



**Date:** November 21, 2017

**To:** Federal Legislative Committee

**From:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.H.W.*

**Subject:** **Proposed Changes for the 2018 Federal Legislative Agenda**

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**Introduction**

Each year, City staff reviews the Federal Legislative Agenda and recommends changes to ensure the agenda is up-to-date and addresses the legislative concerns of the City. The 2017 agenda was sent to all departments for input. Attached for your review are staff's proposed changes.

**Proposed Legislative Agenda Changes**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

In 2017, the Long Beach City Council adopted the City's Economic Development Blueprint on April 4. This crucial document highlights seven key economic development objectives for the City, each of which can be met by supporting key areas identified by the City's Economic Development Commission.

Staff recommends aligning the City's 2018 Federal Legislative Agenda with the first four key areas in the City's Economic Development Blueprint, while maintaining unique Federal Legislative City Council Directives adopted in years past.

**Objectives**

Previous Federal Legislative Agenda Economic Development objectives included:

1. Cultivate a healthy environment to support sustainable economic growth.
2. Support community oriented businesses.
3. Support arts, tourism and culture.

Staff is proposing to replace the above objectives with the following adopted Economic Development Blueprint objectives:

1. Grow and strengthen our established industry clusters and emerging sectors.
2. Increase access to economic opportunities in low-income communities to advance economic equity.
3. Ensure the preparedness of the workforce and the competitiveness of business through alignment of economic development, training, education and community partner efforts.
4. Build a supportive economic ecosystem that creates reliable pathways for entrepreneurs to confidently start and grow successful businesses.

### Focus Statements

Staff proposes to delete the first Focus Statement pertaining to the closure of the C-17 facility, as the workforce has completed its transition.

Staff proposes to add a new Focus Statement pertaining to a potential federal infrastructure package, which President Trump and his Administration have spoken repeatedly about developing.

Staff proposes to amend the third Focus Statement to include the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, which speaks to the City's ongoing partnership with the United States Army Corps of Engineers on this effort.

Staff proposes to add a fourth Focus Statement to address local government concerns with tax reform proposals released in 2017. Federal legislation has been proposed to eliminate the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction, as well as Private Activity Bonds. These federally supported financial mechanisms provide local governments with low-cost options for funding public infrastructure.

Staff proposes to delete the last Focus Statement, which speaks to identifying and supporting industry clusters as this concept has been imbedded throughout the City's Economic Development plan.

### Council Directives

As mentioned, staff proposes to align the Federal Legislative Agenda with language from the City's adopted Economic Development Blueprint. Where the nature of statements is duplicative, staff proposes to use language from the Economic Development Blueprint, and remove the older language from previous Federal legislative agendas. Staff proposes to retain existing Federal Legislative Agenda statements that are not captured by the Economic Development Blueprint. All changes are shown in the attachment herein and some are noted below.

*Objective 2. Increase access to economic communities to advance economic equity*  
Staff proposes amending the existing statement in support of raising the minimum wage to be consistent with the State of California, which aims to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by the year 2020 and moving it from Objective 1 to Objective 2.

*Objective 5. Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs*  
Staff proposes moving "support for paid parental leave for full-time employees" from objective 1 to objective 5.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### Objectives

Staff propose no changes.

### Focus Statements

Staff proposes to amend the third Focus Statement by deleting reference to El Niño when monitoring focusing on federal initiatives on which to engage with respect to planning, mitigating and responding to natural and man-made disasters.

### City Council Directives

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

Staff proposes to add Item A to support legislation, policy and grants that provide funding to prevent and mitigate mass casualty shooting incidents.

#### *Objective 2. Foster a healthy economic environment through law enforcement*

Staff proposes to add City support for “legislation and policies that enable immigrants who arrived in the United States as children and who meet certain criteria to apply for work permits, as well as deferred action from deportation”, and “support proposals which would protect Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA)” as it is consistent with the Long Beach City Council’s direction, in addition to recent changes to the County of Los Angeles’ federal legislative agenda.

#### *Objective 3. Ensure that Long Beach residents live in safe families and communities, attend safe schools, and are contributing citizens connected to their communities*

Staff proposes to amend Item H to include family and community groups in the City’s support for violence prevention programs, as these subgroups have unique characteristics that are significant when developing programs to address and prevent violence.

#### *Objective 5. Embrace technology to enhance public safety services*

Staff proposes to amend Item D to include improving wellness, in addition to our existing support for cross-sector data-driving community safety efforts. Through collaborations between the City’s Health and Human Services Department, Police Department and Development Services, we know healthy communities are essential to supporting safe communities.

## **EDUCATION**

### Objectives

Staff proposes to combine Objectives 1 and 4 to support education equity.

### Focus Statements

Staff propose no changes.

### City Council Directives

Consistent with staff's proposal to combine Objectives 1 and 4 to support educational equity, all existing City Council directives from Objective 4 will be moved up to join those in Objective 1.

## **SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES**

### Objectives

Staff proposes to amend Objective 3 to include "stormwater management", as these activities support improvements with recreational water quality, but may also be stand alone efforts with other ancillary benefits, such as capture and reuse.

Staff also proposes to amend Objective 5 to support affordable housing policies consistent with the City's adopted Housing Element.

### Focus Statements

Staff proposes to add a new Focus Statement to address air quality related to the hexavalent chromium six pollutant. Support for changes in federal legislation or regulations requiring chromium plating of federally owned aircraft is needed to improve air quality in neighborhoods adjacent to aerospace manufacturing facilities.

For the second Focus Statement, staff proposes to include "stormwater management" in the City's existing statement to support clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers, lakes and waterways.

Staff proposes to consolidate the third and fourth Focus Statements, which speak to the City's dependency for Community Development Block Grant and HOME funding for neighborhood level improvements in disadvantaged areas. Oftentimes, these improvements also require local government support for housing related issues.

In recognition of the City's pivot towards community wellness and equity, staff proposes to add a statement to support efforts to fund and sustain public health prevention and services to increase health and wellness opportunities across the City.

### City Council Directives

#### *Objective 1. Maximize Long Beach's Livability Index*

Staff proposes to amend Item A by including "stormwater management best practices" in an existing statement that speaks to the City's support for policies, legislation and grants with respect to integrated watershed management approaches.

Staff proposes to amend Item E to include support for the Community Development Block Grant program, which for years has undergone budget cuts.

Staff proposes to delete Item L, as the "Let's Move" campaign was specific to First Lady Michelle Obama. With the City's overall support for community wellness,

components of "Let's Move", including support for access to open space, active living, and healthy eating will continue to be supported.

Staff proposes to amend Item N to include substance abuse in the City's existing support for federal policies, legislation and grants to further community wellness.

*Objective 2. Support efforts to improve air quality*

Staff proposes to add Item A to address changes in federal legislation or regulations to enable aerospace manufacturers to use industry-approved alternative materials in place of chromium in the production of federally owned aircraft for the purposes of improving air quality in neighborhoods adjacent to aerospace manufacturing facilities.

Staff proposes to amend Item B to recognize the City's interest in electric vehicles and low-carbon fuel programs.

*Objective 4. Support efforts to improve stormwater management and recreational water quality*

Staff also proposes to amend Item C to include the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study, as a line item for which the City seeks federal funding.

*Objective 5. Support affordable housing policies consistent with the City Council's adopted Housing Element*

Staff proposes to add language to support the preservation for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, which Congress recently proposed to eliminate. The City and affordable housing developers depending on the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program to support financing options that enable affordable housing projects in Long Beach.

## **LOCAL CONTROL**

### Objectives

Staff has no proposed changes.

### Focus Statements

Staff proposes to focus our efforts on ensuring the City of Long Beach continues to be eligible for federal grant funds without needing to provide new certifications of compliance with federal laws.

Staff also proposes to delete mention of City specific planning documents since elements of these proposals are integrated throughout existing statements in the Federal Legislative Agenda already.

### City Council Directives

Staff has no proposed changes.

**Next Steps**

A Federal Legislation Committee meeting has been scheduled for November 21, 2017 at 3:30 PM to review and discuss staff's recommended changes for the 2018 Federal Legislative Agenda. City Council discussion and approval of the Committee's recommendations is expected to take place after the Committee takes action.

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# CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

## 2018 PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



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### About Long Beach

Incorporated in 1888, Long Beach, California is a progressive urban city made up of 464,000 residents and businesses. The City is home to the 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest port in the nation, a rejuvenated downtown, tourist attractions, one unified school district, a city college with two campuses, a state university, over 60 residential neighborhoods, 17 historical districts, and over 180 local neighborhoods and business organizations.

