



2023 Federal Legislative Agenda



The Federal Legislative Agenda codifies the City of Long Beach's (City) positions on legislation, regulatory proposals, and funding opportunities. The purpose of the agenda is to align the advocacy efforts of the City's Government Affairs Office with the City's core values, principles, and policy statements covering a variety of issues that impact the City.

Each year, the Federal Legislative Agenda is updated in consultation with the Mayor, City Council, and City departments to highlight the legislative and funding priorities for consideration and adoption by the City Council. The agenda provides direction to the Government Affairs Office and the City's legislative advocates on strategic objectives for the year, allowing the City to effectively take positions on specific policy issues that affect City operations.

The legislative agenda serves as a strategic plan that directs staff activities and advocacy priorities throughout the year. These priorities are driven by the City's core values of advancing equity and inclusion for communities most impacted by policy decisions at other levels of government; preserving local control over finances and decisionmaking; and ensuring the City's long-term resilience and adaptability in the face of growing environmental, economic, and public safety and health challenges.

Core Values

Equity and Inclusion

Equity is when everyone can reach their highest level of health and potential for a successful life, regardless of their background and identity. Inclusion means the practice of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized. Each area of the legislative agenda is considered through a lens of advancing equity and inclusion. The City acknowledges the existence and impacts of historic systemic racism and supports equitable community practices through innovative local government models. We further support the use of an equity lens in policy and program design and will seek funding to increase access and opportunity for all members of the Long Beach community.

Local Control

The City of Long Beach supports policies and legislation that protect and/or expand the City's authority and rights over its affairs. Staff will work to oppose policies and legislation that preempts the current authority possessed by the City and delegates that authority to the Federal Government or other governmental jurisdictions. Local control gives leaders the flexibility to solve problems that are in the best interest of their own communities. This is vital for Long Beach to remain a unique place to live, work, and play.

Resilience and Adaptability

The City has been greatly tested in the last year as we and the rest of the world faced unprecedented challenges brought on by the global COVID-19 public health pandemic and economic downturn. Resilience and adaptability are crucial as we continue to recover and adapt to ever changing surroundings. Resiliency is the capacity for communities and organizations to heal from trauma, and adaptability refers to the ability to cope with adversity and adapt to challenges or change.

2023 Focus Statements

While the legislative agenda contains City Council-adopted objectives and directives regarding a wide array of issue areas impacting the City, focus statements help to bring attention to funding and legislative priorities for the current legislative year. These statements highlight issues that need to be addressed throughout the year. Focus statements are developed in conjunction with various City departments and may shift from year to year based on the social, political, and economic environment.

Infrastructure

Both the State and federal governments have prioritized infrastructure investments over the coming years to promote long-term economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, advance equity and sustainability, and provide workforce development opportunities in key industry sectors. The City will continue to advocate for external funding opportunities to address the following critical infrastructure needs and projects:

- Support legislation that provides direct City allocations for infrastructure projects and more local control and flexibility to meet the City's myriad infrastructure needs.
- Support infrastructure investments that reduce long-term operations and maintenance expenditures for the City.
- Support sustainable infrastructure funding to advance the City's climate resiliency efforts and organics waste objectives.
- Support water quality infrastructure investments to improve the quality of stormwater, sustain wetlands habitat, and protect aquatic life.
- Support regional planning and investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and zero-emissions equipment through robust grants and financial incentives.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to strengthen and incentivize the hydrogen economy.
- Support infrastructure investments to advance the Port of Long Beach's zero-emissions and Clean Air Action Plan objectives, meet current and future supply chain demands, relieve congestion and improve efficiency, increase on-dock rail, reduce emissions, and expand workforce development opportunities in trade-related sectors.
- Support streamlined funding to incorporate technology into infrastructure programs, including "dig once" and "build once" opportunities that modernize technology in City and public facilities.
- Support the construction of and improvements to vital public safety infrastructure such as fire and police stations, health facilities, and emergency preparation and response resources.
- Support the development of a preventative and responsive public health infrastructure to identify early and respond swiftly to emerging infectious disease threats.
- Support funding for public facilities such as swimming pools, parks and open space, arts and cultural resources, and community centers in historically marginalized communities.
- Support investments to create housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness, long-term affordable housing, and mortgage down payment assistance programs.
- Support funding to complete the City's "8 by 28" infrastructure initiative in preparation for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Seek opportunities to facilitate economic development through leveraging private investments to promote quality infrastructure benefiting all communities within the City.

Recovery

Since March 10, 2020, when the City Council declared a local health emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic, the City's top priority has been to mitigate the risks to residents' health and well-being, as well as impacts to the economy and the local business community. The City will continue to advocate for ongoing funding to support Long Beach Recovery Act programs, resources for the long-term economic recovery, upstream preventative solutions, and resilience of the City.

