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To: State Legislation Committee

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Subject: **2021 Draft State Legislative Agenda**

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Each year, City staff reviews the State Legislative Agenda and recommends changes to ensure the agenda reflects and advocates for the legislative and funding priorities of the City of Long Beach (City). In October 2020, the adopted 2020 State Legislative Agenda was sent to all departments for input to incorporate into the 2021 Draft State Legislative Agenda, and the Government Affairs team met with departments to understand their recommended legislative and funding priorities for the upcoming year.

Attachment A (“2021 Draft State Legislative Agenda”) incorporates staff recommendations for the State Legislation Committee’s consideration. New language is indicated by blue underlined text; moved or streamlined language is indicated by green underlined text; and deleted language is indicated by ~~red strikethrough~~ text. Next to added or revised language is the name of the department in parentheses pertaining to that specific recommended revision, indicated by highlighted text.

Given the unprecedented impacts of COVID-19 on the City’s legislative and funding priorities, Attachment B (“COVID-19 Advocacy Strategy”) outlines a proposed strategy for the City to advocate for resources and needs specific to the pandemic, based on City Council action over the past year and departmental priorities. While some specific items related to COVID-19 response are also incorporated in the draft legislative agenda, the urgency and scope of the pandemic necessitate a targeted advocacy strategy and one-pager that can be easily shared with the delegation.

### **Proposed Changes to the State Legislative Agenda**

This memorandum explains the rationale behind staff’s recommendations for significant revisions to the 2021 Draft State Legislative Agenda. Explanations of the revisions are organized by topic, and many are shared with the proposed 2021 Federal Legislative Agenda. Please refer to Attachment A for the specific proposed language.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Over the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic devastated local businesses and industry sectors. Staff recommend incorporating a 2021 Focus Statement to support legislation and resources that will help to mitigate the financial impacts of the pandemic on businesses, workers, and community members.

Under Objective 1, staff recommend adding export clusters to existing Item J. Staff also recommend moving Item K related to crypto currency and bitcoin regulation that was previously in the Public Safety section, since it is more directly related to Economic Development.

Staff recommend minor changes in Objectives 4 and 5. Staff recommend deleting Item 4K, due to duplication with Item 4J. The Harbor Department also recommends moving Item 5F to the Federal Legislative Agenda, since resources for dredging are more of federal importance. They further recommend clarifying language for Item 5G regarding the development of zero-emission and near-zero emission technology and infrastructure at the port.

Staff propose adding an item to Objective 6 related to the City's COVID-19 economic relief package for working families and small businesses, passed by Council on March 17, 2020.

The pandemic has also underscored the need for digital resources and the disparate impacts arising from the digital divide. Staff recommend adding Objective 8 to advance digital inclusion and equity for residents, workers, and businesses. The objective includes new directives for legislative and funding advocacy based on the City's Digital Inclusion Initiative and ongoing CARES Act programs related to digital inclusion, in addition to expanding broadband infrastructure and consumer privacy protections. Staff recommend Item J to expand resources and funding for Cybersecurity systems to protect City infrastructure. Item K is proposed based on a recommended action within the Racial Equity and Reconciliation – Initial Report related to funding digital inclusion efforts.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the topic of community safety and racial equity has been a top priority for the City and for state and federal legislators. On June 24, 2020, the State Legislation Committee voted unanimously to request staff to revisit the Public Safety section of the agenda. The Committee's priorities for the agenda included expanding items related to:

- Transparency and accountability;
- Alternative models to community policing, engagement, and maintaining public trust;
- Training—to improve standards related to responding to domestic violence calls, tolerance, and equity;
- The role of civilian oversight; and,
- Increasing mental health resources for police officers.

Furthermore, on August 11, 2020, the City Council unanimously approved the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report (Report), which includes policy priorities to advance racial equity. As part of the Reconciliation implementation plan, staff are leading a policy workgroup to develop a draft equity policy advocacy strategy for Committee and Council consideration.

Staff recommendations for the 2021 Draft State Legislative Agenda seek to capture the Committee's priorities and the items outlined in the Report. Upon review, staff recognized that many of the existing directives in the Public Safety section of the agenda did not align with their respective objectives. Many of the recommended staff changes are to move and streamline language that was in the formerly adopted agenda. Staff also recommend incorporating new items based on the Committee's input and the Report related to racial equity.

For the 2021 Focus Statements, staff recommend removing the item related to realignment-related public safety operations and instead adding a statement to support implementation of the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, in alignment with the Federal Legislative Agenda. Staff also recommend slightly amending the last statement to reflect the priority for collaboration between public safety and health.

Objective 1 includes several proposed new items, in addition to moving existing items. The new items pertain to gun violence, including enhanced regulation of "ghost guns" which are weapons assembled from the acquisition of legal weapon components; data management; broadening the definition and sentencing of hate crimes; funding for training and evaluating use of force policies; and enhancing penalties for false reporting based on racial bias.

Objective 2 includes a number of items that were moved to better align with other objectives. Item B related to expanding statewide restrictions on fireworks, penalties, and oversight is recommended based on Council action taken on June 23, 2020. Staff also recommend a new item to expand resources for re-entry programming and services based on Goal 2 of the Reconciliation Report.

In Objective 3, staff recommend moving and streamlining several existing items. Staff also propose five new recommendations. Items F and P are based on the Reconciliation Report relating to violence prevention and intervention models. Items I, J, and K are related to the State Legislation Committee's recommendations to support resources for multi-agency collaboration and partnerships in public safety and health; mental health resources for peace offices; and funding for implicit and racial bias training, de-escalation, and alternatives to deadly force.

Objective 4 also includes five new proposed items to advance accountability and transparency. Items G, H, and I relate to supporting resources and policies to track information related to public safety officers that resign in lieu of discipline or termination due to violations, the advancement of decertification standards, and funding to support public disclosure of files related to misconduct. Item J is recommended to expand funding and resources for education programs in criminal justice. Finally, Item K is based on Goal 3 the Reconciliation Report, advocating for the City's participation in several public safety reform initiatives.

Given the importance of the pandemic for legislative and funding advocacy, staff also recommend a new Objective 5 focused on response to emergencies. Most of the items were already in the previously adopted agenda and have been moved to align with this objective, while Item F is new based on the City's priority to advance equitable and inclusive emergency

response.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the importance of public health to nearly all aspects of the City's legislative agendas. As one of three cities in the State with a municipally operated health department, advocating for policies and funding for the City's public health efforts is a priority. Therefore, staff recommend creating a new Public Health section to the 2021 Draft State Legislative Agenda.

Many of this section's proposed objectives and directives have been moved and revised from Sustainable & Livable Cities section. Objective 1 includes items pertaining to the Health Department's prevention, management, and recovery programs and services. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated funding challenges for the City's public health efforts, so staff have proposed to address the need for more resources and support related to public health functions, research, and response. Items B, C, G, H, and I support funding allocations from the State to our local health jurisdiction for various public health programs and needs. Staff recommend Items W and X to improve data-driven public health initiatives for underserved communities and to advance public health priorities outlined in the Reconciliation Report.

Similarly, Objectives 2 and 3 contain mostly items that were previously adopted in the agenda, with a few new items. Objective 2 focuses on outdoor infrastructure and programs pertaining to physical health with proposed Item 2G regarding safe rights-of-way and injury prevention. Objective 3 focuses on the impacts of cannabis and tobacco products with new Items 3F and 3G regarding efforts to advance health related to e-cigarettes and second-hand smoke.

Objective 4 is a proposed new objective to streamline existing items and add one new item regarding the City's homeless services efforts. Objective 4 aggregates items about the recommendations within the Everyone Home Long Beach Report. Addressing the statewide homeless crisis remains a City advocacy priority for 2021.

