4. <u>Support legislation to protect local health jurisdiction funding for core public health services, including the State Public Health Realignment Program.</u> <p>B. Public Safety & Crime Prevention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislative efforts to improve local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives. 2. Support legislation and pursue grants to fund new apparatuses, technology and equipment, improve existing apparatuses, technology and equipment, and replace obsolete apparatuses, technology and equipment for Police and Fire. 3. Support legislation and pursue grants that would provide funding for maintenance and construction of public safety facilities. 4. Support legislation that reduces the percentage required for passage of public safety bonds to the same percentage as school bonds (55%). 5. Support legislation that provides immunity to public safety personnel who have been trained and assigned to take emergency calls from the public. 6. Support legislation that seeks to reimburse the City for overtime costs paid to public safety personnel who are required to appear in State and/or County courts. 7. Support legislation to make state law enforcement grant funding less restrictive and allow more discretionary uses of funds for support staff within the jail, communications and records divisions. 8. Support legislation that enhances the ability of local public safety units to respond to, prevent, and prepare for terrorist threats. 9. Support legislation to strengthen penalties for those using motor vehicles to evade peace officers. 10. Support legislation and grants that enhance or promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs. 11. Support legislation that would make it a specific crime to carry a weapon or engage in violent activity in or around a mass transit system and enact stronger penalties for violation of that law. 12. Support legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of re-entry points for sex offenders and parolees. 13. Support legislation that will strengthen penalties for traffic violations in school zones in an attempt to reduce speed of drivers and protect youth. 14. Support legislation that will protect witnesses from intimidation during and after

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<u>COMMUNITY SAFETY (CON'T)</u>	<p>criminal proceedings.</p> <p>15. Support legislative efforts to ban the sale and use of fireworks in the State of California, with the exception of professional demonstrations.</p>
ENVIRONMENTAL	<p><u>A. Climate Change:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1. Support legislation that aids in the implementation of the goals and policies of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as they relate to AB 32 (The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006).</u> <u>2. Support legislation that promotes and protects early local government actions to address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</u> <u>3. Support legislation that provides funding for local government actions on climate change under SB 375 and AB 32 regulations.</u> <u>4. Support legislation that provides funding for mitigation and adaptation related to the effects of climate change.</u> <p><u>B. Air Quality:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that improves the quality of air in the City of Long Beach by reducing particulate matter. 2. Support legislation that seeks to improve the air quality and health issues associated with construction improvements and operations of the I-710 Freeway and the Port of Long Beach. 3. Support ongoing efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to increase regulatory control of stationary and non-stationary sources of air pollution in the Long Beach and greater Los Angeles air basin. 4. Support efforts related to the development and implementation of the South Coast Air Quality District (SCAQMD) FinalDraft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), focusing on mobile source controls. 5. Support the adoption of the most stringent and aggressive state air quality standards for mobile sources feasible, including passenger vehicles, heavy-duty trucks, locomotives, and ships. 6. Support the implementation of a port container fee, which would provide a funding source for goods movement infrastructure and air quality improvements. <u>7. Support legislation that would assist the Port of Long Beach in their efforts to deliver major air quality benefits to the community and is consistent with the goals of the Clean Air Action Plan.</u> <p><u>B.C. Water Quality:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts to improve clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers, and waterways that affect the City and impaired water bodies within the City. 2. Support legislation that excludes stormwater and urban runoff management fees and charges from the current constitutional approval requirements for the establishment or increase of a property-related fee or charge. 3. Support legislation that will fund regional cooperative conservation partnership accounts, natural resource protection and restoration programs, regional watershed protection and recovery programs, and watershed improvement programs. 4. Oppose legislation that increases NPDES Permit Fees and/or tries to remove Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) language from MS4 permits. <p><u>C.D. Naples Seawalls:</u> Support legislation that will enable needed maintenance and improvements to the Naples Seawall System, maximizing fair financial contributions from all responsible parties.</p>

