



Date: January 27, 2015
To: State Legislative Committee
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Subject: **Recommended Changes for the 2015 State Legislative Agenda**

Each year, City staff reviews the State Legislative Agenda and recommends changes to the State Legislative Committee to ensure the agenda is up-to-date and addresses the legislative concerns of the City. The 2014 agenda was sent to all City departments for input and includes changes the City Council approved throughout the year.

Unique to the proposed changes for the 2015 State Legislative Agenda is a new format for discussing the City's legislative agenda. A number of items have been reorganized and consolidated. 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. Any major consolidations or changes to the language in the agenda are describe below.

BUSINESS GROWTH AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Item A: Workforce Development: Workforce Development positions 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 of all efforts to maximize State allocated Workforce Investment grants for the benefit of Long Beach.

Item 2 and 4 are consolidated to support efforts to increase outcomes and relevancy of One-Stop Career Centers through resource integration with State "merit staff" systems and alignment of performance measures and goals that increase the skills base of the workforce, consistent with the Workforce Investment Board's adopted *Demand Sectors* and its *Self Sufficiency Standard*.

Items 3 and 6 are combined to support the EDGE Campaign, regional approaches to workforce solutions, including planning, project delivery, operational efficiencies, and industry convening/research in order to facilitate improved employability of workers in higher-paying jobs, educational success, graduation rates, and access to post-secondary education for youth and young adults.

Item 5 is deleted, as it is reflected in other position statements throughout the proposed 2015 Legislative agenda.

Item E: Aerospace/The Boeing Company: Aerospace continues to be an important part of the regional economy. This section will be reflected in the "Economic Development" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendment:

Item 3 is proposed to be removed from the agenda, as support to create a more competitive business environment for aerospace in the Long Beach region is already reflected in other statements throughout the proposed 2015 State Legislative Agenda.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Item A: Public Health: The majority of 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 and 4 are consolidated to reflect support for protecting local health jurisdiction funding for core public health services, including the State Public Health Realignment Program, as well as grants that provide additional funding for public health programs, including mental health, substance abuse programs, services, infrastructure and capacity, debt service relief, seismic upgrades, and bio-terrorism response enhancements.

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

For Item 2, the Long Beach Health Department proposes to extend existing support for implementation of a pilot needle exchange program to those at risk for HIV and STI's.

Item 7 relates to medical marijuana and will be moved to the Public Safety section of the proposed State Legislative Agenda.

The Health Department proposes to add Item 9 to the State Legislative Agenda in support of increasing access to quality care, particularly for those individuals and families who rely on safety net programs.

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

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 8 is removed, as its message is reflected in Item 1.

The Health Department proposes to add language to support legislation requiring increased notification, prevention and response for crude oil shipped to California via rail. This item will be categorized in the "Sustainable and Livable Cities" section of the proposed legislative agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Item A: Climate Change: This section will be reflected in the "Sustainable and Livable Cities" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendments:

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be consolidated to support legislation that provides funding for local government actions that address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, consistent with the goals and policies of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as they relate to AB 32 and SB 375 (Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, respectively), while protecting recognition of early local government actions that were taken to address climate change.

Item B: Air Quality: This section will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendments:

Item 1 and Item 3 are consolidated to ensure that the City works closely with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to improve the quality of air in Long Beach by reducing particulate matter, and mitigating the impacts from stationary and non-stationary sources of air pollution in the greater Los Angeles air basin.

Item C: Water Quality: The majority of section will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendments:

Item 1 and 7 are consolidated to support initiatives that would provide local governments with resources to implement stormwater best management practices, including low impact development to capture stormwater at its source and improve recreational water quality at the City’s beaches and local waterways.

Item F: SERRF: This section will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendments:

Item 1 is amended to reflect the most recent discussions with the Governor’s Office and CalRecycle regarding the Southeast Resource and Recovery Facility (SERRF). Staff proposes to amend this item to support legislation that will protect the City’s ability to efficiently operate SERRF, including efforts to develop an incentive program or foster innovative partnerships that will promote sustainability, recycling and beneficial reuse of municipal solid waste.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Item G: Mortgage Reform/Assistance: This section will be reflected in the “Sustainable and Livable Cities” section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendments:

Items 1, 2 and 3 are consolidated to support legislation and grants that will help stabilize California’s housing market for the homeowner by providing assistance to homeowners for reworking their mortgages, funding to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities, and reforms that include establishing basic standards for fairness and transparency in the mortgage process, foreclosure process and tenant protections.

Item K: Vehicles: This section will be reflected in the “Local Control” section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendment:

Item 1 is removed from the agenda, as legislation that allows vehicles to park on either side of the road on two-way, dead-end streets that have been identified by the local jurisdiction as being parking impacted was enacted in 2010, and the City no longer needs the authority to pursue this type of legislative allowance.

TRANSPORTATION

Item B: Improve Freight Movement: This section will be reflected in the "Economic Development" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendments:

The Harbor Department proposes to amend Item 1 to reflect progress that has been made by the Alameda Transportation Corridor Agency on the Alameda Corridor. The Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority project connects the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to transcontinental rail networks, creating a faster, more efficient method for distributing an estimated \$314 billion worth of trade by 2020. This item will now read, "In addition to local I-710 Early Action Projects, support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for Alameda Corridor East projects."

Item 2 is amended to reflect the status of Proposition 1B funds. The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 was approved by voters on November 7, 2006. Nearly all Proposition 1B funds have been spent, and therefore staff is proposing to remove language about Prop 1B from the State Legislative Agenda.

Item D: Alternative Transportation & Mobility: This section will be reflected in the "Sustainable and Livable Cities" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendments:

Items 3 and 4 are combined to support efforts that promote and provide funding for housing, alternative transportation and mobility projects that are oriented around transit development.

Item E: Transportation Funding: This section will be reflected in the "Local Control" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendments:

Items 1 and 7 are consolidated to support legislation and initiatives that promote an equitable distribution of regional transportation dollars to cities, as well as legislation that increases funding for transportation programs and projects in Long Beach.

Item 5 is removed, as support for improving air quality along the I-710 freeway is already included in the agenda elsewhere.

HOUSING

Item A: Housing: This section will be reflected in the "Local Control" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendments:

Items 1 and 4 are consolidated to support efforts to maximize funding and funding flexibility for the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within Long Beach.

Item 6 and 8 are removed from the legislative agenda, as the dissolution of redevelopment agencies and the passage of SB 341 (2013) make this item irrelevant.

Development Services proposes to add Item 11. This item is needed, since the passage of SB 341 essentially eliminated the opportunity to provide low and moderate income housing. There is a large population of Long Beach residents that could be well served by low and moderate income housing in Long Beach to help our community and economy.

REDEVELOPMENT

Item A: Redevelopment: This section will be reflected in the "Local Control" section of the 2015 agenda.

Development Services proposes to add Item 7 to support efforts that would allow the City to capture the full value of the city/redevelopment agency loan repayment. The City's position is that loans from the City to the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency, prior to its dissolution, should be calculated and repaid at the historical LAIF rate, throughout the duration of the loan.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF STATE LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE

Item F: Telecommunications: This section will be reflected in the "Local Control" section of the 2015 agenda.

