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1.0 Long-Term Advocacy Positions - Land Use and Transportation

1.1 The Region

- (1) Support efforts to provide a permanent, direct percentage of federal transportation funds to local government transportation departments for priority work in urban areas. [*Added as ISTEA in 1991/Expanded 1993 NLC Resolution/Modified 2003/amended 2008*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC-~~12-09~~12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (2) Support continued operation of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority bus transit and paratransit service at service levels sustainable to meet the needs of transit dependent populations. [**/Modified 1996 Ballot Initiative-Measure D/Modified 2001/Modified 2003*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC-~~12-09~~12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (3) Support efforts to create and maintain regional funding sources for critical transportation needs. [*1998- staff suggestion/amended 2008*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC-~~12-09~~12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (4) Support flexible spending of state and federal transportation funds for locally determined needs. Oppose project or program specific earmarking of funds from existing funding sources. [*First Appeared 2001/ Modified 2003/2006 NLC Resolution*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC-~~12-09~~12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (5) Enhance the mobility of the growing senior population. [2003 Public Works staff recommendation/amended 2008] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 10-016, January 26, 2010) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (6) Support streamlining or otherwise provide sufficient resources to expeditiously process local agency federal and state-aid projects through Federal and State environmental and regulatory requirements. [*2005 DPW Staff Recommendation*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC-~~12-09~~12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (7) Support state funding for regional transportation projects; oppose eliminating or reducing state or federal funds due to local contributions. Support local input in determining project priorities. Oppose transfers of local and statewide transportation funds to balance the State General Fund budget. [**/Modified 1995/Modified 2003*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC-~~12-09~~12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (12) Support the concept of a proposed water transit system. However, Sunnyvale believes that any water transit system should be funded through new revenue

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- sources only, that local officials should be directly involved in governing any water transit system, and the interests of its residents should be protected. [*Council RTC 98-264/Modified 2000*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC ~~12-0912-009~~, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (13) Support the continuing efforts of the Water Emergency Transit Authority to explore San Francisco Bay Ferry Expansion, with reasonable and feasible alternatives for multimodal access to a South Bay ferry terminal. [**/Modified 2003*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC ~~12-0912-009~~, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (14) Support the concept of Smart Growth that promotes a stronger integration of land use and transportation on state, regional and local levels. Integrate local priorities in land use and transportation into Smart Growth actions. [*First Appeared 2003*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 10-016, January 26, 2010) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (15) Support identification and pursuit of limited term revenue sources for transit capital and operating purposes only after stabilization of revenue and service levels sustainable to meet the needs of transit dependent populations. [*2004 Public Works Staff Recommendation*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC ~~12-0912-009~~, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (16) Support the use of Federal Transportation Trust Funds for the delivery of transportation system improvements and distribution of the funds being done on the principle of “return to source”. Oppose retention of Trust funds for the purpose of “masking” the federal deficit or actual budgetary imbalances. [*1998-December-staff suggestion; 2004 Finance & Public Works Staff Recommendation; Moved from Section 7, Planning & Management, (i) Federal*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC ~~12-0912-009~~, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (19) Monitor the implementation of the California High Speed Rail Plan and advocate for a financially self-sustaining system using proven cost effective technology and based on the conservative ridership assumptions. The City should actively participate in planning and design to minimize the impact of high-speed rail operations in Sunnyvale. The City supports a southern route without identifying a specific route at this time, but one that does not impact the Henry Coe State Park or the Orestimba wilderness. [*DPW Staff Recommendation based on Council action May 11, 2004, 2009 DPW staff modification.*] (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC ~~12-0912-009~~, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**

1.2 The City

- (1) Support roadway operations by agencies with facilities in Sunnyvale as long as they do not advertently affect traffic on Sunnyvale streets. [*First Appeared 1993*]

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(Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 10-016, January 26, 2010) **Lead Dept. DPW**

- (2) Support provisions to allow group and residential care homes within the City, but allow local control or participation if possible over concentration of such uses. *[First Appeared 1992/Modified 1996/2002 NLC Resolution]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC ~~12-09~~12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. CDD**

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2.0 Long-term Advocacy Positions – Community Development

2.1 Economic Development

- (4) Advocate and support research and development funding that increases and capitalizes on the capabilities of our existing industries or emerging technology business development, including bioscience, information technology, nanotechnology, biomedical device manufacturing, and stem cell research, and increase the role of federal research and development in civilian research and technology. Support programs that promote continued/increased research and development that is innovative, entrepreneurial and has growth potential. *[Combined from two policies that first appeared in 1994; Modified 2003 Community Development Staff Recommendation; 2003 Community Development Staff Recommendation, 2005 modified by staff]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. OCM**
- (6) Support efforts to identify, assess, and mitigate key obstacles to business development in California, including workers compensation insurance and government regulations negatively impacting business. *[2003 Community Development Staff Recommendation/2006 NLC Resolution]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. OCM**
- (8) Urge the federal government to provide national defense and economic stimulus assistance to include small business and local economies that experience economic injury because of terrorist attacks and/or natural disasters, or national economic recessions/market instability/ credit crises. *[2002 NLC Resolution; 2003 Community Development & Public Works Staff Recommendation; 2006 Community Development staff recommendation; 2009 Public Works staff modification]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. OCM**