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ENVIRONMENTAL (CON'T)	<p><u>D.E. Beach Erosion:</u> Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches and bluffs from erosion.</p> <p><u>E.F. Ocean Channel Dredging:</u> Support legislation and grants, which fund the dredging of ocean channels to enhance navigation and recreation, and which allow cost-effective and safe methods of disposal of dredge materials.</p> <p><u>F.G. SERRF:</u> Support legislation that protects the City's ability to efficiently operate <u>the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF)</u>.</p> <p><u>G.H. Alternative Fuel/Energy:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grants that encourage the use of clean burning alternative fuels for vehicles and that provide incentives and rewards for cities with innovative alternative fuel programs. 2. Support efforts that promote the use of solar/alternative energy within city facilities and promote solar energy solution programs for residents. 3. Support alternative energy proposals that further the utilization of environmentally friendly energy applications at both the customer and utility level. <p><u>H.I. Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for the protection of the proper use of funds from DBAW for recreational uses. 2. Oppose the use of these funds for unrelated purposes. <p><u>I.J. Oil Properties:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek funding for existing infrastructure maintenance, repair and improvement. 2. Support the full funding of the state's future obligation for abandonment and cleanup of oil fields located in the Long Beach Tidelands. <p><u>J.-K. Wetlands:</u> Support legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City of Long Beach and the surrounding region.</p> <p><u>K.-L. Water Conservation:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grants designed to replace/repair irrigation infrastructure <u>with water efficient systems.</u> 2. Seek funding for water conservation efforts on city property <u>and throughout the City of Long Beach, and support regional efforts at water conservation.</u> 3. <u>Sponsor legislation requiring retailers to implement a water consumption rating system that indicates the level of water consumption used for every plant sold.</u> <p><u>M. Conversion Technology:</u> <u>Support legislation and grants designed to evaluate and promote the development of next generation conversion technologies that minimize landfill disposal, create green collar jobs, and utilize waste material in an environmentally beneficial manner.</u></p>

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NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT	<p>A. <u>Library Construction & Development:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grant programs that provide increased funding for library construction, renovation and development. 2. Support full funding of the Public Library Fund. <p>B. <u>Arts:</u> Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming.</p> <p>C. <u>Homeless Assistance:</u> Support legislation to reduce homelessness, including housing assistance and case management service funding, including those related to mental health.</p> <p>D. <u>Parks, Recreation, and Marine:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grants to fund parks, recreation, and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents. 2. Support the implementation of Proposition 84, including criteria to put Long Beach at the best competitive advantage. 3. <u>Support or sponsor legislation to amend State Park grant requirements to allow cities to utilize a federally approved overhead allocation system to account for the costs associated with the administration of these grants.</u> <p>E. <u>Senior Services:</u> Support legislation, which provides funding for enhanced services such as facilities, senior housing, housing for the disabled, social services, mental health services health care, supportive care, recreational programs and transportation to address the diverse needs of Long Beach's senior community.</p> <p>F. <u>Drug and Alcohol Recovery Facilities:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities. 2. Support legislation that provides more local government control over the regulation of sober-living homes that rent up to six beds and are not currently required to register for city business licenses, obtain conditional use permits or state licenses. <p>G. <u>Mortgage Reform/Assistance:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Support legislation and grants that provide assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages to allow them to remain in their homes.</u> 2. <u>Support legislation and grants to cities to provide funding to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.</u> <p>H. <u>Planning:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Oppose legislation that diminishes the City's local control over land use, planning, zoning, and development decisions, and oppose legislation in conflict with the City's adopted General Plan or other Council adopted land use policies.</u> 2. <u>Support coupling planning efforts with greenhouse gas emission reduction, green building, and transit-oriented development strategies.</u> <p>I. <u>Shopping Carts:</u> Support legislation that allows for local control of shopping cart retrieval.</p> <p>J. <u>Housing Requirements for Sex Offenders and Parolees:</u> Support legislation prohibiting the over-concentration of sex offenders and parolees, and their location</p>

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	<p>within close proximity to daycare centers and neighborhoods in residential areas.</p> <p><u>K. Parking-Impacted Areas:</u> <u>Support or sponsor legislation that provides cities with the authority to allow vehicles, on two-way, dead-end streets that have been identified by the local jurisdiction as being parking-impacted, to park with their left-hand wheels adjacent to the left-hand curb on either side of the street, thereby reducing the risk of accidents and/or property damage.</u></p>