- Support legislation and funding to address the root causes of people experiencing homelessness, health inequities, and systematic racism to lessen the impact of future pandemics and other disasters.
- Support legislation and funding that prioritizes disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation, and response in communities with the highest need.
- Support legislation and funding that will reduce the impact of climate change on the most vulnerable populations including older adults and people experiencing homelessness.
- Support legislation and resources to effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigate the spread of the virus.
- Support ongoing, structural funding for public health jurisdictions to coordinate and invest in public health infrastructure, workforce, equity, STD testing and prevention, and other local needs.
- Support resources for basic needs including food security, childcare, and access to transportation and work.
- Support funding that increases broadband access and adoption through devices, education, and affordable internet services.
- Support funding to invest in economic recovery in the sectors hardest-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, employment opportunities, and economic research to study the impacts of the City's investment programs.
- Support resources for programs that build generational wealth for low-income communities such as homeownership opportunities and inclusive entrepreneurship.
- Support funding to assist low-income residents that utilize the City parks and libraries and their services by subsidizing access to park programs and eliminating overdue library fines.
- In coordination with Long Beach Water, support policies that make water debt relief funding to local water systems and customers non-taxable.
- Support resources for the City to expand language access during in-person and hybrid public meetings through funding for translation services, software and technology, and personnel.
- Support policies, legislations, and grants to strengthen investments that support comprehensive approaches to chronic disease prevention, including but not limited to, cardiovascular disease, cancer, hypertension, and type-2 diabetes.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

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1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1.1. **Emerging Sectors** – Grow and strengthen our established industry clusters and emerging sectors

- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of jobs in key industry clusters.
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- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of jobs in traded industries that bring wealth into Long Beach.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase research capacity and relevancy as measured by approved patents.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase tourism activity as measured by transient occupancy tax (TOT) revenue.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that foster greater economic opportunity, including pursuit of Economic Development Administration (EDA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Brownfields Redevelopment Action Grant investment program funding.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for funding for the City of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach Airport and Long Beach Transit for mass transit, transportation projects, and needed infrastructure.
- Support policies and legislation restoring the Glass-Steagall Act and, if necessary, repeal provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to restore integrity and trust in our financial system.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for investment programs that assist in the development of creative and tourism-related industries.
- Support policies and legislation to continue funding the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program to stimulate the U.S. economy.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that provide support for women and minority owned businesses.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that encourage technological innovation to improve opportunities for local businesses and advance economic development outcomes.

1.2. **Economic Equity** – Increase access to economic opportunities in low-income communities to advance economic equity

- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of minority-owned, LGBT-owned and women-owned businesses.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase non-traditional capital resources for minority-owned, LGBT-owned and women-owned businesses.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase investment in low-income business corridors.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the percentage of City spending on local businesses, with emphasis on minority, LGBT-owned and women-owned businesses.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase financial literacy and wealth-building opportunities for young people and disadvantaged families.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to decrease the digital divide for low-income households.
- Support federal legislation that maintains existing allowances for undocumented immigrants who qualified for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program to remain in the United States, as well as any legislation that protects the safety and well-being of all Californians by ensuring State and local resources are not used to support deportations,

collect information about an individual's religious beliefs or affiliations, and ultimately hurt California's economy.

- Support policies and legislation that support comprehensive immigration reform that will provide a dignified path to United States citizenship to strengthen the nation's workforce and the economy including qualifying undocumented youth with a conditional path to citizenship upon completion of a college degree or military service.
- Support policies and legislation to raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15.00 an hour by 2022.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase ongoing internet access as an eligible utility for federal housing vouchers and other subsidies.
- Support resources and funding to facilitate the establishment of "economic" empowerment zones and the use of revolving loan funds to expand commercial and cultural opportunities in designated zones for low-to-moderate income (LMI) communities.
- Support policies and legislation that protect workers' rights to organize, engage in collective bargaining, and negotiate with employers.

1.3. Workforce Preparedness - Ensure the preparedness of the workforce and the competitiveness of business through alignment of economic development, training, education and community partner efforts.

- Support policies and legislation that will increase year over year per capita income in the City.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of middle and high-skill jobs in the City.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to reduce the unemployment rate.
- Support policies and legislation increase the share of adult population with a bachelor's degree.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of Long Beach residents who re-engage with the education and training system.
- Support policies to increase the number of CSULB and LBCC graduates that reside and work in the City after graduation.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for museums and community arts programming and facilities.
- Support policies and legislation that would permit local agencies to consider local hiring practices in projects supported with more than 50% non-federal funds.

1.4. Entrepreneurship – Build a supportive economic ecosystem that creates reliable pathways for entrepreneurs to confidently start and grow successful business

- Support policies and legislation to reduce the cost of doing business and median days to approval for business licensing.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of active business licenses.
- Support policies and legislation to increase availability and access to high-speed internet throughout the City.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to establish Long Beach as one of the most business-friendly cities in the State.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number and value of small business loans secured.

1.5. **Industry Needs** – Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs

- Support policies, legislation and grants to retain, expand and attract manufacturing, technology, health care and other high-wage businesses, including regional approaches to workforce solutions that leverage regional planning, project delivery and industry convening/research efforts.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for a renewable energy worker training grant program, including the creation of an “Energy Conservation Corps” or similar program, to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for the workforce development system, and encourage investment and development of the system’s one-stop centers, as well as training programs that address worker skill gaps in growing industries.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the skills base of the workforce, aligned with business and industry needs – with the Workforce Development Board’s adopted Demand Sectors and its Self-Sufficiency Standard.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase and stabilize investment in the local workforce development system, for the benefit of youth development with a special focus on the needs of out-of-school, those who are emancipated and enrolled in justice system programs, emancipating foster youth, military veterans (and spouses), re-entry populations, disabled individuals, older workers and transitioning dislocated workers.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that increase the marketability of unemployed or underemployed workers.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that creates a more competitive business environment for all Long Beach businesses.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that promotes the development of space-oriented technology for commercial uses, space- oriented development, and space exploration.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to sustain the investment made by the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment to help transition the C-17 plant and parcels into a new center of economic activity and innovation.
- Support policies and legislation to provide paid parental leave to full-time employees.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that assist families in gaining access to quality and affordable childcare.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that restrict employers from requesting criminal history information for purposes of employment while also providing job training resources to individuals with criminal histories.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that fund the dredging of ocean channels at the Port of Long Beach to enhance navigation and recreation, and that allow cost-effective and safe methods of either disposal or sustainable reuse of dredge materials.

1.6. **Global Connectedness**

- Support efforts to increase operational excellence in terms of balancing environmentally sustainable achievements and financial strength at the Port of Long Beach.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to enhance international trade that benefit local businesses, port development, and the overall local economy, providing it is consistent with Council policy on addressing the environmental impacts of goods movement.

2. EDUCATION

2.1. Education Equity

- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase school readiness for children and their parents through access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education services.
- Support policies, 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.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for the development and training of the education workforce in order to facilitate improved educational success and graduation rates for all children, youth, and young adults.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that provides funding for Community Schools, particularly in at-risk communities with limited local access to resources.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to further the implementation of the My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that include underrepresented groups in the development of California in the United States as it pertains to history in textbooks.
- Support legislation that includes favorable interest rates for students and new borrowers, refinancing for existing borrowers, and which would prevent the federal government from profiting off student loans.
- Support policies and legislation that preserve and strengthen the FAIR Education Act of 2011 which requires that history instruction cover LGBT persons as well as those with disabilities.
- Support legislation and initiatives that provide funding for universal preschool, after school programs, safety in and around schools and bullying prevention.

2.2. Internships – Support creation of career pathways by doubling the number of internships for Long Beach Unified School District students

- Support policies, legislation and grants for 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.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that enhance the effective education of the City's children and youth from pre-school through post-secondary education, including school readiness, educational enhancement institutions such as the Aquarium of the Pacific, and services of the Workforce Innovation Network's Youth Opportunity Center aimed at increasing the employment rate and employability of young adults.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for local university, college, and high school programs that train students in zero emission technology, renewable energy technology, energy efficiency, green building, or other related fields.

2.3. Long Beach College Promise

- Support policies, legislation and grants that expand the Long Beach College Promise.
- Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College, and California State University, Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.

2.4. Technology – Support efforts to expand the use of technology at schools and libraries

- Support policies, legislation and grants that provides discount Internet access to schools and

libraries.

- Support policies, legislation and grants for public library programs and facilities, including access to affordable e-books and audio books.

3. ENERGY

3.1. Energy Resiliency

- Support policies and legislation to set limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the intent of curbing global warming, and funding, recognition and support of local government action to mitigate and adapt to climate change through full funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, as well as incentives to encourage property tax-based financing for energy efficiency.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for alternative energy proposals, including offshore wind that further the utilization of environmentally friendly, renewable energy applications at both the customer and utility level.

3.2. Utilities and Waste Management

- Support policies, legislation or grants that assists with the preservation of low-cost natural gas to the City's residents, funding for gas infrastructure and maintenance, and policies that allow for a reliable, competitively priced energy supply.

4. ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

4.1. Air Quality and Environmental Sustainability – Support efforts to improve air quality

- Support changes in federal legislation or regulations to enable aerospace manufacturers to use industry-approved alternative materials in place of chromium in the production of federally owned aircraft for the purposes of improving air quality in neighborhoods adjacent to aerospace manufacturing facilities.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that encourage the use of electric vehicles, or clean burning alternative fuels and provide incentives to cities with innovative low-carbon fuel programs.
- Support policies and legislation that would establish a price on carbon to help advance the City's Climate Action Plan objectives related to reducing carbon emissions and advancing the State's Cap-and-Trade Program.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that protect the City's ability to efficiently operate the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) in a cost-effective manner.
- Support policies and legislation to require that petroleum coke products are covered during transport and that coal and petroleum coke products from outside California in railcars be covered during transport to the Port of Long Beach for export.
- Support policies and legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from parties responsible for detrimental impacts on local air quality and the environment.
- Support changes in federal legislation and regulations that require chromium plating of federally owned aircraft to improve air quality in neighborhoods adjacent to aerospace manufacturing facilities.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to reduce air pollutants adversely impacting the environment and population's wellbeing while ensuring equitable access to healthy air quality.

- Support policies, legislation, and administrative action to rapidly decarbonize the maritime shipping industry and to create green shipping corridors along the California coast, the West Coast of the United States, and across the trans-Pacific trade route.
- Support funding for multi-benefit parks projects and an urban forestry plan to expand the City's tree canopy and advance the City's ability to adapt to climate change impacts including but not limited to air quality, flooding, extreme temperatures, and drought.

4.2. **Long Beach Climate Action Plan (LB CAP)**

- Support policies, legislation and grants that increase funding for climate mitigation and adaptation.
- Support policies and legislation that provide the City with tax and funding mechanisms necessary to address sea level rise and other climate change effects.
- Support policies and legislation, including changes to the Coastal Act, that clarify the City's ability to protect public structures and lands including, where necessary, through the construction of protective structures.

4.3. **Stormwater Management and Recreational Water Quality**

- Support policies, legislation and grants for the assessment and clean-up of water that may affect recreational water quality at the City's beaches, including funding for innovative water reclamation, filtration and other best management storm water treatment techniques at the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers, still-water areas, and other waterways.
- Support policies, legislation grants to fund Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and federally-mandated Municipal MS4 and industrial NPDES Permit compliance measures.
- Pursue actions to allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to obtain federal funding for the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, and federal funding to ensure the Los Angeles River continues to remain navigable.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that support small businesses with transitioning to non-polystyrene and green business practices.
- Oppose any policy or legislation that would reclassify areas currently protected by recently upgraded, federally certified flood protection levees with no demonstrable history of recent flooding as "residual risk" zones that would be subject to mandatory flood insurance. In such areas locally, require FEMA to meet current requirements for a formal flood insurance study before attempting to rezone as a flood risk area.
- Support efforts to clean up the DDT waste dumped in the ocean near Long Beach and resources to prevent further harm to natural resources from these waste sites.
- Support efforts to improve clean-up and capital improvements for beaches, rivers, lakes and waterways that affect the City, including stormwater management, water capture, recycling and reuse projects.

4.4. **Livability Index** – Maximize Long Beach's Livability Index

- Support policies, legislation and grants for stormwater management best practices, Low Impact Development (LID) strategies and integrated watershed management approaches.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for wetlands and ecosystem restoration projects in the Long Beach region, including funds for property acquisition and the establishment of a publicly held wetlands mitigation bank.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to provide assistance to environmental clean-up

projects, including partnerships with the private sector.

- Support policies, legislation and grants to maintain and maximize the City's share of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding and retain each as separate and distinct federal programs.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that provide funding for enhanced social and mental health services, as well as facilities, housing, recreational programs and transportation, to address the diverse needs of Long Beach's senior community.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to combat the negative impacts of vacant residential foreclosed properties on local communities.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to lower age requirements for Gold Star Mother housing facilities to 55 years of age, so that mothers of fallen soldiers in recent wars may qualify for residency in these facilities, and to provide admission priority for US veterans.
- Support policies and legislation that expand the Americans with Disability Act to fully support the rights of individuals with disabilities and provide assistance for businesses and local governments to implement ADA requirements.
- Support policies and legislation that reduces helicopter noise pollution in residential areas.
- Encourage recognition of infrastructure and environmental demands placed on Long Beach due to the movement of goods through our City and region, and advocate for policies, legislation or grants that provide funding for sound walls and environmental mitigation to reduce the impacts of port operations.
- Support policies, legislation or grants for zero emission (ZE) transportation projects in Long Beach.
- Support policies, legislation, or grants initiated and/or advocated by the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners, on behalf of the Long Beach Water Department.
- Support policies, legislation or grants that would allow earthquake insurance to become more affordable and accessible, in a fiscally responsible manner.
- Support policies and legislation requiring notification and response activities related to crude oil shipped to California via rail, and funding to local governments if local government response activities become necessary.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to support voice and broadband services for low-income consumers.
- Support policies, legislation and grants initiated and/or advocated by the Long Beach Harbor Department/Port of Long Beach.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that provide cities with technology tools and resources to improve civic resilience, operational efficiency, and quality of life outcomes for residents.

