



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to respectfully request City Council approval of the 2015 State Legislative Agenda as recommended by the State Legislation Committee.

Each year the City Council adopts a State Legislative Agenda, which outlines the City's State legislative priorities for the coming year. This document provides policy direction to staff on State issues, and allow the City to support, oppose or work with our State elected officials to advance priorities adopted by the City Council. Unique to the proposed changes for 2015 is a new format for discussing the City's legislative agenda. A number of items have been reorganized and consolidated to streamline the agenda. The Committee approved organizing the agenda into five categories of legislative interest: (1) Economic Development, (2) Public Safety, (3) Support for Education, (4) Sustainable and Livable Cities, and (5) Local Control.

At the State Legislation Committee meeting on February 3, 2015, the Committee voted to adopt staff's recommended changes for the 2015 State Legislative Agenda, and provided additional changes that are being forwarded to the City Council for consideration and adoption. The Committee's changes are described below:

Economic Development

City Council Directive: Minimum Wage

Add language to read, "Support legislation that would incrementally raise the statewide minimum wage and index the wage to the California Consumer Price Index."

Local Control

City Council Directive: State and Regional Board Representation

Add language to read, "Monitor State legislation that proposes to change the structure of State and regional boards on which Long Beach is represented, and maximize the City's representation."

City Council Directive: PERS Retirement and Local Elected Officials

Add language to read, "Support legislation that amends State law to clarify that former public employees who retire under the Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) are exempt from re-instating their retirement if they become employed again by a PERS agency by virtue of becoming elected to public office."

Approve recommendation.

COUNCILMAN AL AUSTIN, EIGHTH DISTRICT, CHAIR;

FEDERAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE