

Proposed 2005 Federal Legislative Agenda

Title	Section
<p>I. Business Growth & Workforce Development</p>	<p>A. <u>I-710 Freeway/Gerald Desmond Bridge:</u> Advocate for TEA-LU funding to enhance, beautify and maintain the I-710 Freeway/Gerald Desmond Bridge, which serves as a vital thoroughfare for residents, businesses and commerce. <u>Advocate for funding in the TEA-21 bill for construction of improvements as determined by the I-710 Major Corridor Study.</u></p> <p>B. <u>Alameda Corridor:</u> Support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for the Alameda Corridor, including improvement of federal job training and business development efforts.</p> <p>C. <u>The Boeing Company:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for the Boeing Company and the aerospace industry overall. 2. Support legislation that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development and space exploration. <p>D. <u>Economic Development:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts to obtain additional EDA <u>and EPA</u> funding for projects, such as the Long Beach Sportspark and the Aquarium of the Pacific. 2. Support efforts to develop and promote policies, legislation and grants that help urban areas foster greater economic opportunity. 3. Support efforts to retain, expand and attract manufacturing businesses. <p>E. <u>International Trade: Consistent with Council policy,</u> support federal efforts to enhance international trade, which benefits local businesses, port development and the overall local economy.</p> <p>F. <u>Queensway Bay:</u> Support ongoing Army Corps operation and maintenance for the Queensway Bay.</p> <p>G. <u>Workforce Development:</u> Support legislative efforts that will enhance the City's efforts to create a strong, viable and participative workforce, with special attention given to Welfare to Work programs and the Workforce Investment Act.</p>
<p>II. Community Safety</p>	<p>A. <u>Public Health:</u> Support legislation and grants that provide additional funding for first responder public health programs, services, infrastructure, debt service relief, seismic upgrades and bio-terrorism response enhancements.</p> <p>B. <u>Public Safety & Crime Prevention:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 3. Pursue and support legislation and grants that would provide funding for public safety facilities. 4. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies such as alley lighting, photo red light enforcement, etc. 5. Support legislation that enhances the ability of local public safety units, including Health, to respond to, prevent and prepare for terrorist threats. 6. Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion and intervention programs.
<p>III. Environmental</p>	<p>A. <u>Brownfields:</u> Support legislation and seek grants, including partnerships with the private sector, to provide assistance to environmental clean-up projects.</p> <p>B. <u>Dredging:</u> Support legislative efforts and funding for the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct dredging at the mouth of the Los Angeles River.</p>

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III. Environmental (cont.)	C. <u>Beach Erosion:</u> Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches from erosion.	
	D. <u>Alternative Fuel:</u> Support legislation that encourages the use of clean burning alternative fuels for vehicles, encourages the use of natural gas as an alternative fuel and provides incentive or rewards for cities with innovative alternative fuel programs.	
	E. <u>Water Quality:</u> Support efforts to improve clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers and waterways that affect the City, including innovative water reclamation and filtration techniques.	
	F. <u>Watershed Management:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. Seek federal funds to support the assessment of water quality and cleaning of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and our coastline impaired water bodies within the City. 	
	G. <u>Air Quality:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that improves the quality of air in the City of Long Beach by reducing particulate matter and diesel toxin emissions. 2. <u>Sponsor legislation that provides funding for a study to (1) assess mobile and stationary pollution sources that impact the environment within regions housing major ports, (2) to determine the benefits of specific endeavors implemented to combat regional pollution, and (3) determine the impacts of goods movement on the infrastructure of these regions.</u> 	
	IV. Neighborhood Development	A. <u>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):</u> Support legislation that provides financial relief for cities in making facilities accessible as mandated by the ADA.
		B. <u>Parks, Recreation and Marine:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. Explore legislation and seek grants that are intended to serve highly dense urban areas.
C. <u>Homeless Assistance:</u> Aggressively seek grant funding to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to mental health.		
D. <u>Libraries:</u> Support legislation which enhances funding for public library programs and facilities.		
E. <u>Affordable/Accessible Housing:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grants that promote the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City. 2. <u>Support legislation that promotes neighborhood revitalization through mixed income housing.</u> 3. <u>Support full funding for all authorized and existing Section 8 vouchers and housing assistance programs operating in the City of Long Beach.</u> 		
F. <u>Senior Services:</u> Support legislation, which provides funding for enhanced social and mental health services, as well as facilities, recreational programs and transportation, to address the diverse needs of Long Beach's senior community.		
G. <u>Arts:</u> Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming.		

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V. Youth & Education	A. <u>Youth Services:</u> Support legislation and seek grants that enhance the services provided to children, parents and families, including early education programs after school and weekend programs, and youth employment programs.
	B. <u>Gang Intervention:</u> Support legislation and seek grants that promote the efforts of the City's successful gang prevention, diversion and intervention programs.
	C. <u>K-12 Education:</u> Support and collaborate with the Long Beach Unified School District to secure funding that assists in class size reduction, facility enhancement and construction, improved reading and mathematics, expansion of after-school learning, enhanced teacher training and broadening the use of technology in the classroom.
	D. <u>Child Care Development:</u> Support legislation that will provide for increasing the supply of affordable, high quality early childcare and education services to meet the needs of children and their families.
	E. <u>Aquarium of the Pacific:</u> Support legislation that will enhance the Aquarium of the Pacific's ability to provide maximum educational opportunities regarding aquatic life, facilities and recreation, local wetlands restoration <u>and Los Angeles Basin watershed management.</u>
VI. Additional Issues of Federal Legislative Importance	A. <u>Civil Service:</u> Assist in efforts to identify and secure grant-funding support for the Department of Civil Service.
	B. <u>FICA/Social Security:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation to allow local governments to withdraw from participation in these federal programs if they have other retirement programs in place. 2. Oppose mandatory social security coverage, which would place an additional negative fiscal impact on the City.
	C. <u>Telecommunications:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries. 2. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City receives the maximum benefits from Internet commerce. 3. Support legislation that would result in an equitable distribution of taxes generated through Internet sales. 4. Support legislative efforts to ensure local taxation authority of products purchased through the Internet. 5. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives 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.
	D. <u>Transportation:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts to protect and enhance federal funding for the City of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, and Long Beach Transit, for mass transit, transportation projects and needed infrastructure. 2. Encourage recognition of infrastructure demands placed on Long Beach due to the movement of goods through our City and region. 3. <u>Sponsor legislation that provides funding for a study to (1) assess mobile and stationary pollution sources that impact the environment within regions housing major ports, (2) to determine the benefits of specific endeavors implemented to combat regional pollution, and (3) determine the impacts of goods movement on the infrastructure of these regions.</u> 4. <u>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.</u>

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VI. Additional Issues of Federal Legislative Importance	E. <u>Unfunded Mandates/Local Control:</u> 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.
	F. <u>Water Department:</u> 1. Support legislation and other initiatives that are feasible, equitable and employ accepted scientific industry standards, and oppose those that do not, to enhance the water quality and reliability of the City of Long Beach's Water Department. 2. Support legislation and other initiatives to acquire federal funds for ocean desalination, expanded use of reclaimed water, and other Long Beach Water Department projects. 3. Support legislation and seek grants to fund new technology and equipment, improve existing technology and equipment, and replace obsolete technology and equipment for the Long Beach Water Department.
	G. <u>Municipal Elections:</u> Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections.
	H. <u>Stormwater/Water Quality:</u> Support legislation and pursue funding for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 NPDES Permit compliance measures.

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