The City Attorney's Office proposes to add Item 6 to support legislative efforts to ensure that the City has local nuisance abatement control over the visual blight that is created by excessive deployment of cable and telecommunication wires and related facilities.

Item Q: Marriage Licenses. Staff is proposing to remove Item Q, as AB 1525 (Lowenthal) was enacted in 2014 to allow City Clerks to solemnize marriages; therefore this item is no longer needed.

Item R: Design-Build. This item will be reflected in the "Economic Development" section of the 2015 agenda with the proposed amendment:

Based on City Council action on December 9, 2014, this item is being amended to reflect the City's intention to sponsor clarifying State legislation that specifically authorizes the use of a design, bid, build, finance operate and maintain structure to finance the Long Beach Civic Center project.

Item S: Campaign Finance Disclosure Reporting. Staff is proposing to remove Item S, as it conveys support for legislation that has since been enacted to provide the City Clerk in the City of Long Beach with pilot authority to accept electronic filings of municipal election campaign finance reports with the filer's electronic signature. Since the enactment of this legislation, additional legislation has been enacted to make this authority permanent for all City Clerks in California.

Item U: Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA). This item will be reflected in the "Sustainable and Livable Cities" section of the 2015 State Legislative agenda.

On February 4, 2014, the Long Beach City Council voted to add an item to the State Legislative Agenda to oppose legislation or ballot measures that would weaken the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act.

Next Steps

A State Legislation Committee meeting has been called for January 27, 2015 to review and discuss the recommended changes. City Council discussion and approval of the Committee's recommendations is expected to take place after the Committee takes action.

If you have questions or comments about the legislative ideas, or for more information, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs at 8-6506.

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CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

2015 STATE 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 2nd 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 7th largest city California, and the 2nd 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. Promote diversity and inclusiveness*
- 5. Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs*

2015 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Sponsor or support legislation to maximize the economic potential of the new Long Beach Civic Center.
- ❖ Obtain the State Department of Finance's (DOF) approval on the City's Long Range Property Management Plan, as it was submitted in October 2013.
- ❖ Provide the Long Beach business community with greater access to information about tax credit programs that are available through the Governor's Economic Development Initiative.

LONG BEACH: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

City Council Directives

1. Support efforts to maximize State allocated Workforce Investment Board grants in the City of Long Beach.
2. Support efforts to increase outcomes and relevancy of One-Stop Career Centers through resource integration with State “merit staff” systems and alignment of performance measures that increase the skills base of the workforce, consistent with adopted *Demand Sectors* and *Self Sufficiency Standard*.
3. Oppose efforts to restrict federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) dollars through state mandated thresholds.
4. Support state incentives that increase the marketability of unemployed or under-employed workers.
5. Support strategies and business incubator approaches that support and grow small business activity, including targeted growth among “homegrown” businesses in Long Beach.
6. 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.
7. Support legislation that promotes the development of space oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration.
8. Support efforts to develop and promote policies that help Long Beach foster greater economic opportunity.
9. Support efforts to retain, expand, and attract manufacturing, technology and other high value businesses.
10. Support legislation to require the State’s Employment Development Department to provide the same economic data they provide for counties to the ten largest cities in the state.
11. Support efforts to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.
12. Assist small and large Long Beach businesses in connecting with the Long Beach delegation on issues that would have a substantial positive or negative affect on the City of Long Beach.
13. Support legislation that streamlines State permitting and business licensing processes.
14. Ensure that State hiring and manufacturing tax credits remain valid until the program sunsets in the year 2021, and support efforts to extend the tax credits beyond 2021.
15. Support legislation that would help California retain film industry jobs and associated economic benefits, including legislation to prevent runaway production.
16. Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for the Aerospace industry.
17. Support efforts to optimally position Long Beach to benefit from the manufacture of Boeing’s 777x Jetliner.
18. Support efforts to obtain ongoing maintenance and 737-MAX upgrades at the Long Beach facility.
19. Support efforts to obtain funds for job training, and other transition activities that are needed to be flexible to changes in the aerospace and aviation industry.
20. Support legislation and grants, which fund the dredging of ocean channels to enhance navigation and recreation, and which allow cost-effective and safe methods of disposal of dredge materials.
21. Advocate for the protection of the proper use of funds from DBAW for recreational uses, and oppose the use of these funds for unrelated purposes.
22. Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming and facilities.
23. Support efforts to explore, fund, and construct zero emissions goods movement projects in Long Beach.
24. Support efforts to increase funding for system preservation and relax funding requirements that prohibit the use of existing transportation funding for rehabilitation, resurfacing and reconstruction of local streets.
25. Support efforts to secure the maximum amount of state funding for the construction and maintenance of local roads, infrastructure, transportation projects and major corridors.
26. Support legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on transportation infrastructure.
27. Support legislation requiring the State Legislature to implement a performance-based budget model for use in developing, implementing, and evaluating the budget for the State of California.
28. Support or sponsor legislation that allows the City of Long Beach to pursue public-private partnerships, and specifically include in State statute authorization for the City to use a design build finance, operate and maintain structure for the Long Beach Civic Center project.
29. Support legislation that would ensure new safety regulations be made available for review and comment by employers prior to implementation.

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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 legislation that provides funding to cities for realignment related public safety operations.
- ❖ Support regional initiatives that encourage mental health treatment programs, instead of incarceration only solutions.
- ❖ Monitor medical marijuana legislation and support legislation that clarifies medical marijuana laws in order to enable clear local enforcement of State law, while protecting the City's authority to establish municipal codes to regulate medical marijuana activities.
- ❖ Monitor legislation pertaining to body cameras and report back to the State Legislative Committee and City Council as appropriate.

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 to enhance the ability to local public safety units to respond to, prevent, and prepare for terrorist threats.
2. Support legislation and pursue grants to fund new public safety equipment and technology, as well as legislation that would fund the maintenance of existing equipment and facilities, improve existing apparatuses and replace obsolete apparatuses.
3. Support legislation that reduces the percentage required for passage of public safety bonds to the same percentage as school bonds (55%).
4. Support legislation that provides immunity to public safety personnel who have been trained and assigned to take emergency calls from the public.
5. Support legislation that seeks to reimburse the City for overtime costs paid to public safety personnel who are required to appear in State and/or County courts.
6. Support legislation to make state law enforcement grant funding less restrictive and allow greater discretionary use of funds for support staff within the jail, communications and records divisions.
7. Support legislation to strengthen penalties for those using motor vehicles to evade peace officers.
8. Support legislation and grants that enhance or promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion and intervention programs.
9. Support legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of re-entry points for sex offenders and parolees.
10. Support legislation that will strengthen penalties for traffic violations in school zones in an attempt to reduce speed of drivers and protect youth.
11. Support legislation that will protect witnesses from intimidation during and after criminal proceedings.
12. Support legislative efforts to ban the sale and use of fireworks in the State of California, with the exception of professional demonstrators.
13. Support State legislation that further clarifies medical marijuana laws in order to enable clear local enforcement of State law.
14. Support legislation to classify medical marijuana as a recognized pharmaceutical medication dispensed through pharmacies.
15. Support legislation that authorizes and funds regional interoperable public safety radio communications.
16. Support or sponsor legislation to regulate second hand precious metal transfers and/or transactions.
17. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.
18. 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.
19. Support gun control legislation, including those that would strengthen gun control laws and stem the flow of guns to the drug trade, criminal gangs and potential terrorists by reducing the number of assault weapons in California, banning large capacity magazines, promoting gun safety, enabling ammunition tracking and ensuring that prohibited possessors cannot own guns.
20. Support legislation that provides funding for cities to proactively address State realignment (AB 109) changes through strategies such as compliance checks, partnerships with the probation department, and enhanced resources for local public safety officials.
21. Support legislation that creates a mandatory minimum prison sentence for residential burglary.
22. Support legislation that increases incarceration time for habitual, repeat offenders of property crimes such as automobile theft, automobile burglary and theft from an automobile.
23. Support legislation prohibiting the over-concentration of sex offenders and parolees, and their location within close proximity to daycare centers and neighborhoods in residential areas.
24. 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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LONG BEACH: EDUCATION