## **EDUCATION**

Staff propose minimal changes. Staff propose a new item in Objective 1 to recognize educational resources for older adults and additions to items in Objective 2 and Objective 4 related to near-zero and zero-emission technology training and educational programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents. Staff recommend adding Item 2H based on Goal 1 of the Reconciliation Report to connect students of color with pathways to City employment.

## **SUSTAINABLE AND LIVABLE CITIES**

The State Legislature has introduced several legislative proposals in the past few years regarding modes of active transportation and transit-oriented development, reflected in Objective 3. Staff recommend adding new items to support local priorities regarding mobility

technology, active transportation infrastructure, and coordination with the State on State right-of-way. Moreover, Public Works staff recommend adding Objective 4 with new proposed items to support improvements to roadway safety through local traffic enforcement mechanisms, complete streets priorities, and incentives for safer forms of transportation.

Under Objective 5 regarding support for the City's affordable housing policies and adopted Housing Element, staff recommend adding new items related to the inclusion of Internet service among essential utilities covered by housing vouchers. Development Services also recommends supporting policies and funding for the development of moderate-income housing and homeownership programs, and legislation for reasonable requirements on the development of single-family homes into multi-unit housing. Additionally, staff recommend adding Items M and N based on Council action to support eviction and foreclosure protections for residents and businesses during emergencies. Staff recommend Item N to support funding opportunities for the City's Universal Basic Income pilot program. Finally, Item O is proposed based on the Reconciliation Report to advance affordable and supportive housing opportunities for the reentry population.

Under Objective 6, the Harbor Department recommends adding language to support cap and trade credits for the port's Clean Air Action Plan and proposals that advance renewable energy and energy efficiency at the port.

Lastly, staff recommend deleting items in the final three Objectives related to public health, in order to move them to the new proposed Public Health section. Instead, existing items related to the City's Animal Care Services have been moved to a new Objective 7, to better align with the section.

## **LOCAL CONTROL**

Staff recommend moving language related to the City's Safe Long Beach and My Brother's Keeper programs to the Public Health section. In addition, following the completion of the 2020 Census count, 2021 redistricting efforts are underway. Staff propose adding items 1Z and 1AA pertaining to equitable redrawing of district boundaries and retaining the vast majority of Long Beach in predominant seats for state representatives, as was achieved in the 2010 redistricting process.

## **COVID-19 Advocacy Priorities**

In addition to the proposed changes to the legislative agenda, staff recommend a stand-alone document that outlines the City's priorities related to legislative and funding advocacy for COVID-19 response. The pandemic has impacted the city and community in myriad ways; and defining a core set of priorities will bolster the City's advocacy efforts. Attachment B, therefore, proposes some of the core needs for the City's response to the pandemic, including local funding for economic recovery, public health resources, infrastructure stimulus, and community supports.

### **Next Steps**

A State Legislation Committee meeting will be scheduled in January 2021 to review and discuss staff's recommended changes to the 2021 State Legislative Agenda. Upon approval by the State Legislation Committee, the Committee will forward the proposed agenda to the full City Council for consideration and adoption. If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Bonanno-Curley, Manager of Government Affairs, at (562) 570-5715 or [Tyler.Curley@longbeach.gov](mailto:Tyler.Curley@longbeach.gov).

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# CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

## 2021 DRAFT STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Economic Development · Public Safety · Public Health · Education · Sustainable & Livable Cities · Local Control

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 18 historical districts, and over 180 local neighborhoods and business organizations.

Long Beach is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest city in California, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Bisexual or Transgender (LGBT) persons. Long Beach has consistently been one of the only cities nationwide to achieve a perfect score on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index.

Long Beach Unified School District has 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 remains the port of choice, with innovative transportation solutions, infrastructure improvements, environmental mitigation and community engagement programs.

***The Port of Long Beach is undertaking multiple programs to enhance competitiveness and environmental sustainability. Over the next 10 years, the Port will invest more than \$1.7 billion in capital improvements, including \$1 billion in projects that will expand on-dock rail use and minimize cargo truck trips on local roads and freeways. The Port is currently engaged in \$150 million worth of projects to demonstrate the effectiveness of zero-emissions cargo-handling and power-storage equipment. (Harbor Department)***

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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# 2021 DRAFT STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LONG BEACH: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Economic Development · Public Safety · Public Health · Education · Sustainable & Livable Cities · Local Control

### OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Grow and strengthen our established industry clusters and emerging sectors.*
- 2) Increase access to economic opportunities in low-income communities to advance economic equity.*
- 3) Ensure the preparedness of the workforce and the competitiveness of business through alignment of economic development, training, education and community partner efforts.*
- 4) Build a supportive economic ecosystem that creates reliable pathways for entrepreneurs to confidently start and grow successful businesses.*
- 5) Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs.*
- 6) Enhance our quality of life to grow businesses, jobs, and investment that support a thriving local economy.*
- 7) Advance an integrated approach to local and regional economic development to enhance business opportunities and global connectedness.*
- 8) Advance digital inclusion and equity for residents, workers and businesses.*

### 2021 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ [Support legislation and resources to mitigate the fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on local businesses, workers, and community members.](#) (Economic Development)
- ❖ Seek opportunities to pilot innovative programs that expand employment for workers who are not part of the traditional taxable economy by developing skillsets in alignment with emerging industry sectors, enabling work experience while achieving citizenship, solidifying entrepreneurial pursuits to gain self-sufficiency, and/or addressing underlying barriers to consistent employment.
- ❖ Coordinate with the State Department of Finance to secure funds owed to the City as part of the dissolution of the former Redevelopment Agency.
- ❖ Seek opportunities to facilitate economic development through leveraging private investments to promote quality infrastructure benefiting communities within the City.

### 1. Grow and strengthen our established industry clusters and emerging sectors.

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of jobs in key industry clusters.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of businesses in key industry clusters.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of jobs in traded industries that bring wealth into Long Beach.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase research capacity and relevancy as measured by approved patents.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase tourism.
- f) Support policies, legislation and grants 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.
- g) 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.
- h) Support or sponsor legislation that allows the City of Long Beach to pursue public-private partnerships.
- i) Support efforts to increase operational excellence in terms of balancing environmentally sustainable achievements and financial strength at the Port of Long Beach.
- j) Support legislation, grants, and greater partnership with GoBiz and the Governor's Office that stimulate renewed, diversified economic, as well as manufacturing [and export](#) clusters in the City. **Harbor Department**
- k) [Monitor legislation related to crypto currency or bitcoin regulation specific to businesses.](#) **(Moved to streamline)**

### 2. Increase access to economic opportunities in all to advance economic opportunity holistically.

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of minority-owned, LGBT-owned and women-owned businesses.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase non-traditional capital resources for minority-owned, LGBT-owned and women-owned businesses.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase investment in all business corridors with prioritization for underserved business corridors.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase financial literacy and wealth building opportunities for young people, disadvantaged families, senior citizens, and local businesses, with emphasis on minority, LGBT-owned and women-owned businesses.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase financial literacy and wealth-building opportunities for young people and disadvantaged families.
- f) Support policies, legislation and grants to decrease the digital divide for underserved community households.
- g) Support policies, legislation and grants to grow small business activity, including targeted growth among "homegrown" businesses in Long Beach.
- h) Support legislation that would ensure new safety regulations be made available for review and comment by employers prior to implementation.
- i) Support policies, legislation, and funding to would ensure language access across all government documents for cultural competency.

### 3. Ensure the preparedness of the workforce and competitiveness of business through alignment of economic development, training, education, and community partner efforts.

