



REPORT TO LAW & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE City of Sacramento

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STAFF REPORT
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Honorable Members of the
Law and Legislation Committee

Title: 2009 State and Federal Legislative Platform and Legislative Guiding Principles

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Law and Legislation Committee approve the proposed 2009 State and Federal Legislative Platform (Attachment 1&2) and forward to full City Council for adoption.

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Department: City Manager's Office

Division: Governmental Affairs

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Description/Analysis

Issue: This report provides information on the proposed 2009 State and Federal Legislative Platform, which identifies state and federal legislative priorities for the City of Sacramento and recommends that the Law and Legislation Committee approve the proposed platform and forward it to the full City Council for adoption.

It is critical that the platform be viewed as a long term, multi-year effort and that the City is consistent in pursuing its priorities. To that end, the priorities included in the proposed 2009 document have not changed significantly over last year.

Policy Considerations: The proposed 2009 State and Federal Legislative Platform is a focused, comprehensive State and Federal agenda outlining the City's priorities for the coming year. The platform includes the projects and issues that have the potential for state and federal participation and provides the City's state and federal legislative representatives with a clear understanding of our priorities.

The projects identified as “Top Priorities” include those of the greatest significance to the City. Staff is recommending that the City’s “Top Priorities” for 2009 continue to be Flood Control and the Sacramento Intermodal Station/Railyards Development. In addition, Telecommunications continues to be a top priority at the Federal level.

Other “Priorities” for legislative advocacy in the coming year are organized under the broad categories of: Transportation; Parks, Recreation, Trails & Open Space; Economic Development; Community Development; Environmental/Sustainability; Public Safety, and Historic Preservation. Staff is recommending the following additions:

State Platform

- After School Enrichment Services (ASES) - This item addresses the need to protect funding from legislation intended to repeal Proposition 49.
- Housing Element – This item addresses legislation for local governments to maintain compliance with the State’s housing element law.
- Climate Change – This item addresses the need to ensure local control over possible benefits and impacts through the implementation of AB 32 and SB 375.

Federal Platform

- Green Technology – This item addresses the need to support legislation for programs that provide green technology and the development of green businesses.
- Vocational Training – This item addresses the need for opportunities for vocational training programs for youth.

State and Federal Platforms

- Outdoor Education and Recreation -This item is intended to support legislation and seek funding for children, youth, and families to explore and interface with their natural environment.
- Funding for Infrastructure and Infill Areas - This item address funding for revitalizing small neighborhood commercial centers that are not in redevelopment areas.
- Foreclosure – This item addresses supporting legislation to reduce the impacts of foreclosure and foreclosure rates.
- Old Sacramento Boardwalk – This item addresses funding opportunities to rebuild the boardwalk.

In the past, the Mayor and City Council has adopted Legislative Guiding Principles to guide staff and our lobbyists in advocating on behalf of the City. This report requests that the Mayor and City Council reaffirm the following Legislative Guiding Principles:

- Advocate and secure passage of State and Federal measures that will enhance the City’s capacity to govern and provide essential community services;

- Support measures that will broaden or protect the City's legal authority in land use planning, taxation and public employee policies;
- Oppose measures that would decrease local control, including the City's legal authority to provide essential services, reduce revenue sources that are required to maintain services or mandate additional costs without providing reimbursement;
- Seek funding to support City projects and programs.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The 2009 State and Federal Legislative Platform sets out clear and focused priorities for the City and its state and federal representatives.

Financial Considerations: None.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None.

Approved by: _____

 Michelle Heppner
 Special Projects Manager

Recommendation Approved:

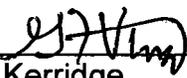

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 Ray Kerridge
 City Manager

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Attachment 1

2009 State Legislative Platform – Priority Summary

NOTE: Bold and italicized items represent the addition of new issues.