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OBJECTIVES:

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

2015 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

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

LONG BEACH: EDUCATION

City Council Directives

1. Support legislation and initiatives that provide funding for universal preschool.
2. Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.
3. Support and expand the Long Beach Promise.
4. Support the EDGE Campaign, regional approaches to workforce solutions, including planning, project delivery, operational efficiencies, and industry convening/research in order to facilitate improved employability of workers in higher-paying jobs, educational success, graduation rates, and access to post-secondary education for youth and young adults.
5. 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.
6. Support legislation and grant programs that provide funding for library construction, renovation and development.
7. Support full funding of the Public Library Fund.
8. Support efforts to improve public education to promote an increase in transit ridership.
9. Support efforts to create strong pathways to post-secondary education and careers for young adults and emancipated youth, including opportunities for work experience and other readiness activities.
10. Support efforts to prioritize career technical education, alongside college preparatory programming.
11. Support efforts to bolster strategies to actively engage youth who are out-of-school, disconnected, emancipated, gang-affiliated, and have had significant involvement with the justice system.
12. Support efforts to increase school readiness opportunities for children and their families including access to affordable, high quality early childhood education services.
13. Support efforts to increase parent education and engagement opportunities to improve school readiness and educational success for all children and youth, thereby leading to higher graduation outcomes.
14. 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 a related field.
15. Support legislation that promotes State investment in youth and young adult employment and training activities that align with career pathways, technical education, and overall workforce readiness.
16. Support legislation to provide qualifying undocumented students with financial aid for education.
17. Support legislation that will provide qualifying middle class students enrolled in a University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) or Community College with a tuition and fee scholarship award.
18. 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.
19. Support legislation that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries.
20. Support the rights of the community to elect their school board members and preserve the authority of local school districts.
21. 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 the Los Angeles Basin watershed management.
22. Support legislation that facilitates foster youth transition from the foster system into independent adulthood.

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LONG BEACH: SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES



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OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Support efforts to improve air quality*
- 2. Support efforts to improve recreational water quality*
- 3. Support active transportation*
- 4. Support transit oriented development*
- 5. Support affordable housing policies that encourage a path to self-reliance*

2015 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Coordinate with the California Environmental Protection Agency, California Air Resources Board, Strategic Growth Council, and the Southern California Association of Governments to ensure at least a fair rate of return of cap and trade grants to Long Beach.
- ❖ Support legislation, programs and initiatives that are consistent with the City's Mobility Element.
- ❖ Support policy changes that encourage diversity in waste treatment options, and recognize waste-to-energy technologies as a sustainable means of waste disposal and energy production.
- ❖ Support transportation efforts that provide funding to cities for sustainable mobility programs, integrated connectivity projects, and zero to near-zero emission vehicle development.
- ❖ Maximize partnerships with Long Beach Transit.

LONG BEACH: SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES

City Council Directives

1. Support legislation to protect local health jurisdiction funding for core public health services, including the State Public Health Realignment Program, as well as grants that provide additional funding for public health programs, including mental health, substance abuse programs, services, infrastructure and capacity, debt service relief, seismic upgrades, and bio-terrorism response enhancements.
2. Support the implementation of a pilot needle exchange program for the prevention of the spread of HIV disease and, advocate for additional state funding for HIV testing and linkages to care to ensure swift treatment to individuals impacted by HIV and at risk for HIV and STI's.
3. Support legislation for grants and sustainable funding mechanisms that provide support for programs for the reduction of youth obesity and the promotion of physical activity, including programs that promote policies for healthy food access and options, healthy food labeling, access to healthy locally grown food, low cost exercise options, and promotion of walkability and physical activity policies, as well as active modes of transportation.
4. Support legislation that provides a sufficient process for businesses and other governmental entities to implement ADA requirements, while protecting the rights of the disabled community.
5. Support legislation that preserves funding for non-profit organizations that provide child and family mental health services for the Long Beach community.
6. Support legislation that restricts where people can use e-cigarettes and prohibits marketing of e-cigarettes to minors.
7. Support legislation that further increases access to quality care, particularly for those individuals and families who rely on safety net programs.
8. 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 or abandoned animals.
9. Support legislation that would require all dogs and cats to be microchipped upon release from an animal care center, shelter, or similar facility.
10. Support legislation that provides funding for local government actions that address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, consistent with the goals and policies of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as they relate to AB 32 and SB 375 (Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, respectively), while protecting recognition of early local government actions that were taken to address climate change.
11. Support legislation that seeks to improve the air quality and health issues associated with construction improvements and operations of the I-710 Freeway and Port of Long Beach.
12. Pursue funding to improve, beautify, maintain, and increase the safety of the I-710 Freeway, which serves as a vital thoroughfare for residents, businesses and commerce, including funding for I-710 Early Action Projects, beginning with the realignment of the Shoemaker Bridge and ramps.
13. In addition to local I-710 Early Action Projects, support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for Alameda Corridor East projects.
14. Support legislation that will ban Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs) that consist of longer double tractor and tripe tractor-trailers from traveling on state highways and freeways to improve traffic congestion and prevent fatal accidents.
15. Work closely with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to mitigate the impacts from stationary and non-stationary sources of air pollution in the Long Beach and greater Los Angeles air basin.
16. Support the adoption of comprehensive and aggressive state air quality standards for mobile sources, including passenger vehicles, heavy-duty trucks, locomotives, and ships.
17. Support the implementation of a port container fee, which would provide a funding source for goods movement infrastructure and air quality improvements.

18. 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.
19. Support funding and initiatives that would provide local governments with resources to implement stormwater best management practices, including low impact development to capture stormwater at its source and improve recreational water quality at the City's beaches and local waterways.
20. Support legislation that excludes stormwater and urban runoff management fees and charges from the current constitutional approval requirements for the establishment or increase of a property-related fee or charge.
21. Support legislation that will fund regional cooperative conservation partnership accounts, natural resource protection and restoration programs, regional watershed protection and recovery programs, and watershed improvement programs.
22. Support legislation that will fund or enhance funding to local health department recreational water testing programs.
23. Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches and bluffs from erosion.
24. Support legislation that protects the City's ability to efficiently operate the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF), including efforts to develop an incentive program or foster innovative partnerships that will promote sustainability, recycling and beneficial reuse of municipal solid waste.
25. Support legislation and grants designed to evaluate and promote the development of next generation conversion technologies that minimize landfill disposal, create green collar jobs, and utilize waste material in an environmentally beneficial manner.
26. Support efforts to require cap and trade regulations to give credit for greenhouse gas emission reductions that are attributable to waste to energy facilities.
27. Support the development of incentives for cities with alternative fuel programs to encourage the use of clean burning alternative fuels or electronic charging stations for vehicles.
28. Support alternative energy proposals that promote the use of solar/alternative energy at City facilities, and for utility customers and providers.
29. Support legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City of Long Beach and the surrounding region.
30. Seek funding for water conservation efforts on city property, including funds to replace/repair irrigation infrastructure with water efficient systems throughout the City of Long Beach.
31. Support regional efforts at water conservation.
32. Support legislation that promotes an environmentally responsible approach to consumer goods, including requiring product take-back and recycling, reduction of packaging waste, phase out of toxic products, reduce single-use disposable goods, and ban single-use carryout bags and/or Styrofoam.
33. Support legislation to reduce homelessness, including housing assistance and case management service funding, including those related to mental health, and support efforts to ensure each city within the region is providing appropriate homeless accommodations.
34. Support legislation and grants to fund parks, recreation and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents.
35. Support or sponsor legislation to amend State Park grant requirements to allow cities to utilize a federally approved overhead allocation system to account for the costs associated with the administration of these grants.
36. Support legislation, which provides funding for enhanced services such as facilities, senior housing, housing for the disabled, social services, mental health services, health care, supportive care, recreational programs and transportation to address the diverse needs of Long Beach's senior community.
37. Support legislation and grants that will help stabilize California's housing market for the consumer, by providing assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages, funding to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities, and reforms that include establishing basic standards for fairness and transparency in the mortgage process, foreclosure proceedings, and tenant protections after foreclosures.

38. Support coupling planning efforts with greenhouse gas emission reduction, green building, and transit-oriented development strategies.
39. 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).
40. Support efforts that promote and provide funding for housing, alternative transportation and mobility projects oriented around transit developments.
41. Support legislation and grants that enhance public health services, 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 tobacco, drug and alcohol dependency, asthma, obesity, and other conditions that threaten health.
42. Support legislation and grants that increase the level of 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.
43. Support legislation and grants that assure children and 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 children and youth, including emancipated youth.
44. 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.
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, 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.
47. Oppose legislation that would weaken the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA).
48. Support legislation requiring increased notification, prevention and response for crude oil shipped to California via rail.
49. Support legislation to require that petroleum coke products are covered during transport, including on rail.

2015 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

LONG BEACH: LOCAL CONTROL



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

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Oppose legislation that preempts the City's existing control over local matters*
- 2. Support increased flexible State funding for local initiatives*
- 3. Oppose unfunded State mandates*
- 4. Oppose legislation that reduces the City's revenues*

2015 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Support or sponsor legislation to extend the authority of the Long Beach Oversight Board of the City of Long Beach as the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach past July 1, 2016 through to time period necessary to retire or pay off all debts of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of long Beach, recover all loans due to the City, and dispose of remaining assets.
- ❖ 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.

LONG BEACH: LOCAL CONTROL

City Council Directives

1. Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs.
2. Oppose legislation that preempts the current authority possessed by the City and delegates that authority to the State or other governmental jurisdiction.
3. Support legislation that to require that new safety regulations are made available for review and comment by employers prior to implementation.
4. Support efforts to reform workers' compensation statutes to simplify the system and reduce costs to employers while ensuring adequate protection for injured workers.
5. Support legislation that increases NPDES Permit Fees and/or tries to remove Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) language from MS4 permits.
6. Support legislation that allows the County of Los Angeles to conduct an election to implement a fee to improve stormwater systems and water quality, provided Long Beach receives an appropriate benefit in the proposed measure.
7. Seek funding for the maintenance of existing oil property infrastructure, repair and improvement.
8. Support the full funding of the state's future obligation for abandonment and cleanup of oil fields located in the Long Beach Tidelands.
9. Support legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities.
10. 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.
11. Support legislation to reduce the overconcentration of drug and alcohol recovery facilities by specifying that a required distance be maintained between facilities.
12. Oppose legislation that diminishes the City's local control over land use, planning, zoning and development decisions, and oppose legislation in conflict with the City's adopted General Plan or other Council adopted land use policies.
13. Support legislation that allows for local control of shopping cart retrieval.
14. Support legislation to reduce blight in neighborhoods by placing reasonable restrictions on utilizing vehicles solely for the purpose of advertisement.
15. Support efforts and/or sponsor legislation to name a potential bicycle path on the new Gerald Desmond Bridge after Mark Bixby.
16. Support legislation that would grant discretion to local government Traffic Engineers to make the final determination of a safe and reasonable speed limit.
17. Support an equitable distribution of regional transportation dollars to cities, as well as legislation that increases funding for transportation programs and projects in Long Beach.
18. Support efforts to enhance access, accommodations, and visitability in dwellings and businesses for all of Long Beach's residents.
19. Support efforts to ensure the fair allocation of tax credits for the Southern California region and prioritize local control over allocation of affordable housing tax credits.
20. Support efforts to maximize funding and funding flexibility for the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City.
21. Support efforts to reform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
22. Oppose efforts to limit acquisition-rehabilitation as a method of providing replacement housing in built-out cities.
23. Oppose legislation that restricts the use of local housing funds.

24. Support efforts to modify redevelopment rents to bring them in line with California Housing and Community Development (HCD) and tax credit program rents.
25. Support the development of allowable uses for Low to Moderate Funds for cities that have met their affordable housing requirements in past planning cycles.
26. Support legislation to protect city/agency loans from being shifted for uses not related to the stated purposes and goals when those loans were entered into.
27. Oppose other changes to the redevelopment dissolution process that would place a substantial burden on the City of Long Beach.
28. Support legislation that protects the use of existing former redevelopment bonds for planned projects.
29. Support legislation that protects a city's right to access land owned by the city's former redevelopment agency prior to the agency's dissolution.
30. Support or sponsor legislation that would return the non-monetary powers of former Redevelopment Agencies to cities, such as land use disposal.
31. Support or sponsor legislation to extend the authority of the Long Beach Oversight Board of the City of Long Beach as the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach past July 1, 2016 through the time period necessary to retire or pay off all debt of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, recover all loans due to the City, and dispose of all remaining assets.
32. Support or sponsor legislation to clearly define the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) rate to be used to calculate interest on agency/city loans that have been deemed enforceable obligations.
33. Oppose legislation that would reduce City revenues.
34. Support legislation that would favorably address the State/local government fiscal relationship, including the capping and/or return of ERAF dollars to cities.
35. Support efforts to protect City revenue sources from diversion by the State Legislature or the Governor.
36. Support legislation to preserve or extend the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) that directly funds local public safety programs such as COPS and booking fee reimbursements.
37. Oppose legislation that would reduce the City's autonomy and flexibility in dealing with the financing of public services.
38. Oppose legislation that shifts financial liabilities from contractors and/or consultants to the City.
39. Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.
40. Oppose legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M.
41. Oppose efforts to preempt the local government's current authority as it relates to bankruptcy proceedings.
42. Support legislation that would result in a more equitable distribution of sales taxes to the City, including taxes generated through Internet sales.
43. Support efforts to exempt cities from paying State sales tax.
44. Oppose legislation that would divert city sales tax revenues to a county pooled tax distribution system.
45. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.
46. Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communication services to their citizens.
47. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives.
48. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City has local nuisance abatement control over the visual blight that is created by excessive deployment of cable and telecommunication wires and related facilities.
49. Oppose legislation that would place a mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the mandated program.
50. Support legislation that will provide the City of Long Beach with the authority to appoint an alternate Metropolitan Water District (MWD) board representative who would serve in place of the primary board representative in their absence, thereby ensuring that the City of Long Beach retains its voting rights on critical water issues affecting the City and the region.