- a) Support policies and legislation that will increase year over year per capita income in the City.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of middle and high-skill jobs in the City.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants to reduce the unemployment rate.
- d) Support policies and legislation to increase the share of adult population with a Bachelor's degree, post-secondary education, or completion of certified certificate programs.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of Long Beach residents who re-engage with the education and training system.

- f) Support policies to increase the number of CSULB and LBCC graduates that reside and work in the City after graduation
- g) Support policies, legislation and funding to would help California retain film industry jobs and associated economic benefits, including legislation to prevent runaway production.
- h) Support policies, legislation and funding to assist the City in providing community arts programming and facilities.
- i) Support policies, legislation, and funding to assist the City in providing job training, community programming, with a focus on at-risk youth and reentry populations, as well as long term unemployed residents both to receive training and reenter the workforce.

#### 4. Build a supportive economic ecosystem that creates reliable pathways for entrepreneurs to confidently start and grow successful businesses.

- a) Support policies and legislation to reduce the cost of doing business and median days to approval for business licensing.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number of active business licenses.
- c) Support policies and legislation to increase availability and access to high-speed internet.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to establish Long Beach as one of the most business-friendly cities in the world.
- e) Support policies, legislation and funding to ensure workplaces offer health insurance to employees so that workers and residents of Long Beach have equitable access to healthcare as one mechanism to establish Long Beach as one of the most worker friendly cities in the world.
- f) Support policies, legislation and funding to ensure parental leave.
- g) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number and value of small business loans secured.
- h) Support efforts to ensure effective responses and resources for projects that support populations in particular need of interventions: e.g. emancipating foster youth, transitional aged youth, systems-involved youth, military veterans and spouses, re-entry populations, disabled individuals, older workers, and transitioning dislocated workers.
- i) Support legislation and pursue pilot programs that expand workforce opportunities for immigrant communities in particular those that may utilize recent State measures related to undocumented youth and other measures that have sought to remove barriers toward self-sufficiency.
- j) Support legislation that allows cities/and or jurisdictions to incentivize or collect fees from users of the goods movement system and from parties that impact local air quality and the environment.
- k) ~~Support legislation that allows cities and/or jurisdictions to collect fees from users of the goods movement system and from parties that impact local air quality and the environment.~~ (deleted due to duplication with item j above)
- l) Support the presentation of net neutrality to ensure that all internet service providers (ISPs) treat all internet traffic equally, regardless of content or application type.

#### 5. Support workforce development activities that align with industry needs.

- a) Support policies and legislation to maximize State allocated Workforce Development Board grants in the City of Long Beach.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase outcomes and relevancy of One-Stop Career Centers through resource integration with Stat “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*.
- c) Support state incentives that increase the marketability of unemployed or under-employed workers by supporting policies, legislation, and funding to assist employees in receiving training in emerging industries to maintain competitive employment.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to attract and retain local green collar jobs in industries such as green building, renewable energy technologies, and energy efficiency.
- e) Support efforts to obtain funds for job training, and other transition activities that are needed to be flexible to changes in the aerospace, aviation and maritime industries.
- f) ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to fund the dredging of ocean channels to enhance navigation and recreation, and that allow cost effective and safe methods of either disposal or sustainable reuse of dredge materials.~~ (Harbor Department recommends moving to Federal Legislative Agenda)
- g) Support policies, legislation and grants to facilitate the ~~demonstration construction~~ of zero emission (ZE) and near-zero (NZE) technology and facilitate the construction of ZE and NZE infrastructure and emissions goods movement projects in Long Beach. (Harbor Department)

## **6. Enhance our quality of life to grow businesses, jobs, and investment that support a thriving local economy.**

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase access to workforce housing at all market levels.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the percentage of children and adults with health insurance.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase public park land per 1,000 people with an emphasis on “park poor” areas.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the share of Long Beach residents working in Long Beach.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase or maintain resources dedicated to infrastructure that contribute to economic development and neighborhood quality.
- f) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase investment in the arts.
- g) Support green business initiatives and pursuing green business certification as a city.
- h) [Support policies, legislation and funding to implement economic relief for working families and small businesses impacted by emergencies, pandemics and naturally occurring disasters.](#) (City Council #20-0245 on 3/17/20)

## **7. Advance an integrated approach to local and regional economic development to enhance business opportunities and global connectedness.**

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase private sector investment in citywide economic development initiatives.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase educational partnerships that focus on high-wage careers and incubate new business opportunities.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the City’s involvement and leadership in regional issues affecting local business.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to expand regional and international market opportunities for local products and services.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase foreign direct investment and two-way international trade.
- f) Support policies and legislation that advocate for State incentives for the purpose of attracting investments in federal Opportunity Zones.

## **8. Advance digital inclusion and equity for residents, workers and businesses. (Economic Development and Technology & Innovation Departments)**

- a) [Support policies, legislation and grants 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.](#)
- b) [Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the number and location of City provided public Wi-Fi services and community-focused computer labs.](#)
- c) [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.](#)
- d) [Support policies, legislation and grants that treat Internet access as an eligible utility for State housing vouchers and other subsidies.](#)
- e) [Support policies, legislation and grants to increase the availability of free multilingual digital literacy training and support, job preparedness and digital literacy skill development](#)
- f) [Support policies, legislation and funding that provide for residents, workers and businesses to safely access the Internet through cybersecurity training and resources.](#)
- g) [Support policies, legislation and funding that protect consumer privacy and a free and open Internet, to ensure interoperability, inclusion and opportunity in digital services.](#)
- h) [Support policies, legislation and funding that ensure transparency, accountability and non-discrimination of data, content and algorithms.](#)
- i) [Support policies and legislation that protect Customer Proprietary Network Information \(CPNI\) by prohibiting broadband Internet access service providers from using, disclosing, or permitting access to individually identifiable personal information.](#)
- j) [Support policies, legislation and funding for Cybersecurity systems that serve to detect, prevent, and remediate](#)

- [unlawful access to critical city technology infrastructure including 9-1-1 systems, financial management, and HR records. \(Technology & Innovation and Disaster Preparedness Departments\)](#)
- k) [Support policies, legislation and grants to increase funding and resources for the City's Digital Inclusion efforts for residents, workers and business owners. \(Recommendation from Goal 4 of the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report\)](#)



### OBJECTIVES:

- 1) *Protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all people.*
- 2) *Foster innovation to address economic and social challenges.*
- 3) *Continue to **develop** strengthen partnerships and **work-together** initiatives to **ensure** effectuate **a safe city-for-all-people** communities for all people through shared safety practices.*
- 4) *Strengthen the public's trust in law enforcement through accountability, **open-communication**, community inclusion and transparency.*
- 5) ***Foster a healthy economic environment through law enforcement** Continuously prepare for and respond to community needs in the event of emergencies, pandemics and naturally occurring disasters.*

### 2021 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ ~~Support legislation that provides funding to cities for realignment-related public safety operations.~~
- ❖ Support funding to implement the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, which includes prevention, intervention, treatment and suppression.
- ❖ Support regional initiatives that encourage mental health treatment programs, funding for substance use treatment, and homelessness intervention efforts instead of incarceration only solutions.
- ❖ Support legislation and regional initiatives that recognize and provide funding for safe communities as it supports collaboration between public safety and health, ~~public health as it supports public safety~~, particularly violence prevention efforts and mental health treatment.

