

2023 Priority Advocacy Issues and Long-term Advocacy Positions (LAPs)

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Definitions

Legislative Advocacy Positions (Council Policy 7.4.14)

- identify the City's broad advocacy positions on issues and legislation.
- short-term in nature and support the General Plan and guide Council and staff on intergovernmental matters.

Priority Advocacy Issues

• issues where legislative activity is either already underway or imminent and expected to have significant impact on City business.

Long-term Advocacy Positions (LAPs)

ongoing policy positions adopted by Council.

Legislative Advocacy Process

- 1. Council identifies Priority Issues and Legislative Advocacy Positions for the year
- 2. Staff tracks legislative efforts with potential City impacts and Council priority issues
- Staff coordinates quick responses to pending legislation and intergovernmental matters based on Council-approved policies
- 4. Staff publishes City positions and advocacy letters on Sunnyvale.ca.gov



2023 Priority Advocacy Issues

Council Policy 7.4.14

Proposed 2023 Priority Advocacy Issues

- 1. Investment Funding and Local Strategy for Workforce Development
- 2. Interoperability/Public Safety Communications System
- 3. Environmental Regulatory & Conservation Issues
- 4. Regional and State-wide Water Supply Issues
- 5. Local Authority Over Wireless Telecommunications Facilities
- 6. School Mitigation Fees
- 7. Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems by Law Enforcement and First Responder Immunity when interfering with Unmanned Aircraft Systems
- 8. Medical Marijuana/Recreational Marijuana
- 9. Affordable Housing and Homelessness
- 10. Engagement with the Federal Aviation Administration Regarding Airplane Noise
- 11. Local Government Financing to Support Public Infrastructure, Including Affordable Housing



Long-term Advocacy Positions (LAPs)

Council Policy Manual

Long-term Advocacy Positions (LAPs)

Council Policies

- 1.0 Land Use and Transportation
- 2.0 Community Development
- 3.0 Environmental Management
- 4.0 Public Safety
- 5.0 Socio-Economic
- 6.0 Cultural
- 7.0 Planning and Management

Proposed clarifying edits, additions and deletions to the following sections

- Council Policy 2.0 Community Development
- Council Policy 4.0 Public Safety
- Council Policy 6.0 Cultural
- Council Policy 7.0 Planning and Management

Long-term Advocacy Positions (LAPs) – Proposed Deletion

Council Policy 6.0 – Cultural

6.2 Library

(8) Actively monitor and oppose any state or federal mandate that restricts open access to information [in any format]. Oppose federal government programs that direct libraries to provide filtering for Internet Access. [*/2001 Modification/2002 NLC Resolution] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 08-063, February 26, 2008) Lead Dept. LCS

Considerations

- Filtering technology has improved since first introduced.
- Oppose position prevents the City from applying for federal and state funding grants which require compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act and its associated protection measures.
- Library and Recreation Services Department plans to explore possible filtering options for Internet Access within the next year.

Long-term Advocacy Positions (LAPs) – Proposed Addition

Council Policy 4.0 – Public Safety

4.3 Support Services

(5) Support federal and state funding to assist with the ongoing operations, expansion or upgrade of the 9-8-8 system as an emergency response, information, and referral system for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. Lead Dept. DPS

Considerations

- FCC adopted 988 system to establish a national 3-digit dialing code that would enable people in crisis to connect with suicide and mental health counselors.
- 988 was implemented in July 2022 as the crisis number available to all landline and cell phone users.
- Geolocation services are not currently enabled for 988. The FCC has recommended that Congress further examine the technical, legal, privacy and cost considerations and collaborate on potential next steps.
- Staff recommends monitoring policy and funding related to the current system and any future changes

Council Direction

- Review existing Priority Advocacy Issues and LAPs
- Consider staff recommendations
- Provide other direction on changes to Priority Issues and/or LAPs



Thank You

Questions?