2.2 Open Space

- (1) Support legislation to prohibit the sale, exchange, or transfer of park land already held in the public trust and urge the adoption of comprehensive federal policies for protection and management of all park lands. *[First Appeared 1993/2002,2003,2006 NLC Resolution; Modified/2003 Parks & Recreation Staff Recommendation; 2009 Public Works staff modification]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC ~~12-09~~12-009, February 7, 2012; Adopted w/ modification, RTC 15-0008, January 6, 2015) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (2) Support full funding annually, and encourage Congress to allocate 40% of the funds for state and municipal projects. Urge Congress to authorize 20% of Outer Continental Shelf revenues to fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund and designate \$125 million to the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program to

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assist the recreation needs of economically distressed communities. *[First Appeared 1993/2002,2003,2006 NLC Resolution; Modified/2003 Parks & Recreation Staff Recommendation]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012; Adopted w/ modification, RTC 15-0008, January 6, 2015)
Lead Dept. DPW

- (3) Support efforts to minimize the impacts of waterfowl hunting on the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge where hunting is in proximity to public access areas or adjacent to City of Sunnyvale operations. *[2008 LAP]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009; Adopted w/ modification, RTC 15-0008, January 6, 2015) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (4) Support strengthening wetlands protection. *[2008 LAP]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 09-046, February 24, 2009; Adopted w/ modification, RTC 15-0008, January 6, 2015) **Lead Dept. DPW**

2.4 Safety and Seismic Safety

- (1) Support effective earthquake mitigation programs for all housing through a pre-funded disaster recovery program. *[1990 Ballot Initiatives–Props. 122 and 127/Modified 1993 and 1996]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (3) Support the posting of specific emergency procedures in apartment buildings and signs in international signage or other language if appropriate. *[1993 LCC Resolutions]* (Moved to long-term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012)
Lead Dept. DPS

(Adopted: RTC #09-046 (February 24, 2009); Revised RTC: #12-009 (February 7, 2012); Adopted w/ modification, RTC #15-0008 (January 6, 2015))

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3.0 Long-Term Advocacy Positions - Environmental Management

- (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 12-009, 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 12-009, 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~~12-009, 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 12-009, 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 12-009, 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 12-009, 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 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

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- (4) Support Product Stewardship (also known as Extended Producer Responsibility, or EPR) legislation, ordinances, policies and projects where producers and their distribution and retail partners share in the responsibility for managing problem products at end of life. [June 10, 2008 Council Resolution Supporting Extended Producer Responsibility] **Lead Dept.: ESD**
- (5) Support requirements that are consistent with the City's Zero Waste policy. [2001 staff suggestion] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (7) 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 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (8) 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 12-009, 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 12-009, 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 12-009, 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 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

3.5 Energy

- (4) Support the adoption of a national comprehensive energy strategy that minimizes carbon pollution from the energy sector through energy efficiency, education, ~~research and development of full scale deployment of centralized and distributed~~ renewable and alternative energy sources, and energy storage; facilitates

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electrification of the building and transportation sectors; and as well as encourages reduced dependence on foreign oil and the use of domestic energy sources. [*First Appeared 1992*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

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 12-009, 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~~12-009, 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~~12-009, 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 12-009, 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 12-009, 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~~12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW – recommend moving to ESD**
- (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 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

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4.0 Long-Term Advocacy Positions - Public Safety

4.1 Law Enforcement

- (1) Support legislation that imposes stricter guidelines for the sale and/or purchase of weapons, and limits the availability of high capacity weapons and ammunition and encourage stricter sentences for conviction involving firearms. Support adequate safeguards prior to purchases. [*DPS Staff 2007, 2009 DPS staff modification*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (2) Oppose the legalization and or decriminalization of all controlled substances, as defined by Title 21 of the US Code. [**/2001 clarification/amended 2008*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (3) Support a strong intergovernmental partnership for municipalities in their role in national defense, and collaboration in preventing and responding to disasters. [*2003/2006 NLC Resolution*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (4) Support legislation that provides supplemental funding to cities for local law enforcement programs (i.e. Supplemental Law Enforcement Services, SLES) [*2003 Public Safety Staff Recommendation*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (5) Support efforts to provide resources to assist local law enforcement agencies with the deployment of state-of-the art non-lethal technologies such as electronic control devices in an effort to promote public safety. [*2007 NLC Resolution; 2009 DPS staff modification*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (6) ~~The City will s~~ Support legislation that improves education, training, and enforcement efforts aimed at combatting human trafficking. (RTC 14-0726, August 12, ~~2014~~2014; Adopted w/ modification, RTC 15-0008, January 6, 2015) **Lead Dept. DPS**

4.2 Fire Services

- (1) Support consolidation of regulatory programs at the local level and limit actions on local government liability in implementing mandates in regard to toxics control. [**/2001 Clarification*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**

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4.3 Support Services

- (1) Continue to support interoperability initiatives as they relate to public and private industry. Interoperability is the ability of diverse agencies (police, fire, EMS, and local government) to communicate directly with each other by using radio and data. *[DPS Staff 2007, 2009 DPS staff modification]* (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (2) Support efforts to ensure protection of sufficient radio spectrum to meet public safety's current and future needs. Public safety needs should have priority over private or for-profit communication systems and provide adequate funding as necessary. Also protect the current amateur radio bandwidth to ensure amateur radio support during emergencies. *[1998 NLC Resolution, 2009 DPS staff modification]* (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (3) Support legislation that requires developers to fund the costs of radio communications infrastructure upgrades to allow emergency communications within new buildings or structures. *[1998-December-staff suggestion]* (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (4) Support prompt reimbursement of approved disaster recovery expenses to cities determined to be part of a declared disaster area. *[2002 NLC Resolution, 2009 DPS staff modification]* (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**

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