



**Date:** November 26, 2008

**To:** Federal Legislation Committee Members

**From:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *PW*

**Subject:** **Recommended Changes to the 2009 Federal Legislative Agenda**

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Each year, City staff reviews the Federal Legislative Agenda and recommends changes to the Federal Legislation Committee and the City Council to ensure that the agenda is up-to-date and addresses the legislative concerns of the City. The 2008 agenda was sent to all departments for their input, and was circulated among the Council offices. 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.

#### **REORGANIZATION WITHIN SUBSECTIONS**

This year, staff attempted to reorganize the order of the items in the Legislative agenda within the various subsections. Staff attempted to organize the document in a more cohesive manner based primarily on items that are expected to be more prevalent in Congress or expected to be major topics of discussion for the upcoming year. Staff also attempted to place major policy statements near the top of each section, followed by references to more specific or narrowly defined issues closer to the bottom. If an item was moved from one section to another it will show in red – otherwise only direct wording changes are shown in red on this document.

#### **BUSINESS GROWTH & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

*Item: I-710 Freeway/Gerald Desmond Bridge and Item B: Alameda Corridor*

These two items have been relocated to the new "Transportation" section of the Federal Legislative Agenda.

*Item A: Economic Development*

A fourth bullet regarding attracting and retaining local green collar jobs in specified industries was added, in support of the City's sustainability goals.

*Item B: Workforce Development*

Per the request of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) committee within the Department of Health and Human Services, a fourth bullet was added to support increased funding that focuses on developing and training the education workforce in order to improve education success among the City's children, youth, and young adults. The ECE also requested clarification as to the specific age ranges of the terms "children", "youth", and "young adults", which are used

throughout the document.

The fifth and sixth bullets added to this section focus on supporting efforts to train and retrain workers for well-paid local green collar jobs, as well as supporting 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. These bullets also support the City's sustainability goals.

Item E: Small Business

Additional language was added to this item to emphasize the City's goal of supporting the allocation of revenues to encourage "green" business opportunities.

Item F: Arts & Tourism

A second bullet point was added that would allow the City to support legislation and grants that provide funding for museums that are supported with municipal funds.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Item A: Public Safety & Crime Prevention

A tenth bullet was added to support legislation that would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from requiring matching funds for homeland security grants.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

Item A: Air Quality

The third bullet, which focused on supporting the ratification and implementation of Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), was removed since MARPOL was signed into law by the President in July 2008.

A new bullet was added to 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.

Item B: Water Quality

A second bullet was added to focus the City's efforts on pursuing funding to study and implement solutions to reduce trash debris and pollution associated with the Los Angeles River, per the City Council's direction in April 2008. Item 3 was moved from the Additional Items of Federal Importance section to the Environmental section and combined with the current Water Quality section. Bullet 4 was added to specifically pursue funding for Low Impact Development (LID) strategies and integrated watershed management approaches. LID refers

to development that manages stormwater and runoff as close to the source as possible. Examples of LID strategies include limiting impervious surfaces and installing rain cisterns, bioswales, and green roofs.

*Item E: Water Conservation*

This item was revised to emphasize the City's commitment to seeking funding for water conservation efforts on city property and throughout the entire City, as well as to support coordinated regional water conservation efforts and public education.

*Item G: Alternative Energy*

The term "renewable" was added to this section to emphasize the City's support of alternative energy proposals that include renewable energy applications.

*Item I: Global Warming*

Two bullets were added to this item, both of which focus on local government efforts to address climate change. The first bullet supports legislation that provides funding, recognition, and support of local government action to address climate change, while the second focuses on supporting legislation that provides funding for local government climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

*Item L: Dredging*

This item was revised to emphasize the City's goal of supporting legislative efforts that would provide increased funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation and dredging projects.

*Item N: SERRF*

A minor technical change was made to this item to clarify what the acronym "SERRF" stands for (the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility).

## **NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

*New Item: Mortgage Reform/Assistance*

Given the negative impacts of the current home foreclosure crisis on local communities across the nation, this item was added to focus the City's efforts on two key goals: 1) supporting legislation and grants that provide assistance to homeowners in their efforts to rework their mortgages, thereby allowing them to remain in their homes; and 2) supporting legislation and grants to cities to provide funding to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.

