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To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager



For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Adopted 2021 State Legislative Agenda**

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Attached for your information is the City's Adopted 2021 State Legislative Agenda. On January 19, 2020, the City Council unanimously approved the 2021 State Legislative Agenda as recommended by the State Legislation Committee. The finalized agenda includes all changes recommended by staff, the State Legislation Committee, and the City Council over the course of the 2020 calendar year.

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# CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

## 2021 ADOPTED STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



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### About Long Beach

Incorporated in 1888, Long Beach, California is a progressive urban city made up of 464,000 residents and businesses. The City is home to the 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.***

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 ADOPTED STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LONG BEACH: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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### 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 economic and digital inclusion 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.
- ❖ 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.
- k) Monitor legislation related to crypto currency or bitcoin regulation specific to businesses.

**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 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 grants to facilitate the demonstration of zero emission (ZE) and near-zero (NZE) technology and facilitate the construction of ZE and NZE infrastructure and goods movement projects in Long Beach.

#### **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.

## **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 economic and digital inclusion equity for residents, workers and businesses.**

- 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.
- k) Support policies, legislation and grants to increase funding and resources for the City's Digital Inclusion efforts for residents, workers and business owners.

# 2021 ADOPTED STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LONG BEACH: PUBLIC SAFETY



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### OBJECTIVES:

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

### 2021 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ 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, particularly violence prevention efforts and mental health treatment.



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

- a) Support policies, legislation and funding that promotes equal treatment and protects the fundamental liberties of all families.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) Support or sponsor legislation to promote regulation of “ghost guns” and support enhanced penalties for manufacturers, suppliers and distributors of illegal firearms.
- e) Support legislation that provides data-informed approaches and funding to support community programs and trauma services for victims of gun violence.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.
- h) 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.
- i) Support legislation that broadens the definition of hate crimes and increase sentencing of hate crimes.
- j) Support policies and legislation for transgender inclusivity and oppose efforts for exclusive treatment of the transgender community.
- k) Support legislation and grants to continuously evaluate use of force policies and funding for training.
- l) Support legislation that requires officers to intervene when they observe unlawful behavior by another officer or perceive the use of force to be unreasonable.
- m) Support legislation and enhanced penalties involving false reporting based on racial bias.
- n) 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.
- o) 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.
- p) 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.

**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.
- 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 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 of sex offenders and parolees, and their location within close proximity to daycare centers and neighborhoods in residential areas.

- g) Support proposals that promote and provide funding for prevention and reentry-based programming and services for justice-involved individuals.

### **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.
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to provide immigrant populations with due process protections, including legal representation for individuals facing deportation proceedings.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) Support policies and legislation that reduce the percentage required for passage of public safety bonds to the same percentage as school bonds (55%).
- h) 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.
- i) Support policies, legislation and funding benefitting programs to improve peace officers' mental health and wellness.
- j) 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.
- k) Support policies, legislation and funding to would provide funding for the creation of a regional task force to target human/sex trafficking.
- l) 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.

### **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.
- b) Support policies, legislation and grants to fund new and existing public safety equipment, facilities and technology.
- c) Support policies, legislation, and grants addressing cyber security crimes.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to cities to recruit a diverse law enforcement workforce to improve transparency, understanding, and effectiveness in serving all communities.
- e) Support legislation, policies and funding to would facilitate the lateral hiring of police officers to fill critical law enforcement vacancies.
- f) Support policies, legislation and funding to allow public safety officer applicants to be permanent residents of the State and not necessarily naturalized citizens.
- 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.
- h) Support policies that propose baseline decertification standards statewide, including to decertify public safety officers when convicted of a felony.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

## **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.
- b) Support policies, legislation and funding to implement or improve upon natural disaster early warning systems.
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to authorize and fund regional interoperable public safety radio communications.
- d) Support policies, legislation and grants to fully fund technologies that provide the public with enhanced forecasting of natural disasters.
- 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).
- f) Support policies, legislation, regional initiatives and funding to advance equitable and inclusive emergency response efforts for vulnerable populations.



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## LONG BEACH: PUBLIC HEALTH

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### 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.

### 1. Support comprehensive public health intervention strategies.

- 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 funding that allocate financial resources directly to City health departments.
- c) Support policies, legislation and funding to improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and quality improvement.
- 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 services for infant and early childhood health and development, including pre-natal services.
- 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.
- h) Support policies, legislation and funding to investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population.
- 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.
- j) Support policies, legislation and funding to ensure access to affordable medical, dental, and mental health care.
- k) Support policies, legislation and funding to promote, screen and control communicable diseases, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), and emerging vector borne diseases in California.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- o) Support legislation and pursue funding for the implementation of Safe Long Beach and My Brother's Keeper Local Action Plan.
- p) Oppose legislation that would weaken the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA).
- q) Support policies, legislation and funding to ensure/sustain and expand access to private and public health insurance coverage for all residents.
- 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.
- t) Support policies, legislation and funding to will support the attainment of seismic compliance for the Community Medical Center Long Beach.
- u) Support policies and legislations that reduce barriers to accessing basic needs, including but not limited to, housing, food and healthcare.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

### 2. Support rights-of-way, parks, recreation and marine programming and infrastructure.

- 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 policies, legislation and funding to will fund or enhance funding to local health department recreational water testing programs.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - h) Support policies, legislation and funding to promote the acquisition of underutilized space for the purpose of park and recreational infrastructure.