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TRANSPORTATION	<p>A. <u>I-710 Freeway:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pursue funding to improve, beautify, maintain, and increase the safety of the I-710 Freeway, which serves as a vital thoroughfare for residents, businesses and commerce. 2. Pursue funding to initiate and complete the I-710 Early Action Projects, beginning with the realignment of the Shoemaker Bridge and ramps. <p>B. <u>Improve Freight Movement:</u> Support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for the Alameda Corridor, including enhanced connections for trucks to Alameda Street and the development of shuttle rail for local container movements.</p> <p>C. <u>Long Combination Vehicles:</u> Support legislation that will ban Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs) that consists of longer double tractor and triple tractor-trailers from traveling on state highways and freeways to improve traffic congestion and prevent fatal accidents.</p> <p>D. <u>Prop 42 Funding:</u> Strongly advocate for the State to repay previous loans from this source to cities and guarantee long-term preservation of these funds through ongoing annual appropriations, which are sorely needed by cities for local roads.</p> <p>E. <u>Alternative Transportation & Mobility:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Support efforts to increase funding for infrastructure improvements that improve connections to and facilities around public transit, buses, and Metro Lines (i.e. the Blue Line).</u> 2. <u>Support efforts to improve public education to promote an increase in transit ridership.</u> 3. <u>Support efforts that promote and provide funding for development near transit.</u> <p><u>E.F. Transportation Funding:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts to increase funding for transportation programs and projects within the City. 2. Support efforts to increase funding for system preservation and relax funding requirements that prohibit the use of existing transportation funding for rehabilitation, resurfacing, and reconstruction of local streets. 3. Support efforts to secure the maximum amount of state funding for the construction and maintenance of local roads, infrastructure, transportation projects, and major corridors. 4. Support legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on transportation infrastructure. 5. Support legislation that seeks to improve the air quality and health issues associated with construction improvements and operations of the I-710 Freeway and the Port of Long Beach.
CHILDREN/YOUTH & EDUCATION	<p>A. <u>Good Health:</u> Support legislation and grants that enhance the health services provided to children, <u>youth</u>, and young adults (<u>ages 0-24</u>) including pre-natal services, infant and early childhood health care, access to affordable medical, dental and mental health care and <u>preventive</u> and <u>intervention</u> services for children and youth who may be at risk for drug and alcohol dependency (including tobacco), asthma, obesity, and other conditions that threaten health.</p> <p>B. <u>Safety and Survival:</u> Support legislation and grants that increase the level of safety and survival of <u>children and youth (ages 0-18)</u>, and support programs which reduce child abuse, accidental injury deaths, homicides of youth, gang involvement, misdemeanor and felony arrests and incidents of violence among youth.</p>

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<p><u>Children/Youth & Education (CON'T)</u></p>	<p>C. <u>Economic Well-Being:</u> Support legislation and grants that assure <u>children and youth (ages 0-18)</u> have access to resources such as food, shelter, employment opportunities and transportation and that aim to reduce the poverty level of the City's <u>children and youth (ages 0-18)</u>, including emancipated youth.</p> <p>D. <u>Social and Emotional Well-Being:</u> Support legislation and grants that enhance social and emotional well-being <u>for children and youth (ages 0-18)</u> including literacy, <u>quality</u> childcare, teen pregnancy prevention, mentor, mental health, human dignity, foster and kinship care, after school and weekend enrichment activities, and other cultural enhancement programs.</p> <p>E. <u>Children/Youth Education & Workforce Readiness:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts to create strong pathways to post-secondary education and careers for young adults and emancipated youth, including opportunities to gain work experience and participate in readiness activities. 2. Support efforts to prioritize career technical education efforts, alongside college preparatory programming. 3. <u>Support efforts to bolster strategies to actively engage youth who are out-of-school, disconnected, emancipated, gang-affiliated, and have had significant involvement with the justice system.</u> 4. <u>Support efforts to increase school readiness opportunities for children and their families including access to affordable, high quality early childhood education services.</u> 5. <u>Support efforts to increase parent education and engagement opportunities to improve school readiness and educational success for all children and youth, thereby leading to higher graduation outcomes.</u> 6. <u>Support legislation that provides funding for local university, college, and high school programs that train students in renewable energy technology, energy efficiency, green building, or other related fields.</u> 7. <u>Support legislation that promotes State investment in youth and young adult (ages 14-24) employment and training activities that align with career pathways, technical education, and overall workforce readiness.</u> <p>F. <u>Meaningful Youth Engagement:</u> Support legislation and grants that increase the presence of youth participation in all levels of government decision making, such as local youth councils and board participation, voting and civic engagement.</p>

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HOUSING	<p>A. <u>Housing:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the implementation of Proposition 46 and other efforts to maximize funding and funding flexibility for the development of affordable housing within the City. 2. Support efforts to enhance access, accommodations, and visitability in dwellings and businesses for all of Long Beach's residents. 3. Support efforts to ensure the fair allocation of tax credits for the Southern California region and prioritize local control over allocation of affordable housing tax credits. 4. Support legislation and grants that promote the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City. 5. Support efforts to reform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF STATE LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE	<p>A. <u>City Revenues:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oppose legislation that would reduce City revenues. 2. Support efforts to protect Vehicle License Fee (VLF) revenues currently allocated to cities. Vigorously oppose any effort to reduce the current allocation returned to cities. 3. Support legislation that would favorably address the State/local government fiscal relationship, including the capping and or return of ERAF dollars to cities. 4. Support League of California Cities sponsored initiative to protect city revenues from future seizure by the state for programs that would otherwise be funded by state agencies or the state general fund. 5. Support efforts to protect City revenue sources from diversion by the State Legislature and the Governor. 6. Oppose legislation that would reduce the City's autonomy and flexibility in dealing with the financing of public services. 7. <u>Support legislation to protect local redevelopment agency funds from being shifted for uses not related to the stated purposes and goals of redevelopment agencies.</u> <p>B. <u>Contractor/Consultant Liability:</u> Oppose legislation that shifts financial liabilities from contractors and/or consultants to the City.</p> <p>C. <u>Preemption of Local Authority:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oppose legislation that preempts the current authority possessed by the City and delegates that authority to the State or other government jurisdiction. 2. Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs. 3. Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority. 4. Oppose legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M. <p>D. <u>Sales Tax:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that would result in a more equitable distribution of sales taxes to the City. 2. Support efforts to exempt cities from paying State sales tax. 3. Support legislation that would result in an equitable distribution of taxes generated through Internet sales.

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<p>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF STATE LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE (CON'T)</p>	<p>E. <u>Telecommunications:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use. 2. Support legislative efforts to ensure local taxation authority of products purchased through the Internet. 3. Support legislation that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries. 4. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives. 5. Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communications services to their citizens. <p>6. Protect local authority to negotiate and grant franchises to video providers.</p> <p>F. <u>Unfunded Mandates:</u> Oppose legislation that would place a mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the mandated program.</p> <p>G. <u>Water Department:</u> Consider support of legislation, initiatives and policies initiated and/or advocated by the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners, on behalf of the Long Beach Water Department, that are consistent with the Department's cost-effective long-term local water supply reliability objectives.</p> <p>H. <u>Business Licenses:</u> Oppose legislation that compromises the City's ability to impose and/or collect appropriate business license fees from Long Beach businesses.</p> <p>I. <u>Pension/Labor Relations/ Health Benefits:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation providing more flexibility in pension benefits. 2. Oppose legislation that precludes the City's right to negotiate for additional pension benefits. 3. Oppose legislation that would mandate additional benefits. 4. Pursue approaches to recapture PERS funds including, but not limited to, making Pension Obligation Bond payments. 5. Monitor legislative efforts to mandate increases in health benefit levels or increase the City's costs for changes to benefit levels for active employees. 6. Support efforts to promote equitable representation among State, County and local government officials on the Governor's new Commission on Public Employee Retirement Benefits. <p>J. <u>Municipal Elections:</u> Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections.</p> <p>K. <u>School District:</u> Support the rights of the community to elect their school board members and preserve the authority of local school districts.</p> <p>L. <u>Aquarium of Pacific:</u> Support legislation that will enhance the Aquarium of the Pacific's ability to provide maximum educational opportunities regarding aquatic life, facilities, recreation and local wetlands restoration and Los Angeles Basin watershed management.</p> <p>M. <u>Court Facilities:</u> Support legislative efforts that will provide the necessary funding for the proposed new Long Beach courthouse.</p> <p>N. <u>Marriage Equality for Same Sex Couples:</u> Support legislation that will allow marriage equality for same sex couples, defend same sex civil marriages, and</p>

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	<p>protect the fundamental liberties of all families.</p> <p>O. <u>Gas and Oil Department:</u> Support legislation, initiatives and policies on behalf of the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department that are consistent with the City's long-term objectives for reliable, competitively priced energy supply.</p> <p>P. <u>State Budget Management:</u> Support legislation requiring the State Legislature to implement a performance-based budget model for use in developing, implementing, and evaluating the budget for the State of California.</p> <p><u>Q. Sustainability:</u> Support legislation that promotes an environmentally responsible approach to consumer goods, including requiring product take-back and recycling, reduction of packaging waste, phase out of toxic products, and reduction in single-use disposable goods.</p>