



City of Long Beach
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Memorandum

Date: October 23, 2018
 To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.W.*
 Subject: **2018 Government Affairs by Numbers**

For information, a "Government Affairs by the Numbers" report is provided annually to quantify the City's legislative efforts. Attached for your information are two documents:

- Government Affairs by the Numbers – FY 18
- Overview of State, Federal and County Successes

Funds that Long Beach received for projects, or saved from State or federal cuts, are the result of efforts by the Mayor and City Council, federal and State Legislation Committees, the City's legislative advocates DiMare, Brown, Hicks & Kessler, LLC, Dentons, City staff, and our Long Beach federal and State legislative delegations.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs at (562) 570-6506.

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Attachments

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS BY THE NUMBERS
FISCAL YEAR 2018

Federal Issues

East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Army Corps Work Plan Funding	\$ 194,000
TOTAL:	\$ 194,000

State Issues

Homeless Emergency Aid Program	\$ 12,257,253
TOTAL:	\$ 12,257,253

County Issues

Measure W: Safe Clean Water Program*	\$ 5,000,000
TOTAL:	\$ 5,000,000

GRAND TOTAL: \$17,451,253

*Subject to voter approval



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS OVERVIEW OF STATE, FEDERAL AND COUNTY SUCCESSES FISCAL YEAR 2018

Federal Successes

East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study

In FY 16, after nearly 10 years of advocacy, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) officially signed an amendment agreement to begin the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study (Study). To date, approximately \$609,000 in federal funding has been provided, including the \$194,000 budgeted as part of the federal FY 18 budget. An additional \$298,000 has been requested from the Army Corps for FY 19 to continue study efforts.

State Successes

Homeless Emergency Aid Program

The State's FY 19 budget included a one-time allocation of funds for the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). HEAP is a \$500 million block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to cities and counties to address the homelessness crisis throughout California. HEAP is authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 850, which was signed into law by Governor Brown in June 2018. The City of Long Beach to address homelessness.

California Business Roundtable Proposed Ballot Measure to Limit Local Revenue Generation

The California Business Roundtable proposed a ballot measure to increase the threshold for passing any new tax or tax increase to two-thirds of voters or an elected body. Under California law, any local tax increase that contributes to general funding can pass with a simple majority vote, as opposed to special taxes which require two-thirds. The Business Roundtable's proposal was largely funded by beverage companies. The measure had the potential to undermine funding for municipal services, including public safety services and infrastructure in Long Beach that are supported by Measure M. The proposed ballot measure was opposed by cities and organized labor, and would likely have been a contentious, expensive campaign. City governments, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) California, and the League of California Cities negotiated the removal of this proposed measure from the November ballot. In exchange, SB 872 was approved, which prohibits new local taxes on groceries only, through the end of 2030.

County Successes

Measure W: Safe, Clean Water Program

On July 17, 2018, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board of Supervisors) voted to place the Los Angeles Region Safe, Clean Water Program (Program) on the November 2018 ballot. The purpose of the special parcel tax is to provide funds for programs and projects that increase stormwater and urban runoff capture and reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution in Los Angeles County (County). The rate of the proposed special Parcel tax is two and one-half cents per square foot of impermeable surface, if approved by voters, this ordinance will become effective July 1, 2019, with the parcel tax appearing on the secured tax roll in Fiscal Year 2020. Revenues generated by the Program will be invested according to State law with the City receiving \$5 million annually in direct funding and eligible for additional funding through competitive grant programs.