*New Item: Drug and Alcohol Recovery Facilities*

As the City continues to combat the effects of the clustering of "sober living homes" in local neighborhoods, this item, which contains the same language used in the Adopted 2008 State Legislative Agenda, was added to allow the City

to utilize a two-pronged approach by addressing this important issue simultaneously at both the Federal and State levels, as appropriate.

## **CHILDREN/YOUTH & EDUCATION**

In response to feedback received from the ECE committee, the title of this section was changed from "Youth & Education" to "Children/Youth & Education" to clarify this section's focus on all age groups ranging from 0-24.

### *Item A: Good Health, Item B: Safety and Survival, and Item C Economic Well Being*

These items have been revised to clarify and include specific age ranges of the terms "children", "youth", and "young adults". As stated earlier in this memo, these changes have been provided throughout this document.

### *Item D: Social and Emotional Well-Being*

A minor clarifying change was made to this item to highlight the City's goal of supporting legislation and grants that include enhancing the provision of quality childcare programs.

### *Item E: Education and Workforce Readiness*

The first bullet was revised to specify the age range of the City's children and youth that will be the beneficiaries of the City's efforts to enhance the education and readiness programs aimed at ultimately increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults.

In coordination with the City's sustainability goals, a second bullet was added to 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.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

In an effort to highlight the importance of all aspects of transportation and to provide better clarification of the City's federal transportation goals, Item D (Transportation) has been relocated from its previous location within the "Additional Issues of Federal Legislative Importance" section and given its own section within this legislative agenda.

### *New Item: Transportation Funding*

While this is a new item, bullets one through four remain the same as those adopted in the 2008 Federal Legislative Agenda. The fifth and sixth bullets pertaining to the I-710 Freeway/Gerald Desmond Bridge and the Alameda Corridor respectively were relocated from the "Business Growth and Workforce Development" section, and remain the same as those adopted in the 2008 Federal Legislative Agenda.

A seventh bullet was added to support legislation that secures funding to improve local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility networks, and complete bicycle and mobility projects, safety, and infrastructure improvements.

*New Item: Goods Movement*

While this is a new item, the first bullet regarding encouraging the recognition of infrastructure and environmental demands placed on Long Beach due to goods movement contains the same language adopted in the 2008 Federal Legislative Agenda.

A second bullet was added to support legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on local air quality and the environment.

*New Item: Long Combination Vehicles*

Per the City Council's direction on November 18, 2008, this item was added to 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 prevent fatal accidents.

**ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE**

*New Item: Repayment of Municipal Investment Funds*

Given the City's recent investment loss of \$20 million, this item will allow the City to aggressively pursue the repayment of investment funds owed to municipalities, such as Long Beach, that were lost by financial institutions that are now undergoing bankruptcy proceedings and/or have received federal funding via the Troubled Assets Relief Program.

*Item C: Stormwater/Water Quality*

This item was relocated to the Environmental section and combined with Item B: Water Quality.

*Item C: Telecommunications*

The eighth bullet regarding protecting local authority to negotiate and grant franchises to video providers was removed given the State's adoption of the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006 (DIVCA), which gives the State overall authority, and local entities specified authority, over the administration and implementation of video provider franchises.

*New Item: Flood Insurance*

In response to recent discussions in Congress related to requiring residents in levee-protected areas to purchase annual flood insurance without first conducting

a detailed study of the actual flood risks to those specified areas, this item was added to direct the City to oppose any such legislation.

Deleted Item: Transportation

Per the previous section of this memo, this item was relocated to its own section within the legislative agenda and further expanded upon.

**NEXT STEPS**

A Federal Legislation Committee meeting has been called for December 9, 2008 to review and discuss these recommended changes. City Council discussion and approval of the Committee's recommendations is expected to take place on December 16.

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

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# Proposed 2009 Federal Legislative Agenda

NOVEMBER 25, 2008

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| <p><b>BUSINESS GROWTH &amp; WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b></p> | <p><b><u>A. I-710 Freeway/Gerald Desmond Bridge:</u></b> Advocate for funding in the next Transportation Highway bill or other federal funding sources for construction of improvements as determined by the I-710 Major Corridor Study.</p> <p><b><u>B. Alameda Corridor:</u></b> Support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for the Alameda Corridor, including improvement of federal job training and business development efforts.</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. <u>Support efforts to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.</u></li> <li>4. Support efforts to obtain additional EDA and EPA funding for projects, such as the Long Beach Sports Park and the Aquarium of the Pacific.</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 efforts to increase and stabilize investment in the local workforce investment system, including infrastructure, worker skills development, and youth development, with special focus on the needs of out-of-school, disconnected, emancipated and justice system-involved residents and young adults.</li> <li>3. Support efforts to ensure strong responses to skilled worker shortages of high-wage and critical industries, including regional workforce planning and regional industry-based partnerships.</li> <li>4. <u>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).</u></li> <li>5. <u>Support efforts focused on training and retraining workers for well-paid, local green collar jobs.</u></li> <li>6. <u>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.</u></li> </ol> <p><b>C. <u>The Boeing Company:</u></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> </ol> |

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| <p><b>BUSINESS GROWTH &amp; WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (CON'T)</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Support legislation that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration.</li> <li>3. Support The Boeing Company in obtaining ongoing production commitments for the C-17 airlifter in Long Beach.</li> </ul> <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 business incentive programs that will encourage innovation <u>and green business opportunities, as well as</u> create new, real jobs and train workers.</p> <p><b>F. <u>Arts &amp; Tourism:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support an increase in investment in programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.</li> <li>2. <u>Support legislation and grants that provide funding for museums that are supported with municipal funds.</u></li> </ul> <p><b>G. <u>Queensway Bay:</u></b> Support ongoing Army Corps of Engineers operation and maintenance for the Queensway Bay.</p>   |
| <p><b>COMMUNITY SAFETY</b></p>                                    | <p><b>A. <u>Public Safety &amp; Crime Prevention:</u></b></p> <ul 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> <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 the upgrade, repair, replacement or new construction of 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> <li>8. Support efforts that ensure that civil liberties are protected, including under such legislation as the USA PATRIOT Act.</li> <li>9. Support legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinklers in existing structures.</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>COMMUNITY SAFETY (CON'T)</b></p> | <p>10. <a href="#"><u>Support legislation that would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from requiring matching funds for homeland security grants.</u></a></p> <p><b>B. Public Health:</b> 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><b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b></p>            | <p><b>A. Air Quality:</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> </ol> <p><del>3. Support the ratification and implementation 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></p> <p><del>4.3. Support the passage of the Marine Vessels Emissions Reduction Act, which would require significant reductions in emissions of air pollutants from marine vessels that contribute to dangerous smog and soot pollution.</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. <a href="#"><u>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).</u></a></li> </ol> <p><b>B. Water Quality:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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>2. <a href="#"><u>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 a project in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).</u></a></li> <li>3. <a href="#"><u>Support legislation and pursue funding for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 NPDES Permit compliance measures.</u></a></li> <li>4. <a href="#"><u>Specifically pursue funding for Low Impact Development (LID) strategies and integrated watershed management approaches.</u></a></li> </ol> <p><b>C. Watershed Management:</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 and our coastline impaired water bodies within the City.</li> </ol> |

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| ENVIRONMENTAL (CON'T) | <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> </ol> <p><b>E. <u>Water Conservation:</u></b> Seek funding for water conservation efforts on city property <u>and throughout the City of Long Beach, and support coordinated regional water conservation efforts and public education.</u></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> Support alternative energy proposals that further the utilization of environmentally friendly, <u>renewable</u> energy applications at both the customer and utility level.</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. <u>Support legislation that provides funding, recognition and support of local government action to address climate change.</u></li> <li>3. <u>Support legislation that provides funding for local government climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.</u></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>Breakwater Reconnaissance Study:</u></b> Pursue actions to allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to accept, review or conduct a Reconnaissance study of the Long Beach Breakwater.</p> <p><b>L. <u>Dredging:</u></b> Support legislative efforts <u>that would provide increased funding and funding for the Army Corps of Engineers' navigation and dredging projects to conduct dredging at the mouth of the Los Angeles River.</u></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 <u>the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF).</u></p> |

