



**Date:** February 3, 2015  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Councilmember Rex Richardson, Chair, Federal Legislation Committee  
**Subject:** **2015 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

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The Federal Legislation Committee, at its meeting held Tuesday, January 6, 2015 considered communications relative to the above subject.

It is the recommendation of the Federal Legislation Committee that the City Council concur in the recommendations of the Committee to approve the 2015 Federal Legislative Agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

FEDERAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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Councilmember Rex Richardson, Chair

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**Date:** February 3, 2015  
**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Chairman Rex Richardson, Federal Legislative Committee  
**Subject:** 2015 Proposed Federal Legislative Agenda

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Each year the Long Beach City Council adopts a Federal Legislative Agenda, which outlines the City's federal legislative priorities for the coming year. This document provides policy direction to staff on federal issues, and allows the City to support, oppose or work with our federal legislative delegates to advance priorities adopted by the City Council. Unique to the proposed changes for 2015 is a new format for discussing the City's legislative agenda. A number of items have been reorganized and consolidated to streamline the agenda. The Committee approved organizing the agenda into five categories of legislative interest: (1) Economic Development, (2) Public Safety, (3) Support for Education, (4) Sustainable and Livable Cities, and (5) Local Control.

At the Federal Legislative Committee meeting on January 6, 2015, the Committee voted to adopt staff's recommended changes for the 2015 Federal Legislative Agenda and provided additional changes that are being forwarded to the City Council for consideration and adoption. The Committee's changes are described below:

**Economic Development**

**City Council Directive: Minimum Wage**

Add language to read, "Support efforts to raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 an hour."

**City Council Directive: Paid Maternity Leave**

Add language to read, "Support efforts to provide paid maternity leave to full-time employees."

**City Council Directive: Immigration Reform**

Add language to read, "Support comprehensive immigration reform that will provide a dignified path to United States citizenship, strengthen the nation's workforce and the economy."

**City Council Directive: Business Friendly Policies**

Amend Item 13 to read, "Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for The Boeing Company, the aerospace industry overall, and all businesses in Long Beach, especially service industries, retail and car dealerships."

**Public Safety**

**City Council Directive: Gun Control**

Add language to read, "Support policy changes that recognize and promote mental health services as a part of the gun control law discussion."

**City Council Directive: Fire Protection**

Amend Item 6 to read, "~~Support legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinklers in existing structures~~ *that balances the need to require businesses to add fire sprinklers and other infrastructure to their buildings, with grant funding that is available.*"

**City Council Directive: Homeland Security Grants**

Amend Item 14 to read, "Support decreasing the *state* administrative cap for all state governments for Homeland Security federal grants and increase *increasing* the administrative cap for local governments."

**City Council Directive: Medical Marijuana**

Remove Item 17, "~~Support legislation that would grant federal approval of medical marijuana procedures and regulations in states that have approved and implemented state legislation for use of medical marijuana.~~"

**Sustainable and Livable Cities**

**City Council Directive: Affordable Housing**

Amend Item 26 to read, "~~Support a change in federal laws to prohibit tenants who no longer meet income requirements from continuing to live in units that are dedicated for affordable housing~~ *landlord options to increase rent for people who had originally been living in affordable housing units, and reduce the rent for another unit, so that we still have the number of affordable housing units available more quickly in the environment.*"

**Local Control**

**City Council Directive: Airport Passenger Facility Charges**

Amend Item 4 to read: "~~Support federal authorization to allow local governments to increase legislation that increases Airport Passenger Facility Charges, or gives direct local control.~~"

**Recommendation: Respectfully request City Council approval of the 2015 Federal Legislative Agenda as recommended by the Federal Legislative Committee.**



**Date:** November 14, 2014

**To:** Federal Legislative Committee Members

**From:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *[Signature]*

**Subject:** **Recommended Changes for the 2015 Federal Legislative Agenda**

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Each year, City staff reviews the Federal Legislative Agenda and recommends changes to the Federal Legislation Committee to ensure that the agenda is up-to-date and addresses the legislative concerns of the City. The 2014 agenda was sent to all departments for their input and includes changes the City Council approved throughout the year. Unique to the proposed changes for 2015 is a new format for discussing the City's legislative agenda. A number of items have been reorganized and consolidated to streamline the agenda. Only the major changes in wording are described below. Staff is proposing to organize the agenda using five categories of legislative interest: (1) Economic Development, (2) Public Safety, (3) Support for Education, (4) Sustainable and Livable Cities, and (5) Local Control. Attached for your review are staff's proposed changes.

#### **BUSINESS GROWTH AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

*Item A: Economic Development: Economic Development is enhanced in the proposed 2015 legislative agenda. All items under "Item A" from 2014 will be reflected in the "Economic Development" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendments:*

Item 1 is amended to reflect the City's support economic opportunity throughout Long Beach.

Item 2 is consolidated with Item 5 under Workforce Development to support efforts 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, collaborative operational efficiencies and industry convening/research.

Items 5 and 6 are combined to support small business loans and incentive programs provided through the U.S. Small Business Administration and local banks with a focus on easing the "credit crunch" for small businesses to encourage innovation and green business opportunities, as well as create new jobs, real jobs and train workers.

*Item B: Workforce Development: Workforce Development represents the human capital component of economic development. This section will be reflected in the "Economic Development" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendments:*

Item 3 and 11 are consolidated to capture a greater population of workers who may benefit from workforce programs.

Staff proposes to delete the age range in Item 8 to allow for flexibility in supporting the development and training of the education workforce in order to facilitate educational

success and graduation rates for all children, youth and young adults. Staff proposes to move this amended item to the section of the agenda that focuses on "Support for Education".

Items 9 and 10 were merged to consolidate statements in support of a renewable energy worker-training program, including the creation of an "Energy Conservation Corps" or similar program.

Item E. Small Business:

This item is consolidated with Items 5 and 6, which speak to support for small business under "Economic Development" and will remain in the proposed 2015 agenda under "Economic Development".

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Item A: Public Safety and Crime Prevention: *Public Safety and Crime Prevention will be reflected in the "Public Safety" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendments:*

Item 1 is deleted, as its concept for support for public safety improvements is repeated in numerous statements throughout the Public Safety section of the legislative agenda.

Item 2 is amended to streamline language directing staff to support legislation and seek grants to fund new equipment, improve existing apparatuses and facilities or fund new facilities, and replace obsolete public safety assets.

Item 3 is amended to remove alley lighting and photo red light enforcement. The City does not use red light photo enforcement anymore, and alley lighting is a best practice that is consistently encouraged.

Item B: Public Health: *The Public Health portion of the 2014 agenda is being moved to the "Sustainable and Livable Cities" section of the proposed 2015 agenda with the proposed changes:*

Item 1 is amended to address the need for federal funding to help provide capacity for public health programs. This language is then consolidated with Item 4, as amended by the Health Department.

Item 2 is amended to reflect the addition of language to support financial relief for local governments that implement Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, which was previously included in the former "Neighborhood Development section of the legislative agenda.

The Health Department proposes to amend Item 4 to better protect funding from the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Item 5 is consolidated with a separate item on opposition to supplemental nutrition program cuts, specific to WIC. The new language will read: Oppose funding cuts to 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.

The Health Department proposes to add a new item to support legislation that provides for additional State and federal funding for HIV testing, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing, and to ensure swift treatment to individuals impacted or at risk for HIV and STI's.

The Health Department proposes to add a new item requiring notification and response for crude oil shipped to California via rail. Rail shipments of crude oil generally contain a more flammable product, as compared to refined crude.

Staff proposes to add new item to support federal legislation to require that petroleum coke products are covered during transport, based on the City Council's direction during the Oxbow appeal.

## **HOMELAND SECURITY**

*Item A: Risk-Based Allocation: This section will be shown in the "Public Safety" section of the proposed 2015 agenda with the recommended change:*

Item A is amended to streamline language to clearly support risk-based allocation of Homeland Security funds.

*Item B: First Responder Funding: This section will be shown in the "Public Safety" section of the proposed 2015 agenda with the recommended changes:*

Item 1 is deleted, as its concept is repeated in numerous statements throughout the Public Safety section of the legislative agenda.

Item 2 is deleted as the legislative agenda already contains language to support legislation and seek grants to fund new equipment, improve existing apparatuses and facilities or fund new facilities, and replace obsolete public safety assets.