## 1. Protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all people.

- a) Support policies ~~and~~, legislation and funding that promotes equal treatment and protects the fundamental liberties of all families. (LBPD)
- b) ~~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. (LBPD recommends deletion)~~
- c) ~~Support legislation to strengthen penalties for those using motor vehicles to evade peace officers.~~
- d) ~~Support legislation that creates a mandatory minimum prison sentence for residential burglary. (Moved)~~
- e) 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 and theft from an automobile. (Moved to better align with objective)
- f) ~~Oppose legislation that limits law enforcement's ability to effectively combat Drug Trafficking Organization money laundering and currency transportation. (Moved)~~
- g) Support or sponsor legislation to regulate metal recyclers of second-hand precious metal transfers and/or transactions and enhanced penalties for individuals involved in the illegal market. (Moved to better align with objective)
- h) Support or sponsor legislation to promote regulation of "ghost guns" and support enhanced penalties for manufacturers, suppliers and distributors of illegal firearms. (LBPD)
- i) Support legislation that provides data-informed approaches and funding to support community programs and trauma services for victims of gun violence. (LBPD)
- j) 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. (LBPD)
- k) ~~Support legislation for stronger sentencing of human trafficking suspects. (Moved)~~
- l) 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. (LBPD)
- m) Support policies and legislation to make State law enforcement grant funding less restrictive and allow greater discretionary use of funds for staffing, including those benefitting jail, data management and technology functions, and reimbursing overtime costs paid to public safety personnel who are required to appear in State and/or County courts. (Moved to better align with objective)
- n) Support legislation that broadens the definition of hate crimes and increase sentencing of hate crimes. (LBPD)
- o) Support policies and legislation for transgender inclusivity and oppose efforts for exclusive treatment of the transgender community.
- p) Support legislation and grants to continuously evaluate use of force policies and funding for training. (LBPD)
- q) Support legislation that requires officers to intervene when they observe unlawful behavior by another officer or perceive the use of force to be unreasonable.
- r) Support legislation and enhanced penalties involving false reporting based on racial bias. (LBPD)
- s) 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. (Moved to better align with objective)
- t) Support or sponsor 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. (Moved to better align with objective)
- u) 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. (Moved to better align with objective)

## 2. Foster innovation to address economic and social challenges.

- a) Support policies and legislative efforts to ban the sale and use of fireworks in the State of California, with the exception of professional demonstrations.
- b) Support policies and legislation that would expand statewide restrictions on fireworks, increase the penalties



[for anyone cited or arrested for fireworks violations, and provide additional oversight related to the import of fireworks into California, especially through ports. \(City Council #20-0603 on 6/23/20\)](#)

- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to enhance or promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion and intervention programs.
- d) Support policies and legislation that provide more local government control on the regulation of re-entry points for sex offenders and parolees.
- e) Support policies, legislation and funding to provide funding for cities to proactively address State realignment (AB 109) changes through strategies such as ~~compliance checks~~, partnerships with the probation department, referrals to employment, health and mental services, and enhanced resources for local public safety officials.
- f) Support policies and legislation [reducing the concentration](#) ~~prohibiting the over-concentration~~ of sex offenders and parolees, and their location within close proximity to daycare centers and neighborhoods in residential areas.
- ~~g) Support policies and legislation that will strengthen penalties for traffic violations in school zones in an attempt to reduce speed of drivers and protect youth. (Moved to Local & Sustainable Cities, Objective 4)~~
- ~~h) Support or sponsor 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. (moved)~~
- ~~i) 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. (Moved)~~
- ~~j) 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. (moved)~~
- ~~k) Support legislation, policies and funding to fund prevention strategies that consider [trauma informed care, health, violence, and other social determinants of health](#). (moved)~~
- l) [Support proposals that promote and provide funding for prevention and reentry based programming and services for justice-involved individuals. \(Modeled after Goal 2 of the Reconciliation Report\)](#)

### 3. Continue to strengthen partnerships and initiatives to effectuate safe communities for all people through shared safety practices.

- a) 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.
- b) [Support legislation, policies, and funding to establish restorative justice programs in juvenile and adult courts. \(Existing language moved to align with objective\)](#)
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to provide immigrant populations with due process protections, including legal representation for individuals facing deportation proceedings.
- ~~d) Support policies, legislation and grants that provides funding to cities to recruit a law enforcement workforce that contains a broad range of diversity, including race, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, life experience, and cultural backgrounds to improve transparency, understanding, and effectiveness in dealing with all communities. (Moved)~~
- e) [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. \(Existing language moved to align with objective\)](#)
- f) [Support legislation and grants to invest in upstream violence prevention strategies such as living wage jobs, affordable housing, healthy communities and other social services that will ensure sustainable violence prevention. \(Recommendation from Goal 2 of Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report\)](#)
- g) [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. \(Existing language moved to align with objective\)](#)
- h) [Support policies and legislation that reduce the percentage required for passage of public safety bonds to the same percentage as school bonds \(55%\). \(Moved\)](#)
- i) [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. \(LBPD\)](#)
- j) [Support policies, legislation and funding benefitting programs to improve peace officers' mental health and wellness. \(LBPD\)](#)
- k) [Support policies, legislation 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. (LBPD)

- l) Support policies, legislation and funding to would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking. (Existing language moved to align with objective)
- m) ~~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. (Moved)~~
- n) ~~Support policies, legislation, and funding to minimize traffic fatalities and provide safe streets for everyone, in alignment with Vision Zero. (Moved to Sustainable & Livable Cities, Objective 4)~~
- o) 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. (Recommendation from Goal 2 of the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report)

#### **4. Strengthen the public’s trust in law enforcement through accountability, community inclusion and transparency.**

- a) Support policies, legislation and funding to provide funding for police departments and relevant services to strengthen community relations. (Moved and streamlined)
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to fund new and existing public safety equipment, facilities and technology. (Moved and streamlined)
- c) Support policies, legislation, and grants addressing cyber security crimes. (Moved to align with objective)
- d) ~~Support policies, legislation and grants that provides funding to cities to recruit a diverse law enforcement workforce that contains a broad range of diversity, including race, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, life experience, and cultural backgrounds to improve transparency, understanding, and effectiveness in serving dealing with all communities. (Moved to align with objective and LBPD-based revisions)~~
- e) Support legislation, policies and funding to would facilitate the lateral hiring of police officers to fill critical law enforcement vacancies while maintaining high standards of cultural sensitivity, performance, and values. (Moved and streamlined)
- f) Support policies, and legislation and funding to that allow public safety officer applicants to be permanent residents of the State and not necessarily naturalized citizens. (LBPD)
- g) 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. (LBPD)
- h) Support policies that propose baseline decertification standards statewide, including to decertify public safety officers when convicted of a felony. (LBPD)
- i) 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. (LBPD)
- j) 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. (LBPD)
- k) Support policies, legislation and funding allowing the City to participate in State policy reform efforts to establish a statewide database of complaints against police officers to inform hiring decisions, strengthen whistleblower protections for officers or staff reporting police misconduct, improve transparency around acts of misconduct to improve public trust, and remove provisions that prohibit people reentering society from accessing services, employment, and housing. (Recommendation from Goal 3 of the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report)

#### **5. Continuously prepare for and respond to community needs in the event of emergencies, pandemics and naturally occurring disasters.**

- a) 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. (Moved to align with objective)
- b) Support policies, legislation and funding to implement or improve upon natural disaster early warning systems. (Moved to align with objective)
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to authorize and fund regional interoperable public safety radio communications. (Moved to align with objective)
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to fully fund technologies that provide the public with enhanced forecasting of natural disasters. (Moved to align with objective)

- e) 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). (Moved to align with objective)
- f) Support policies, legislation, regional initiatives and funding to advance equitable and inclusive emergency response efforts for vulnerable populations. (Health Department)



