



**Date:** December 14, 2005  
**To:** Federal Legislation and Environmental Affairs Committee  
**From:** Gerald R. Miller, City Manager *grm cfm*  
**Subject:** Recommended Changes to 2006 Federal Legislative Agenda

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

**I-710 Freeway/Gerald Desmond Bridge**

This language was updated to support future transportation bills, now that TEA-21 Reauthorization has already occurred.

**The Boeing Company**

Per the City Council's direction, a new bullet specifically outlining the City's support of the C-17 has been developed.

**Public Safety & Crime Prevention**

On item number four, clarifying language has been added to describe the City's intent to pursue funding for the upgrade, repair, replacement or new construction of public safety facilities.

**Alternative Energy**

A new bullet has been added to clarify that the City should support legislation that encourages the use of alternative energy, including solar, for the City or our community.

**Air Quality**

Last year the City Council passed a resolution to support ratification of Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution From Ships (MARPOL). This item was added a bullet point 3, as the Senate has not taken any action on MARPOL yet, and debate on this issue is expected to continue in the future.

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

This section was added to provide clear direction of the City Council's support of the CDBG program. Last year the City Council passed a resolution to this effect.

**Youth & Education Section**

The City's Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) has recommended new language for this section. The CYC recommended that the categories be changed to correspond to the six outcome areas they are currently using to measure the well being of the city's youth and children.

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The revised language covers items A through D in last year's agenda, with the exception of item E, which covers the Aquarium of the Pacific. The Aquarium of the Pacific language has been moved to the section on "Additional Issues of Federal Legislative Importance."

**Telecommunications**

Bullet points 7 and 8 were added to address the current legislative efforts in Congress related to Telecom Reform. These were modeled after the US Conference of Mayors Guiding Principles.

**Water Department**

The Water Department has recommended that the City replace the outdated language with a statement that the City will consider supporting the policies and programs that the Water Board formally advocates for. This language is included for your review.

**Aquarium of the Pacific**

As mentioned above, this section was moved from Youth to Additional Issues of Federal Legislative Importance.

A Federal Legislation and Environmental Affairs Committee meeting will be convened soon to review and discuss these and other proposed changes to the legislative agenda. City Council discussion and approval of the Committee's recommendations is planned for early January 2006.

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

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## Draft 2006 Federal Legislative Agenda

Title	Section
<b>BUSINESS GROWTH &amp; WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<p>A. <b>I-710 Freeway/Gerald Desmond Bridge:</b> Advocate for funding in <del>the IEA-24 the next transportation highway bill or other federal funding sources bill</del> for construction of improvements as determined by the I-710 Major Corridor Study.</p> <p>B. <b>Alameda Corridor:</b> Support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for the Alameda Corridor, including improvement of federal job training and business development efforts.</p> <p>C. <b>The Boeing Company:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for the Boeing Company and the aerospace industry overall.</li><li>2. Support legislation that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration</li><li>3. <del>Support the Boeing Company in obtaining ongoing production commitments for the C-17 airlifter in Long Beach.</del></li></ol> <p>D. <b>Economic Development:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Support efforts to obtain additional EDA and EPA funding for projects, such as the Long Beach Sportsark and the Aquarium of the Pacific.</li><li>2. Support efforts to develop and promote policies, legislation and grants that help urban areas foster greater economic opportunity.</li><li>3. Support efforts to retain, expand, and attract manufacturing businesses.</li></ol> <p>E. <b>International Trade:</b> Consistent with Council policy, support federal efforts to enhance international trade, which benefits local businesses, port development, and the overall local economy.</p> <p>F. <b>Queensway Bay:</b> Support ongoing Army Corps operation and maintenance for the Queensway Bay.</p> <p>G. <b>Workforce Development:</b> Support legislative efforts that will aggressively pursue 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. In addition, support efforts to increase investment in workforce training, out-of-school and after school training, and workforce preparation for youth and summer youth employment.</p> <p>H. <b>Small Business:</b> Support efforts to allocate revenues to small business incentive programs that will encourage innovation, create new, real jobs and train workers.</p> <p>I. <b>Arts &amp; Tourism:</b> Support an increase in investment in programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism related industries.</p>
<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>	<p>A. <b>Public Health:</b> Support legislation and grants that provide additional funding for first responder public health programs, services, infrastructure, debt service relief, seismic upgrades, and bioterrorism response enhancements.</p> <p>B. <b>Public Safety &amp; Crime Prevention:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li><li>2. Support efforts to enact the recommendations of the Department of Homeland Security Task Force on State &amp; Local Homeland Security Funding.</li></ol>