51. Oppose legislation that compromises the City's ability to impose and/or collect appropriate business license fees from Long Beach businesses.
52. Oppose legislation that would mandate additional pension benefits.
53. Monitor legislative efforts to mandate increases in health benefit levels or increase the City's costs for changes to benefit levels for active employees.
54. Monitor efforts to reform public employee pension systems.
55. Support or sponsor legislation that bans retroactive pension benefits.
56. Support or sponsor legislation that prohibits PERS members from combining disability retirement benefits and workers compensation upon retirement.
57. Support legislation that reduces the overall cost of employee pensions to local governments.
58. Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently administer local elections.
59. 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.



City of Long Beach
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Adopted 2014 State Legislative Agenda

JANUARY 21, 2014

Title	Section
BUSINESS GROWTH & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	<p>A. Workforce Development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts to maximize allocation of State-allocated formula <u>State allocated Workforce Investment grants for the benefit of Long Beach driven resources locally, and prioritize statewide discretionary resources to be retained within the workforce investment/Workforce Investment Board (WIB) system.</u> 2. Support efforts to increase outcomes and relevancy of One-Stop Career Centers through resource integration with State "merit staff" systems and alignment of performance measures and goals <u>that increase the skills base of the workforce, consistent with the Workforce Investment Board's adopted Demand Sectors and its Self Sufficiency Standard among programs.</u> 3. Support the EDGE Campaign, a broad-based coalition of entities, in its work to advance workforce policy around regional economic and workforce development strategies, access to post-secondary education, worker opportunities to obtain higher-paying jobs, and stronger education and workforce system alliances, to ensure that the State maintains a competitive advantage of skilled workers over other states. 4. Support efforts that help attract, retain, or expand jobs in the region, while promoting job growth among <u>increase the skills base of the workforce, aligned with business and industry needs — with the Workforce Investment Board's adopted Demand Sectors — especially those that support the and its Self Sufficiency Standard and/or serve as a step on an established career pathway,</u> including efforts towards training and retraining workers for well-paid, local green collar jobs. 5. Support efforts to increase engagement and improve training opportunities for occupations in demand. 6. Support <u>the EDGE Campaign,</u> regional approaches to workforce solutions, including planning, project delivery, operational efficiencies, and industry convening/research in order to facilitate improved employability of workers <u>in higher-paying jobs in the region, including educational success, and graduation rates, and access to post-secondary education for all children, youth and young adults (ages 0-24).</u> 7. 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. 8. Oppose efforts to restrict federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) dollars through state mandated thresholds. 9. Support state incentives that increase the marketability of unemployed or under-employed workers. 10. Support strategies and business incubator approaches that support and grow small business activity, including targeted growth among "homegrown" businesses in Long Beach. 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>B. Space Technology: Support legislation that promotes the development of space</p>

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<p>BUSINESS GROWTH & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (CONT.)</p>	<p>oriented technology for commercial uses, space-oriented development, and space exploration.</p> <p>C. Economic Development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts to develop and promote policies that help urban areasLong Beach foster greater economic opportunity. 2. Support efforts to retain, expand, and attract manufacturing, technology and other high value businesses. 3. Support legislation to require the state's Employment Development Department to provide the same economic data they provide for counties to the ten largest cities in the state. 4. Support efforts to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency. 5. Assist small and large Long Beach businesses in connecting with the Long Beach delegation on issues that would have a substantial positive or negative affect on the City of Long Beach. 6. Support legislation that streamlines State permitting and business licensing processes. 7. Ensure that State hiring and manufacturing tax credits remain valid until the program sunsets in the year 2021, and support efforts to extend the tax credits beyond 2021. 8. Support legislation that would help California retain film industry jobs and associated economic benefits, including legislation to prevent runaway production. <p>D. Workers' Compensation: Support efforts to reform workers' compensation statutes to simplify the system and reduce costs to employers while ensuring adequate protection for injured workers.</p> <p>E. Aerospace/The Boeing Company:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for the Aerospace industry. 2. Support efforts that would optimally position Long Beach to benefit from the manufacture of Boeing's 777x Jetliner. 3. Support efforts that create a more competitive business environment for the Boeing Company and the aerospace industry to attract new aerospace manufacturing to Long Beach. 4. Support efforts to obtain ongoing maintenance and 737-MAX upgrades at the Long Beach facility. 5. Support efforts to obtain funds for job training, and other transition activities that are needed to be flexible to changes in the aerospace and aviation industry. <p>F. CalOSHA: Support legislation that would ensure new safety regulations be made available for review and comment by employers prior to implementation.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY</p>	<p>A. Public Health:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation to protect local health jurisdiction funding for core public health services, including the State Public Health Realignment Program, as well as legislation and grants that provide additional funding for public health programs, including mental health, substance abuse programs, services, infrastructure and capacity, debt service relief, seismic upgrades, and bio-terrorism response enhancements. 2. Support the implementation of a pilot needle exchange program for the prevention of the spread of HIV disease and, advocate for additional state funding for HIV testing and linkages to care to ensure swift treatment to individuals impacted by HIV and at risk for HIV and STI's.