# 2021 DRAFT STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

LONG BEACH: [PUBLIC HEALTH](#) (Health Department)

Economic Development · Public Safety · **Public Health** · Education · Sustainable & Livable Cities · Local Control

## OBJECTIVES:

1. *Support comprehensive public health intervention strategies.*
2. *Support rights-of-way, parks, recreation and marine programming and infrastructure.*
3. *Support clear enforcement of cannabis and tobacco regulation.*
4. *Support policies consistent with the Everyone Home Long Beach Report.*

## 2021 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Increase and protect funding for vital public health programs and services.
- ❖ Support funding for the implementation of programs that promote community wellness at the neighborhood level.
- ❖ Support the development of a preventative and responsive public health infrastructure to identify early and respond swiftly to emerging infectious disease threats
- ❖ Acknowledge the existence and impacts of historic systemic racism and support equitable community practices through innovative local government models.
- ❖ Support legislation and resources to effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigate the spread of the virus. (Health Department)

**1. Support comprehensive public health intervention strategies ~~programs and services~~.  
(Moved and revised)**

- a) Support legislation to protect local health jurisdiction funding for core public health services, including the State Public Health Realignment Program, as well as funding to 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. (Moved)
- b) Support policies, legislation and funding that allocate financial resources directly to City health departments. (Health Department)
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and quality improvement. (Health Department)
- d) Support policies, legislation and funding to preserve funding for non-profit organizations that provide child and family mental health services for the Long Beach community. (Moved)
- e) Support policies, legislation and funding to further increase access to quality care, particularly for those individuals and families who rely on safety net programs. (Moved)
- f) Support policies, legislation and funding to ~~funding to~~ enhance ~~public health~~ services for infant and early childhood health and development, including pre-natal services. ~~, infant and early childhood health care,~~ (Moved and streamlined)
- g) Support policies, legislations, and funding to promote safe motherhood by improving capacity to address maternal mortality and morbidity with an end goal of improving overall maternal health and reducing infant mortality. (Health Department)
- h) Support policies, legislation and funding to investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population. (Health Department)
- i) Support increased funding for the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health Program (REACH), a program that gives grants to local health departments and community organizations to address racial and ethnic health disparities. (Health Department)
- j) Support policies, legislation and funding to ensure access to affordable medical, dental, and mental health care. (Moved and streamlined)
- k) Support policies, legislation and funding to promote, screen and control communicable diseases, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), and emerging vector borne diseases in California. (Moved)
- l) Support policies, legislation and funding to increase the level of safety and survival of youth through programs that reduce child abuse, accidental injury, deaths, homicides, gang involvement, misdemeanor and felony arrests, and incidents of violence. (Moved)
- m) Support policies, legislation and funding to 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. (Moved)
- n) Support policies, legislation and funding to 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. (Moved)
- o) Support legislation and pursue funding for the implementation of Safe Long Beach and My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan. (Moved)
- p) Oppose legislation that would weaken the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA). (Moved)
- q) Support policies, legislation and funding to ensure/sustain and expand access to private and public health insurance coverage for all residents. (Moved)
- r) Support policies, legislation and funding to increase social, nutrition and safety net programming for older adults.
- s) Support drinking water quality, reliability and supply, conservation programming and affordability. (Moved)
- t) Support policies, legislation and funding to will support the attainment of seismic compliance for the Community Medical Center Long Beach. (Moved)
- u) Support policies and legislations that reduce barriers to accessing basic needs, including but not limited to, housing, food and healthcare. (Moved)
- v) 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. (Moved)

- w) Support policies, legislation and funding for the quality, use, transparency and public availability of data to inform decisions and actions that improve quality of life outcomes for Black communities and communities of color. (Recommendation from Goal 1 of the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report)
- x) Support policies, legislation and grants to help the City achieve the goals and strategies outlined in the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative’s Initial Report. (General recommendation based on the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report)

## **2. Support rights-of-way, parks, recreation and marine programming and infrastructure.** (Moved and streamlined)

- a) Support policies, legislation and grants to fund parks, recreation and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents. (Moved)
- b) Support legislation and grants to facilitate the public’s access to the Internet when in parks, beaches, and recreation facilities through Wi-Fi technologies. (Moved)
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to will fund or enhance funding to local health department recreational water testing programs. (Moved)
- d) 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. (Moved)
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to fund obesity prevention programs, 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. (Moved)
- f) Support policies and legislation that provide a sufficient process for businesses and other governmental entities to implement ADA requirements and to fully support residents with disabilities. (Moved)
- g) Support, policies, legislations, and funding to support injury prevention programs, including but not limited to Safe Routes to School, Safe Driving Program, Fall Prevention Programs, and Bike and Pedestrian Safety Program, for all ages. (Health Department)

## **3. Support clear enforcement of cannabis and tobacco regulation.** (Moved and streamlined)

- a) Support policies, legislation and funding to increase funding or enforcement authority and tools for local jurisdictions to identify, deter and enforce against illegal cannabis activity. (Moved)
- b) Support State legislation that further clarifies cannabis laws in order to enable clear local enforcement of State law and advancements towards banking on behalf of cannabis. (Moved)
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to provide consumers, parents and youth with health and safety information related to cannabis use. (Moved)
- d) Support policies, legislation and funding for prevention and intervention services for youth who may be at risk for tobacco, drug and alcohol dependency and associated medical conditions, including asthma. (Moved and streamlined)
- e) Support policies and legislation that restrict where people can use e-cigarettes and prohibits marketing of e-cigarettes to minors. (Moved)
- f) Support policies, legislations, and grants to protect youth from E-Cigarette/Vaping use. (Health Department)
- g) Support policies, legislations, and grants to protect community from exposure to the carcinogenic effects of second-hand smoke. (Health Department)

## **4. Support policies consistent with the Everyone Home Long Beach Report.** (New objective for streamlining)

- a) Support policies, legislation and funding for programs and services directed in the Everyone Home Long Beach Report. (New for streamlining)
- b) 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. (Moved)
- h) Support policies, legislation and grants to reduce homelessness, including housing assistance and case management service funding, including those related to mental health and substance abuse, as well as support efforts to ensure

each city within the region is providing appropriate homeless accommodations. (Moved)

- i) Sponsor or support policies and legislation that streamlines the eminent domain process for supportive and homeless housing that would reduce regulatory costs and litigation related to addressing the housing and homelessness crisis. (Moved)



### OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Support quality education and education equity.*
- 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) Support efforts to utilize technology at schools and libraries.*

### 2021 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Support legislation and initiatives that provide funding for universal preschool, after school programs, safety in and around schools and bullying prevention.
- ❖ Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College, ~~and~~ California State University, Long Beach [and Long Beach Public Library](#) where education and municipal government interests align. [\(Library\)](#)
- ❖ Support and expand the Long Beach College Promise.

### 1. Support quality education and education equity.

- a) Support policies, legislation and funding to provide funding for universal preschool, after school programs, safety in and around schools and bullying prevention
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase school readiness opportunities for children and their families, including access to affordable, high quality early childhood education services.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants 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.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants 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.
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to provide qualifying undocumented students with financial aid for education.
- f) Support policies, legislation and funding to 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.
- g) Support policies, legislation and funding to facilitate foster, transitional, and probation youth transition from the foster system into independent adulthood.
- h) Support or sponsor legislation that provides funding for Community Schools, particularly in at-risk communities with limited local access to resources.
- i) 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.
- j) [Support policies, legislation and grants establishing and preserving educational and training programs for older adults. \(Development Services\)](#)

### 2. Support the creation of career pathways by doubling the number of internships for Long Beach Unified School District students.