Long Beach is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest city in California, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in Los Angeles County. The U.S. Census (2010) found that the median age in Long Beach is 33 years old, and 25% of the City's residents are under the age of 18.

**The City is ethnically diverse with: 40.8% Latino/Hispanic, 29.4% Caucasian, 13.0% African American, 12.6% Asian, and 1.1% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander.**

The Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana area ranked #2 in the nation for having the greatest number of Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual persons. Long Beach was one of only 25 cities nationwide to achieve a perfect score on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index.

Long Beach Unified School District has 82,000 students spread over 84 schools. There are five charter schools and more than 40 private schools in Long Beach. Across the school district, 80% of high school students graduate on time. Long Beach City College and the California State University, Long Beach serve as local education hubs.

The City's economy is expanding as the region's economic base continues to shift from manufacturing to an information-based economy. There are several hundred businesses in the City. The top 10 private sector employers include Verizon and Boeing. The Port of Long Beach promises job growth and new career opportunities with the development of Long Beach Container Terminal's Middle Harbor and the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement.

***Located at the Port of Long Beach, Middle Harbor will be the world's 1st zero emissions terminal. An investment of over \$4 billion will be made into the regional economy over 40 years.***

Groundbreaking new programs and technologies are used in Long Beach to provide city services. The Long Beach Police Department has assembled the LB COP system using grant funds to integrate technologies to make this City a safer place to do business, live, work and play. The Long Beach Public Library has 12 branches with over 1.2 million visitors and 1.3 million materials loaned annually, and the City's Parks, Recreation and Marine Department has won the National Gold Medal Award 5 years in a row for providing quality programming and open space at over 170 locations throughout Long Beach.

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## LONG BEACH: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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### OBJECTIVES:

1) Grow and strengthen our established industry clusters and emerging sectors

2) Increase access to economic opportunities in low-income communities to advance economic equity.

3) Ensure the preparedness of the workforce and the competitiveness of business through alignment of economic development, training, education and community partner efforts.

4) Build a supportive economic ecosystem that creates reliable pathways for entrepreneurs to confidently start and grow successful businesses.

~~1) Cultivate a healthy environment to support sustainable economic growth~~

~~2) Support community-oriented businesses~~

~~3) Support arts, tourism and culture~~

4)1) Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs

5)2) Ensure operational continuity at the Port of Long Beach

### 2018 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

~~❖ In coordination with the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment, and in response to the C-17 closure, implement the workforce transition strategy and initial land use transition activities that are funded by grants awarded to the City of Long Beach.~~

❖ Support the development of a federally funded public infrastructure package.

~~❖ In coordination with the~~Support the United States Army Corps of Engineers with securing

federal funding for the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study,  
~~, ensure that the~~and dredging the Los Angeles River Estuary ~~remains navigable.~~

❖ Support the continuation of the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction, Private Activity Bonds (PAB), and tax-exempt municipal bonds to maintain a low-cost and efficient way for cities to finance critical infrastructure.

~~❖ Support economic development groups in their efforts to identify industry clusters, and efforts to facilitate a healthy economic environment for cluster industries.~~

## LONG BEACH: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### City Council Directives

#### 1. Grow and strengthen our established industry clusters and emerging sectors

##### Cultivate a healthy environment to support sustainable economic growth

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of jobs in key industry clusters.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of businesses in key industry clusters.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of jobs in traded industries that bring wealth into Long Beach.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase research capacity and relevancy as measured by approved patents.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase tourism activity as measured by transient occupancy tax (TOT) revenue.
- ~~a)f) Support policies, legislation and grants that foster greater economic opportunity, including pursuit of Economic Development Administration (EDA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Brownfields Redevelopment Action Grant investment program funding.~~
- ~~b)g) Pursue policies, legislation or grants for streetscape improvements on major city corridors, including 7th Street, Artesia Boulevard, Anaheim Street, Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach Boulevard, Atlantic Avenue, Willow Street, Santa Fe Avenue, and Pacific Coast Highway and any other streets that are eligible for funding.~~
- e)h) Support policies, legislation and grants for funding for the City of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach Airport and Long Beach Transit for mass transit, transportation projects, and needed infrastructure.
- ~~d)i) Support policies and legislation that provide qualifying undocumented youth with a conditional path to citizenship requiring completion of a college degree or military service.~~
- ~~e)a) Support comprehensive immigration reform that will provide a dignified path to United States citizenship to strengthen the nation's workforce and the economy.~~
- f)j) Support policies and legislation restoring the Glass-Steagall Act and, if necessary, repeal provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to restore integrity and trust in our financial system.
- ~~g)k) Support policies and legislation to raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 an hour.~~
- ~~h)a) Support policies and legislation to provide paid parental leave to full-time employees.~~
- l) Support federal legislation that maintains existing allowances for undocumented immigrants who qualified for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program to remain in the United States, as well as any legislation that protects the safety and well-being of all Californians by ensuring State and local resources are not used to support deportations, collect information about an individual's religious beliefs or affiliations, and ultimately hurt California's economy.
- i)m) Support policies, legislation and grants for investment programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.
- j)n) Support policies and legislation to continue funding the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program to stimulate the U.S. economy.