Top Priority Issues			
Subject	Issue	Summary	Action
Flood Control	Folsom Dam Modifications	Project to maintain the dam and reservoir and to upgrade flood control.	Support funding to complete the project.
	Folsom Dam Mini-Rise	Project to increase the height of the dam, thus increasing flood control.	Support funding to complete the project.
	South Sacramento County Streams Group	Project to help ease stream flooding near business and residential neighborhoods in southeastern Sacramento.	Support funding to complete the project.
	American River Common Features Project	Common Features Project to provide for necessary American River watershed flood protection.	Support funding to complete the project.
	Sacramento River Bank Protection Project—Erosion Control	Long range program to provide bank protection and solve and prevent levee erosion.	Support continued authorization and funding for project.
	Sacramento River Levee Improvements	Improvements to Sacramento River levees to provide Natomas, Pocket, Downtown, and Meadowview neighborhoods with 100 year and 200 year levels of flood protection.	Pursue and support legislation and funding for improvements.
Transportation	Sacramento Intermodal Station/Railyard Development	The Railyards area is 244-acre Brownfield site located just north of Sacramento's central business district and east of the Sacramento River. It is recognized as the largest urban infill site in this region and presents Sacramento with a significant opportunity to accommodate future growth utilizing sustainable and smart growth principles. The Intermodal Project is a combination of both new and renovated facilities at the intersection of 5 th and I Street that will serve a wide range of transportation modes. The conceptual design is completed. Work continues on the environmental review, funding strategy, site acquisition, preliminary engineering, and phasing of the project.	Monitoring funding opportunities and pursuing funds, including but not limited to Prop. 1C and Prop 1B funds, especially for track relocation and based on project status and need.

Priority Issues			
Subject	Issue	Summary	Action
Transportation	65 th Street Transit Village	Neighborhood/university mixed-use district intended to provide a variety of housing types, retail and employment uses to increase transit use and to reduce vehicle trips. The plan envisions 65 th Street as a pedestrian scale Main Street that connects California State University, Sacramento with the existing light rail station and the business community.	Monitoring funding opportunities and pursuing funds based on project status and need.
	Downtown Natomas Airport (DNA) Light Rail Corridor	The DNA is a Regional Transit Project. The 13-mile, 13 station light rail transit corridor extends from downtown to the Sacramento International Airport, serving the future Intermodal Facility, Union Pacific Railyards development, River District Development Area, and the communities of South and North Natomas.	Support Regional Transit in its efforts to pursue funding for the project.
Parks, Recreation, Trails & Open Space	American and Sacramento River Parkways	Protect and enhance natural habitat and recreational uses of the Sacramento and American River Parkways and guide development to provide additional public access. A secure and predictable funding source is also needed for maintenance and operations of the American River Parkway.	Secure funding for Sacramento Riverfront and American River Parkway projects, including State involvement in a Joint Powers Authority or River Conservancy.
	<i>After School Enrichment Services (ASES)</i>	<i>Various bills have been introduced to repeal Proposition 49, which currently provides \$550 million to afterschool programming. Sacramento START and Passages programs are dependent on \$7.7 million in ASES funding annually.</i>	<i>Protect ASES funding by opposing bills intended to repeal Proposition 49.</i>
	Sacramento Parks and Recreation Master Plan Implementation	Sacramento lacks dedicated funding sources for the following elements of the City's public parks and recreation system including, regional parks, regional off-street trails and parkways, and major destination attractions.	Monitor funding opportunities and pursue funds based on project status and need.

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Parks, Recreation, Trails & Open Space Cont.	After School Programming for Teens	There is a need to develop and implement prevention / intervention programs for middle and high school teenagers during after school and summer evening hours. The rise of youth violence and crime in the City of Sacramento during non-school hours is a major concern. Quality programs and services for teens would promote positive changes in teen behavior.	Monitor funding opportunities and pursue funds.
	<i>Outdoor Education and Recreation</i>	<i>Due to urbanization, children, youth and families are increasingly detached from their natural environment and thus deprived of the benefits associated with exploring, engaging, and experiencing nature.</i>	<i>Support legislation and seek funding for outdoor exploration and interface with natural environment for children, youth and families.</i>
	Civic Improvements and Amenities	As Northern California's transportation and communications crossroads, Sacramento is primed for civic improvements such as museums and other amenities. They play a vital role in enhancing the cultural heritage of our community and provide an ideal learning environment for all ages.	Support the establishment and development of museums and other amenities in the City, including a Children's Museum, a Science and Space Museum, a Railroad Ttechnology Museum, the expansion of the popular Crocker Art Museum, a Performing Arts Center, the Capital Unity Center, Aquatics Center, and improvements to the Sacramento Zoo.
	Vision for a Healthy California	The State Administration convened an action summit on health, nutrition, and obesity to lead California's effort to combat obesity. The goal is to make California the nation's model for health, nutrition, and fitness.	Support funding for expansion of health care for children, wellness programs, specialized recreation/park amenities for senior citizens and the physically challenged.

