



Sunnyvale

Annual Review of New Legislation and Proposed 2026 Priority Advocacy Issues and Long-Term Legislative Advocacy Positions (LAPs)

February 10, 2026



Agenda Outline

- Review of 2026 Priority Advocacy Issues and Long-Term Advocacy Positions
- Annual Review of New Laws
- Legislative Update from Townsend Public Affairs

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 (Part of 7.4.14)**
 - 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

Council Adopts Legislative Platform

Council identifies Priority Issues and Legislative Advocacy Positions Annually (typically in January).

Staff Tracks Legislation

Staff monitors legislation with potential City impacts.

Staff Submits Position Letters

Staff coordinates quick responses to pending legislation based on Council-approved policies i.e., Council Policy Manual, General Plan, Municipal Code etc.*

Staff Publishes City Letters

City position letters are posted on Sunnyvale.ca.gov and on Council meeting agendas (Info Only).

*City Manager approval is required in cases when it is unclear if an official City policy supports performing advocacy.

Proposed 2026 Priority Advocacy Issues

1. Funding and Local Strategy for Workforce Development
2. Interoperability/Public Safety Communications System
3. Environmental Regulatory & Conservation Issues
4. Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems by Law Enforcement and First Responder Immunity when interfering with Unmanned Aircraft Systems
5. Affordable Housing, Homelessness and Land Use
6. Engagement with the Federal Aviation Administration Regarding Airplane Noise

Summary of Proposed Changes to Priority Advocacy Issues

Funding and Local Strategy for Workforce Development

Keep Priority Advocacy Issue.

- Updated policy language with current data and status.

Affordable Housing, Homelessness, and Land Use

Keep Priority Advocacy Issue.

- Updated policy language under *Affordable Housing* to reflect a broader policy position and clarifies an equity focus.
- Updated policy language under *Homelessness* to expand the policy scope to the full homelessness continuum and adds supportive housing and services language.
- Updated policy language under *Housing Element/Land Use* to include local land-use authority and expand policy language to a complete-community approach.

Summary of Proposed Changes to Long-term Advocacy Positions

(refer to Attachment 4 for redline version)

Long-term 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

Proposing clarifying edits to the following sections:

Council Policy 5.0 – Socio-Economic

- To broaden the City's position statements and remove policy language that is outdated or no longer necessary

Council Policy 7.0 – Planning and Management

- To clarify language in the Elections section.

Annual Review of New Laws

Three bills that will have significant impacts to the City...

SB 79 (Wiener) – Housing development: transit-oriented development.

SB 707 (Durazo) – Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements.

AB 339 (Ortega) – Local public employee organizations: notice requirements.

SB 79 (Wiener) – Housing development: transit-oriented development.

- Allows high-density housing within a half-mile of Caltrain and VTA light rail stations, overriding local standards
- Limits public engagement for eligible projects
- Effective July 1, 2026, requires ministerial approval for qualifying projects
- Cities may exempt eligible areas or adopt an alternative transit-oriented development (TOD) plan, subject to HCD's approval; Sunnyvale is evaluating feasibility
- SB 722 (Wahab) *Transit-oriented housing development: excluded parcels and sites*, is a pending bill, introduced at Sunnyvale's request, that would exempt mobile home parks from the requirements of SB 79

SB 707 (Durazo) – Open meetings: meeting and teleconference requirements.

- Requires two-way remote public access to City Council meetings beginning July 1, 2026
- Modernizes teleconferencing rules, including remote participation and quorum requirements
- Mandates policies addressing meeting disruptions and enhances accessibility, including translation in limited cases
- Codifies Sunnyvale’s hybrid City Council meeting practice; Boards and Commissions not required to be hybrid
- Expands Councilmember “Just Cause” remote participation to five times per year
- Sunnyvale does not currently meet translation mandate thresholds; automated translation tools and posting infrastructure are in development

AB 339 (Ortega) – Local public employee organizations: notice requirements.

- Effective January 1, 2026
- Requires 45 days' notice to employee organizations before issuing Request For Proposals, Request for Quotations, renewals or extensions of current contracts when contracted work overlaps with duties of represented classifications
- Allows shorter notice in emergencies, when necessary
- Requires added procurement lead time, updated workflows, and closer HR–Finance coordination

Council Direction

- Receive a Legislative Update, including Annual Review of New Laws Report
- Review existing Priority Advocacy Issues and LAPs
- Consider staff recommendations
- Provide other direction on changes to Priority Issues and/or LAPs

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Legislative Update for the City of Sunnyvale

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW



Legislative Themes in 2026



State Budget



FY 26/FY 27 Federal Appropriations



Overview of Grant Efforts



Legislative Themes in 2026



SB 722 (Wahab) Mobile Home Development Protections



Illegal Dumping Prevention and Mitigation



Governor's Last Year



New Leadership Changes



Housing Legislation



Other Legislative Proposals



STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Governor's Budget
Expects \$2.9B Deficit

Local Exposure to
Federal Cost Shifts

Early Action Budget
Items Anticipated –
Including Bay Area
Transit Operations Loan



FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

Congress is moving to pass the remaining FY 2026 Appropriation Bills to restore full funding to agencies affected by the partial federal shutdown that began January 3, 2026

Two Community Projects sponsored by Rep. Khanna moving forward: **Cleanwater Center (\$1,092,000)** and **Safe Routes to Schools and Parks (\$2,000,000)**

Kicked off the FY 27 Community Project Funding effort which includes= identification, strategy, and application preparation



OVERVIEW OF GRANT EFFORTS

Over 150 Unique Grant Programs Researched and Highlighted to City Staff in 2025

Monthly Department Wide Grant Call to Review Existing and Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Individual Grant and Project Consultation for City Projects with Program Experts

Leads Application Debriefings with Funding Agencies to Strengthen Past Grant Proposals



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