#### 2. Increase access to economic opportunities in low-income communities to advance economic equity Support community-oriented businesses

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of minority-owned and women-owned businesses.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase non-traditional capital resources for minority-owned and women-owned businesses.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase investment in low-income business corridors.

- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the percentage of City spending on local businesses, with emphasis on minority and women-owned businesses.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase financial literacy and wealth-building opportunities for young people and disadvantaged families.
- f) Support policies, legislation and grants to decrease the digital divide for low-income households.
- g) Support federal legislation that maintains existing allowances for undocumented immigrants who qualified for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program to remain in the United States, as well as any legislation that protects the safety and well-being of all Californians by ensuring State and local resources are not used to support deportations, collect information about an individual's religious beliefs or affiliations, and ultimately hurt California's economy.
- h) Support policies and legislation that support comprehensive immigration reform that will provide a dignified path to United States citizenship to strengthen the nation's workforce and the economy including provide qualifying undocumented youth with a conditional path to citizenship upon requiring completion of a college degree or military service.
- i) Support comprehensive immigration reform that will provide a dignified path to United States citizenship to strengthen the nation's workforce and the economy.
- j) Support policies and legislation to raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15.00 an hour by 2022.
- a) Support policies, legislation and grants that strengthens small business loans and incentive programs provided through the U.S. Small Business Administration and local banks
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants for strategies and business incubator approaches that support and grow small business activity, including targeted growth among "homegrown" businesses in the City.

### **3. Ensure the preparedness of the workforce and competitiveness of business through alignment of economic development, training, education, and community partner efforts**

- a) Support policies and legislation that will increase year over year per capita income in the City.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of middle and high-skill jobs in the City.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants to reduce the unemployment rate.
- d) Support policies and legislation increase the share of adult population with a Bachelor's degree.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of Long Beach residents who re-engage with the education and training system.
- f) Support policies to increase the number of CSULB and LBCC graduates that reside and work in the City after graduation.
- a) Support policies, legislation and grants for investment programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.
- b) Support policies and legislation that would provide increased funding to the Army Corps of Engineers for navigation and dredging projects in Long Beach, including funds for operation and maintenance dredging in the Los Angeles River Estuary.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants for museums and community arts programming and facilities.

### **4. Build a supportive economic ecosystem that creates reliable pathways for entrepreneurs to confidently start and grow successful businesses**

- i) Support policies and legislation to reduce the cost of doing business and median days to approval for business licensing.
- j) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of active business licenses.
- k) Support policies and legislation to increase availability and access to high-speed internet conditionally permitted throughout the City.
- l) Support policies, legislation and grants to establish Long Beach as one of the most business friendly cities in

the State.

m) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number and value of small business loans secured.

#### **4.5. Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs**

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants to retain, expand and attract manufacturing, technology, health care and other high-wage businesses, including regional approaches to workforce solutions that leverage regional planning, project delivery and industry convening/research efforts.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants for a renewable energy worker training grant program, including the creation of an “Energy Conservation Corps” or similar program, to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants for the workforce development system, and encourage investment and development of the system’s one-stop centers, as well as training programs that address worker skill gaps in growing industries.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the skills base of the workforce, aligned with business and industry needs – with the Workforce Development Board’s adopted Demand Sectors and its Self-Sufficiency Standard.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase and stabilize investment in the local workforce development system, for the benefit of youth development with a special focus on the needs of out-of-school, those who are emancipated and enrolled in justice system programs, emancipating foster youth, military veterans (and spouses), re-entry populations, disabled individuals, older workers and transitioning dislocated workers.
- f) Support policies, legislation and grants that increase the marketability of unemployed or underemployed workers.
- g) Support policies, legislation and grants that creates a more competitive business environment for all Long Beach businesses.
- h) Support policies, legislation and grants that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space- oriented development, and space exploration.
- i) Support policies, legislation and grants to sustain the investment made by the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment to help transition the C-17 plant and parcels into a new center of economic activity and innovation.
- j) Support policies and legislation to provide paid parental leave to full-time employees.