Items 3 and 4 are combined to oppose legislation that would disrupt the process by which federal homeland security dollars are passed directly to established regional homeland security areas, including efforts to combine multiple homeland security funding initiatives into a single funding mechanism

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

*Item B: Water Quality: Improving recreational water quality in Long Beach remains a priority for the City. This section will be reflected in the "Sustainable and Livable Cities" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed changes:*

Item 1 is consolidated with Item 2 under “Watershed Management” to focus the item on seeking federal funds to support 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 stormwater treatment techniques at the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers, still-water areas, and other waterways.

The Port of Long Beach proposes to amend this item to include the pursuit of funding for industrial stormwater management needs, in addition to the existing language, which states the City will pursue funding for municipal stormwater compliance requirements.

*Item C: Watershed Management: Improving watershed management in Long Beach remains a priority for the City. This section will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed change:*

Item 3 is amended to include support for grants to fund wetlands and ecosystem restoration, including property acquisition related to the restoration efforts.

*Item D: Wetlands: Wetlands remain valuable City assets. This section will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed change:*

Item 1 is deleted, since the concept for supporting legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetland is reflected in Item 3 (above).

*Item E: Water Conservation: Water conservation remains an important goal for the City. This section will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed change:*

Item E is amended to remove “city property”, since Long Beach city property falls within the City of Long Beach, which is specifically mentioned in this item.

*Item I: Global Warming: Global warming remains an issue that must be addressed. This section will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed changes:*

Item 2 is amended to include consolidate language from “Alternative Energy. Item 2”, language from “Item H. on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant”, and language from “Global Warming. Item 3” to support funding and recognition of local government action to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Item L is consolidated with the Los Angeles River Dredging item and continues to be included in the 2015 proposed legislative agenda under “Economic Development”.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

*Item A: Parks, Recreation and Marine: The City continues to seek grant funding to improve local parks. This section will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” section of the 2015 agenda with the recommended changes:*

Item 1 is amended to remove "Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Act". This was a part of the federal stimulus package following the Great Recession, and no longer applicable.

Item 2 is deleted, as it was previously included in the Neighborhood Development, "Parks, Recreation and Marine" section of the 2014 agenda, and its concept of funding urban areas is covered in Item 1, which supports legislation and grants to funds parks, recreation and marine facilities in Long Beach.

*Item B: Libraries: Libraries are essential public assets. This section will be reflected in the "Support for Education" section of the 2015 agenda with the following change:*

Staff proposes to combine Items 1 and 2 to support legislation that will enhance funding for public library programs and facilities, including access to affordable e-books and audio books.

*Item F: Affordable/Accessible Housing: Long Beach continues to value affordable housing. This section will be reflected in the "Sustainable and Livable Cities" section of the 2015 agenda with the following proposed changes:*

Items 1, 3 and 4 are consolidated to support full funding for housing assistance programs that are utilized in Long Beach, including existing Section 8 vouchers and administrative costs.

Development Services proposes to add language to support changes in federal laws that would free up existing affordable housing to income-qualified applicants by prohibiting tenants who no longer meet income requirements from continuing to live in dedicated affordable housing units.

*Item I: Drug and Alcohol Recovery Facilities: Long Beach continues to value safe and legitimate sober living facilities. This section will be reflected in the "Public Safety" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed changes:*

Items 1 and 2 are combined to support legislation that will provide greater 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.

*Item L: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Long Beach continues support implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This section will be reflected in the "Economic Development" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed change:*

Staff proposes to consolidate this item with a second ADA item that is in the agenda to reflect the City's support of financial relief for local governments that implement Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, while protecting the needs of the City's ADA community.



## **CHILDREN/YOUTH & EDUCATION**

*Item A: Good Health: The health of children and youth in Long Beach is important to the City. This section will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” portion of the 2015 agenda with the proposed change:*

Item 1 is amended to broaden support for 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 be at risk for drug and alcohol dependency (including tobacco), asthma, obesity, and other conditions.

*Item B: Safety and Survival: The safety of the children and youth in Long Beach is important. This section will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” portion of the 2015 agenda with the proposed change:*

Item B is amended to broaden support for legislation and grants that increase safety and survival of children and youth through programs that reduce child abuse, accidental injury deaths, homicides, gang involvement, misdemeanor and felony arrests and incidents of violence among youth and young adults.

*Item C: Economic Well-Being: The economic well-being of children and youth in Long Beach is important. This section will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” portion of the 2015 agenda with the proposed change:*

Item C is amended to broaden support for legislation and grants that reduce child poverty through ensuring that children and youth, including emancipated youth, have access to essential resources such as food, shelter, employment opportunities and transportation.

*Item E: Education and Workforce Readiness: Education and workforce readiness are two essential components of career pathways, which the City supports. This section will be reflected in the “Support for Education” portion of the 2015 agenda with the proposed changes:*

Item 1 is amended to broaden support for 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 and organization such as the Aquarium of the Pacific, and services of the Workforce Investment Network’s Youth Opportunity Center aimed at increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults.

Staff proposes to add language to support policies and programs that expand the Long Beach College Promise, as this is an existing program that is a model for other seamless education programs in the nation.

Staff proposes to add language to support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College, and University of California Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align, as these education partners have a crucial role in developing children and youth in Long Beach.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

*Item A: Transportation Funding: Transportation is a crucial component of economic development and is interwoven into creating sustainable and livable cities. In some cases, the City is seeking greater local control of transportation projects. The Transportation section of the adopted 2014 agenda will be distributed throughout the proposed 2015 agenda.*

Item 2 states that the City will pursue appropriations for streetscape improvements on major city corridors, including Anaheim Street, 7th Street, Santa Fe Avenue, Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach Boulevard, Atlantic Avenue, Willow Street, and Pacific Coast Highway. Since Congress has banned project specific appropriations, this item is amended to state the City will pursue “funding”, which broadens the type of financial assistance the City will pursue. Artesia Avenue is added to the list of major city corridors in this item. This item will be reflected in the “Economic Development” section of the proposed 2015 agenda.

Item 5 and 6 are combined to state the City will advocate for funding to improve local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility networks, and complete bicycle and mobility project, safety, and infrastructure improvements in Long Beach. Staff is proposing to add stormwater projects, as these improvements in conjunction with transportation infrastructure also benefit the City. The combined item will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable” section of the proposed 2015 agenda.

*Item B: Goods Movement: Goods movement continues to be a unique transportation issue that Long Beach must accommodate while balancing the needs of the community and business sectors.*

The Port of Long Beach proposes to amend Item 4 to specify support for a National Freight Policy with dedicated funding for regionally and nationally significant freight projects. Item 4, as amended, will be reflected in the “Economic Development” section of the proposed 2015 agenda.

Items 5 and 6 are consolidated to specifically support zero emission transportation projects in Long Beach.

*Item D: Alternative Transportation and Mobility: Alternative transportation and mobility projects are becoming increasingly important to creating sustainable and livable communities. This section will be reflected throughout the proposed 2015 agenda with the proposed changes:*

Item 2 and 3 are combined to support efforts to increase transit ridership through education and funding for transit oriented development projects. This item, as consolidated, is reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” section of the proposed 2015 agenda.

Item 4 is deleted, as support for alternative transportation and mobility projects is already articulated in throughout the legislative agenda.

## **ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE**

*Item C: Telecommunications: This section will be reflected in the "Local Control" section of the proposed agenda with the proposed change:*

Items 3 and 4 will be consolidated to support legislative efforts to ensure that the City receives the maximum benefit from Internet commerce through an equitable distribution of sales tax on Internet sales.

*Item J: FICA/Social Security: This section will be reflected in the "Local Control" section of the proposed agenda with the proposed change:*

Items 1 and 2 will be consolidated to support 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.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

A Federal Legislative Committee meeting has been called for November 18, 2014 to review and discuss these recommended changes.

If you have questions or comments about the legislative ideas, or for more information, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs at (562) 570-6506.

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# CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

## 2015 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 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 Bixsexual 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 is 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 Middle Harbor.

***Located at the Port of Long Beach, Middle Harbor will be the world's 1st zero emissions terminal. \$4.5 billion will be invested 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. Cultivate a healthy environment to support sustainable economic growth*
- 2. Support community oriented businesses*
- 3. Support arts, tourism and culture*
- 4. Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs*
- 5. Ensure operational continuity at the Port of Long Beach*

### 2015 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ In coordination with the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment, and in response to the C-17 closure, develop an economic development plan for future aerospace manufacturing in the Long Beach region.
- ❖ Support efforts to increase funding to the Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance dredging in the Los Angeles River Estuary.
- ❖ Support tax-exempt municipal bonds to maintain a low-cost and efficient way for cities and to finance critical infrastructure.
- ❖ Support economic development groups in their efforts to identify industry clusters, and efforts to facilitate a health economic environment for cluster industries.

## LONG BEACH: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### *City Council Directives*

1. Support efforts to develop and promote policies, legislation and grants that foster greater economic opportunity.
2. Support efforts 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, foster collaborative operational efficiencies and industry convening/research efforts.
3. Pursue appropriations 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.
4. Support 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.
5. Support efforts to obtain Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding for economic development projects.
6. Support legislation that strengthens small business loans and incentive programs provided through the U.S. Small Business Administration and local banks with a focus on easing the “credit crunch” for small businesses to encourage innovation and green business opportunities, as well as create new jobs, real jobs and train workers.
7. Support strategies and business incubator approaches that support and grow small business activity, including targeted growth among “homegrown” businesses in the City.
8. Support efforts toward reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act that maintains a strong, locally-controlled workforce investment system for businesses and residents.
9. Support stabilized and increased funding for the workforce development system, encourage investments and fund development in the system’s one-stop centers, as well as training programs that address worker skill gaps in growing industries.
10. Support efforts that increase the skills base of the workforce, aligned with business and industry needs – with the Workforce Investment Board’s adopted Demand Sectors and its Self-Sufficiency Standard.
11. Support efforts to increase and stabilize investment in the local workforce investment 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.
12. Support efforts that increase the marketability of unemployed or underemployed workers.
13. Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for The Boeing Company and the aerospace industry overall.
14. Support legislation that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration.
15. Support The Boeing Company in obtaining ongoing production commitments for the C-17 airlifter in Long Beach, and when appropriate, funding to transition the C-17 airlifter site to the next best use, including funds for employee job training.
16. Support efforts to obtain ongoing maintenance and 737-MAX upgrades at the Long Beach facility.
17. Support efforts to optimally position Long Beach to support the manufacture of Boeing’s 777x Jetliner and related components.

18. Support federal efforts 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.
19. Support an increase in investment programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.
20. Support legislation and grants that provide funding for museums that are supported with municipal funds.
21. Support legislative efforts 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.
22. Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming and facilities.
23. Support efforts to protect and enhance federal 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.
24. Support the creation of a National Freight Policy with dedicated funding for regionally and nationally significant freight projects in a dedicated freight/goods movement account in the next Transportation Reauthorization bill.
25. Support legislation that provides qualifying undocumented youth with a conditional path to citizenship requiring completion of a college degree or military service.
26. Support 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.
27. Support efforts to establish a new Brownfields Redevelopment Action Grant investment program that can be used by cities to leverage private investment in Brownfields.

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LONG BEACH: PUBLIC SAFETY



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## OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Protect civil liberties*
- 2. Protect life, limb and property*
- 3. Foster a healthy economic environment through law enforcement*
- 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*

## 2015 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ 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.



## LONG BEACH: PUBLIC SAFETY

### *City Council Directives*

1. Support legislative efforts to maintain local control of, and improve municipal public safety services, local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives.
2. Support legislation and seek grants to fund new equipment, improve existing apparatuses and facilities or fund new facilities, and replace obsolete public safety assets.
3. Support legislation and grants to provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies.
4. Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.
5. Support efforts that ensure civil liberties are protected, including under such legislation as the USA PATRIOT Act.
6. Support legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinklers in existing structures.
7. Support legislation for the planning, logistics and execution of an emergency/disaster management plan for animal rescue and sheltering, which includes temporary housing, veterinary/medical care, and inventory for lost and abandoned animals.
8. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.
9. Support legislation that would strengthen gun control laws to promote public safety.
10. Support risk-based allocation of Homeland Security funds.
11. Oppose legislation that would disrupt the process by which federal homeland security dollars are passed directly to established regional homeland security areas, including efforts to combine multiple homeland security funding initiatives into a single funding mechanism.
12. Support funding for replacement/maintenance and continued operation of equipment purchased with Homeland Security grants.
13. Support legislation that would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from requiring matching funds for homeland security grants.
14. Support decreasing the administrative cap for state governments for Homeland Security grants and increasing the administrative cap for local government.
15. Support legislative efforts 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.
16. Support legislation that will allow marriage equality for same sex couples, defend same sex civil marriages, and protect the fundamental liberties of all families.
17. Support legislation that would grant federal approval of medical marijuana procedures and regulations in states that have approved and implemented state legislation for use of medical marijuana.
18. Support legislation to classify medical marijuana as a recognized pharmaceutical medication dispensed through pharmacies.
19. Support 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.

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## LONG BEACH: EDUCATION



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### OBJECTIVES:

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

### 2015 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Support legislation and initiatives that provide funding for universal preschool.
- ❖ Support and expand the Long Beach College Promise.
- ❖ Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and University of California Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.

## LONG BEACH: EDUCATION

### *City Council Directives*

1. Support policies and programs that expand the Long Beach College Promise.
2. Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College, and University of California Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.
3. Support 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.
4. Support 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 Investment Network's Youth Opportunity Center aimed at increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults.
5. Support efforts to increase school readiness for children and their parents through access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education services.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Support legislation that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries.
9. 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.
10. Support legislation, which enhances funding for public library programs and facilities, including access to affordable e-books and audio books.

# 2015 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 recreational water quality*
- 4. Support active transportation*
- 5. Support transit oriented development*
- 6. Support affordable housing policies that encourage a path to self-reliance*

## 2015 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Support efforts to improve clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers, lakes and waterways that affect the City, including water capture, recycling and reuse projects.
- ❖ Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and retain the CDBG program as a separate and distinct federal program.
- ❖ 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 veteran affairs, and/or mental health.
- ❖ Pursue a Promise Zone designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## LONG BEACH: SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES

### *City Council Directives*

1. Seek federal funding to support 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 stormwater treatment techniques at the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers, still-water areas, and other waterways.
2. Pursue funding to study and implement solutions to reduce trash debris and pollution associated with the Los Angeles River, including incorporating the Los Angeles River as project in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).
3. Support legislation and pursue funding for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 and industrial NPDES Permit compliance measures.
4. Specifically pursue funding for Low Impact Development (LID) strategies and integrated watershed management approaches.
5. Support efforts to reform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
6. Support efforts that will assist in the successful implementation of the purposes and mission of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.
7. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for wetlands and ecosystem restoration projects in the Long Beach region, including funds for property acquisition.
8. Support the establishment of a publicly held wetlands mitigation bank to facilitate investment in wetlands restoration projects throughout Long Beach, including legislation to allow Ports to obtain mitigation credits to offset impacts of future port development projects by participating in restoration projects through the use of Tidelands Trust funds.
9. Seek funding for water conservation throughout the City of Long Beach, and support coordinated regional water conservation efforts and public education.
10. Support legislation that encourages the use of clean burning alternative fuels for vehicles and provides incentives or rewards for cities with innovative alternative fuel programs.
11. Support alternative energy proposals that further the utilization of environmentally friendly, renewable energy applications at both the customer and utility level.
12. Support legislation to set limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the intent of curbing global warming.
13. Support legislation that provides 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.
14. Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches from erosion.
15. 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, including the Los Angeles River and the Long Beach Breakwater, for the purposes of ecosystem restoration.
16. Support legislation and seek grants, including partnerships with the private sector to provide assistance to environmental clean-up projects.
17. Support legislation and regulations that protect the City's ability to efficiently operate the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) in a cost-effective manner.
18. Support legislation and seek grants to fund parks, recreation and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents, such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund.



19. Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of CDBG funding and retain the CDBG program as a separate and distinct federal program.
20. Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of HOME funding and retain the HOME program as a separate and distinct federal program.
21. Support legislation that provides 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.
22. Aggressively seek grant funding to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to veteran affairs, and/or mental health.
23. Support legislation to increase funding for services to assist veterans.
24. Support 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
25. Support legislation that promotes neighborhood revitalization through mixed income housing.
26. Support a change in federal laws to prohibit tenants who no longer meet income requirements from continuing to live in units that are dedicated for affordable housing.
27. Support legislation and grants that provide assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages to allow them to remain in their homes.
28. Support legislation and grants to cities to provide funding to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.
29. Support efforts to lower age requirements for gold star mother housing facilities to 55 year 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.
30. Support 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.
31. Support legislation that reduces helicopter noise pollution in residential areas.
32. Support 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 be at risk for drug and alcohol dependency (including tobacco), asthma, obesity, and other conditions.
33. Support the federal "Let's Move" campaign through the encouragement of physical activity and information needed to make healthier dietary choices.
34. Oppose funding cuts to 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.
35. Support legislation and grants that increase safety and survival of children and youth through programs that reduce child abuse, accidental injury deaths, homicides, gang involvement, misdemeanor and felony arrests and incidents of violence among youth and young adults.
36. Support legislation and grant programs that reduce child poverty through ensuring that children and youth, including emancipated youth, have access to essential resources such as food, shelter, employment opportunities and transportation.
37. Support legislation and grants that enhance social and emotional well-being including promoting English literacy, quality childcare, teen pregnancy prevention, mentor, mental health, human dignity, foster and kinship care, after school and weekend enrichment activities, and other cultural enhancement programs.

