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Title: 2013 State Legislative Platform

Location: Citywide

Issue: In order to allow staff and the City's lobbyists to be responsive in protecting and advocating for the City's interests at the State Legislature, the Law and Legislation Committee on April 2, 2013, approved a legislative platform articulating the City's policies and areas of interest and forwarded the platform to the Council for adoption.

Recommendation: Pass a motion approving and adopting the 2013 State Legislative Platform as approved by the Law and Legislation Committee on April 2, 2013.

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Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-2013 State Legislative Platform

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form

Joe Robinson

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City Treasurer Review

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt

Russell Fehr

4/9/2013 10:54:55 AM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Mark Prestwich - 4/10/2013 9:47:19 AM



Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: In order to allow staff and the City's contract lobbyists to be responsive in protecting the City's interests at the State Legislature, the Law and Legislation Committee has approved and forwarded to the City Council a legislative platform articulating the City's policies and areas of interest.

Policy Considerations: Approving the State Legislative Platform is in alignment with the City Council's policies and procedures.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: The Law and Legislation Committee approved the 2013 State Legislative Platform (amendments included) at their meeting of April 2, 2013.

Rationale for Recommendation: The California State Legislature entertains hundreds of bills each legislative session. The fate of these bills varies widely and they are often amended. In order to ensure that the City's interests are protected and that our policy direction is consistent, staff is recommending that the 2013 State Legislative Policy and Areas of Interest document be approved as recommended by the Law and Legislation Committee. The documents have been designed to create flexibility and cover a range of topics where state action will directly or indirectly affect City operations, policies and/or programs.

Financial Considerations: None.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not Applicable.



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Guiding Policy Principles: The following policy areas are deemed to be of the utmost importance to the policies of the Mayor and City Council, the General Plan and Strategic Plan of the City of Sacramento.

- **Preservation of Local Funding:**
 - *The City supports the protection of existing state and local funding sources and the authorities that provide revenues to the City of Sacramento.*
 - Such areas include the protection of state-shared revenues, assets of the former redevelopment agency, and the ability for the use of the public right-of-way or city-owned facilities.
 - The City opposes changes in state law that would limit the ability of cities to preserve their local revenue base.
 - The City supports opportunities to expand local funding through public-private partnerships and other programs as appropriate.

- **Preservation of Local Authority:**
 - *The City supports preservation and expansion of local decision-making authority including the City's legal autonomy and opposes preemption of local control, diminishment of the City's ability to provide essential services, reduction of revenue sources that are required to maintain services, or mandated additional costs without appropriate reimbursement.*

- **Supporting a Healthy, Sustainable and Green Community:**
 - *The City supports continuing efforts through legislation and funding opportunities to provide services and support efforts for a strong, healthy and green community.*
 - Such areas include supporting and promoting sustainable planning and development; programs that facilitate smart growth and aide in the recruitment and retention of green businesses and programs that encourage 'farm to fork' healthy lifestyles for both residents and visitors.

- **Support Housing Opportunities for Every Level of Income and Commitment to Ending Homelessness:**
 - *The City supports increasing the supply of affordable housing; supporting programs and funding to eliminate homelessness; and, parks and recreation and programs to increase the quality of life for Sacramento residents present and future.*

- **Supporting a Safe and Prepared Community:**
 - *The City supports legislative and funding opportunities to improve the safety, security and the quality of life for Sacramento residents.*
 - This includes funding to supplement local law enforcement staffing and public safety equipment upgrades, training and capital improvements;
 - The City supports legislation and funding to assist in reducing and preventing gun violence, crimes, drug use, gang violence and pedestrian safety;
 - The City supports legislation and funding to improve local law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue emergency medical services, and disaster and emergency preparedness; and, funding to promote crime prevention, public outreach and intervention programs.
 - The City further supports legislation and funding for increased accessibility for mental health services and parity between physical and mental health services.

2013 Top State Legislative Priorities

- **Enterprise Zones and Economic Development:** *The City opposes legislation or regulation to eliminate the Enterprise Zone program. The City would support responsible reforms to improve the program.*
 - Proposals to eliminate Enterprise Zones create a serious concern in light of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies. California's Enterprise Zone program offers one of the state's most significant economic development tax incentives, broadly applying to businesses of all sizes across virtually all industry lines.

- **Transportation:** *The City supports legislation and other viable opportunities to fund the improvements to and revitalization of the transportation programs and projects within the City, the region and the state.*
 - The City further recognizes the need to repair and maintain critical infrastructure, including roads and bridges, for motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and rapid transit and supports creative financing to make up for losses in gas taxes due to increased use in electric and hybrid vehicles.
 - The City supports the State's High Speed Rail Project to the extent that it is developed from the initial phasing on through full development to integrate with and improve upon the Capitol Corridor, San Joaquin and other intercity state rail systems and connects to Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, San Diego and other major markets in California.

- **Water Policy and the Delta:** *The City also supports development of a comprehensive management plan for the Delta that balances the needs of water supply, the ecosystem, and the residents of the City, Delta community and Northern California.*
 - The City supports legislation and regulatory initiatives and processes to protect the City's water rights and prevents burdens from being shifted to our region to resolve issues in other regions throughout the State. The City also supports water conservation and legislation that maintains flexibility for the City to determine the best means of achieving conservation mandates. The City supports legislation that maintains flexibility to determine the best means for providing water services to its residents and allow local control over reclaimed water and other conservation activities.

- **Environmental Policy:** *The City supports modernization of the California Environmental Quality Act to ensure that it takes other subsequent environmental legislation and regulations into account and prevents abuse of the law for non-environmental causes.*
 - The City further supports legislative and regulatory efforts to continue the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and pollution reduction including limiting the use of single use plastic bags at the state and local levels and establishment of stewardship programs that provide incentives and/or requires product manufacturers to redesign products to

make them less toxic, less wasteful and easier to recycle and shifts the end of life cost for collection and recycling/disposal from local government to producers, retailers and other sources.

- The City also supports legislation, regulation and funding opportunities for the implementation of AB32, SB375 and other programs that build upon the sustainability principles contained in the SACOG Blueprint, Sacramento General Plan, Sustainability Plan and Climate Action Plan.

Flood Control: *Improvements are needed to the levee systems throughout the region and in particular around the Natomas Basin to achieve an initial 100 year flood protection certification with the ultimate goal of 200 year protection. Improvements are also needed for levee systems protecting areas of northern and southern Sacramento including Downtown and the Pocket areas. The City supports legislation that provides authorization and funding to achieve these flood protection goals.*

- The City also supports clarification of previous legislation related to building infill building in areas subject to flooding that takes in to account competing and conflicting regulations.
- The City is committed to partnering with the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency and its legislative and regulatory goals to ensure flood protection throughout the region, including timely completion of the Joint Federal Project at Folsom Dam.