4.5. **Parks** – Support parks recreation, and marine programming and infrastructure

- Support legislation and grants to facilitate the public's access to the Internet when in parks, beaches, and recreational facilities through Wi-Fi technologies.
- Support legislation, policies and grants to facilitate cities to increase public awareness and desire to adopt domestic pets from animal care shelters.
- Support legislation, policies, grants and coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers to protect Alamitos Bay, the Port of Long Beach and the City's shoreline from sea level rise and other climate change effects.
- Support funding and resources for the City to acquire land for parks and open space, especially in park-poor neighborhoods.

5. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

5.1. Revenue, Fees and Taxation

- Support policies and legislation that identify a more balanced approach to reducing the federal deficit while minimizing harm to cities and the national economy.
- Support the increase of the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction, increase the volume cap for Private Activity Bonds (PAB), and restore advance refunding of tax-exempt municipal bonds to maintain a low-cost and efficient way for cities to finance critical infrastructure.
- Support funding to transition to a zero-emissions City fleet and advance policies that ensure government fleets receive full value for tax credits on purchase of zero-emissions commercial vehicles.

5.2. Unfunded Mandates

- Oppose any policy or legislation that places a federal mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the program.

6. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

6.1. Airport

- Support policies and legislation to increase the federal cap on airport passenger facility charges so that local governments have additional funding options available at local discretion.
- Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.
- Support legislation that includes a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) liability exemption for airports for the costs of responding to, or damages resulting from, a release of PFAS due to the use of FAA-mandated Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) and the lack of approved alternatives.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to establish an intergovernmental agency working group to plan and coordinate efforts related to the safety, infrastructure, physical security, cybersecurity, and federal investment necessary to bolster advanced air mobility deployment in the United States.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to provide additional resources for the development and transition to unleaded aviation gas (avgas).

6.2. Local Initiatives

- Support policies, legislation and grants that invest in priority municipal projects, including but not limited to parks, streets, infrastructure, public safety, affordable housing, trade, tourism, goods movement, airports, and other projects.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives, including the ability to utilize Public, Educational and Government (PEG) franchise fee support for both capital and operational expenses.
- Support efforts to ensure the City of Long Beach continues to be eligible for federal grant funds without needing to provide new certifications of compliance with federal laws.
- Support implementation of the Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan and My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.

- Support federal resources for the Queen Mary's historic preservation, infrastructure and safety improvements, and long-term economic development opportunities.

6.3. Elections and Campaign Finance

- Support policies, legislation and grants that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections, including legislation to allow municipal elections officials to mail out official election-related materials through the United States Postal Service at nonprofit rates.
- Oppose policies and legislation to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M.
- Support policies, 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.

6.4. Retirement, Compensation, and Benefits

- Support policies and legislation to allow local governments to withdraw from participation in FICA and Social Security programs if the local government has other retirement programs in place, and oppose mandatory social security coverage, which would place an additional negative fiscal impact on the City.

6.5. Equity

- Support policies, legislation, and funding that allocates resources to advance the City's equity and reconciliation priorities.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that allocates resources to non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, and trusted partners that serve Black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, and other people of color.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to maximize opportunities for racial equity through housing policies that address segregation and access to homeownership.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that aims to increase the recruitment and retention of Black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, and other people of color to employment and leadership positions.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding that focuses on racial healing with Black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, and other people of color most impacted by systemic racism.

7. HOUSING

7.1. Everyone Home Long Beach – Support policies consistent with the Everyone Home Long Beach Report

- Support policies, legislation and funding for programs and services directed in the Everyone Home Long Beach Report.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to assist with the City's homeless programs, including those related to supportive housing, mental health and substance use, veterans and seniors.
- Support federal resources that supplement local efforts to prevent homelessness through upstream investments and to rehouse people experiencing homelessness through hotel/motel conversion, tiny homes, housing choice vouchers, and operational and administrative funding for the City.

7.2. Housing Element – Support affordable housing policies consistent with the City Council’s adopted Housing Element

- Support the preservation of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC).
- Support policies, legislation and grants for services to assist veterans.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City, including full funding for housing assistance programs that are utilized in Long Beach, including existing Section 8 vouchers and administrative costs.
- Support policies and legislation classifying internet service as an additional cost that can be covered by housing assistance programs that are utilized in Long Beach, including Section 8 vouchers.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for assistance to homeowners regarding reworking their mortgages to allow them to remain in their homes.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that promote appropriate redevelopment and housing development including in the Coastal Zone through closer and respectful coordination among local and State land-use, housing and coastal regulators.
- Support legislation and policies that provide reimbursements or other financial incentives for income-restricted affordable housing that is exempt from property tax.
- Support policies, legislation and grants incentivizing the development of moderate-income housing production.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH

8.1. Intervention – Support comprehensive public health intervention strategies

- Support policies, legislation and grants that enhance infant and early-childhood public health services, including prenatal care, infant and early childhood health care.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for nutrition programs including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that provides food security and improved nutrition for families and individuals of all ages, and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program, which provides supplemental food, health care referrals and nutrition education for low-income mothers and children.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that enhance social and emotional well-being outcomes: including promoting English literacy, quality childcare, teen pregnancy prevention, mentoring, mental health, substance abuse treatment, human dignity, foster and kinship care, after school and weekend enrichment activities, and other cultural enhancement programs.
- Support policies, legislation or grants for Prevention and Public Health Fund.
- Support policies, legislation and funding for public health programs to prevent diseases, obesity, asthma, and treat and manage mental health including substance abuse programs.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for HIV testing, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing, and ensures swift treatment to individuals impacted and at risk for HIV and STI’s.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that would increase Medi-Care reimbursement rates as related to ambulance billing.
- Support policies, legislation and funding for services provided to youth who may have experienced violence and/or be at risk for drug or alcohol dependency.
- Support full and stable funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Plan (CHIP).

- Support efforts to fund and sustain public health prevention and services to increase health and wellness opportunities across the City.
- Support federal funding to implement the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, which includes intervention, prevention, treatment and suppression.
- Support legislation and grant efforts that assist municipalities in combatting opioid overdose.
- Support funding that advances the City's ability to establish a robust infrastructure for behavioral health services, including residential beds, treatment, alternative crisis response, and supportive housing.
- Oppose legislation and policies that propose national abortion bans and restrict access to reproductive health care.

8.2. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

- Support policies and legislation to preserve and favorably reform the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act.
- Support policies and legislation providing access to affordable medical, dental and mental care and coverage.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to develop public health infrastructure and capacity.
- Support legislation, policies and grants that will establish a national health insurance program to provide every resident of the United States with health insurance through an expanded Medicare program, inclusive of improved and comprehensive benefits.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY

9.1. Crime – Create a safe city for all people.

- Support legislation that regulates and enhances penalties for the illegal modification of firearms.
- Support legislation and greater penalties for individuals who commit gun crime, including aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, armed robbery, and carjacking.
- Support legislation and funding that allows for gun buyback and other innovative programs to reduce the number of guns on the streets.
- Support legislation that standardizes concealed carry license guidelines for more restrictive gun laws and modernizes concealed carry licensing requirements in the penal code, including a jurisdiction's ability to adjust fees that allow for full cost recovery of background services.
- Support legislation and seek funding to assist in preventing and reducing crime, primarily related to property crimes, cyber-crime, opioid and Fentanyl overdose, gang violence, mental illness, sex crimes, and pedestrian safety.
- Support legislation for stronger sentencing of those using motor vehicles to evade peace officers, committing residential burglary, and/or habitual, repeat offenders of property crimes such as automobile theft, automobile burglary, package theft, and theft from an automobile.
- Support legislation that provides a safe environment for witnesses and victims of a crime to testify and protect them from intimidation during and after criminal proceedings.
- Support legislation that broadens the definition of hate crimes and domestic terrorism.
- Support legislation and grants to continuously evaluate use of force policies and funding for training.
- Support legislation and enhanced penalties involving false reporting based on racial bias.
- Support gun control reforms, including strengthening gun control laws and stemming 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.

- Support or sponsor legislation that increases penalties to individuals who exploit individuals for, 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.
- Support policies and legislation that provide more local government control on the regulation of re-entry points for sex offenders and parolees.
- Support policies and legislation reducing the concentration of sex offenders and parolees, and their location within close proximity to daycare centers and neighborhoods in residential areas.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants addressing cyber security crimes.
- Oppose legislation that would require concealed carry reciprocity from state-to-state.
- Support legislation, policies and grants that provide funding to prevent mass casualty shooting incidents.
- Support policies and legislation decreasing the state administrative cap for all federal grants and increasing the administrative cap for local governments.
- Support the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act.
- Support legislation, policies and funding to enable local law enforcement agencies to establish interoperable databases of ammunition and cartridge cases, including fingerprints found on ammunition and cartridge cases at documented crime scenes.
- Support legislation for increased penalties or fees for individuals who willfully disrupt communities with noise from altered motor vehicles and that participate in street takeovers and/or street racing.

9.2. Innovation – Foster innovation to address economic and social challenges and to strengthen partnerships with communities to achieve safe and livable neighborhoods.