38. Pursue federal funding for soundwalls and maintenance along goods movement corridors.
39. Advocate for funding 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 stormwater projects in Long Beach.
40. 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 legislation or grants that provide funding for environmental mitigation to reduce the impacts of port operations.
41. Support zero emission transportation projects in Long Beach.
42. 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).
43. Support efforts to increase transit ridership through education and funding for transit oriented development projects.
44. 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.
45. 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.
46. Support legislation that would allow earthquake insurance to become more affordable and accessible, in a fiscally responsible manner.
47. Support increased funding and protection of the Prevention and Public Health Fund, as well as grants that provide funding for public health programs to prevent diseases, treat and manage mental health, fund substance abuse programs, develop public health infrastructure and capacity and mitigate seismic issues, assist with debt service relief, and enhance bioterrorism response.
48. Support legislation that provides for additional State and federal funding for HIV testing, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing, and ensures swift treatment to individuals impacted and at risk for HIV and STI's.
49. Oppose legislation that would reduce Medi-Care reimbursement rates as related to ambulance billing.
50. Support 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.
51. Support legislation to require that petroleum coke products are covered during transport.

# 2015 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LONG BEACH: LOCAL CONTROL



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### 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*
- 5. Oppose legislation that reduces City revenues*

### 2015 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Support implementation of the Long Beach Violence Prevention 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. Oppose any legislation that places a federal mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the program.
2. Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs.
3. Support or sponsor legislation and/or changes in regulations that would permit local agencies to consider local hiring practices in projects supported with more than 50% non-federal funds.
4. Support federal authorizing legislation to increase airport passenger facility charges.
5. Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.
6. Support legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on local air quality and the environment.
7. Oppose legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M.
8. Aggressively pursue the repayment of investment funds owed to municipalities that were lost by financial institutions that are now undergoing bankruptcy proceedings and/or have received federal funding via the Troubled Assets Relief Program.
9. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City receives the maximum benefits from Internet commerce through an equitable distribution of sales tax on Internet sales.
10. Support legislative efforts to ensure local taxation authority of products purchased through the Internet.
11. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives.
12. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.
13. Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communications services to their citizens.
14. Seek legislation to allow local governments the ability to utilize Public, Educational and Government (PEG) franchise fee support for both capital and operational expenses.
15. Strongly oppose any 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.
16. Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections.
17. Support legislation to allow municipal elections officials to mail out official election- related materials through the United States Postal Service at nonprofit rates.
18. Support 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.
19. Assist in efforts to identify and secure grant-funding support for the Department of Civil Service.
20. Support finding a more balanced approach to reducing the federal deficit while minimizing harm to cities and the national economy.
21. Support 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.
22. Support 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.



# 2015 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## STAFF'S PROPOSED CHANGES

November 2014

### BUSINESS GROWTH & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

#### **A. Economic Development**

Support efforts to develop and promote policies, legislation and grants that foster greater economic opportunity.

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Support efforts 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, collaborative operational efficiencies and industry convening/research.

Support efforts to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.

Support efforts to obtain Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding for economic development projects.

Support legislation that strengthens small business loans and incentive programs provided through the U.S. Small Business Administration and local banks with a focus on easing the "credit crunch" for small businesses to encourage innovation and green business opportunities, as well as create new jobs, real jobs and train workers.

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**Deleted:** Support legislation that provides guaranteed loans to local small businesses through local banks. ¶

Support strategies and business incubator approaches that support and grow small business activity, including targeted growth among "homegrown" businesses in the City.

**Commented [DT2]:** Item is combined with the EDA item above.

**Deleted:** Support legislation that provides additional federal funding for existing EDA revolving loan programs to ease the "credit crunch" for small businesses.

#### **B. Workforce Development**

Support efforts toward reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act that maintains a strong, locally-controlled workforce investment system for businesses and residents.

Support stabilized and increased funding for the workforce development system and encourage investments and fund development in the system's one-stop centers, programs and training opportunities to address worker skill gaps and industry opportunities.

Support efforts to increase and stabilize investment in the local workforce investment system, for the benefit of youth development with a special focus on the needs of out-of school, emancipating foster youth, those enrolled in justice system programs, military veterans (and spouses), re-entry populations, disabled individuals, older workers and transitioning dislocated workers.

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Support efforts that increase the skills base of the workforce, aligned with business and industry needs – with the Workforce Investment Board’s adopted Demand Sectors and its Self-Sufficiency Standard.

Support 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.

Support efforts that increase the marketability of unemployed or underemployed workers.

Support a renewable energy worker training grant program, including the creation of an “Energy Conservation Corps” or similar program.

**C. Boeing Company**

Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for The Boeing Company and the aerospace industry overall.

Support legislation that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration.

Support The Boeing Company in obtaining ongoing production commitments for the C-17 airlifter in Long Beach, and when appropriate, funding to transition the C-17 airlifter site to the next best use, including funds for employee job training.

Support efforts to obtain ongoing maintenance and 737-MAX upgrades at the Long Beach facility.

Support efforts to optimally position Long Beach to support the manufacture of Boeing’s 777x Jetliner and related components.

**D. International Trade**

Support federal efforts to enhance international trade, which benefits local businesses, port development, and the overall local economy, providing it is consistent with Council policy on addressing the environmental impacts of goods movement.

**E. Small Business**

**Commented [DT3]:** Item is combined with a similar item to support efforts to retain, expand and attract manufacturing, technology, health care and other high-wage businesses above.

**Deleted:** Support efforts to ensure strong responses to skilled worker shortages of high-wage and critical industries, including regional approaches to workforce solutions that leverage regional planning, project delivery, collaborative operational efficiencies and industry convening/research efforts

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**Deleted:** Support efforts focused on training and retraining workers for well-paid, local green collar jobs.

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**Deleted:** Support efforts to ensure effective responses and resources for projects that support populations in particular need of interventions, e.g.: emancipating foster youth, probationary youth, dropouts, military veterans (and spouses), re-entry populations, disabled individuals, older workers and transitioning dislocated workers.

**Commented [DT8]:** Item is consolidated with another small business item above.

**Deleted:** Support efforts to allocate revenues to small businesses incentive programs that will encourage innovation and green business opportunities, as well as create new, real jobs and train workers

**F. Arts & Tourism**

Support an increase in investment programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.

Support legislation and grants that provide funding for museums that are supported with municipal funds.

**G. Los Angeles River Dredging**

Support efforts to increase funding to the Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance dredging in the Los Angeles River Estuary.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**A. Public Safety & Crime Prevention**

Support legislation and seek grants to fund new equipment, improve existing apparatuses and facilities or fund new facilities, and replace obsolete public safety assets.

Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies.

Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.

Support efforts that ensure that civil liberties are protected, including under such legislation as the USA PATRIOT Act.

Support legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinklers in existing structures.

Support legislation for the planning, logistics and execution of an emergency/disaster management plan for animal rescue and sheltering, which includes temporary housing, veterinary/medical care, and inventory for lost and abandoned animals.

Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.

Support legislation that would strengthen gun control laws to promote public safety.

Support legislation that increases penalties to individuals who pay for sex with a minor, or those involved in aiding and abetting a rape of a minor, including classification of these crimes as a felony, increasing monetary penalties, requiring registration as a sex

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offender, forfeiting certain assets, and other appropriate measures that prove effective in curtailing these crimes.

## B. Public Health

~~Support legislation and grants that provide additional funding for public health programs, including mental health, substance abuse programs, services, infrastructure, debt service relief, seismic upgrades, and bioterrorism response enhancements.~~

**Commented [DT9]:** Consolidate with item 4

Support legislation that provides a sufficient process for businesses and ~~other local government entities~~ financial relief for local governments to implement ADA requirements, while protecting the rights of the disabled community.

