



**Date:** March 21, 2017

**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilman Al Austin, Chair of the State Legislation Committee

**Subject:** **2017 State Legislative Agenda**

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Each year the City Council adopts a State Legislative Agenda, which outlines the City's State legislative priorities for the coming year. This document provides policy direction to staff on State legislative issues, and allows the City to support, oppose or work with State elected officials on advancing priorities adopted by the City Council.

At the State Legislation Committee meeting on January 10, 2017, the Committee voted to forward staff's recommended changes for the 2017 State Legislative Agenda, along with three additional changes from the Committee to the City Council for consideration and adoption. The Committee's changes are described below:

### **Economic Development**

#### ***City Council Directives***

**1. Cultivate a healthy environment to support sustainable economic growth**

The State Legislative Committee directed staff to conduct research into adopted legislation in other areas of the country regarding the service industry and policies surrounding minimum wage as it relates to the "front of house" and "back of the house" to make sure there is flexibility for business owners to make a determination that higher earning servers are not getting a minimum wage increase when that money could be better allocated to the back of the house. Based on this research, staff offers for consideration:

Add Item (i) to "Support legislation that minimizes wage discrepancies between tipped and untipped workers in the restaurant industry without impacting existing scheduled minimum wage increases."

### **Public Safety**

#### ***City Council Directives***

**1. Protect civil liberties, life, limb and property**

Amend Item (g) to add language in support of additional grants for local governments for law enforcement support to eradicate illegal growths of marijuana plants.

**Sustainable and Livable Cities**

***City Council Directives***

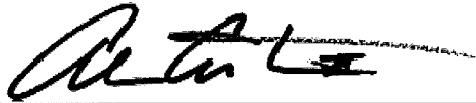
**8. Support animal care services and infrastructure**

Add a new item, Item (c) to support additional funding to local governments to support housing animals at animal care shelters beyond 3 days.

**Recommendation: Respectfully request City Council approval of the 2017 State Legislative Agenda as recommended by the State Legislation Committee.**

Respectfully submitted,

STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Austin', is written over a horizontal line.

Councilman Al Austin, Chair

Attachments