- Support legislation and policies that enable immigrants who arrived in the United States as children and who meet certain criteria to apply for work permits, as well as deferred action from deportation.
- Support proposals which would protect Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA).
- Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs.
- Support federal policies that would be applicable nationwide to create a system that would enable medical cannabis to be distributed at accredited pharmacies.
- Support policies and legislation that provides more local government control over the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities, including sober-living homes that rent up to six beds to recovering individuals and are not currently required to register for city business licenses, obtain conditional use permits or state licenses.

9.3. Partnerships – Continue to develop partnerships and work together to ensure a safe city for all people

- Support legislation that provides funding for programs that promote trust and engagement

with the community.

- Support the expansion of mental health hospitals to provide individuals with mental health, substance abuse, or co-occurring disorders the care they need to live fulfilling lives.
- Support legislation and funding that encourages partnerships and training with other law enforcement agencies for the continuity of public safety within the region.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target fentanyl abuse.
- Support state funding for educational grants to help establish criminal justice programs at local high schools and community colleges to engage and help establish a future workforce representative of the local community.
- Support legislation and proposals to encourage partnerships between law enforcement agencies or relevant services and academia to benefit juvenile diversion and anti-recidivism through educational attainment.
- Support or sponsor legislation and pursue funding for multi-sector collaborative approaches to violence prevention and public safety, recognizing the continuum of services that are responsible for public safety and prioritizing multi-sector data sharing initiatives that do not compromise confidential or sensitive information.
- Support legislation and grants to invest in upstream violence prevention strategies through programs like CalVIP, supporting living wage jobs, affordable housing, healthy communities and other social services that will ensure sustainable violence prevention.
- Support policies, legislation, grants and regional initiatives to support school campus safety, which means keeping schools a gun and violence free zone and providing support for School Resource Officer programs when funding is available.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to strengthen capacity, resources, and visibility of local community-based violence prevention/intervention models and gang outreach programs, including intervention workers, youth employment programs, summer programming, safe passages, and other best practices.
- Support legislation and regional initiatives that recognize and provide funding for safe communities as it supports collaboration between public safety and health, particularly violence prevention efforts and mental health treatment.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that promote the installation of fire sprinklers in existing structures.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.
- Support policy changes that recognize and promote mental health services as part of the gun control law discussion.
- Support legislation and policy that would require background checks on ammunition purchases.
- Support legislation, policy and grants that would enable the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fund gun violence studies and data collection.
- Support legislation, policy and grants that support implementation of family and community violence prevention programs.
- Support legislation, policies, and grants for restorative justice programs.
- Support legislation that would fund and/or incentivize multi-agency collaborative models of law enforcement through partnerships with community health workers and mental health professionals.
- Support legislation, policies and grants to strengthen and regulate universal background

checks for firearms sales and transactions.

9.4. Wellness – With consideration of past trauma, foster employee and community wellness to achieve safe neighborhoods

- Support legislation that strengthens wellness for law enforcement employees and provides funding for recruitment, inclusivity, and retention of police.
- Support grants and legislation to enhance safe passage programs for students and pedestrians.
- Support legislation that provides data-informed approaches and funding to support community programs and trauma services for victims of violent crime, including measures that enhance penalties for gun violence recidivists and help law enforcement agencies decrease firearm and ballistic backlogs.
- Support legislation, policies and funding to would enable public health providers and partner agencies to provide treatment to mentally ill individuals who are unable to offer urgently needed medical care for him or herself due to a mental disorder as part of a grave disability.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to enhance or promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion and intervention programs.
- Support proposals that promote and provide funding for prevention and reentry-based programming and services for justice-involved individuals.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding benefitting programs to improve peace officers' mental health and wellness.
- Support legislation that provides resources and services for victims of human trafficking, sexual abuse, and rape, including support of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and measures to decrease rape kit backlogs.
- Support legislation, policies, and funding to establish restorative justice programs in juvenile and adult courts.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to provide immigrant populations with due process protections, including legal representation for individuals facing deportation proceedings.

9.5. Constitutional Rights and Public Trust – Strengthen the public's trust in law enforcement through accountability, community inclusion and transparency.

- Support policies and legislation to provide funding for police departments and relevant services to strengthen community relations through community and youth police academies.
- Support policies, legislation and funding that promotes equitable treatment and protects the fundamental liberties of all people.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to cities to recruit a diverse law enforcement workforce to improve transparency, understanding, and effectiveness in serving all communities.
- Support legislation, policies, and funding to would facilitate the lateral hiring of police officers to fill critical law enforcement vacancies.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to allow public safety officer applicants to be permanent residents of the State and not necessarily naturalized citizens.
- Support resources to track information related to public safety officers that resign in lieu of discipline or termination, or those with multiple sustained complaints and/or violations.