**Commented [DT10]:** This verbiage was copied from the ADA item that is merged with this sentence.

Oppose legislation that would reduce Medi-Care reimbursement rates as related to ambulance billing.

Support increased funding ~~and protection of the Prevention and Public Health Fund, as well as grants that provide funding for public health programs to prevent diseases, treat and manage mental health, fund substance abuse programs, develop public health infrastructure and mitigate seismic issues, assist with debt service relief, and enhance bioterrorism response.~~ to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Community Transformation Grants for local governments to promote activities that prevent diseases.

**Commented [DT11]:** Update of the funding source by the Health Department.

~~Oppose funding cuts to nutrition programs including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that provides food security and improved nutrition for families and individuals of all ages.~~

**Commented [DT12]:** Consolidate with item to oppose cuts to WIC, also a nutrition program.

Support legislation that provides for additional State and federal funding for HIV testing, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing, and ensures swift treatment to individuals impacted and at risk for HIV and STI's.

Support legislation requiring notification and response related to crude oil shipped to California via rail, and funding to local governments if local government response activities become necessary.

**Commented [DT13]:** Addition suggested by the Health Department. Rail shipments of crude oil generally contain a more flammable product, as compared to refined crude, and presents an increased risk to vulnerable populations and sensitive environments.

Support legislation to require that petroleum coke products are covered during transport.

**Commented [DT14]:** Moving this section to "Sustainable and Livable Cities"

## HOMELAND SECURITY

### A. Risk-Based Allocation

Support ~~the methodology of distributing~~ risk-based allocation of Homeland Security funds, ~~and funding for interoperability initiatives based on risk.~~

### B. First Responder Funding

~~Support legislative efforts to improve Council-approved first responder local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives. Support legislation and seek grants to fund new apparatuses, technology and equipment, improve existing apparatuses, technology and equipment, and replace obsolete apparatuses, technology and equipment for the Long Beach Police, Fire, Technology Services and Health Departments.~~

Commented [DT15]: This is duplicative

~~Oppose legislation that combines multiple homeland security funding initiatives into a single funding mechanism.~~

Commented [DT16]: Combine with item below.

Oppose legislation that would disrupt the process by which federal homeland security dollars are passed directly to established regional homeland security areas, including efforts to combine multiple homeland security funding initiatives into a single funding mechanism.

### **C. Sustaining Capability**

Support funding for replacement/maintenance and continued operation of equipment purchased with Homeland Security grants.

### **D. Opposition to Matching Requirements**

Support legislation that would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from requiring matching funds for homeland security grants.

### **E. Administrative Costs**

Support decreasing the administrative cap for state governments for Homeland Security grants and increasing the administrative cap for local government.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

### **A. Air Quality**

Support legislation that improves the quality of air in the City of Long Beach by reducing particulate matter and diesel toxin emissions.

Support legislation which provides funding for a study to (1) assess mobile and stationary pollution sources that impact the environment within regions housing major ports and airports, (2) to determine the benefits of specific endeavors implanted to combat regional pollution, and (3) determine the impacts of goods movement on the infrastructure of these regions.

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 (CAAP).

Support legislation, regulations and/or initiatives that promote a financial prudent transition towards safe “green” aircraft fuel while balancing the safety and financial concerns of the general aviation community.

### B. Water Quality

Pursue funding to study and implement solutions to reduce trash debris and pollution associated with the Los Angeles River, including incorporating the Los Angeles River as project in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).

Support legislation and pursue funding for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 and industrial NPDES Permit compliance measures.

Specifically pursue funding for Low Impact Development (LID) strategies and integrated watershed management approaches.

### C. Watershed Management

Support efforts that will assist in the successful implementation of the purposes and mission of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

Seek federal funding to support 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 stormwater treatment techniques at the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers, still-water areas, and other waterways.

Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for wetlands and ecosystem restoration projects in the Long Beach region, including funds for property acquisition.

### D. Wetlands

Support

Support the establishment of a publicly held wetlands mitigation bank to facilitate investment in wetlands restoration projects throughout Long Beach, including legislation to allow Ports to obtain mitigation credits to offset impacts of future port development projects by participating in restoration projects through the use of Tidelands Trust funds.

### E. Water Conservation

Seek funding for water conservation throughout the City of Long Beach, and support coordinated regional water conservation efforts and public education.

### F. Alternative Fuel

Support legislation that encourages the use of clean burning alternative fuels for vehicles and provides incentives or rewards for cities with innovative alternative fuel programs.

**Commented [DT17]:** Combine this item with Item 2 under watershed management.

**Deleted:** Support efforts to improve clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers, lakes and waterways that affect the City, including innovative water reclamation and filtration techniques

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**Commented [DT18]:** Language integrated into the item above.

**Deleted:** Support legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City of Long Beach and the surrounding region. ¶

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**G. Alternative Energy**

Support alternative energy proposals that further the utilization of environmentally friendly, renewable energy applications at both the customer and utility level.



**Commented [DT21]:** Consolidate with local government global warming mitigation item below.

**H. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant**



**Deleted:** Request the federal government to work with cities to encourage property tax based financing for energy efficiency

**I. Global Warming**

Support legislation to set limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the intent of curbing global warming.

**Commented [DT22]:** Consolidate with local government global warming mitigation item below.

**Deleted:** Support full funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program

Support legislation that provides 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.

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**Commented [DT23]:** Consolidate with item above.

**J. Beach Erosion**

Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches from erosion.

**Deleted:** Support legislation that provides funding for local government climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies

**K. East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project**

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, including the Los Angeles River and the Long Beach Breakwater, for the purposes of ecosystem restoration.

**L. Dredging**



**Deleted:** Support legislative efforts that would provide increased funding for the Army

**M. Brownfields**

Support legislation and seek grants, including partnerships with the private sector, to provide assistance to environmental clean-up projects.

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Support efforts to establish a new Brownfields Redevelopment Action Grant investment program that can be used by cities to leverage private investment in Brownfields.

**O. SERRF**

Support legislation and regulations that protect the City's ability to efficiently operate the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) in a cost-effective manner.

**NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**A. Parks, Recreation and Marine**

Support legislation and seek grants to fund parks, recreation and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents, such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

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**B. Libraries**

Support legislation, which enhances funding for public library programs and facilities, including access to affordable e-books and audio books.

**Commented [DT25]:** In the 2014 adopted agenda, this item was included under Neighborhood Development, "Parks, Recreation and Marine". The item above to seek legislation and grants to funds parks, recreation and marine facilities covers this item, and so it is no longer necessary.

**C. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of CDBG funding and retain the CDBG program as a separate and distinct federal program.

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**Commented [DT26]:** Combined with item above and move to "Support for Education"

**D. HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program**

Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of HOME funding and retain the HOME program as a separate and distinct federal program.

**Deleted:** Support legislation that provides public libraries with access to affordable e-books and audio books. ¶

**E. Senior Services**

Support legislation, which provides 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.

**F. Affordable/Accessible Housing**

Support 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.

Support legislation that promotes neighborhood revitalization through mixed income housing.

**Commented [DT27]:** Combined with item below.

**Deleted:** Support full funding for all authorized and existing Section 8 vouchers and housing assistance programs operating in the City of Long Beach, including funding for administrative costs.

Support

**Deleted:** full funding for housing assistance programs that are utilized in Long Beach

Support a change in federal laws to prohibit tenants who no longer meet income requirements from continuing to live in units that are dedicated for affordable housing.

**Commented [DT28]:** Addition recommended by Development Services. Some inhabitants of affordable housing units needed the assistance when they first moved into the housing, however over time, the tenants incomes have increased so that they would no longer meet existing income requirements for the affordable housing unit, but because they moved in while their income was lower, the City does not have the authority to remove them from the housing. These tenants are living in units that would otherwise serve families that currently do meet income requirements.

**G. Homeless Assistance**

Aggressively seek grant funding to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to veteran affairs, and/or mental health.

**H. Mortgage Reform/Assistance**

Support legislation and grants that provide assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages to allow them to remain in their homes.

Support legislation and grants to cities to provide funding to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.

**I. Drug and Alcohol Recovery Facilities**

Support 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.

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**J. Veterans Services**

Support legislation to increase funding for services to assist veterans.

Support efforts to lower age requirements for gold star mother housing facilities to 55 year 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.

**K. Arts**

Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming and facilities

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**L. American with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

**M. Helicopter Noise**

Support legislation that reduces helicopter noise pollution in residential areas.