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants to prioritize career technical education, alongside college preparatory programming.
- d) Support policies, legislation and funding to provide funding for local university, college, and high school programs that train students in [near-zero and zero emission technology](#), renewable energy technology, energy efficiency, green building, or a related field. [\(Harbor Department\)](#)
- e) Support policies, legislation and funding to promote State investment in youth and young adult employment and training activities that align with career pathways, technical education, and overall workforce readiness.
- f) Support policies, legislation and funding to 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.
- g) Support policies, legislation and funding to will enhance the Aquarium of the Pacific's ability to provide maximum educational opportunities regarding aquatic life, facilities, recreation, local wetlands restoration and the Los Angeles Basin watershed management.
- h) [Support policies, legislation and funding to identify opportunities to connect students of color with access and pathways to City employment. \(Recommendation from Goal 1 of the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report\)](#)

### 3. Support the Long Beach College Promise.

- a) Support the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach where education and municipal government interests align.
- b) Support and expand the Long Beach College Promise.
- c) Support policies, legislation and grants to improve public education to promote an increase in transit ridership.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants 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.

### 4. Support efforts to utilize technology at schools and libraries.

- a) Support legislation and grant programs that provide funding for library construction, renovation and development [and](#)



[programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents.](#) (Library)

- b) Support full funding of the Public Library Fund.
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to provide discount Internet access to schools and libraries.
- d) Support policies, legislation, and funding to incentivize community partnerships with local educational institutions to utilize shared space, equipment, and playgrounds.
- e) Support policies, legislation and funding to provide resources for computer science programs.



# 2021 DRAFT STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LONG BEACH: SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES

Economic Development · Public Safety · Public Health · Education · **Sustainable & Livable Cities** · Local Control

### OBJECTIVES:

- 1) *Support efforts to improve air quality and environmental sustainability.*
- 2) *Support efforts to improve stormwater management and recreational water quality.*
- 3) *Support active transportation, and transit-oriented development.*
- 4) *Support efforts to improve roadway safety.*
- 5) *Support affordable housing policies consistent with the City's adopted Housing Element.*
- 6) *Support energy resiliency.*
- 7) *Support Long Beach Animal Care Services.*
- 8) ~~*Support public health programs and services.*~~ **(moved to Public Health section)**
- 9) ~~*Support parks, recreation and marine programming and infrastructure.*~~ **(moved to Public Health section)**
- 10) ~~*Support clear enforcement of local cannabis regulations.*~~ **(moved to Public Health section)**

### 2021 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.
- ❖ Seek State funding to support developments consistent with the City's adopted Land Use 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 the use of an equity lens in policy and program design, and funding to increase access and opportunity for all members of the Long Beach community.
- ❖ Support policies that increase access to green or low-carbon transportation options.

- ❖ Sponsor legislation to extend the State seismic compliance deadline for Community Medical Center Long Beach so that hospital operations may continue to be provided on the east side of Long Beach.

## 1. Support efforts to improve air quality and environmental sustainability.

- a) ~~Support policies and legislation that restrict where people can use e-cigarettes and prohibits marketing of e-cigarettes to minors.~~ (moved to Public Health)
- b) Support policies, legislation and funding to provide funding for local government actions that address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while protecting recognition of early local government actions that were taken to address climate change.
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to seek to improve the air quality and health issues associated with construction improvements and operations of the I-710 Freeway and Port of Long Beach.
- d) 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.
- e) Support policies and legislation that would enable the adoption of comprehensive and aggressive State air quality standards for mobile sources, including passenger vehicles, heavy-duty trucks, locomotives, and ships.
- f) Support a review by the U.S. Department of Transportation of regulatory and fee frameworks for freight (container, bulk, liquid bulk) as part of a comprehensive examination of efforts to improve system performance and encourage funding for environmental programs that are associated with the national freight system.
- g) Support policies, legislation and funding to would assist the Port of Long Beach and the Long Beach Airport in their efforts to deliver major air quality improvements to the community and is consistent with the goals of the Clean Air Action Plan.
- h) Support policies, legislation and funding to promote 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.
- i) Support policies, legislation and funding to couple planning efforts with greenhouse gas emission reduction, green building, and transit-oriented development strategies.
- j) Support policies and legislation that seeks to ban non-recyclable and non-polystyrene materials from the waste stream.

## 2. Support efforts to improve stormwater management, and recreational water quality.

- a) Support policies, legislation and funding to would provide local governments with resources to implement stormwater management best practices, including low impact development (LID) ordinances to capture stormwater at its source, municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) permit compliance, infrastructure improvements and other initiatives to improve recreational water quality at the City's beaches and local waterways.
- b) Support policies and legislation that exclude 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.
- c) Support policies and 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.
- d) ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to will fund or enhance funding to local health department recreational water testing programs.~~ (moved to Public Health)
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants and pursue funding to protect our beaches and bluffs from erosion.
- f) Support legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City of Long Beach and the surrounding region.
- g) 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.
- h) 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.
- i) Consider support of legislation, initiatives and policies initiated and/or advocated by the Long Beach Harbor Department/Port of Long Beach. (Harbor Department)

## 3. Support active transportation and transit-oriented development.

- a) Pursue policies, legislation and grants 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.
- b) In addition to local I-710 Early Action Projects, support efforts to maintain and enhance funding for Alameda Corridor East projects.
- c) Support policies and legislation that will ban Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs) that consist of longer double tractor and triple tractor-trailers from traveling on State highways and freeways to improve traffic congestion and prevent fatal accidents.
- d) Support policies and legislation to explore, fund, and construct zero emissions, near zero or the best available technologies for [infrastructure and goods movement projects in Long Beach](#). **(Harbor)**
- e) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase funding for infrastructure improvements that improve connections to and facilities around public transit, buses, and Metro Lines (i.e. the Blue Line).
- f) Support policies, legislation and funding to promote and provide funding for housing, alternative transportation and mobility projects oriented around transit developments.
- g) [Support opportunities to provide zero emissions, near zero emissions, or the best available technologies for mobility and goods movement projects in Long Beach](#). **(Public Works)**
- h) [Support opportunities to provide and improve active transportation infrastructure, and to increase access, safety, and equity](#). **(Public Works)**
- i) [Support opportunities for housing, active transportation and mobility projects oriented around transit developments](#). **(Public Works)**
- j) [Support standardized data collection for shared mobility services, including e-scooters, bike share, ride share, etc. in order to support City equity and mobility objectives](#). **(Public Works)**
- k) [Support the advancement of advance context-sensitive, streamlined approaches to right-of-way under State jurisdiction](#). **(Public Works)**

#### 4. **Support efforts to improve roadway safety.** **(Public Works)**

- a) [Allow local jurisdictions to enact a 20MPH prima facie speed limit in high-injury networks, commercial districts, school zones, and residential districts](#). **(Public Works)**
- b) [Support automated and unarmed enforcement as an alternative to armed law enforcement of California Vehicle Code and fee and fine structures that consider violators' ability to pay](#). **(Public Works)**
- c) [Support revisions to the state collision reporting systems to reflect street safety and complete streets policy priorities](#). **(Public Works)**
- d) [Support restrictions of Longer Combination Vehicles \(LCVs\) consisting of longer double tractor and triple tractor-trailers from traveling on State highways and freeways to improve traffic congestion and prevent fatal crashes](#). **(Public Works)**
- e) [Support incentives for smaller and safer forms of personal vehicles for commuting and other travel, including passenger cars and e-bicycles](#). **(Public Works)**
- f) [Support policies, legislation, and funding to minimize traffic fatalities and provide safe streets for everyone, in alignment with Vision Zero](#). **(Moved to better align with objective)**
- g) [Support policies and legislation that will strengthen penalties for traffic violations in school zones in an attempt to reduce speed of drivers and protect youth](#). **(Moved to better align with objective)**

#### 5. **Support affordable housing policies consistent with the City's adopted Housing Element.**

- a) Support policies, legislation and funding to increase funding for affordable housing when equitable to Long Beach.
- ~~b) Support policies, legislation and grants to reduce homelessness, including housing assistance and case management service funding, including those related to mental health and substance abuse, as well as support efforts to ensure each city within the region is providing appropriate homeless accommodations.~~ **(Moved to Public Health)**
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to 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.
- d) Support policies, legislation and funding to 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.
- e) Sponsor or support policies and legislation that streamlines the eminent domain process for the purposes of

motel acquisitions, if the property owner agrees to utilizing the streamlined process, only if the property acquisition is for homeless, supportive, transitional, or affordable housing.