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<p><b>COMMUNITY SAFETY (CON'T)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. Pursue and support legislation and grants that would provide funding for <del>the upgrade, repair, replacement or new construction of</del> public safety facilities.</li> <li>5. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies such as alley lighting, photo red light enforcement, etc.</li> <li>6. Support legislation that enhances the ability of local public safety units, including Health, to respond to, prevent, and prepare for terrorist threats.</li> <li>7. Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.</li> </ol>
<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. <b><u>Brownfields:</u></b> <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> </li> <li>B. <b><u>Dredging:</u></b> Support legislative efforts and funding for the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct dredging at the mouth of the Los Angeles River.</li> <li>C. <b><u>Beach Erosion:</u></b> Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches from erosion.</li> <li>D. <b><u>Alternative Fuel:</u></b> Support legislation that encourages the use of clean burning alternative fuels for vehicles and encourages the use of natural gas as an alternative fuel and provide incentive or rewards for cities with innovative alternative fuel programs.</li> <li>E. <del>Alternative Energy: Support alternative energy proposals that further the utilization of environmentally friendly energy applications at both the customer and utility level.</del></li> <li>F. <b><u>Water Quality:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>G. <b><u>Watershed Management:</u></b> <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 and our coastline impaired water bodies within the City.</li> </ol> </li> <li>H. <b><u>Air Quality:</u></b> <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. Sponsor legislation which 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.</li> <li>3. <del>Support the ratification of Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) which sets limits on sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from vessel exhaust.</del></li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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<p><b>NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	<p>A. <b>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):</b> Support legislation that provides financial relief for cities in making facilities accessible as mandated by the ADA.</p> <p>B. <b>Parks, Recreation and Marine:</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.</li> <li>2. Explore legislation and seek grants that are intended to serve highly dense urban areas.</li> </ol> <p>C. <b>Homeless Assistance:</b> Aggressively seek grant funding to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to mental health.</p> <p>D. <b>Libraries:</b> Support legislation, which enhances funding for public library programs and facilities.</p> <p>E. <b>Affordable/Accessible Housing:</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.</li> </ol> <p>F. <b>Senior Services:</b> 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.</p> <p>G. <b>Arts:</b> Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming.</p> <p>H. <b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:</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>YOUTH &amp; EDUCATION</b></p>	<p>A. <b>Youth Services:</b> 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.</p> <p>B. <b>Gang Intervention:</b> Support legislation and seek grants that promote the efforts of the City's successful gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.</p> <p>C. <b>K-12 Education:</b> Support and collaborate with the Long Beach Unified School District to secure funding that assists in class size reduction, facility enhancement and construction (onsite and offsite), improved reading and mathematics, expansion of after school learning, enhanced teacher training, and broadening the use of technology in the classroom.</p> <p>D. <b>Child Care Development:</b> 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.</p> <p>E. <b>Aquarium of the Pacific:</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>

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<p><b>YOUTH &amp; EDUCATION (CON'T)</b></p>	<p><b>A. Good Health:</b> Support legislation and grants that enhance the health services provided to children and young adults including prenatal services, infant and early childhood health care, access to affordable medical, dental and mental health care, and preventive and interventive services for children and youth who may be at risk for drug and alcohol dependency, (including tobacco), asthma, obesity, and other conditions that threaten health.</p> <p><b>B. Safety and Survival:</b> Support legislation and grants that increase the level of safety and survival of youth and support programs which reduce child abuse, accidental injury, deaths, homicides of youth, gang involvement, misdemeanor and felony arrests, and incidents of violence among youth.</p> <p><b>C. Economic Well-Being:</b> Support legislation and grants that assure youth have access to resources such as food, shelter, employment opportunities, and transportation and that aim to reduce the poverty level of the City's youth.</p> <p><b>D. Social and Emotional Well-Being:</b> Support legislation and grants that enhance social and emotional well-being including literacy, 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. Education and Workforce Readiness:</b> Support legislation and grants that enhance the effective education of the City's youth from pre-school through postsecondary education, including educational enhancement institutions and organizations such as the Aquarium of the Pacific, and services aimed at increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults age 18-24.</p> <p><b>F. Meaningful Youth Engagement:</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>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE</b></p>	<p><b>A. Civil Service:</b> Assist in efforts to identify and secure grant-funding support for the Department of Civil Service.</p> <p><b>B. FICA/Social Security:</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>C. Telecommunications:</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. <del>Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communications services to their citizens.</del></li> <li>8. <del>Protect local authority to negotiate and grant franchises to video providers.</del></li> </ol>

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<p><b>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE (CON'T)</b></p>	<p><b>D. <u>Transportation:</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, and Long Beach Transit, for mass transit, transportation projects, and needed infrastructure.</li> <li>2. Encourage recognition of infrastructure demands placed on Long Beach due to the movement of goods through our City and region.</li> <li>3. Sponsor legislation, which 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.</li> <li>4. 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> </ol> <p><b>E. <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> </ol> <p><b>F. <u>Water Department:</u></b></p> <p><del>1. Support legislation and other initiatives that are feasible, equitable and employ accepted scientific industry standards, and oppose those which do not, to enhance the water quality and reliability of the City of Long Beach's Water Department.</del></p> <p><del>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.</del></p> <p><del>3.1. 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.</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <del>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.</del></li> </ol> <p><b>G. <u>Municipal Elections:</u></b> Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections.</p> <p><b>H. <u>Stormwater/Water Quality:</u></b> Support legislation and pursue funding for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 NPDES Permit compliance measures.</p> <p><b>I. <u>Aquarium of the Pacific:</u></b> <del>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.</del></p>