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**CHILDREN/YOUTH & EDUCATION**

**A. Good Health**

Support 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 be at risk for drug and alcohol dependency (including tobacco), asthma, obesity, and other conditions.

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Support the federal "Let's Move" campaign through the encouragement of physical activity and information needed to make healthier dietary choices.

Oppose funding cuts to the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program, which provides supplemental food, health care referrals and nutrition education for low-income mothers and children.

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**B. Safety and Survival**



Support legislation and grants that increase safety and survival of children and youth through programs that reduce child abuse, accidental injury deaths, homicides, gang involvement, misdemeanor and felony arrests and incidents of violence among youth and young adults.

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**C. Economic Well-Being**

Support legislation and grants that reduce child poverty through ensuring that children and youth, including emancipated youth, have access to essential resources such as food, shelter, employment opportunities and transportation.

**D. Social and Emotional Well-Being**

Support legislation and grants that enhance social and emotional well-being including literacy, quality childcare, teen pregnancy prevention, mentor, mental health, human dignity, foster and kinship care, after school and weekend enrichment activities, and other cultural enhancement programs.

**E. Education and Workforce Readiness**

Support 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 Investment Network's Youth Opportunity Center aimed at increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults.

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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.

Support policies and programs that expand the Long Beach College Promise.

Support to Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College, and University of California Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.

**F. Meaningful Youth Engagement**

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.

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**A. Transportation Funding**

Support efforts to protect and enhance federal 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.

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Pursue funding for streetscape improvements on major city corridors, including Anaheim Street, 7th Street, Santa Fe Avenue, Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach Boulevard, Atlantic Avenue, Willow Street, Artesia Avenue, and Pacific Coast Highway.

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Pursue federal funding for soundwalls and maintenance along goods movement corridors.

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Support federal authorizing legislation to increase airport passenger facility charges.

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Advocate for funding to improve local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility networks, and complete bicycle and mobility project, safety, and infrastructure improvements in Long Beach, and stormwater projects in Long Beach.

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Support zero emission transportation projects in Long Beach.

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## **B. Goods Movement**

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 legislation or grants that provide funding for environmental mitigation, as well as to eliminate the negative health impacts suffered by local communities.

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Support or sponsor legislation and/or changes in regulations that would permit local agencies to consider local hiring practices in projects supported with more than 50% non-federal funds.

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Support legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on local air quality and the environment.

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Support the creation of a National Freight Policy with dedicated funding for regionally and nationally significant freight projects in a dedicated freight/goods movement account in the next Transportation Reauthorization Bill.

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## **C. Long Combination Vehicles**

Support 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.

## **D. Alternative Transportation & Mobility**

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).

Support efforts to increase transit ridership through education and funding for transit oriented development projects.

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**ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE**

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**A. Unfunded Mandates/Local Control**

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Oppose any legislation that places a federal mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the program.

Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs.

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Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.

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Oppose legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M.

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**B. Repayment of Municipal Investment Funds**

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Aggressively pursue the repayment of investment funds owed to municipalities that were lost by financial institutions that are now undergoing bankruptcy proceedings and/or have received federal funding via the Troubled Assets Relief Program.

**C. Telecommunications**

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Support legislation that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries.

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Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City receives the maximum benefits from Internet commerce through an equitable distribution of sales tax on Internet sales.

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Support legislative efforts to ensure local taxation authority of products purchased through the Internet.

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Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives.

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Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.

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Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communications services to their citizens.

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Seek legislation to allow local governments the ability to utilize Public, Educational and Government (PEG) franchise fee support for both capital and operational expenses.

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Support legislative efforts 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.

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**D. Flood Insurance**

Strongly oppose any 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.

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**E. Gas and Oil Department**

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.

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**F. Water Department**

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.

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**G. Aquarium of the Pacific**

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.

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**H. Municipal Elections**

Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections.

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Support legislation to allow municipal elections officials to mail out official election-related materials through the United States Postal Service at nonprofit rates.

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**I. Marriage Equality for Same Sex Couples**

Support legislation that will allow marriage equality for same sex couples, defend same sex civil marriages, and protect the fundamental liberties of all families.

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**J. FICA/Social Security**

Support 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.

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**K. Civil Service**

Assist in efforts to identify and secure grant-funding support for the Department of Civil Service.

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**L. Medical Marijuana:**

Support legislation that would grant federal approval of medical marijuana procedures and regulations in states that have approved and implemented state legislation for use of medical marijuana.

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Support legislation to classify medical marijuana as a recognized pharmaceutical medication dispensed through pharmacies.

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**M. Citizenship**

Support legislation that provides qualifying undocumented youth with a conditional path to citizenship requiring completion of a college degree or military service.

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**N. Financial Institutions**

Support 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.

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**O. Sequestration**

Support finding a more balanced approach to reducing the deficit while minimizing harm to cities and the national economy.

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**P. Earthquake Insurance**

Support legislation that would allow earthquake insurance to become more affordable and accessible, in a fiscally responsible manner.

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**Q. Citizens United**

Support 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.

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# Adopted 2014 Federal Legislative Agenda

DECEMBER 17, 2013

Title	Section
<p><b>BUSINESS GROWTH &amp; WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	<p><b>A. <u>Economic Development</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support efforts to develop and promote policies, legislation and grants that help urban areas foster greater economic opportunity.</li> <li>2. Support efforts to retain, expand, and attract manufacturing, technology, health care, and other high-wage businesses.</li> <li>3. Support efforts to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.</li> <li>4. Support efforts to obtain additional Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding for eligible projects.</li> <li>5. Support legislation that provides guaranteed loans to local small businesses through local banks.</li> <li>6. Support legislation that strengthens small business loans provided through the U.S. Small Business Administration.</li> <li>7. Support legislation that provides additional federal funding for existing EDA revolving loan programs to ease the “credit crunch” for small businesses.</li> <li>8. Support strategies and business incubator approaches that support and grow small business activity, including targeted growth among “homegrown” businesses in the City.</li> </ol> <p><b>B. <u>Workforce Development</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support efforts toward reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act that maintains a strong, locally-controlled workforce investment system for businesses and residents.</li> <li>2. Support stabilized and increased funding for the workforce development system and encourage investments and fund development in the system’s one-stop centers, programs and training opportunities to address worker skill gaps and industry opportunities.</li> <li>3. Support efforts to increase and stabilize investment in the local workforce investment system, for the benefit of youth development with a special focus on the needs of out-of school, disconnected, emancipated and justice system-involved residents and young adults.</li> <li>4. Support efforts that increase the skills base of the workforce, aligned with business and industry needs – with the Workforce Investment Board’s adopted Demand Sectors and its Self-Sufficiency Standard.</li> <li>5. Support efforts to ensure strong responses to skilled worker shortages of high-wage and critical industries, including regional approaches to workforce solutions that leverage regional planning, project delivery, collaborative operational efficiencies and industry convening/research efforts.</li> <li>6. Support 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.</li> <li>7. Support efforts that increase the marketability of unemployed or underemployed workers.</li> <li>8. 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).</li> <li>9. Support efforts focused on training and retraining workers for well-paid, local green collar jobs.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>BUSINESS GROWTH &amp; WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (CONT.)</b></p>	<p>10. Support the passage and full funding of legislation focused on establishing an energy efficiency and renewable energy worker training grant program, including the creation of an “Energy Conservation Corps” or similar program.</p> <p>11. Support efforts to ensure effective responses and resources for projects that support populations in particular need of interventions, e.g.: emancipating foster youth, probationary youth, dropouts, military veterans (and spouses), re-entry populations, disabled individuals, older workers and transitioning dislocated workers.</p> <p><b>C. <u>The Boeing Company</u></b></p> <p>1. Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for The Boeing Company and the aerospace industry overall.</p> <p>2. Support legislation that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration.</p> <p>3. Support The Boeing Company in obtaining ongoing production commitments for the C-17 airlifter in Long Beach, and when appropriate, funding to transition the C-17 airlifter site to the next best use, including funds for employee job training.</p> <p>4. Support efforts to obtain ongoing maintenance and 737-MAX upgrades at the Long Beach facility.</p> <p>5. Support efforts to optimally position Long Beach to support the manufacture of Boeing’s 777x Jetliner and related components.</p> <p><b>D. <u>International Trade:</u></b> Support federal efforts to enhance international trade, which benefits local businesses, port development, and the overall local economy, providing it is consistent with Council policy on addressing the environmental impacts of goods movement.</p> <p><b>E. <u>Small Business:</u></b> Support efforts to allocate revenues to small businesses incentive programs that will encourage innovation and green business opportunities, as well as create new, real jobs and train workers.</p> <p><b>F. <u>Arts &amp; Tourism</u></b></p> <p>1. Support an increase in investment programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.</p> <p>2. Support legislation and grants that provide funding for museums that are supported with municipal funds.</p> <p><b>G. <u>Los Angeles River Dredging:</u></b> Support efforts to increase funding to the Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance dredging in the Los Angeles River Estuary.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY SAFETY</b></p>	<p><b>A. <u>Public Safety &amp; Crime Prevention</u></b></p> <p>1. Support legislative efforts to improve Council-approved first responder local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives.</p> <p>2. Support legislation and seek grants to fund new apparatuses, technology and equipment, improve existing apparatuses, technology and equipment, and replace obsolete apparatuses, technology and equipment for the Long Beach Police, Fire, and Health Departments. Pursue and support legislation and grants that would provide funding for the upgrade, repair, replacement or new construction of public safety facilities.</p> <p>3. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies such as alley lighting, photo red light enforcement, etc.</p> <p>4. Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City’s gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.</p> <p>5. Support efforts that ensure that civil liberties are protected, including under such legislation as the USA PATRIOT Act.</p> <p>6. Support legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinklers in existing structures.</p>

