



# City of Sunnyvale

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### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### **SUBJECT**

Approve the Proposed 2023 Priority Advocacy Issues and Review Long-term Legislative Advocacy Positions (LAPs)

#### **BACKGROUND**

The City's Intergovernmental Relations Program enables timely and effective advocacy of City interests on pending legislation and issues that significantly impact City business. The City can initiate advocacy based on any existing City policy. Every year, the Council adopts the City's advocacy platform that includes the priority advocacy issues for the year as well as long-term legislative advocacy positions (LAPs) found in each chapter of the Council Policy Manual. Other sources for City policies are found in the City Charter, Municipal Code, General Plan Elements, and the Council Policy Manual. This report provides Council with the opportunity to review the Proposed 2023 Priority Issues and long-term LAPs.

#### **EXISTING POLICY**

**Council Policy 7.4.14, *Legislative Advocacy Positions***

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378 (a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

#### **DISCUSSION**

*Proposed 2023 Priority Advocacy Issues* (Attachment 1) is presented for Council consideration. Priority advocacy issues focus on regional, state, and federal activity already underway or expected within the calendar year and where the pending legislation or issue is expected to have a significant impact on City business. Staff is proposing 11 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. Anticipated Legislation regarding the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) 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

The City captures long-term LAPs by issue categories in each chapter of the Council Policy Manual. Long-term LAPs do not require annual Council adoption; however, any edits to those positions must be approved by Council. Staff is proposing clarifying edits, deletions, and additions as shown in Attachment 2 - Long-term LAPs:

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

During the 2022 calendar year, the City engaged in regional, state, and federal legislative activities pursuant to Council-approved advocacy positions and existing City policy. The items noted on the City's Legislative Priorities web page (Attachment 4) and in Attachment 3 are only those bills and issues with formal written City action.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Public Library, Senior Center, Community Center and in the Department of Public Safety Lobby. In addition, the agenda and report are available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, Office of the City Clerk, and on the City's website.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Approve the *Proposed 2023 Priority Advocacy Issues* (Attachment 1 to the report) and *Council Policy Long-term Advocacy Positions* as proposed to be amended (Attachment 2 in the report).
2. Approve the *Proposed 2023 Priority Advocacy Issues* (Attachment 1 to the report) and *Council Policy Long-term Advocacy Positions* as proposed to be amended (Attachment 2 in the report) with additional modifications.
3. Other direction as provided by Council.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Alternative 1: Approve the *Proposed 2023 Priority Advocacy Issues* (Attachment 1 to the report) and *Council Policy Long-term Advocacy Positions* as proposed to be amended (Attachment 2 in the report).

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed 2023 Priority Advocacy Issues

2. Council Policy Long-term Advocacy Positions
3. List of 2023 Formal Written City Advocacy
4. City's Legislative Priorities Weblink