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<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY (CONT.)</p>	<p>3. Support legislation for grants and sustainable funding mechanisms that provide support for programs for the reduction of youth obesity and the promotion of physical activity, including programs that support the development of policies for healthy food access and options, healthy food labeling, access to healthy locally grown food, low cost exercise options, and promotion of walkability and physical activity policies.</p> <p>4. Support legislation that provides a sufficient process for businesses and other governmental entities to implement ADA requirements, while protecting the rights of the disabled community.</p> <p>5. Support legislation that provides a sufficient process for businesses and other governmental entities to implement ADA requirements, while protecting the rights of the disabled community.</p> <p>6. Support legislation that preserves funding for non-profit organizations that provide child and family mental health services for the Long Beach community.</p> <p>7. Support legislation to classify medical marijuana as a recognized pharmaceutical medication dispensed through pharmacies.</p> <p>8. Support legislation that restricts where people can use e-cigarettes and prohibits marketing of e-cigarettes to minors.</p> <p>9. Support legislation that further increases access to quality care, particularly for those individuals and families who rely on safety net programs.</p> <p>10. Support for legislation that would require petroleum coke products to be covered during transport, including on rail.</p>
	<p>B. Public Safety & Crime Prevention:</p>
	<p>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 to enhance the ability to local public safety units to respond to, prevent, and prepare for terrorist threats.</p>
	<p>2. Support legislation and pursue grants to fund new <u>public safety equipment and technology, as well as legislation that would fund the maintenance of existing equipment and facilities</u>, improve existing apparatuses, and replace obsolete apparatuses.</p>
	<p>3. Support legislation that provides immunity to public safety personnel who have been trained and assigned to take emergency calls from the public.</p>
	<p>4. Support legislation that reduces the percentage required for passage of public safety bonds to the same percentage as school bonds (55%).</p>
	<p>5. Support legislation that provides immunity to public safety personnel who have been trained and assigned to take emergency calls from the public.</p>
	<p>6. Support legislation that seeks to reimburse the City for overtime costs paid to public safety personnel who are required to appear in State and/or County courts.</p>
	<p>7. Support legislation to make state law enforcement grant funding less restrictive and allow greater discretionary use of funds for support staff within the jail, communications and records divisions.</p>
	<p>8. Support legislation that seeks to reimburse the City for overtime costs paid to public safety personnel who are required to appear in State and/or County courts.</p>
	<p>9. Support legislation to strengthen penalties for those using motor vehicles to evade peace officers.</p>
	<p>10. Support legislation and grants that enhance or promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion and intervention programs.</p>
	<p>11. Support legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of re-entry points for sex offenders and parolees.</p>
	<p>12. Support legislation that will strengthen penalties for traffic violations in school zones in an attempt to reduce speed of drivers and protect youth.</p>
	<p>13. Support legislation that will protect witnesses from intimidation during and after criminal proceedings.</p>
<p>14. Support legislative efforts to ban the sale and use of fireworks in the State of California, with the exception of professional demonstrators.</p>	
<p>15. Support State legislation that further clarifies medical marijuana laws in order to</p>	

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<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY (CONT.)</p>	<p>enable clear local enforcement of State law.</p> <p>16. Support legislation that authorizes and funds regional interoperable public safety radio communications.</p> <p>17. Support or sponsor legislation to regulate second hand precious metal transfers and/or transactions.</p> <p>18. Support legislation and grants that would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.</p> <p>19. 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>20. Support gun control legislation, including those that would strengthen gun control laws and stem the flow of guns to the drug trade, criminal gangs and potential terrorists by reducing the number of assault weapons in California, banning large capacity magazines, promoting gun safety, enabling ammunition tracking and ensuring that prohibited possessors cannot own guns.</p> <p>21. Support legislation that provides funding for cities to proactively address State realignment (AB 109) changes through strategies such as compliance checks, partnerships with the probation department, and enhanced resources for local public safety officials.</p> <p>22. Support legislation that creates a mandatory minimum prison sentence for residential burglary.</p> <p>23. Support legislation that increases incarceration time for habitual, repeat offenders of property crimes such as automobile theft, automobile burglary and theft from an automobile.</p> <p>23-24. <u>Support legislation requiring increased notification, prevention and response for crude oil shipped to California via rail.</u></p> <p>C. Animal Care:</p> <p>1. 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 or abandoned animals.</p> <p>2. Support legislation that would require all dogs and cats to be microchipped upon release from an animal care center, shelter, or similar facility.</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL</p>	<p>A. Climate Change:</p> <p>1. <u>Support legislation that aids and provides funding for local government actions that address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, consistent with for the implementation of the goals and policies of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as they relate to AB 32 and SB 375 (Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, respectivelyThe Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006), while protecting recognition of early local government actions that were taken to address climate change.</u></p> <p>2. <u>Support legislation that promotes and protects early local government actions to address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</u></p> <p>3. <u>Support legislation that provides funding for local government actions on climate change under SB 375, AB 32 regulations, including cap and trade.</u></p> <p>4. <u>Support legislation that provides funding for mitigation and adaptation related to the effects of climate change.</u></p> <p>B. Air Quality:</p> <p>1. <u>Support legislation that improves the quality of air in the City of Long Beach by</u></p>

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<p>ENVIRONMENTAL (CONT.)</p>	<p>reducing particulate matter.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Support legislation that seeks to improve the air quality and health issues associated with construction improvements and operations of the I-710 Freeway and Port of Long Beach. 3. Work closely with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to <u>improve the quality of air in Long Beach by reducing particulate matter, and mitigating the impacts from stationary and non-stationary sources of air pollution in the Long Beach and greater Los Angeles air basin.</u> 4. Support the adoption of comprehensive and aggressive state air quality standards for mobile sources, including passenger vehicles, heavy-duty trucks, locomotives, and ships. 5. Support the implementation of a port container fee, which would provide a funding source for goods movement infrastructure and air quality improvements. 6. 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. <p>C. <u>Water Quality:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support funding and initiatives that would provide local governments with resources to implement stormwater best management practices, <u>including low impact development to capture stormwater at its source that will and</u> improve recreational water quality at the City's beaches and local waterways. 2. Support legislation that excludes stormwater and urban runoff management fees and charges from the current constitutional approval requirements for the establishment or increase of a property-related fee or charge. 3. Support legislation that will fund regional cooperative conservation partnership accounts, natural resource protection and restoration programs, regional watershed protection and recovery programs, and watershed improvement programs. 4. Support legislation that increases NPDES Permit Fees and/or tries to remove Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) language from MS4 permits. 5. Support legislation that will fund or enhance funding to local health department recreational water testing programs. 6. Support legislation that allows the County of Los Angeles to conduct an election to implement a fee to improve stormwater systems and water quality, provided Long Beach receives an appropriate benefit in the proposed measure. 7. <u>Support legislation that facilitates and/or provides funding for the implementation of low impact development best practices to capture stormwater at its source.</u> <p>D. <u>Beach Erosion:</u> Support legislation and pursue funding to protect our beaches and bluffs from erosion.</p> <p>E. <u>Ocean Channel Dredging:</u> Support legislation and grants, which fund the dredging of ocean channels to enhance navigation and recreation, and which allow cost-effective and safe methods of disposal of dredge materials.</p> <p>F. <u>SERRF:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that protects the City's ability to efficiently operate the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF), including efforts to <u>classify the SERRF facility as a renewable resource, similar to the facility in Stanislaus County develop an incentive program or foster innovative partnerships that will promote sustainability, recycling and beneficial reuse of municipal solid waste.</u> 2. Support efforts to require cap and trade regulations to give credit for greenhouse gas emission reductions that are attributable to waste to energy facilities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL (CONT.)	<p>G. <u>Alternative Fuel/Energy:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grants that provide incentives and rewards for cities with alternative fuel programs that encourage the use of clean burning alternative fuels or electronic charging stations for vehicles. 2. Support efforts that promote the use of solar/alternative energy within city facilities and promote solar energy solution programs for residents. 3. Support alternative energy proposals that further the utilization of environmentally friendly energy applications <u>promote the use of solar/alternative energy at City facilities, and for both the utility customers and utility level providers.</u> <p>H. <u>Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for the protection of the proper use of funds from DBAW for recreational uses, and oppose the use of these funds for unrelated purposes. 2. Oppose the use of these funds for unrelated purposes. <p>I. <u>Oil Properties:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek funding for existing infrastructure <u>the maintenance of existing oil property infrastructure</u>, repair and improvement. 2. Support the full funding of the state's future obligation for abandonment and cleanup of oil fields located in the Long Beach Tidelands. <p>J. <u>Wetlands:</u> Support legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City of Long Beach and the surrounding region.</p> <p>K. <u>Water Conservation:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek funding for water conservation efforts on city property. Support legislation and grants designed including funds to replace/repair irrigation infrastructure with water efficient systems throughout the City of Long Beach. 2. Seek funding for water conservation efforts on city property and throughout the City of Long Beach, and support Support regional efforts at water conservation. <p>L. <u>Conversion Technology:</u> Support legislation and grants designed to evaluate and promote the development of next generation conversion technologies that minimize landfill disposal, create green collar jobs, and utilize waste material in an environmentally beneficial manner.</p> <p>M. <u>Single Use Carryout Packaging/Bags:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that promotes an environmentally responsible approach to consumer goods, including requiring product take-back and recycling, reduction of packaging waste, phase out of toxic products, and reduction in <u>reduce</u> single-use disposable goods, and ban single-use carryout bags and/or Styrofoam. 2. Support legislation that bans the use of single-use carryout bags and/or Styrofoam.
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT	<p>A. <u>Library Construction & Development:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grant programs that provide funding for library construction, renovation and development. 2. Support full funding of the Public Library Fund. <p>B. <u>Arts:</u> Support legislation that assists the City in obtaining funding for community arts programming and facilities.</p> <p>C. <u>Homeless Assistance:</u> Support legislation to reduce homelessness, including housing assistance and case management service funding, including those related to mental health, and support efforts to ensure each city within the region is providing</p>