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<p><b>COMMUNITY SAFETY (CONT.)</b></p>	<p>7. Support legislation for the planning, logistics and execution of an emergency/disaster management plan for animal rescue and sheltering, which includes temporary housing, veterinary/medical care, and inventory for lost and abandoned animals.</p> <p>8. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.</p> <p>9. Support legislation that would strengthen gun control laws to promote public safety.</p> <p>10. Support legislation that increases penalties to individuals who pay for sex with a minor, or those involved in aiding and abetting a rape of a minor, including classification of these crimes as a felony, increasing monetary penalties, requiring registration as a sex offender, forfeiting certain assets, and other appropriate measures that prove effective in curtailing these crimes.</p> <p><b>B. <u>Public Health</u></b></p> <p>1. Support legislation and grants that provide additional funding for public health programs, including mental health, substance abuse programs, services, infrastructure, debt service relief, seismic upgrades, and bioterrorism response enhancements.</p> <p>2. Support legislation that provides a sufficient process for businesses and other local government entities to implement ADA requirements, while protecting the rights of the disabled community.</p> <p>3. Oppose legislation that would reduce Medi-Care reimbursement rates as related to ambulance billing.</p> <p>4. Support increased funding to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Community Transformation Grants for local governments to promote activities that prevent diseases.</p> <p>5. Oppose funding cuts to nutrition programs including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that provides food security and improved nutrition for families and individuals of all ages.</p>
<p><b>HOMELAND SECURITY</b></p>	<p><b>A. <u>Risk-Based Allocation:</u></b> Support the methodology of distributing Homeland Security funds, and funding for interoperability initiatives based on risk.</p> <p><b>B. <u>First Responder Funding</u></b></p> <p>1. Support legislative efforts to improve Council-approved first responder local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives.</p> <p>2. Support legislation and seek grants to fund new apparatuses, technology and equipment, improve existing apparatuses, technology and equipment, and replace obsolete apparatuses, technology and equipment for the Long Beach Police, Fire, Technology Services and Health Departments.</p> <p>3. Oppose legislation that combines multiple homeland security funding initiatives into a single funding mechanism.</p> <p>4. Oppose legislation that would disrupt the process by which federal homeland security dollars are passed directly to established regional homeland security areas.</p> <p><b>C. <u>Sustaining Capability:</u></b> Support funding for replacement/maintenance and continued operation of equipment purchased with Homeland Security grants.</p> <p><b>D. <u>Opposition to Matching Requirements:</u></b> Support legislation that would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from requiring matching funds for homeland security grants.</p> <p><b>E. <u>Administrative Costs:</u></b> Support decreasing the administrative cap for state governments for Homeland Security grants and increasing the administrative cap for local government.</p>



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ENVIRONMENTAL	<p><b>A. <u>Air Quality</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation that improves the quality of air in the City of Long Beach by reducing particulate matter and diesel toxin emissions.</li> <li>2. Support legislation which provides funding for a study to (1) assess mobile and stationary pollution sources that impact the environment within regions housing major ports and airports, (2) to determine the benefits of specific endeavors implanted to combat regional pollution, and (3) determine the impacts of goods movement on the infrastructure of these regions.</li> <li>3. 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 (CAAP).</li> <li>4. Support legislation, regulations and/or initiatives that promote a financial prudent transition towards safe “green” aircraft fuel while balancing the safety and financial concerns of the general aviation community.</li> </ol> <p><b>B. <u>Water Quality</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support efforts to improve clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers, lakes and waterways that affect the City, including innovative water reclamation and filtration techniques.</li> <li>2. Pursue funding to study and implement solutions to reduce trash debris and pollution associated with the Los Angeles River, including incorporating the Los Angeles River as project in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).</li> <li>3. Support legislation and pursue funding for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 NPDES Permit compliance measures.</li> <li>4. Specifically pursue funding for Low Impact Development (LID) strategies and integrated watershed management approaches.</li> </ol> <p><b>C. <u>Watershed Management</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support efforts that will assist in the successful implementation of the purposes and mission of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.</li> <li>2. Seek federal funds to support the assessment of water quality and cleaning of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers, our coastline and impaired water bodies within the City.</li> <li>3. Support legislation that would provide funding for ecosystem restoration projects in the Long Beach region.</li> </ol> <p><b>D. <u>Wetlands</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City of Long Beach and the surrounding region.</li> <li>2. Support legislation that allows Ports to obtain mitigation credits to offset impacts of future port development projects by participating in restoration projects through the use of Tidelands Trust funds.</li> <li>3. Support efforts for a publicly held wetlands mitigation bank that will be available for investment to restore wetlands throughout Long Beach.</li> </ol> <p><b>E. <u>Water Conservation:</u></b> Seek funding for water conservation efforts on city property and throughout the City of Long Beach, and support coordinated regional water conservation efforts and public education.</p> <p><b>F. <u>Alternative Fuel:</u></b> Support legislation that encourages the use of clean burning alternative fuels for vehicles and provides incentives or rewards for cities with innovative alternative fuel programs.</p> <p><b>G. <u>Alternative Energy</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support alternative energy proposals that further the utilization of environmentally friendly, renewable energy applications at both the customer and utility level.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL (CONT.)</b></p>	<p>2. Request the federal government to work with cities to encourage property tax based financing for energy efficiency.</p> <p><b>H. <u>Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant:</u></b> Support full funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.</p> <p><b>I. <u>Global Warming</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation to set limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the intent of curbing global warming.</li> <li>2. Support legislation that provides funding, recognition and support of local government action to address climate change.</li> <li>3. Support legislation that provides funding for local government climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.</li> </ol> <p><b>J. <u>Beach Erosion:</u></b> Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches from erosion.</p> <p><b>K. <u>East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project:</u></b> 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, including the Los Angeles River and the Long Beach Breakwater, for the purposes of ecosystem restoration.</p> <p><b>L. <u>Dredging:</u></b> Support legislative efforts that would provide increased funding for the Army Corps of Engineers' navigation and dredging projects.</p> <p><b>M. <u>Brownfields</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation and seek grants, including partnerships with the private sector, to provide assistance to environmental clean-up projects.</li> <li>2. Support efforts to establish a new Brownfields Redevelopment Action Grant investment program that can be used by cities to leverage private investment in Brownfields.</li> </ol> <p><b>N. <u>SERRF:</u></b> Support legislation and regulations that protect the City's ability to efficiently operate the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) in a cost-effective manner.</p>
<p><b>NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	<p><b>A. <u>Parks, Recreation and Marine</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation and seek grants to fund parks, recreation and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents, such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Act.</li> <li>2. Explore legislation and seek grants that are intended to serve highly dense urban areas.</li> </ol> <p><b>B. <u>Libraries</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation, which enhances funding for public library programs and facilities.</li> <li>2. Support legislation that provides public libraries with access to affordable e-books and audio books.</li> </ol> <p><b>C. <u>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:</u></b> Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of CDBG funding and retain the CDBG program as a separate and distinct federal program.</p> <p><b>D. <u>HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program:</u></b> Support efforts to maintain and maximize the City's share of HOME funding and retain the HOME program as a separate and distinct federal program.</p> <p><b>E. <u>Senior Services:</u></b> Support legislation, which provides 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.</p>

