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### 3.0 Long-Term Advocacy Positions - Environmental Management

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- (1) Support efforts to develop and require a peer review process for the development of environmental regulations. [*1989 LCC & NLC Resolutions*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (2) Support efforts to develop and implement a national environmental quality policy that improves the quality of the total environment while protecting the environment from further degradation and that assesses both current and long term environmental impacts, ensuring that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. [*1989 LCC Resolution; Modified/2003 Public Works Staff Recommendation*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (3) Support full funding by the federal government for environmental remediation of closed federal facilities including restoration of historic structures. [*2002, 2003, 2004 NLC Resolution; 2009 DPW staff modification*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**

#### 3.1 Water Resources

- (1) Urge the federal government, including FEMA and the Federal Insurance Administration, to amend underwriting requirements to allow public water and wastewater treatment facilities to be eligible for flood insurance coverage at affordable rates. [*2002 NLC Resolution*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (2) Support legislation that requires the federal government to provide sufficient funds for clean-up of estuaries and bodies of water. [*2004 NLC Resolution*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

#### 3.2 Solid Waste Management

- (1) Oppose taxes or fees on local refuse programs to fund statewide programs. [\*](Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (3) Support cooperation between state and local jurisdictions on source reduction and recycling to meet state solid waste reduction goals. (*AB 939*) [*First Appeared 1995*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

~~(4) Support requirements that prohibit the disposal of radioactive materials along with municipal solid waste and release of radioactive materials into the recycling~~

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~~stream. [2001 staff suggestion] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) Lead Dept. ESD No longer an issue~~

~~(5)~~(4) Support requirements that are consistent with the City's Zero Waste policy. [2001 staff suggestion] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

~~(6)~~(5) Support eliminating local government liability under Superfund for the disposal of ordinary municipal waste; provide expedited *de minimis* settlements for hazardous material generated by local government operations; and allocate costs on the basis of toxicity rather than the volume of municipal waste. Superfund reform should also provide a level of protection to third party investors, lenders, and developers of brownfields sites. [1990 NLC Resolution] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

~~(7)~~(6) Maintain federal and state financial support for beneficial use of landfill gas and other biomass energy. [1998-December-staff suggestion; Modified 2003 Public Works Staff Recommendation] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

### 3.3 Wastewater Management

(1) Support increased federal support for municipal wastewater infrastructure needs including both treatment and collection systems. [2003 Public Works Staff Recommendation/2007 DPW staff modification] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

### 3.4 Surface Runoff

(1) Oppose any efforts to include numerical limits for pollutants in permits for storm water discharges and to modify California State law and/or regulations to allow for the development of numerical effluent limits for incorporation into storm water permits. [2003 Public Works Staff Recommendation, 2006 Public Works staff recommendation] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

(2) Support efforts to exempt storm water utility fees from requirements of Proposition 218. [2005 staff recommendation] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

### 3.5 Energy

(4) Support the adoption of a national comprehensive energy strategy that includes energy conservation, education, research and development of renewable and alternative energy sources, and encourages reduced dependence on foreign oil and the use of domestic energy sources. [First Appeared 1992] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

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### 3.6 Noise

- (1) Encourage airport operation policies that reduce the level and frequency of noise and support federal funding to alleviate the effects of aircraft noise on Sunnyvale. [*\*/2003 Moved to current section, 2009 DPW staff modification*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. CDD**
- (2) Support funding for highway-rail grade separations and railroad noise attenuation. [*2002, 2003 & 2004 NLC Resolution/2003 Moved to Current Section, 2005 modified by staff, 2006 Public Works staff recommendation*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (3) Engage the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to assure that local noise conditions do not worsen as a result of changes to commuter train operations, and impacts are mitigated consistent with regulatory requirements. [*Staff recommendation based on Council action 1/11/05*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**

### 3.7 Air Quality

- (2) Support efforts to manage and reduce risks from air toxics. [*First Appeared 2003*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (3) Support efforts to improve or strengthen regional and local regulation of mobile source emissions. [*2003 Public Works Staff Recommendation*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (5) Oppose redirecting state and regional revenue used by local government for locally based air quality programs. [*1996 LCC Resolution, 2005 modified by staff*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (9) Support the development of greenhouse gas regulations, such as implementation regulations for the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32), to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. Encourage the Secretary for Environmental Protection and the California Air Resources Board to work in partnership with all sectors of the community to ensure that the implementation regulations do not have a negative, long-term impact on the resources and services provided by the City of Sunnyvale or the California economy. [*DPW & CDD Housing staff collaboration and recommendation 2007*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

(Adopted: RTC: #12-09 (February 7, 2012))

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## 5.0 Long-term Advocacy Positions – Socio-Economic

### 5.1 General

- (1) Support federal and state funding to assist with the ongoing operations, expansion or upgrade of the 2-1-1 system as an information and referral for health and human services. [*Council Resolution RTC #03-109*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009; Adopted w/ modification, RTC 15-0008, January 6, 2015) **Lead Dept. LCS/DPS**
- (2) Support legislation and community-based efforts that improve the quality of life for children and families through increased access to educational support, health care, housing, emancipation transition services for foster youth, and vocational training programs. [*OCM Staff Recommendation, 2007*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009) **Lead Dept. LCS**
- (3) Urge the federal government to provide local governments with financial and technical assistance to alleviate the local impact of new immigrants, including the costs of providing social services, health care, education, language services, and civic integration. [*2007 NLC Resolution*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009) **Lead Dept. LCS**