### **3. Support clear enforcement of cannabis and tobacco regulation.**

- 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.
- 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.
- e) Support policies and legislation that restrict where people can use e-cigarettes and prohibits marketing of e-cigarettes to minors.
- f) Support policies, legislations, and grants to protect youth from E-Cigarette/Vaping use.
- g) Support policies, legislations, and grants to protect community from exposure to the carcinogenic effects of second-hand smoke.

### **4. Support policies consistent with the Everyone Home Long Beach Report.**

- a) Support policies, legislation and funding for programs and services directed in the Everyone Home Long Beach Report.
- 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.



# 2021 ADOPTED STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LONG BEACH: EDUCATION

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### 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, California State University, Long Beach and Long Beach Public Library where education and municipal government interests align.
- ❖ 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.

**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.
- 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.

**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.
- 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 ADOPTED STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LONG BEACH: SUSTAINABLE & LIVABLE CITIES

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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.*

### 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, 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.
- h) Support policies, legislation and funding to couple planning efforts with greenhouse gas emission reduction, green building, and transit-oriented development strategies.
- i) Support policies and legislation that seeks to ban non-recyclable and non-polystyrene materials from the waste stream.
- j) Support policies, legislation and funding in alignment with the City’s Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), Los Angeles County’s Community Climate Action Plan, and the State’s climate change initiatives.
- k) Support policies, legislation, and funding to reduce air pollutants adversely impacting the environment and population's wellbeing while ensuring equitable access to healthy air quality.

**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 grants and pursue funding to protect our beaches and bluffs from erosion.
- e) Support legislation and grants designed to acquire, restore and rehabilitate wetlands in the City of Long Beach and the surrounding region.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.
- h) Consider support of legislation, initiatives and policies initiated and/or advocated by the Long Beach Harbor Department/Port of Long Beach.

### **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.
- 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.
- h) Support opportunities to provide and improve active transportation infrastructure, and to increase access, safety, and equity.
- i) Support opportunities for housing, active transportation and mobility projects oriented around transit developments.
- 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.
- k) Support the advancement of advance context-sensitive, streamlined approaches to right-of-way under State jurisdiction.

### **4. Support efforts to improve roadway safety.**

- a) Allow local jurisdictions to enact a 20MPH prima facie speed limit in high-injury networks, commercial districts, school zones, and residential districts.
- 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.
- c) Support revisions to the state collision reporting systems to reflect street safety and complete streets policy priorities.
- 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.
- e) Support incentives for smaller and safer forms of personal vehicles for commuting and other travel, including passenger cars and e-bicycles.
- f) Support policies, legislation, and funding to minimize traffic fatalities and provide safe streets for everyone, in alignment with Vision Zero.
- 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.

### **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 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.

- e) Support policies and legislation that provides the City with tax increment for affordable housing and public infrastructure benefitting affordable housing.
- f) Support policies and legislation for the inclusion of internet service amongst essential utilities, in part to permit coverage by housing vouchers.
- g) Support policies, legislation and grants incentivizing the development of moderate-income housing production.
- h) Support legislation and grants positioning Long Beach as a location for pilot programs incentivizing the development of moderate-income housing such as homeownership.
- i) Support policies, legislation and financial resources to impose reasonable requirements of single-family homes developed into multi-unit housing.
- j) 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.
- k) 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.
- l) Support policies, legislation and grants with funding to bolster the City's Universal Basic Income initiative.
- m) Support policies, legislation and funding to increase affordable and supportive housing opportunities for the reentry population.

## **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.
- 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.

## **7. Support Long Beach Animal Care Services.**

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

# 2021 ADOPTED STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LONG BEACH: LOCAL CONTROL



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 to bolster fiscal resiliency.*

### 2021 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

- ❖ Oppose legislation that would reduce the City's local land use authority.
- ❖ Support implementation of the City Council adopted planning documents.
- ❖ Support ongoing collaboration with the State Lands Commission and State Legislature to explore new funding sources to support City priorities.
- ❖ Support resources and funding for the City's financial resiliency during and following the COVID-19 pandemic.

**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 that utilizes the Small Area Fair Market Rents in the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.
- n) 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 to bolster fiscal resiliency.**

- 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.