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<p><b>NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT (CONT.)</b></p>	<p><b>F. <u>Affordable/Accessible Housing</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation and grants that promote the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City.</li> <li>2. Support legislation that promotes neighborhood revitalization through mixed income housing.</li> <li>3. Support full funding for all authorized and existing Section 8 vouchers and housing assistance programs operating in the City of Long Beach, including funding for administrative costs.</li> <li>4. Support full funding for housing assistance programs that are utilized in Long Beach.</li> </ol> <p><b>G. <u>Homeless Assistance:</u></b> Aggressively seek grant funding to assist with the City’s homeless programs, including those related to veteran affairs, and/or mental health.</p> <p><b>H. <u>Mortgage Reform/Assistance</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation and grants that provide assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages to allow them to remain in their homes.</li> <li>2. Support legislation and grants to cities to provide funding to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.</li> </ol> <p><b>I. <u>Drug and Alcohol Recovery Facilities</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p><b>J. <u>Veterans Services</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation to increase funding for services to assist veterans.</li> <li>2. Support efforts to lower age requirements for gold star mother housing facilities to 55 year 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.</li> </ol> <p><b>K. <u>Arts:</u></b> Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming and facilities.</p> <p><b>L. <u>American with Disabilities Act (ADA):</u></b> Support legislation that provides financial relief for cities in making facilities accessible as mandated by the ADA.</p> <p><b>M. <u>Helicopter Noise:</u></b> Support legislation that reduces helicopter noise pollution in residential areas.</p>
<p><b>CHILDREN/YOUTH &amp; EDUCATION</b></p>	<p><b>A. <u>Good Health</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation and grants that enhance the health services provided to children, youth and young adults (ages 0-24) including prenatal services, infant and early childhood health care, access to affordable medical, dental and mental health care and prevention and intervention 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.</li> <li>2. Support the federal “Let’s Move” campaign through the encouragement of physical activity and information needed to make healthier dietary choices.</li> <li>3. Oppose funding cuts to Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program that provides supplemental food, health care referrals and nutrition education for low-income mothers and children.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>CHILDREN/YOUTH &amp; EDUCATION (CONT.)</b></p>	<p><b>B. <u>Safety and Survival:</u></b> Support legislation and grants that increase the level of safety and survival of children and youth (ages 0-21), and support programs which reduce child abuse, accidental injury deaths, homicides of children and youth, gang involvement, misdemeanor and felony arrests and incidents of violence among youth and young adults (ages 0-24).</p> <p><b>C. <u>Economic Well-Being:</u></b> Support legislation and grants that assure children and youth (ages 0-21) have access to resources such as food, shelter, employment opportunities and transportation and that aim to reduce the poverty level of the City's children and youth, including emancipated youth.</p> <p><b>D. <u>Social and Emotional Well-Being:</u></b> Support legislation and grants that enhance social and emotional well-being including literacy, quality 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><b>E. <u>Education and Workforce Readiness</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation and grants that enhance the effective education of the City's children and youth (ages 0-21) from pre-school through post secondary education, including school readiness, educational enhancement institutions and organization such as the Aquarium of the Pacific, and services of the Workforce Investment Network's Youth Opportunity Center aimed at increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults age 16-24.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> </ol> <p><b>F. <u>Meaningful Youth Engagement:</u></b> 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>
<p><b>TRANSPORTATION</b></p>	<p><b>A. <u>Transportation Funding</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support efforts to protect and enhance federal 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.</li> <li>2. Pursue appropriations for streetscape improvements on major city corridors, including Anaheim Street, 7th Street, Santa Fe Avenue, Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach Boulevard, Atlantic Avenue, Willow Street, and Pacific Coast Highway.</li> <li>3. Pursue federal funding for soundwalls and maintenance along goods movement corridors.</li> <li>4. Support federal authorizing legislation to increase airport passenger facility charges.</li> <li>5. Advocate for funding in the next Transportation Highway bill that would benefit pedestrian access, bicycle systems, general mobility, goods movement and zero emission projects in Long Beach.</li> <li>6. Support legislation that secures funding to improve local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility networks, and complete bicycle and mobility project, safety, and infrastructure improvements.</li> </ol> <p><b>B. <u>Goods Movement</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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 legislation or grants that provide funding for environmental mitigation, as well as to eliminate the negative health impacts suffered by local communities.</li> <li>2. Support or sponsor legislation and/or changes in regulations that would permit local agencies to consider local hiring practices in projects supported with more than 50% non-federal funds.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>TRANSPORTATION (CONT.)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Support legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on local air quality and the environment.</li> <li>4. Support the creation of a dedicated freight/goods movement account in the next Transportation Reauthorization Bill to fund goods movement projects of national significance.</li> <li>5. Support efforts to explore, fund, and construct zero emissions goods movement infrastructure.</li> <li>6. Advocate for federal funding for zero emissions pilot projects.</li> </ol> <p><b>C. <u>Long Combination Vehicles:</u></b> Support 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.</p> <p><b>D. <u>Alternative Transportation &amp; Mobility</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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).</li> <li>2. Support efforts to improve public education to promote an increase in transit ridership.</li> <li>3. Support efforts that promote and provide funding for development near transit.</li> <li>4. Continue to support funds for alternative transportation and mobility projects.</li> </ol>
<p><b>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE</b></p>	<p><b>A. <u>Unfunded Mandates/Local Control</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Oppose any legislation that places a federal mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the program.</li> <li>2. Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs.</li> <li>3. Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.</li> <li>4. Oppose legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M.</li> </ol> <p><b>B. <u>Repayment of Municipal Investment Funds:</u></b> Aggressively pursue the repayment of investment funds owed to municipalities that were lost by financial institutions that are now undergoing bankruptcy proceedings and/or have received federal funding via the Troubled Assets Relief Program.</p> <p><b>C. <u>Telecommunications</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries.</li> <li>2. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City receives the maximum benefits from Internet commerce.</li> <li>3. Support legislation that would result in an equitable distribution of taxes generated through Internet sales.</li> <li>4. Support legislative efforts to ensure local taxation authority of products purchased through the Internet.</li> <li>5. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives.</li> <li>6. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.</li> <li>7. Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communications services to their citizens.</li> <li>8. Seek legislation to allow local governments the ability to utilize Public, Educational and Government (PEG) franchise fee support for both capital and operational expenses.</li> <li>9. Support legislative efforts 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.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE (CONT.)</b></p>	<p><b>D. <u>Flood Insurance:</u></b> Strongly oppose any 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.</p> <p><b>E. <u>Gas and Oil Department:</u></b> 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><b>F. <u>Water Department:</u></b> 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><b>G. <u>Aquarium of the Pacific:</u></b> 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><b>H. <u>Municipal Elections</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections.</li> <li>2. Support legislation to allow municipal elections officials to mail out official election-related materials through the United States Postal Service at nonprofit rates.</li> </ol> <p><b>I. <u>Marriage Equality for Same Sex Couples:</u></b> Support legislation that will allow marriage equality for same sex couples, defend same sex civil marriages, and protect the fundamental liberties of all families.</p> <p><b>J. <u>FICA/Social Security</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation to allow local governments to withdraw from participation in these federal programs if they have other retirement programs in place.</li> <li>2. Oppose mandatory social security coverage, which would place an additional negative fiscal impact on the City.</li> </ol> <p><b>K. <u>Civil Service:</u></b> Assist in efforts to identify and secure grant-funding support for the Department of Civil Service.</p> <p><b>L. <u>Medical Marijuana:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support legislation that would grant federal approval of medical marijuana procedures and regulations in state that have approved and implemented state legislation for use of medical marijuana.</li> <li>2. Support legislation to classify medical marijuana as a recognized pharmaceutical medication dispensed through pharmacies.</li> </ol> <p><b>M. <u>Citizenship:</u></b> Support legislation that provides qualifying undocumented youth with a conditional path to citizenship requiring completion of a college degree or military service.</p> <p><b>N. <u>Financial Institutions:</u></b> Support 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.</p> <p><b>O. <u>Sequestration:</u></b> Support finding a more balanced approach to reducing the deficit while minimizing harm to cities and the national economy.</p>

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<b>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE (CONT.)</b>	<p>P. <b><u>Earthquake Insurance:</u></b> Support legislation that would allow earthquake insurance to become more affordable and accessible, in a fiscally responsible manner.</p> <p>Q. <b><u>Citizens United:</u></b> Support 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.</p>