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Economic Development	Docks Project	As part of the Riverfront Master Plan, the City will redevelop the Docks Area as a mixed-use neighborhood that provides: public access to the riverfront; pedestrian and bicycle linkages that integrate the area with the adjacent waterfront and downtown; and high-quality public space including a riverfront parkway. To complete the project the City needs to acquire the land in the area that is currently owned by the State.	Work with the State to acquire the land needed for the Docks Project.
	Redevelopment	Redevelopment authorities are an essential local tool for revitalizing of Sacramento neighborhoods. State revitalization funding is also important.	Support legislation that retains redevelopment authorities and flexibility, including eminent domain. Support legislation that provides funding for community revitalization efforts.
	Small Neighborhood Commercial Centers	Support funding for revitalization of small neighborhood commercial centers that are not in redevelopment areas.	Support funding for projects.
	Funding for Infrastructure in Infill Areas	Inadequate infrastructure in infill areas is a key obstacle to creating sustainable, higher density development.	Support increases in funding for the repair, upgrades and new development of infrastructure in infill areas to facilitate the construction of higher density residential, commercial and mixed-use development.
Community Development	Affordable Housing	The need for affordable housing is high, affecting working and disabled families and individuals and the community as a whole.	Support legislation that increases the supply of affordable housing, including rental and homeownership opportunities through funding and/or program administration.

Subject	Issue	Summary	Action
Community Development Cont.	Eliminating Homelessness	Sacramento has adopted its Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, with "housing first" as its centerpiece strategy.	Support programs and funding to eliminate homelessness, including funding for supportive services in permanent housing.
	<i>Housing Element</i>	<i>The Housing Element of the General Plan is the City's housing "constitution," directing land use, planning and funding for housing. It is important to have housing element laws that support the City's ability to provide housing for all economic segments of the community.</i>	<i>Support legislation that provides incentives and increased flexibility, rather than sanctions, for local governments to achieve and maintain compliance with housing element law.</i>
	<i>Foreclosure</i>	<i>In 2007, Sacramento County had the fifth highest foreclosure rate in the nation. The impacts of this trend are felt broadly by individuals and the community. The City is making a concerted effort to address the foreclosure crisis, but support from the State and Federal governments is key to a complete foreclosure recovery program.</i>	<i>Support legislation to reduce foreclosure rates and to provide relief for the community impacts of foreclosure.</i>
Public Safety	Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness	Continue to seek funding to refine and enhance the City's response plan and strategies for prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.	Seek funding for hometown security and emergency preparedness.
	Crime Prevention and Reduction/ Hometown Security	It is imperative to continue to work toward preventing and reducing the number of crimes, with an emphasis on drugs, gang violence, and pedestrian safety.	Support legislation and seek funding that will assist in reducing and preventing crimes, primarily related to drugs, gang violence and pedestrian safety.
Environmental/ Sustainability	Sustainability	The City supports programs and projects that address air quality improvement, energy efficiency, water efficiency, renewable energy, fuel efficiency, energy adequacy and security.	Support funding for projects that address these issues.

Subject	Issue	Summary	Action
Environmental/ Sustainability Cont.	Water Meters	Per A.B. 2572, the City is required to install water meters on all properties by January 1, 2025 at an estimated cost of \$300 million.	Support funding to complete the project.
	Permanent Sacramento Member on California Air Resources Board	The Sacramento region is the only "severe" or worse Federal ozone non-attainment area that currently has no representative on the CARB.	Support the representation of the Sacramento region on the CARB.
	Urban Forest	Maintaining and expanding a vibrant Urban Forest is a major public works endeavor for the City of Sacramento that results in air quality, public health, and quality of life benefits.	Seek funding to maintain and expand the City's Urban Forest.
	Climate Change	Implementation of AB 32 and SB 375.	As the State moves through the process of implementing AB 32 and SB 375, work with local and State agencies to ensure local control and interests over possible benefits and impacts.
	Water Conservation	Water conservation is essential to guaranteeing a water supply for generations to come. The City of Sacramento is committed to conservation through participation in the Water Forum, water conservation staff, and education of the public regarding water conservation issues.	Support legislation that maintains flexibility for the City to determine the best means of providing water services to its residents and allow local control over water rates.
	Reclaimed Water	Reclaimed water involves the use of treated wastewater for landscaping and irrigation purposes and is a great alternative for areas with limited water supply. There are additional costs to treat and supply reclaimed water that can offset the benefits to the rate-payer.	Support legislation that maintains flexibility for the City to determine the best means for providing water services to its residents and allow local control over reclaimed water, and take into account the cost versus the benefits of reclaimed water.
Historic Preservation	Historic Railroad Central Shops Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	Rehabilitation and reconstruction of the historic railroad structures including seismic retrofitting, stabilization and other rehabilitation.	Monitoring funding opportunities and pursuing funds based on project status and need.