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NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT (CONT.)	appropriate homeless accommodations.
	<p>D. Parks, Recreation, and Marine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grants to fund parks, recreation and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents. 2. Support or sponsor legislation to amend State Park grant requirements to allow cities to utilize a federally approved overhead allocation system to account for the costs associated with the administration of these grants.
	<p>E. Senior Services: Support legislation, which provides funding for enhanced services such as facilities, senior housing, housing for the disabled, social services, mental health services, health care, supportive care, recreational programs and transportation to address the diverse needs of Long Beach's senior community.</p>
	<p>F. Drug and Alcohol Recovery Facilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities. 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. 3. Support legislation to reduce the overconcentration of drug and alcohol recovery facilities by specifying that a required distance be maintained between facilities.
	<p>G. Mortgage Reform/Assistance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grants that will help stabilize California's housing market for the homeowner by providing assistance to homeowners for reworking their mortgages to allow them to remain in their homes. 2. Support legislation and grants to cities to provide funding to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities, and. 3. Support legislation that would protect homeowners through reforms that include establishing basic standards for fairness and transparency in the mortgage process, foreclosure proceedings, and provides community tools and tenant protections after foreclosures.
	<p>H. Planning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oppose legislation that diminishes the City's local control over land use, planning, zoning and development decisions, and oppose legislation in conflict with the City's adopted General Plan or other Council adopted land use policies. 2. Support coupling planning efforts with greenhouse gas emission reduction, green building, and transit-oriented development strategies.
	<p>I. Shopping Carts: Support legislation that allows for local control of shopping cart retrieval.</p>
	<p>J. Housing Requirements for Sex Offenders and Parolees: Support legislation prohibiting the over-concentration of sex offenders and parolees, and their location within close proximity to daycare centers and neighborhoods in residential areas.</p>
	<p>K. Vehicles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support or sponsor legislation that extends or makes permanent the authority to allow vehicles, on two-way, dead-end streets that have been identified by the local jurisdiction as being parking impacted, to park with their left hand wheels adjacent to the left hand curb on either side of the street, thereby reducing the risk of accidents and/or property damage. 2. Support legislation to reduce blight in neighborhoods by placing reasonable

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TRANSPORTATION	<p>A. I-710 Freeway:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue funding to improve, beautify, maintain, and increase the safety of the I-710 Freeway, which serves as a vital thoroughfare for residents, businesses and commerce, <u>including funding for I-710 Early Action Projects, beginning with the realignment of the Shoemaker Bridge and ramps.</u> Pursue funding to initiate and complete the I-710 Early Action Projects, beginning with the realignment of the Shoemaker Bridge and ramps. <p>B. Improve Freight Movement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to local I-710 Early Action Projects, support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for the Alameda Corridor, including enhanced connections for trucks to Alameda Street and the development of shuttle rail for local container movements. Support support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for Alameda Corridor East projects. Support efforts to explore, fund, and construct zero emissions goods movement infrastructure, including pursuing any unspent grant dollars from Proposition 1B to fund appropriate projects in Long Beach. <p>C. Long Combination Vehicles: Support legislation that will ban Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs) that consist of longer double tractor and tripe tractor-trailers from traveling on state highways and freeways to improve traffic congestion and prevent fatal accidents.</p>
TRANSPORTATION (CONT.)	<p>D. Alternative Transportation & Mobility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 improve public education to promote an increase in transit ridership. Support efforts that promote and provide funding for <u>housing, alternative transportation and mobility projects oriented around development near transit developments.</u> Continue to support funds for alternative transportation and mobility projects. Support efforts and/or sponsor legislation to name a potential bicycle path on the new Gerald Desmond Bridge after Mark Bixby. <p>E. Transportation Funding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support efforts to increase funding for transportation programs and projects within the City. Support efforts to increase funding for system preservation and relax funding requirements that prohibit the use of existing transportation funding for rehabilitation, resurfacing and reconstruction of local streets. Support efforts to secure the maximum amount of state funding for the construction and maintenance of local roads, infrastructure, transportation projects and major corridors. Support legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on transportation infrastructure. Support legislation that seeks to improve the air quality and health issues associated with construction improvements and operations of the I-710 Freeway and the Port of Long Beach. Support or sponsor legislation that would grant discretion to local government Traffic Engineers to make the final determination of a safe and reasonable speed limit. Support legislation and initiatives that promote an equitable distribution of

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	regional transportation dollars to cities, <u>as well as legislation that increases funding for transportation programs and projects in Long Beach.</u>
CHILDREN/YOUTH & EDUCATION	<p>A. Good Health: Support legislation and grants that enhance the public 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 <u>tobacco</u>, drug and alcohol dependency (including tobacco), asthma, obesity, and other conditions that threaten health.</p> <p>B. Safety and Survival: Support legislation and grants that increase the level of safety and survival of children and youth (ages 0-21); and support through programs which that reduce child abuse, accidental injury, deaths, homicides of youth, gang involvement, misdemeanor and felony arrests, and incidents of violence among youth.</p> <p>C. Economic Well-Being: 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 (ages 0-21), including emancipated youth.</p> <p>D. Social and Emotional Well-Being:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and grants that enhance social and emotional well-being for children and youth (ages 0-21) 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. 2. Support legislation that facilitates foster youth transition from the foster system into independent adulthood.
CHILDREN/YOUTH & EDUCATION (CONT.)	<p>E. Children/Youth Education & Workforce Readiness:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts to create strong pathways to post-secondary education and careers for young adults and emancipated youth, including opportunities to gain work experience and participate in readiness activities. 2. Support efforts to prioritize career technical education efforts, alongside college preparatory programming. 3. Support efforts to bolster strategies to actively engage youth who are out-of-school, disconnected, emancipated, gang-affiliated, and have had significant involvement with the justice system. 4. Support efforts to increase school readiness opportunities for children and their families including access to affordable, high quality early childhood education services. 5. Support efforts to increase parent education and engagement opportunities to improve school readiness and educational success for all children and youth, thereby leading to higher graduation outcomes. 6. 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. 7. Support legislation that promotes State investment in youth and young adult (ages 14-24) employment and training activities that align with career pathways, technical education, and overall workforce readiness. 8. Support legislation to provide qualifying undocumented students with access to financial aid for education. 9. Support legislation that will provide qualifying middle class students enrolled in a University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) or Community