- f) Support policies and legislation that provides the City with tax increment for affordable housing and public infrastructure benefitting affordable housing.
- g) ~~Sponsor or support policies and legislation that streamlines the eminent domain process for supportive and homeless housing that would reduce regulatory costs and litigation related to addressing the housing and homelessness crisis.~~ (Moved to Public Health)
- h) Support policies and legislation for the inclusion of internet service amongst essential utilities, in part to permit coverage by housing vouchers. (Economic Development)
- i) Support policies, legislation and grants incentivizing the development of moderate-income housing production. (Development Services)
- j) Support legislation and grants positioning Long Beach as a location for pilot programs incentivizing the development of moderate-income housing such as homeownership. (Development Services)
- k) Support policies, legislation and financial resources to impose reasonable requirements of single-family homes developed into multi-unit housing. (Development Services)
- l) Support policies, legislation and funding for establishing a statewide moratorium on evictions and foreclosures due to financial hardship during active emergencies, pandemics and naturally occurring disasters, with mortgage forbearance on commercial and residential units. (City Council #20-0245 3/17/20)
- m) Support policies, legislation and funding to assist families in financial need to be able to obtain rental assistance during active emergencies, pandemics and naturally occurring disasters. (City Council #20-0348 on 4/21/20)
- n) Support policies, legislation and grants with funding to bolster the City's Universal Basic Income initiative. (City Council #20-0937 on 9/8/20)
- o) Support policies, legislation and funding to increase affordable and supportive housing opportunities for the reentry population. (Recommendation from Goal 2 of Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative – Initial Report)

## 6. Support energy resiliency.

- a) Support policies, legislation and funding to protect 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.
- b) Support policies, 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.
- c) Support policies and legislation to require cap and trade regulations to give credit for greenhouse gas emission reductions that are attributable to waste to energy facilities and the Port of Long Beach's Clean Air Action Plan. (Harbor Department)
- d) 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.
- e) Support alternative energy proposals that promote the use of solar/alternative energy at City facilities, and for utility customers and providers.
- f) Support policies, legislation and funding to be consistent with the City's long-term objectives for reliable, competitively priced energy supply.
- g) Support legislation requiring increased notification, prevention and response for crude oil shipped to California via rail.
- h) Support policies, legislation, and funding to continue the option for local governments to enter into Community Choice Aggregates agreements.
- i) Support policies, legislation and grant programs in support of the Port of Long Beach's Energy Initiative and programs that advance research, commercialization and deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency, as well as energy systems integration. (Harbor Department)

## 7. Support Long Beach Animal Care Services. (New objective for streamlining)

- a) Support policies legislation and grants to facilitate 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. (Moved to align with objective)
- b) Support legislation, policies and grants to facilitate cities to increase public awareness and desire to adopt domestic pets from animal care shelters. (Moved to align with objective)
- c) Support legislation that would require all dogs and cats to be microchipped upon release from an animal care center, shelter, or similar facility. (Moved to align with objective)
- d) Support additional funding to local governments to support housing animals at animal care shelters beyond 3 days. (Moved to align with objective)

## ~~6. Support public health programs and services.~~ (Moved to Public Health Section)

- a) ~~Support legislation to protect local health jurisdiction funding for core public health services, including the State Public Health Realignment Program, as well as funding to 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.~~
- b) ~~Support policies, legislation and grants to fund obesity prevention programs, 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.~~
- c) ~~Support policies and legislation that provide a sufficient process for businesses and other governmental entities to implement ADA requirement and to fully support residents with disabilities.~~
- d) ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to preserve funding for non-profit organizations that provide child and family mental health services for the Long Beach community.~~
- e) ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to further increase access to quality care, particularly for those individuals and families who rely on safety net programs.~~
- f) ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to 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.~~
- g) ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to promote and fund screening and control of communicable diseases, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), and other emerging vector borne diseases in California.~~
- h) ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to 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.~~
- i) ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to 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.~~
- j) ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to enhance social and emotional well-being, including literacy, quality childcare, teen pregnancy prevention, mentor, mental health, human dignity, foster and kinship care, afterschool and weekend enrichment activities, and other cultural enhancement programs.~~
- k) ~~Oppose legislation that would weaken the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA).~~
- l) ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to ensure/sustain and expand access to private and public health insurance coverage for all residents.~~
- m) ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to increase social, nutrition and safety net programming for older adults.~~
- n) ~~Support drinking water quality, reliability and supply, conservation programming and affordability.~~
- e) ~~Support policies, legislation and funding to will support the attainment of seismic compliance for the Community Medical Center Long Beach.~~

## ~~7. Support parks, recreation and marine programming and infrastructure.~~ (Moved)

- a) ~~Support policies, legislation and grants to fund parks, recreation and marine facilities, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Long Beach residents.~~
- b) ~~Support legislation and grants to facilitate the public's access to the Internet when in parks, beaches, and recreation facilities through Wi-Fi technologies.~~
- c) ~~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.~~
- d) ~~Support policies legislation and grants to facilitate 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.~~
- e) ~~Support legislation, policies and grants to facilitate cities to increase public awareness and desire to adopt domestic pets from animal care shelters.~~
- f) ~~Support legislation that would require all dogs and cats to be microchipped upon release from an animal care center, shelter, or similar facility.~~
- g) ~~Support additional funding to local governments to support housing animals at animal care shelters beyond 3 days.~~

## **8. Support clear enforcement of cannabis regulation. (Moved)**

- a) Support policies, legislation and funding to increase funding or enforcement authority and tools for local jurisdictions to identify, deter and enforce against illegal cannabis activity.
- b) Support State legislation that further clarifies cannabis laws in order to enable clear local enforcement of State law and advancements towards banking on behalf of cannabis.
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to provide consumers, parents and youth with health and safety information related to cannabis use.



# 2021 DRAFT STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LONG BEACH: LOCAL CONTROL



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Economic Development · Public Safety · Public Health · Education · Sustainable & Livable Cities · **Local Control**

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### 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) *Monitor legislation related to City revenues.*

### 2021 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Oppose legislation that would reduce the City's local land use authority.
- ~~❖ Support legislation that would provide funding for the implementation of programs that promote community wellness at the neighborhood level, including the City's adopted *Safe Long Beach*, and *My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plans*. (Moved to Public Health section)~~
- ❖ Support implementation of the City Council adopted planning documents.