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Historic Preservation Cont.	<i>Old Sacramento Boardwalk</i>	<i>Reconstruction of a historic landmark: the historic boardwalk in Old Sacramento to meet American's with Disabilities Act requirements.</i>	<i>Pursue funding opportunities to rebuild the boardwalk.</i>

Attachment 2

2009 Federal Legislative Platform – Priority Summary

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Top Priority Issues			
Subject	Issue	Summary	Action
Flood Control	Folsom Dam Modifications	Project to maintain the dam and reservoir and to upgrade flood control.	Support funding to complete the project.
	Folsom Dam Mini-Rise	Project to increase the height of the dam thus increasing flood control.	Support funding to complete the project.
	South Sacramento County Streams Group	Project to help ease stream flooding near business and residential neighborhoods in southeastern Sacramento.	Support funding to complete project.
	Magpie Creek	Improvements to the creek levee and acquisition of floodplains land to reduce flooding.	Support legislation for the allocation cost sharing and to credit locals for prior costs.
	American River Common Features Project	Common Features Project to provide for necessary American River watershed flood protection.	Pursue funding to complete project.
	Sacramento River Bank Protection Project—Erosion Control	Long range program to provide bank protection and to solve and prevent levee erosion.	Support continued authorization and funding for project.
	Combined Sewer System Improvement Project	Project will help to reduce the chance of overflow in the combined sewer system areas due to increased capacity and infrastructure improvement.	Support Federal funding to assist in the completion of the project.
	Sacramento River Levee Improvements	Improvements to Sacramento River levees to provide Natomas, Pocket, Downtown, and Meadowview neighborhoods with 100 year and 200 year levels of flood protection.	Pursue and support legislation and funding for improvements.

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Transportation	Sacramento Intermodal Station/Railyards Development	Located on a 244-acre Brownfield site just north of Sacramento's central business district and east of the Sacramento River, the Railyards is recognized as the largest urban infill site in this region and presents Sacramento with a significant opportunity to accommodate future growth utilizing sustainable and smart growth principles. The Intermodal Project is a combination of both new and renovated facilities at the intersection of 5 th and I Street that will serve a wide range of transportation modes. The conceptual design is completed. Work continuous on environmental review, funding strategy, site acquisition, preliminary engineering and phasing of the project.	Monitoring funding opportunities and pursuing funds, including but not limited to Prop 1C and Prop 1B funds, especially for track relocation based on project status and needs.
Telecommunications	Sacramento Utility User Tax (UUT) and Franchising	Currently, there is legislation that threatens franchising and UUT revenue.	Support legislation that protects franchising and UUT revenue.
Priority Issues			
Transportation	North Central Business District	Improvements include several related projects that will serve the area of Richards Boulevard north of the Sacramento Railyards, the Railyards Development Area (including the Sacramento Intermodal Station), and adjacent neighborhoods north of downtown. Much of the feasibility study work has been completed. The Project Study Report for the Richards/I-5 Interchange will start in the near future.	Monitoring funding opportunities and pursuing funds based on project status and needs.
	Transit Oriented Developments: 65 th Street R Street 7 th Street 12 th Street	Joint effort to transform former inner-city (rail) corridors to mixed-use redevelopment areas focused upon light rail stations.	Monitoring funding opportunities and pursuing funds based on project status and needs.