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	<p>College with a tuition and fee scholarship award.</p> <p>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.</p>
HOUSING	<p>A. Housing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support efforts to maximize funding and funding flexibility for the development of affordable housing with the City. 2. Support efforts to enhance access, accommodations, and visitability in dwellings and businesses for all of Long Beach's residents. 3. Support efforts to ensure the fair allocation of tax credits for the Southern California region and prioritize local control over allocation of affordable housing tax credits. 4. Support efforts to maximize funding and funding flexibility. Support legislation and grants that promotefor the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City. 5. Support efforts to reform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. 6. Support code enforcement as an eligible use of both Low to Moderate Funds and Redevelopment. 7. Oppose efforts to limit acquisition-rehabilitation as a method of providing replacement housing in built-out cities. 8. Oppose changes to the current proportionality requirements on the expenditure of Low to Moderate Funds for cities that have met their affordable housing requirements in past planning cycles. 9. Oppose legislation that restricts the use of local housing funds. 10. Support efforts to modify redevelopment rents to bring them in line with California Housing and Community Development (HCD) and tax credit program rents. 10-11. Support the development of allowable uses for Low to Moderate Funds for cities that have met their affordable housing requirements in past planning cycles.
REDEVELOPMENT	<p>A. Redevelopment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation to protect city/agency loans from being shifted for uses not related to the stated purposes and goals when those loans were entered into. 2. Oppose other changes to the redevelopment dissolution process that would place a substantial burden on the City of Long Beach. 3. Support legislation that protects the use of existing <u>former</u> redevelopment bonds for planned projects. 4. Support legislation that protects a city's right to access land owned by the city's <u>former</u> redevelopment agency prior to the agency's dissolution. 5. Support or sponsor legislation that would return the non-monetary powers of former Redevelopment Agencies to cities, such as land use disposal. 6. Support or sponsor legislation to extend the authority of the Long Beach Oversight Board of the City of Long Beach as the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach past July 1, 2016 through the time period necessary to retire or pay off all debt of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, recover all loans due to the City, and dispose of all remaining assets. 6-7. Support or sponsor legislation to clearly define the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) rate to be used to calculate interest on agency/city loans that have been deemed enforceable obligations.
ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF	<p>A. City Revenues:</p>

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STATE LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oppose legislation that would reduce City revenues. 2. Support legislation that would favorably address the State/local government fiscal relationship, including the capping and/or return of ERAF dollars to cities. 3. Support efforts to protect City revenue sources from diversion by the State Legislature and the Governor. 4. Support legislation to preserve or extend the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) that directly funds local public safety programs such as COPS and booking fee reimbursements. 5. Oppose legislation that would reduce the City's autonomy and flexibility in dealing with the financing of public services. <p>B. Contractor/Consultant Liability: Oppose legislation that shifts financial liabilities from contractors and/or consultants to the City.</p> <p>C. Preemption of Local Authority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oppose legislation that preempts the current authority possessed by the City and delegates that authority to the State or other governmental jurisdiction. 2. Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs. 3. Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority. 4. Oppose legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M. 5. Oppose efforts to preempt the local government's current authority as it relates to bankruptcy proceedings. <p>E. Sales Tax:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that would result in a more equitable distribution of sales taxes to the City, <u>including taxes generated through Internet sales.</u> 2. Support efforts to exempt cities from paying State sales tax. 3. Support legislation that would result in an equitable distribution of taxes generated through Internet sales. 4. Oppose legislation that would divert city sales tax revenues to a county pooled tax distribution system.
ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF STATE LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE (CONT.)	<p>F. Telecommunications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use. 2. Support legislative efforts to ensure local taxation authority of products purchased through the Internet. 3. Support legislation that provides discount Internet access to schools and libraries. 4. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives. 5. <u>Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communication services to their citizens.</u> 6. Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City has local nuisance abatement control over the visual blight that is created by excessive deployment of cable and telecommunication wires and related facilities. <p>G. Unfunded Mandates: Oppose legislation that would place a mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the mandated program.</p> <p>H. Water Department:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider support of legislation, initiatives and policies initiated and/or advocated

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<p>ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF STATE LEGISLATIVE IMPORTANCE (CONT.)</p>	<p>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>2. Support legislation that will provide the City of Long Beach with the authority to appoint an alternate Metropolitan Water District (MWD) board representative who would serve in place of the primary board representative in their absence, thereby ensuring that the City of Long Beach retains its voting rights on critical water issues affecting the City and the region.</p> <p>I. Business Licenses: Oppose legislation that compromises the City's ability to impose and/or collect appropriate business license fees from Long Beach businesses.</p> <p>J. Pension/Labor Relations/Health Benefits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oppose legislation that would mandate additional benefits. 2. Monitor legislative efforts to mandate increases in health benefit levels or increase the City's costs for changes to benefit levels for active employees. 3. Monitor efforts to reform public employee pension systems. 4. Support or sponsor legislation that bans retroactive pension benefits. 5. Support or sponsor legislation that prohibits PERS members from combining disability retirement benefits and workers compensation upon retirement. 6. Support legislation that reduces the overall cost of employee pensions to local governments. <p>K. Municipal Elections: Support efforts that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections.</p> <p>L. School District: Support the rights of the community to elect their school board members and preserve the authority of local school districts.</p> <p>M. Aquarium of 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 the Los Angeles Basin watershed management.</p> <p>N. 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.</p> <p>O. 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.</p> <p>P. State Budget Management: Support legislation requiring the State Legislature to implement a performance-based budget model for use in developing, implementing, and evaluating the budget for the State of California.</p> <p>Q. Marriage License: Support or sponsor legislation that authorizes City Clerks of incorporated cities to solemnize marriages.</p> <p>R. Design-Build: Support or sponsor legislation that allows the City of Long Beach to pursue public-private partnerships, and specifically include in State statute authorization for the City to use a design-build finance, operate and maintain projectsstructure for the Long Beach Civic Center project.</p> <p>S. Campaign Finance Disclosure Reporting: Support or sponsor legislation to provide the City Clerk to the City of Long Beach with pilot authority to accept</p>

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	<p>electronic filings of municipal election campaign finance reports with the filer's electronic signature, electronically signed under penalty of perjury.</p> <p>T. 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.</p> <p>F.U. Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA). <u>Oppose legislation or ballot measures that would weaken the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA).</u></p>

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