#### **5.6. Ensure operational continuity at the Port of Long Beach**

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants to enhance international trade that benefit local businesses, port development, and the overall local economy, providing it is consistent with Council policy on addressing the environmental impacts of goods movement.

# 2018 PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LONG BEACH: PUBLIC SAFETY



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### OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Protect civil liberties, life, limb and property*
- 2) Foster a healthy economic environment through law enforcement*
- 3) Ensure that Long Beach residents live in safe families and communities, attend safe schools, and are contributing members of the community connected to their communities*
- 4) Encourage community participation in the public safety process by being open, transparent, and accessible to a diverse population*
- 5) Embrace technology to enhance public safety services*

### 2018 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Support federal funding to implement the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, which includes intervention, prevention, treatment and suppression.
- ❖ ~~In anticipation of an El Niño year, Monitor~~ ~~monitor~~ and engage in federal initiatives to plan, mitigate and respond to natural and man-made disasters.
- ❖ Support risk-based allocation of Homeland Security funds to help sustain local and regional disaster preparedness planning, training and response activities.
- ❖ Oppose legislation that combines multiple homeland security funding initiatives into a single funding mechanism.

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

- a) Support legislation, policies and grants that provide funding to prevent and mitigate mass casualty shooting incidents.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to maintain local control of, incorporate technology into, and improve municipal public safety services, local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives.
- c) Support policies and legislation that ensure civil liberties are protected, including under such legislation as the USA PATRIOT Act and the USA Freedom Act.
- d) Support policies and legislation that will allow marriage equality for same sex couples, defend same sex civil marriages, and protect the fundamental liberties of all families.
- e) Support policies and legislation for a risk-based allocation of Homeland Security funds directly to municipalities, and legislation that would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from requiring matching funds for homeland security grants.
- f) Support policies and legislation decreasing the state administrative cap for all federal grants and increasing the administrative cap for local governments.
- g) Support the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act.

## **2. Foster a healthy economic environment through law enforcement**

- a) Support legislation and policies that enable immigrants who arrived in the United States as children and who meet certain criteria to apply for work permits, as well as deferred action from deportation.
- b) Support proposals which would protect Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA).
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.
- d) Support policies and legislation to classify medical marijuana as a recognized pharmaceutical medication dispensed through pharmacies.
- e) Support policies and legislation that provides more local government control over the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities, including sober-living homes that rent up to six beds to recovering individuals and are not currently required to register for city business licenses, obtain conditional use permits or state licenses.

## **3. Ensure that Long Beach residents live in safe families and communities, attend safe schools, and are contributing members of the community connected to their communities**

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinklers in existing structures.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to fund the planning, logistics and execution of emergency/disaster management plans for residents, business, visitors and animals.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants that would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.
- d) Support policies and legislation that would strengthen gun control laws to promote public safety.
- e) Support policy changes that recognize and promote mental health services as part of the gun control law discussion.
- f) Support legislation and policy that would require background checks on ammunition purchases.
- g) Support legislation, policy and grants that would enable the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fund gun violence studies and data collection.

- h) Support legislation, policy and grants that support implementation of family and community violence prevention programs.

#### **4. Encourage community participation in the public safety process by being open, transparent, and accessible to a diverse population**

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants that provide increased mental health and substance use treatment facilities, support resources and incarceration diversion strategies in the Southern California region (urgent care centers, police training).

#### **5. Embrace technology to enhance public safety services**

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants to provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies, including through cross-departmental or multi-sector collaboration.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to ensure that the City and Region receive necessary funding to develop and implement a regional communication system to ensure interoperable communications across disciplines and jurisdictions.
- c) Support legislation that would require police data reporting, if funding is available to sustain data collection.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants that makes it easier for departments and organizations to share data to support cross-sector approaches to addressing safety and improving wellness.