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<p>Transportation Cont.</p>	<p>Folsom Boulevard Development Project</p>	<p>Improvements estimated to cost \$70 million to relieve congestion at the intersection of Folsom Boulevard and Power Inn Road and to provide additional north-south and east-west capacity in the area. Currently, the City is conducting a circulation study which is necessary to finalize the planning process. Upon completion of this study, staff will proceed with the Environmental and Design phases of the project. The project is funded through preliminary design and environmental.</p>	<p>Monitoring funding opportunities and pursuing funds based on project status and needs.</p>
	<p>Cosumnes River Boulevard Extension and Interchange at I-5</p>	<p>Extend Cosumnes River Blvd. as a four-lane roadway from Franklin Blvd. to 24th St., as a six-lane roadway from 24th St. to I-5 interchange, and as a four-lane roadway from the I-5 Interchange to Freeport Blvd. The City approved the EIR in May 2007 and expects to get a Record of Decision in October 2007. Design will be completed in Spring of 2009. Construction is scheduled to begin in Summer of 2009 and completed in early 2011.</p>	<p>Monitoring funding opportunities and pursuing funds based on project status and needs.</p>
	<p>Downtown Natomas Airport (DNA) Light Rail Corridor</p>	<p>The DNA is a Regional Transit Project. The 13-mile, 13 station light rail transit corridor extends from downtown to the Sacramento International Airport, serving the future Intermodal Facility, Union Pacific Railyards development, River District Redevelopment Area , and the communities of South and North Natomas.</p>	<p>Support Regional Transit in its efforts to pursue funding for the project.</p>

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Parks, Recreation, Trails & Open Space	American and Sacramento River Parkways	Protect and enhance natural habitat and recreational uses of the Sacramento and American River Parkways and guide development to provide additional public access. A secure and predictable funding source is also needed for the safety, maintenance, and operation of the American River Parkway.	Secure funding for the Sacramento Riverfront and American River Parkway projects including State involvement in a Joint Powers Authority or River Conservancy.
	After School Programming for Teens	There is a need to develop and implement prevention / intervention programs for middle and high school teenagers during after school and summer evening hours. The rise of youth violence and crime in the City of Sacramento during non-school hours is a major concern. Quality programs and services for teens would promote positive changes in teen behavior.	Monitor funding opportunities and pursue funds.
	<i>Outdoor Education and Recreation</i>	<i>Due to urbanization, children, youth and families are increasingly detached from their natural environment and thus deprived of the benefits associated with exploring, engaging, and experiencing nature.</i>	<i>Support legislation and seek funding for outdoor exploration and interface with natural environment for children, youth and families.</i>
	Full Service Community Schools and Vocational/Technical Skills Training	Full Service Community Schools strengthen communities by seamlessly integrating academic, developmental, multi-generational recreation and health service programming to families to ensure cost-effective use of facilities and resources. For the large population of students who do not pursue a college education, look for ways to provide vocational and technical skills training opportunities.	Support grant funding to expand Community - School Partnerships and fund vocational/technical skills training for students who are not pursuing college.

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Parks, Recreation, Trails & Open Space Cont.	Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program.	LWCF matches funds to assist parks and recreation infrastructure development and the creation of public parks. UPARR matches local funds to rehabilitate urban recreation facilities in economically distressed neighborhoods.	Support legislation for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program to retain the current State appropriation formula and the Urban Forest component of 2007 Farm Bill.
	Civic Improvements and Amenities	As Northern California's transportation and communications crossroads, Sacramento is primed for civic improvements such as museums and other amenities. They play a vital role in enhancing the cultural heritage of our community and provide an ideal learning environment for all ages, and assist in the provision of a qualified workforce especially in the areas of math and science.	Support the establishment and development of museums in the City, including a Children's Museum, a Space and Science Museum, a Railroad Technology Museum, the expansion of the popular Crocker Art Museum, a Performing Arts center, the Capital Unity Center, Aquatics Center, and improvements to the Sacramento Zoo.
Economic Development	Redevelopment	Redevelopment authorities and Federal community development funds are essential tools for revitalizing Sacramento neighborhoods.	Support legislation that retains redevelopment authorities and flexibilities, including eminent domain. Oppose reductions and support increases in appropriations for CDBG.
	Small Neighborhood Commercial Centers	Support funding for the revitalization of small neighborhood commercial centers that are not in redevelopment areas.	Support funding for projects.
	Funding for Infrastructure in Infill Areas	Inadequate infrastructure in infill areas is a key obstacle to creating sustainable, higher density development.	Support increases in funding for the repair, upgrades and new development of infrastructure in infill areas to facilitate the construction of higher density residential, commercial and mixed-use development.
	Green Technology	Achieve a sustainable future through green technology.	Support legislation that provides for the establishment of green technology as well as for the development of programs that assist green businesses.