### 5.2 Economy and Employment

- (1) Support development of federal U.S. congressional legislation that will support funding to continue ~~the s~~ School-to-w Work o Opportunities.-Act. [*2003, 2004 NLC Resolution, 2012 NOVA staff modification*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. NOVA Clarity Update**
- (2) Support increased flexibility and resources for local workforce ~~development~~ investment boards to launch sector-driven industry initiatives to address current and projected workforce needs that may include information technology, healthcare, and renewable energy, ~~and public sector replacement jobs~~ among other industries experiencing workforce shortages in the future. [*2006 NOVA staff recommendation/amended 2008*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. NOVA Clarity Update**
- (3) Supporting the quality of life in Sunnyvale, the City would support legislation to increase the current minimum wage or tie future increases to Consumer Price Index (CPI) or inflation. (RTC: #14-028, May 20, 2014) **Lead Dept. OCM**

### 5.3 Education and Training

- (1) Support expanded education and training programs at all educational levels (high school, community colleges, undergraduate, graduate, adult re-entry and dislocated workers) that increase access to and competitiveness for high demand, high wage

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~~jobs in both emerging occupations and replacement jobs created by an aging population.~~ [\*/Modified 1998-January/2001, Clarification, 2006 NOVA and Community Development staff recommendation/amended 2008, 2009 NOVA staff modification] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012)

**Lead Dept. NOVA Clarity Update**

~~(1)~~(2) Support greater flexibility and simplicity in administrative procedures and eligibility requirements to increase client access to adult education, job training, job retention, employment support and supportive services. [Council RTC 97-262, 2005 modified by staff/amended 2008, 2009 NOVA staff modification] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. NOVA**

~~(2)~~(3) Support increased state and federal appropriations and allocations based on funding formulas and regulatory guidelines that will fully fund local workforce development programs and workforce system infrastructure. [2005 NOVA staff recommendation/amended 2008] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. NOVA**

~~(3)~~(4) Support federal and state initiatives that augment local autonomy on employment training and retains the strong role of the chief elected officials and Workforce Investment Boards. [1993 LCC & NLC Resolutions/2001 modification, 2009 NOVA staff modification] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. NOVA**

~~(4)~~(5) Support increased funding for local labor market research that ensures a demand-driven local workforce investment system has timely and relevant information on workforce trends. [2005 staff recommendation] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. NOVA**

~~(5)~~(6) Support federal reimbursement to local school districts for up to 40 percent of the costs of special education programs mandated by federal law. [2002, 2003, 2004 NLC Resolution] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009) **Lead Dept. LCS**

### 5.4 Health and Social Services

(1) Support childcare related legislation that:

- Provides funding targeted to address the child care needs of low-income individuals;
- Establishes demonstration projects to test alternative child care delivery models;
- Establishes employer incentives, such as tax credits to encourage employers to share in providing child care for employees;
- Provides adequate funding of existing child care programs, including appropriate cost-of-living increases;

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- Establishes the public school system as the primary delivery agent of state sponsored child care programs;
  - Establishes quality child care programs by appropriate regulations to protect health and safety, but minimizes regulatory obstacles;
  - Provides incentives to increase the quality and wages of child care workers;
  - Advocate for and support measures to encourage and involve industry in providing child care and/or child care benefits to their employees. *[Council Action, RTC 07-363]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009) **Lead Dept. LCS**
- (2) Support the establishment of quality standards for childcare providers and programs. *[1989 NLC Resolution/Modified in 1993, 1995 and 1998-December]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009) **Lead Dept. LCS**
- (3) Support the Food Stamp Program, the School Breakfast and Lunch Program, the WIC Program, senior nutrition programs, and support services for homeless families. *[\*/First Appeared 1992/Modified 1995]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009) **Lead Dept. LCS**
- (4) Support the use of state Proposition 10 funds (tobacco tax funds), for the development or enhancement of educational and social services for the prenatal through five population and their families. *[2002, 2003, 2004 NLC Resolution]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009) **Lead Dept. LCS**
- (5) Support childcare providers having a voice in the development of potential Universal Preschool legislation. *[2003 Office of the City Manager Staff Recommendation]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009) **Lead Dept. LCS**
- (6) Support Congressional action to rectify the current Medicare payment formula inequities and reduce geographic disparities. *[2004 NLC Resolution]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009) **Lead Dept. LCS**
- (7) Support legislation that requires the federal government to fully fund the “No Child Left Behind” Act including corrective program, and the Dream Act. Urge the Federal Government to improve access to funding for early education programs and services such as Head Start and for English language learner students and farm worker children. *[2004 NLC Resolution/2006 Modified by OCM staff/2007 NLC Resolution]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009) **Lead Dept. LCS**

### 5.5 Human Services Planning and Policy

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- (1) Support formal relationships with schools, non-profit agencies, the business community and other government organizations to assess human service needs. [*\*First Appeared 1993*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009) **Lead Dept. LCS**

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