# 2018 PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LONG BEACH: EDUCATION



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### OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Support ~~equal access to quality~~ education equity
- 2) Support creation of career pathways by doubling the number of internships for Long Beach Unified School District students
- 3) Support the Long Beach College Promise
- ~~4) Promote diversity and inclusiveness in education~~
- 5) 4) Support efforts to expand the use of technology at schools and libraries

### 2018 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Support legislation and initiatives that provide funding for universal preschool, after school programs, safety in and around schools and bullying prevention.
- ❖ Support and expand the Long Beach College Promise.
- ❖ Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.

## LONG BEACH: EDUCATION

### City Council Directives

#### 1. Support ~~equal access to quality~~ education equity

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase school readiness for children and their parents through access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education services.
- b) Support policies, 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.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants 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.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants that provides funding for Community Schools, particularly in at-risk communities with limited local access to resources.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to further the implementation of the My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.

#### 2. Support creation of career pathways by doubling the number of internships for Long Beach Unified School District students

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants for Career Technical Education efforts that promote further coordination between the Workforce Investment Board, education partners, and that enhance the delivery of career pathways and technical education strategies for youth and low-skilled adults.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants that enhance the effective education of the City's children and youth from pre-school through post-secondary education, including school readiness, educational enhancement institutions such as the Aquarium of the Pacific, and services of the Workforce Innovation Network's Youth Opportunity Center aimed at increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants for local university, college, and high school programs that train students in renewable energy technology, energy efficiency, green building, or other related fields.

#### 3. Support the Long Beach College Promise

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants that expand the Long Beach College Promise.
- b) Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College, and California State University, Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.

#### ~~4. Promote diversity and inclusiveness in education~~

- ~~a) Support policies, 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.~~
- ~~b)a) Support policies, legislation and grants 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.~~
- ~~c)a) Support policies, legislation and grants that provides funding for Community Schools, particularly in at-risk communities with limited local access to resources.~~
- ~~d)a) Support policies, legislation and grants to further the implementation of the My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.~~

#### **5.4. Support efforts to expand the use of technology at schools and libraries**

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants for public library programs and facilities, including access to affordable e-books and audio books.

# 2018 PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

LONG BEACH: SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES



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## OBJECTIVES:

- 1) *Maximize Long Beach's Livability Index*
- 2) *Support efforts to improve air quality*
- 3) *Support efforts to improve stormwater management and recreational water quality*
- 4) *Support active transportation and transit oriented development*
- 5) *Support affordable housing policies that encourage a path to self-reliance are consistent with the City Council's adopted Housing Element*
- 6) *Support energy resiliency*

## 2018 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Support changes in federal legislation and regulations that require chromium plating of federally owned aircraft to improve air quality in neighborhoods adjacent to aerospace manufacturing facilities.
- ❖ Support efforts to improve clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers, lakes and waterways that affect the City, including stormwater management, water capture, recycling and reuse projects.
- ❖ Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program funding ~~and retain the CDBG program~~ as a separate and distinct federal programs.
- ❖ ~~Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funding and retain the HOME program as a separate and distinct federal program.~~
- ❖ Seek grant funding to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to supportive housing, mental health and substance use, veterans and seniors.
- ❖ Support efforts to fund and sustain public health prevention and services to increase

health and wellness opportunities across the City.

- ~~❖ Pursue a Promise Zone designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.~~
- ❖ Support efforts to improve bike and pedestrian safety.