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<p>Economic Development Cont.</p>	<p><i>Vocational Training</i></p>	<p><i>Provide a workforce development opportunity through vocational training to ensure that the appropriate work force is available for Sacramento business and industry and to provide employment opportunity to Sacramento residents.</i></p>	<p><i>Support legislation that provides for vocational training for America's youth.</i></p>
<p>Community Development</p>	<p>Affordable Housing</p>	<p>The need for affordable housing is high, affecting working and disabled families and individuals as well as the community as a whole.</p>	<p>Support legislation that increases the supply of affordable housing, including rental and homeownership opportunities through funding and/or program administration. Oppose reductions and support increases in appropriations for HOME.</p>
	<p>Eliminating Homelessness</p>	<p>Sacramento has adopted its Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, with "housing first" as its centerpiece strategy.</p>	<p>Support programs and funding to eliminate homelessness, including funding for supportive services in permanent housing.</p>
	<p>Public Housing</p>	<p>Steady reductions in HUD subsidies have impacted public housing operations.</p>	<p>Support legislation that restores funding and provides administrative clarity for public housing. Oppose further reductions and administrative sanctions.</p>
	<p><i>Foreclosure</i></p>	<p><i>In 2007, Sacramento County had the fifth highest foreclosure rate in the nation. The impacts of this trend are felt broadly by individuals and the community. The City is making a concerted effort to address the foreclosure crisis, but support from the State and Federal governments is key to a complete foreclosure recovery program.</i></p>	<p><i>Support legislation to reduce foreclosure rates and to provide relief for the community impacts of foreclosure.</i></p>

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<p>Public Safety</p>	<p>Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness</p>	<p>Continue to seek funding to refine and enhance the City's response plan and strategies for prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.</p>	<p>Seek funding for hometown security and emergency preparedness.</p>
	<p>Northern California Public Safety Training College</p>	<p>Continue with the development of the public safety training college within the Sacramento region to provide curriculum and tactical training to "first responders" who would serve the Western United States and the Pacific Rim.</p>	<p>Support funding for facility development.</p>
	<p>Crime Prevention and Reduction/ Hometown Security</p>	<p>It is imperative to continue to work toward preventing and reducing the number of crimes, with an emphasis on drugs, gang violence, and pedestrian safety.</p>	<p>Support legislation and seek funding that will assist in reducing and preventing crimes, primarily related to drugs, gang violence and pedestrian safety.</p>
<p>Environmental/ Sustainability</p>	<p>Sustainability</p>	<p>The City supports programs and projects that address air quality improvement, energy efficiency, water efficiency, renewable energy, fuel efficiency, energy adequacy and security.</p>	<p>Support funding for projects that address these issues.</p>
	<p>Urban Forest</p>	<p>Maintaining and expanding a vibrant Urban Forest is a major public works endeavor for the City of Sacramento that results in air quality, public health, and quality of life benefits.</p>	<p>Seek funding to maintain and expand the City's Urban Forest.</p>
	<p>Water Conservation</p>	<p>Water conservation is essential to guaranteeing a water supply for generations to come. The City of Sacramento is committed to conservation through participation in the Water Forum, water conservation staff, and education of the public regarding water conservation issues.</p>	<p>Support legislation that maintains flexibility for the City to determine the best means for providing water services to its residents and allow local control over water rates.</p>
	<p>Water Meters</p>	<p>Per A.B. 2572, the City is required to install water meters on all properties by January 1, 2025 at an estimated cost of \$300 million.</p>	<p>Support funding to complete the project.</p>

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Environmental/ Sustainability Cont.	Reclaimed Water	Reclaimed water involves the use of treated wastewater for landscaping and irrigation purposes and is a great alternative for areas with limited water supply. There are additional costs to treat and supply reclaimed water that can offset the benefits to the rate-payer.	Support legislation that maintains flexibility for the City to determine the best means for providing water services to its residents and allow local control over reclaimed water, and take into account the cost versus the benefits of reclaimed water.
	Sacramento River Reliability Study	The feasibility study will help in developing a plan to implement the Water Forum Agreement objectives which include pursuing a Sacramento River diversion to meet the water supply needs of the Placer-Sacramento region and to preserve the Lower American River.	Support continued Federal funding of this study.
Historic Preservation	Historic Railroad Central Shops Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	Rehabilitation and reconstruction of the historic railroad structures, including seismic retrofitting, stabilization and other rehabilitation.	Monitoring funding opportunities and pursuing funds based on project status and need.
	<i>Old Sacramento Boardwalk</i>	<i>Reconstruction of a historic landmark: the historic Boardwalk in Old Sacramento to meet American's with Disabilities Act requirements.</i>	<i>Pursue funding opportunities to rebuild the boardwalk.</i>