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| <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 the 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> Support legislation, which enhances funding for public library programs and facilities.</p> <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>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> <p><b>E. <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.</li> </ol> <p><b>F. <u>Homeless Assistance:</u></b> Aggressively seek grant funding to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to mental health.</p> <p><b>G. <u>Mortgage Reform/Assistance:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Support legislation and grants that provide assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages to allow them to remain in their homes.</u></li> <li>2. <u>Support legislation and grants to cities to provide funding to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.</u></li> </ol> <p><b>H. <u>Drug and Alcohol Recovery Facilities:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Support legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities.</u></li> <li>2. <u>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.</u></li> </ol> <p><b>I. <u>Veterans Services:</u></b> Support legislation to increase funding for services to assist veterans.</p> |

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| <p><b>NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT (CON'T)</b></p>      | <p>J. <b>Arts:</b> Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming.</p> <p>K. <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><u>CHILDREN/YOUTH &amp; EDUCATION</u></b></p> | <p>A. <b>Good Health:</b> Support legislation and grants that enhance the health services provided to children, youth and young adults (ages 0-24) including pre-natal 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.</p> <p>B. <b>Safety and Survival:</b> Support legislation and grants that increase the level of safety and survival of children and youth (ages 0-18), 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>C. <b>Economic Well-Being:</b> Support legislation and grants that assure children and youth (ages 0-18) 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>D. <b>Social and Emotional Well-Being:</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. Education and Workforce Readiness:</b></p> <p>1. Support legislation and grants that enhance the effective education of the City's children and youth (ages 0-18) from pre-school through post secondary education, including school readiness, educational enhancement institutions and organizations 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>F. <b>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> |

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| <p><b><u>TRANSPORTATION</u></b></p>                               | <p><b><u>A. Transportation Funding:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>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.</u></li> <li>2. <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></li> <li>3. <u>Pursue federal funding for soundwalls along goods movement corridors.</u></li> <li>4. <u>Support federal authorizing legislation to increase airport passenger facility charges, which help fund necessary airfield and terminal improvements.</u></li> <li>5. <u>Advocate for funding in the next Transportation Highway bill or other federal funding sources for construction of improvements to the I-710 Freeway/Gerald Desmond Bridge as determined by the I-710 Major Corridor Study.</u></li> <li>6. <u>Support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for the Alameda Corridor, including improvement of federal job training and business development efforts.</u></li> <li>7. <u>Support legislation that secures funding to improve local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility networks, and complete bicycle and mobility projects, safety, and infrastructure improvements.</u></li> </ol> <p><b><u>B. Goods Movement:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Encourage recognition of infrastructure and environmental demands placed on Long Beach due to the movement of goods through our City and region.</u></li> <li>2. <u>Support legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on local air quality and the environment.</u></li> </ol> <p><b><u>C. Long Combination Vehicles:</u></b> <u>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 prevent fatal accidents.</u></p> |
| <p><b>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE</b></p> | <p><b><u>A. 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><u>B. Repayment of Municipal Investment Funds:</u></b> <u>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.</u></p>   |

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| <p><b>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE (CON'T)</b></p> | <p><b><u>C. Stormwater/Water Quality:</u></b></p> <p><del>1. Support legislation and pursue funding for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 NPDES Permit compliance measures.</del></p> <p><del>Specifically pursue funding for Low Impact Development (LID) strategies and integrated watershed management approaches.</del></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> </ol> <p><del>8. Protect local authority to negotiate and grant franchises to video providers.</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <p><b><u>D. Flood Insurance:</u> Oppose legislation that would require residents in levee-protected areas to purchase annual flood insurance without first conducting a detailed study of the actual flood risks to those specified areas.</b></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> |

Proposals and policies consistent with this agenda will be supported by the City. Those policies or proposals inconsistent with this agenda may be subject to opposition by the City.

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| <p><b>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE (CON'T)</b></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><del><b>D. <u>Transportation:</u></b></del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>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.</del></li> <li><del>2. Encourage recognition of infrastructure and environmental demands placed on Long Beach due to the movement of goods through our City and region.</del></li> <li><del>3. 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.</del></li> <li><del>4. Pursue federal funding for soundwalls along goods movement corridors. Support federal authorizing legislation to increase airport passenger facility charges, which help fund necessary airfield and terminal improvements.</del></li> </ol> |