# LONG BEACH: SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES

## City Council Directives

### 1. Maximize Long Beach's Livability Index

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants for stormwater management best practices, Low Impact Development (LID) strategies and integrated watershed management approaches.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants for wetlands and ecosystem restoration projects in the Long Beach region, including funds for property acquisition and the establishment of a publicly held wetlands mitigation bank.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants for water conservation throughout the City of Long Beach, and support coordinated regional water conservation efforts and public education.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to provide assistance to environmental clean-up projects, including partnerships with the private sector.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to maintain and maximize the City's share of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding and retain ~~the each HOME program~~ as a separate and distinct federal programs.
- f) Support policies, legislation and grants that provide funding for enhanced social and mental health services, as well as facilities, housing, recreational programs and transportation, to address the diverse needs of Long Beach's senior community.
- g) Support policies, legislation and grants to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.
- h) Support policies, legislation and grants to lower age requirements for gold star mother housing facilities to 55 years of age, so that mothers of fallen soldiers in recent wars may qualify for residency in these facilities, and to provide admission priority for US veterans.
- i) Support policies and legislation that provides a sufficient process for businesses and financial relief for local governments to implement ADA requirements, while protecting the rights of the disabled community.
- j) Support policies and legislation that reduces helicopter noise pollution in residential areas.
- k) Support policies, legislation and grants that enhance public health services, including prenatal care, infant and early childhood health care, and access to affordable medical, dental and mental care services for children and youth who may have experienced violence or be at risk for drug and alcohol dependency (including tobacco), asthma, obesity, and other conditions.
- l) ~~Support the federal "Let's Move" campaign through the encouragement of physical activity and information needed to make healthier dietary choices.~~
- m) Support policies, legislation and grants for nutrition programs including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that provides food security and improved nutrition for families and individuals of all ages, and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program, which provides supplemental food, health care referrals and nutrition education for low-income mothers and children.
- n) Support policies, legislation and grants that enhance social and emotional well-being outcomes: including promoting English literacy, quality childcare, teen pregnancy prevention, mentoring, mental health, substance abuse treatment, human dignity, foster and kinship care, after school and weekend enrichment activities, and other cultural enhancement programs.
- o) Encourage recognition of infrastructure and environmental demands placed on Long Beach due to the movement of goods through our City and region, and advocate for policies, legislation or grants that provide funding for soundwalls and environmental mitigation to reduce the impacts of port operations.
- p) Support policies, legislation or grants for zero or near zero emission transportation projects in Long Beach.
- q) Support policies, legislation, or grants 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.
- r) Support policies, legislation or grants that would allow earthquake insurance to become more affordable and accessible, in a fiscally responsible manner.

- s) Support policies, legislation or grants for Prevention and Public Health Fund, as well as grants that provide funding for public health programs to prevent diseases, childhood obesity, treat and manage mental health, fund substance abuse programs, and develop public health infrastructure and capacity.
- t) Support policies, legislation and grants for HIV testing, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing, and ensures swift treatment to individuals impacted and at risk for HIV and STI's.
- u) Support policies, legislation and grants that would increase Medi-Care reimbursement rates as related to ambulance billing.
- v) Support policies and legislation requiring notification and response activities related to crude oil shipped to California via rail, and funding to local governments if local government response activities become necessary.

## 2. Support efforts to improve air quality

- a) Support changes in federal legislation or regulations to enable aerospace manufacturers to use industry-approved alternative materials in place of chromium in the production of federally owned aircraft for the purposes of improving air quality in neighborhoods adjacent to aerospace manufacturing facilities.
- a)b) Support policies, legislation and grants that encourages the use of electric vehicles, or clean burning alternative fuels ~~for vehicles~~ and provides incentives ~~or rewards for~~ to cities with innovative alternative-low-carbon fuel programs.
- b)c) Support policies, legislation and grants that protect the City's ability to efficiently operate the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) in a cost-effective manner.
- e)d) Support policies and legislation to require that petroleum coke products are covered during transport and that coal and petroleum coke products from outside California in railcars be covered during transport to the Port of Long Beach for export.

## 3. Support efforts to improve stormwater management and recreational water quality

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants for the assessment and clean-up of water that may affect recreational water quality at the City's beaches, including funding for innovative water reclamation, filtration and other best management storm water treatment techniques at the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers, still-water areas, and other waterways.
- b) Support policies, legislation grants to fund Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 and industrial NPDES Permit compliance measures.
- c) Pursue actions to allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to obtain federal funding for ~~a feasibility study of the East San Pedro Bay~~ Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, including the and federal funding to ensure the Los Angeles River continues to remain navigable and the Long Beach Breakwater, for the purposes of ecosystem restoration, and proceed with the Feasibility Study.

## 4. Support active transportation and transit oriented development

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants to improve local transportation infrastructure, including: local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility networks, complete bicycle and mobility projects, pedestrian and bicycle safety projects, and storm water projects in Long Beach.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants for infrastructure improvements that improve connections to and facilities around public transit, buses, and Metro lines (i.e. the Blue Line).
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase transit ridership through education and funding for transit oriented development projects.

## 5. Support affordable housing policies ~~that encourage a path to self-reliance~~ consistent with the City Council's adopted Housing Element

a) Support the preservation of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC).