- Support policies that propose baseline decertification standards statewide, including to decertify public safety officers when convicted of a felony.
- Support funding for the state-mandated public disclosure of police personnel files related to public safety officer misconduct, serious use of force resulting in death or great bodily injury, sexual assault, and job-related dishonesty.
- Support policies and legislation that is transgender inclusive and oppose efforts to remove or redefine support and/or funding for the transgender community.
- Oppose policies and legislation that ban LGBTQ Americans for serving in our military.
- Support policies and legislation that ensure civil liberties are protected, including under such legislation as the USA PATRIOT Act and the USA Freedom Act.
- Support policies and legislation that will allow marriage equality for same sex couples, defend same sex civil marriages, and protect the fundamental liberties of all families.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that provide increased mental health and substance use treatment facilities, support resources and incarceration diversion strategies in the Southern California region (urgent care centers, police training).
- Support resources and funding for implicit and racial bias training for all law enforcement, de-escalation training that focuses on alternatives to deadly force, and training that focuses on alternatives to deadly force, and training to promote cultural and community awareness.

9.6. Emergency Preparedness – Continuously prepare for and respond to community needs in the event of emergency, pandemics and naturally occurring disasters

- 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 for local public safety units to respond to, prevent, and prepare for terrorist threats.
- Support policies, legislation, regional initiatives and funding to advance equitable and inclusive emergency response efforts for vulnerable populations.
- Support policies and legislation for a risk-based allocation of Homeland Security funds directly to municipalities, and legislation that would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from requiring matching funds for homeland security grants.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to fund the planning, logistics and execution of emergency/disaster management plans for residents, business, visitors and animals.

9.7. Technology – Embrace technology to enhance public safety services

- Support policies, legislation, and funding to authorize and fund regional interoperable public safety radio communications.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to fully fund technologies that provide the public with enhanced forecasting of natural disasters.
- Support policies, legislation, and funding to provide the public with enhanced or alternate technologies to report public safety emergency needs (e.g., text to 9-1-1).
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies, including through cross-departmental or multi-sector collaboration.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to ensure that the City and Region receive necessary funding to develop and implement a regional communication system to ensure interoperable communications across disciplines and jurisdictions.

- Support legislation that would require police data reporting, if funding is available to sustain data collection.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that makes it easier for departments and organizations to share data to support cross-sector approaches to addressing safety and improving wellness.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that implement or improve upon natural disaster early warning systems.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to maintain local control of, incorporate technology into, and improve municipal public safety services, local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue, emergency medical services and disaster preparedness initiatives.

10. TECHNOLOGY

10.1. **Digital Inclusion** – Advance digital inclusion and equity for residents, workers and businesses

- Support policies, legislation and funding to increase the number of households and businesses which have access to low-cost or free high-speed and reliable Internet as well as low-cost or free quality, Internet-enabled technology devices and technical support.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to increase the number and location of City-provided public Wi-Fi services and community-focused computer labs.
- Support policies and legislation that seek to restore local control in regulatory matters concerning Internet telecommunications, including instituting requirements for Internet Service Providers to share data on infrastructure and subscribers with the City to assist in Dig Once coordination and assess equitable access to the Internet.
- Support policies, legislation and funding to increase ongoing Internet access as an eligible utility for federal housing vouchers and other subsidies.
- Support policies and legislation that opens Internet connections subsidized by the federal E-Rate program, currently only allowed for schools and libraries.
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the availability of free, multilingual digital literacy training and support, job preparedness, and skill development.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that provide safe access to the Internet through cybersecurity training and resources for residents, workers and businesses.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that protect consumer privacy and a free, open Internet, to ensure interoperability, inclusion and opportunity in digital services.
- Support policies, legislation and grants that ensure transparency, accountability, and non-discrimination of data, content, and algorithms.

11. TRANSPORTATION

11.1. **Active Transportation and Transit-Oriented Development**

- Support policies, legislation and grants to improve local transportation infrastructure, including: local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility networks, complete bicycle and mobility projects, pedestrian and bicycle safety projects, and storm water projects in Long Beach.
- Support policies, legislation and grants for infrastructure improvements that improve connections to and facilities around public transit, buses, and Metro lines (i.e. the A Line).
- Support policies, legislation and grants to increase transit ridership through education and

funding for transit-oriented development projects.

- Support policies or legislation that will ban Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs) that consist of longer double tractor and triple tractor-trailers from traveling on federal highways to improve traffic congestion and percent fatal accidents.
- Support policies or legislation to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.
- Support the City's adopted plans and actions to improve bike, pedestrian, and traffic safety.

11.2. Safe Streets Long Beach (Vision Zero)

- Support policies, legislation, and grants for the implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan to meet the goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2026.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants to update existing design standards to reduce roadway injuries and fatalities.
- Participate in policy reform efforts to enable automated speed enforcement and provide more control to municipalities over the setting of speed limits, including FHWA-endorsed methods that focus more on context and presence of vulnerable roadway users.
- Support policies, legislation, and grants that prioritize road safety investments through an equity lens.