**1. Oppose legislation that preempts the City's existing control over local matters.**

- a) Support policies and legislation that protect and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs.
- b) Oppose policies and legislation that preempt the current authority possessed by the City and delegates that authority to the State or other governmental jurisdiction.
- c) Support policies and legislation that requires that new safety regulations are made available for review and comment by employers prior to implementation.
- d) Support policies and legislation to reform workers' compensation statutes to simplify the system and reduce costs to employers, while ensuring adequate protection for injured workers.
- e) Support policies and legislation that provide 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.
- f) Oppose policies and legislation that diminish 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.
- g) Support legislation that allows for local control of shopping cart retrieval.
- h) Support policies and legislation that provide more local government control on the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities.
- i) Support legislation to reduce blight in neighborhoods by placing reasonable restrictions on utilizing vehicles solely for the purpose of advertisement.
- j) Support policies and legislation that would grant discretion to local government Traffic Engineers to make the final determination of a safe and reasonable speed limit.
- k) Oppose policies and legislation that restrict the use of local housing funds.
- l) 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.
- m) Oppose the regionalization of airports as it relates to the allocation of flights and the loss of local authority.
- n) Oppose policies and legislation to preempt the local government's current authority as it relates to bankruptcy proceedings.
- o) Protect local government's ability to facilitate advanced communication services to their citizens.
- p) 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.
- q) Support policies and legislation or request an amendment to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) rules and regulations to ensure that the City has the authority to abate visual blight that is created by cable television service wires and related equipment that are in place and open to public view when these wires and related equipment are not actually being used for their intended purpose.
- r) Support policies and legislation that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently administer local elections.
- s) 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.
- t) Monitor or sponsor 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.
- u) Oppose legislative efforts to preempt campaign finance laws instituted by local ordinances, such as the City's Proposition M.
- v) Support policies and legislation to reduce the overconcentration of drug and alcohol recovery facilities by specifying that a required distance be maintained between facilities.
- w) Support efforts to enhance access, accommodations, and visit ability in dwellings and businesses for all of Long Beach's residents.
- x) Support efforts to reform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
- y) Support efforts to modify redevelopment rents to bring them in line with California Housing and Community Development (HCD) and tax credit program rents.
- z) [Support policies and legislation to ensure the City is accurately represented in the decennial Census and redistricting efforts.](#)
- aa) [Support redistricting policies, practices and legislation to preserve the geographic and demographic integrity of](#)

[the City through district lines that keep a vast majority of Long Beach together in predominant seats for state representatives, as was achieved in the 2010 redistricting process.](#)

## **2. Support increased flexible State and County funding for local initiatives.**

- a) Support legislation that allows the County of Los Angeles to conduct an election to implement a fee to improve storm water systems and water quality, provided Long Beach receives an appropriate benefit in the proposed measure.
- b) Support policies, legislation and funding for the maintenance of existing oil property infrastructure, repair and improvement.
- c) Support the full funding of the State's future obligation for abandonment and cleanup of oil fields located in the Long Beach Tidelands.
- d) 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.
- e) Support policies and legislation to ensure the fair allocation of tax credits for the Southern California region and prioritize local control over allocation of affordable housing tax credits.
- f) Support policies, legislation and grants to maximize funding and funding flexibility for the development and enhancement of affordable and/or accessible housing within the City.
- g) Support the development of allowable uses for Low to Moderate Funds for cities that have met their affordable housing requirements in past planning cycles.
- h) Support efforts to protect City revenue sources from diversion by the State Legislature or the Governor.
- i) Support policies and legislation to preserve or extend the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) that directly funds local public safety programs such as COPS and booking fee reimbursements.
- j) Support policies and legislation that would result in a more equitable distribution of sales taxes to the City, including taxes generated through Internet sales.
- k) Support policies, legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives.
- l) Support policies and legislation that increases NPDES Permit Fees and/or tries to remove Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) language from MS4 permits.
- ~~m) Support legislation and pursue funding for the implementation of Safe Long Beach and My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan. (Moved to Public Health section)~~
- n) Support legislation that utilizes the Small Area Fair Market Rents in the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.
- o) Support policies, legislation and funding to ease restrictions on residential development within State Tideland areas.

## **3. Oppose unfunded State mandates.**

- a) Oppose policies and legislation that would place a mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the mandated program.
- b) Oppose legislation that would mandate additional pension benefits.
- c) Monitor legislative efforts to mandate increases in health benefit levels or increase the City's costs for changes to benefit levels for active employees.
- d) Monitor efforts to reform public employee pension systems.
- e) Support or sponsor legislation that prohibits PERS members from combining disability retirement benefits and worker's compensation upon retirement.
- f) Support legislation that reduces the overall cost of employee pensions to local governments.
- g) Support legislation that would modify recent pension reforms to better achieve its intent and prevent adverse impact to current employees by changing the allowed time of separation from government employment from six months to twelve months.
- h) Oppose other changes to the redevelopment dissolution process that would place a substantial burden on the City of Long Beach.
- i) Support legislation that provides funding for State mandates.

## **4. Monitor legislation related to City revenues.**

- a) Oppose policies and legislation to limit acquisition-rehabilitation as a method of providing replacement housing in built-out cities.
- b) Oppose policies and legislation that would reduce City revenues.

- c) Oppose policies and legislation that would reduce the City's autonomy and flexibility in dealing with the financing of public services.
- d) Oppose policies and legislation that shift financial liabilities from contractors and/or consultants to the City.
- e) Support policies and legislation to exempt cities from paying State sales tax.
- f) Oppose policies and legislation that would divert city sales tax revenues to a county pooled tax distribution system.
- g) Support policies and legislation to ensure that the City maintains right-of-way control and allows our City to collect fair compensation for its use.
- h) Oppose policies and legislation that compromise the City's ability to impose and/or collect appropriate business license fees from Long Beach businesses.
- i) Support policies and legislation that allows State Infrastructure Bank Loans to be used for publicly owned acquisitions, including public-private partnerships.
- j) Support policies and legislation that sustain financial wellbeing for the City.

### Draft COVID-19 Advocacy Strategy

The City of Long Beach supports advocating for the following priorities related to COVID-19 pandemic response legislation, funding, and resources:

- **State and Local Funding**
  - Direct Allocations
    - Allocate funds directly to the City and/or local health jurisdictions
    - Eliminate or reduce the 500,000-population minimum threshold to receive direct City allocations
  - Timeline and Flexibility
    - Expanded timeline or no deadline to expend funds
    - Allow funding to be eligible for responding to, mitigating, covering costs, and replacing foregone revenues as a result of the pandemic
- **Relief Funding Priorities**
  - The City prioritizes the following uses for direct federal relief funding, in line with the City Council-approved CARES Act spending plan:
    - COVID-19 emergency and public health response expenditures
    - Revenue loss backfill (if eligible)—allowing the City to provide economic relief not permitted under CARES Act funding, including City fee reductions and waivers
    - Economic recovery: small business relief; digital inclusion resources and services; and support for hardest-hit sectors like nonprofits, restaurants, bars, and artists
    - Community support: homeless sheltering and services; food security; mental health resources; and public health services for the hardest-hit communities including Black residents, communities of color, older adults, and working families
- **State and Federal Public Health Resources**
  - A national testing and contact tracing initiative
  - Funding to support local testing and public health infrastructure
  - Funding for local vaccine storage and distribution
  - Increased Medicaid funding and benefit programs such as SNAP
- **State and Federal Community Resources**
  - Direct stimulus payments to residents
  - Expanded and extended unemployment insurance payments
  - Business relief resources, including a restaurant revitalization fund
  - Housing resources, including additional CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, emergency rental assistance, foreclosure and evictions protections, and mortgage forbearance
  - Suspend State and Local income tax deduction cap and expand eligibility for Earned Income Tax Credit
- **Critical Infrastructure Investments**
  - Stimulus should include investments in infrastructure projects that have been delayed and otherwise impacted by the pandemic, such as City facility improvements, street and sidewalk rehabilitation, park projects, fiber connectivity and broadband infrastructure, and critical transportation improvements.