~~a)~~b) Support policies, legislation and grants to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to supportive housing, mental health and substance use, veterans and seniors.

~~b)~~c) Support policies, legislation and grants for services to assist veterans.

~~c)~~d) Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City, including full funding for housing assistance programs that are utilized in Long Beach, including existing Section 8 vouchers and administrative costs.

~~d)~~e) Support policies, legislation and grants that promotes neighborhood revitalization through mixed income housing.

~~e)~~f) Support policies and legislation to prohibit tenants who no longer meet income requirements from continuing to live in units that are dedicated for affordable housing.

~~f)~~g) Support policies, legislation and grants for assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages to allow them to remain in their homes.

## 6. Support energy resiliency

a) Support policies and legislation to set limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the intent of curbing global warming, and funding, recognition and support of local government action to mitigate and adapt to climate change through full funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, as well as incentives to encourage property tax-based financing for energy efficiency.

b) Support policies, legislation or grants that assists with the preservation of low-cost natural gas to the City's residents, funding for gas infrastructure and maintenance, and policies that allow for a reliable, competitively priced energy supply.

c) Support policies, legislation and grants for alternative energy proposals that further the utilization of environmentally friendly, renewable energy applications at both the customer and utility level.



# 2018 PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LONG BEACH: LOCAL CONTROL



Economic Development • Public Safety • Education • Sustainable & Livable Cities • **Local Control**

### OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Seek federal funding for Long Beach projects*
- 2) Support flexible funding for local initiatives*
- 3) Oppose unfunded mandates*
- 4) Oppose legislation that preempts the City's existing control over local matters*

### 2018 PROPOSED STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Support efforts to ensure the City of Long Beach continues to be eligible for federal grant funds without needing to provide new certifications of compliance with federal laws.
- ❖ Support implementation of the Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan and My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.
- ❖ Support implementation of the Long Beach Housing Element.
- ❖ Support implementation of the Long Beach Mobility Element.
- ❖ Support implementation of the City's Language Access Plan.

## **LONG BEACH: LOCAL CONTROL**

### *City Council Directives*

#### **1. Seek federal funding for Long Beach projects**

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants that invest in priority municipal projects, including but not limited to parks, streets, infrastructure, public safety, affordable housing, trade, tourism, goods movement, airports, and other projects.
- b) Support policies and legislation to ensure that the City receives the maximum benefits from Internet commerce through an equitable distribution of sales tax on Internet sales.

#### **2. Support flexible funding for local initiatives**

- a) Support policies and legislation that would permit local agencies to consider local hiring practices in projects supported with more than 50% non-federal funds.
- b) Support policies and legislation to increase the federal cap on airport passenger facility charges so that local governments have additional funding options available at local discretion.
- c) Support policies and legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on local air quality and the environment.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives, including the ability to utilize Public, Educational and Government (PEG) franchise fee support for both capital and operational expenses.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections, including legislation to allow municipal elections officials to mail out official election-related materials through the United States Postal Service at nonprofit rates.
- f) Support policies and legislation to allow local governments to withdraw from participation in FICA and Social Security programs if the local government has other retirement programs in place, and oppose mandatory social security coverage, which would place an additional negative fiscal impact on the City.

#### **3. Oppose unfunded mandates**

- a) Oppose any policy or legislation that places a federal mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the program.
- b) Oppose any policy or legislation that would reclassify areas currently protected by recently upgraded, federally certified flood protection levees with no demonstrable history of recent flooding as “residual risk” zones that would be subject to mandatory flood insurance. In such areas locally, require FEMA to meet current requirements for a formal flood insurance study before attempting to rezone as a flood risk area.
- c) Support policies and legislation that identify a more balanced approach to reducing the federal deficit while minimizing harm to cities and the national economy.

#### **4. Oppose legislation that preempts the City’s existing control over local matters**

- a) Support policies and legislation that protects and/or expands the City’s authority and rights over its affairs.
- b) Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.
- c) Oppose policies and legislation to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City’s Proposition M.
- d) Support policies, legislation or a constitutional amendment that would stipulate that the expenditure of corporate money to influence the electoral process is not a form of constitutionally protected speech.
- g) Support policies or legislation that will ban Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs) that consist of longer double tractor and triple tractor-trailers from traveling on federal highways to improve traffic congestion and percent fatal accidents.
- h) Support policies or legislation to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.