



City Council Legislative Priorities

Rules & Economic Development

January 30, 2013

Item 3

Overview



- At the January 9, 2013 Rules and Economic Development Committee, the committee members discussed their priorities and requested the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) to compile the priorities into a single document that reflects areas of consensus gleaned from the various Councilmembers' memorandums.
- The IBA was also asked to consult with the Mayor's office in developing our report.

Legislative Priorities



- In reviewing the memorandums submitted by the Councilmembers, it became clear that there were common areas that were consistently mentioned as state and federal priorities.
- To be included in the state and/or federal priorities we established criteria of at least two Councilmembers including the priority in their memorandums.
- A few Councilmembers included specific legislation or details related to the priority areas and these items were also included.

State Legislative Priorities



- Economic Development
 - Continued funding and expansion of Enterprise Zones (Four Councilmembers)
 - Tax Incentives and funding opportunities for existing/emerging technology companies (Two Councilmembers)
- Economic Preservation
 - Mitigate the impacts from the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency (Four Councilmembers)

State Legislative Priorities



- **Infrastructure**

- Support legislative actions to facilitate the construction of infrastructure in the City of San Diego (Three Councilmembers)
- Protect and increase transportation related infrastructure funding (Three Councilmembers)
- Reduce the voter threshold for General Obligation Bonds for facility and infrastructure Projects (Two Councilmembers)

State Legislative Priorities



- **Environment**

- Reform the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Three Councilmembers)
- Seek legislation for additional Open Space preservation and dedication (Three Councilmembers)
- Continue support of the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs and also support legislation that allows residential homes to secure PACE financing. (Two Councilmembers)
- Ensure timely State permitting processes and streamlining of regulatory issues for Indirect Potable Reuse. (Two Councilmembers)
- Pursue State legislation and seek grants that enhance the City's opportunities for environmentally and fiscally sound options with regard to the expiration of the current Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge Permit in 2015 (Two Councilmembers)

State Legislative Priorities



- **Affordable Housing and Homelessness**
 - Additional affordable housing funding and streamlining of regulations. (Two Councilmembers)

Federal Legislative Priorities



- **Economic Development**

- Seek full funding of Phases 2 and 3 of the San Ysidro Port of Entry Reconfiguration Project. (Four Councilmembers)
- Support federal legislation that would provide a narrow, temporary waiver to the Passenger Vessel Services Act (PVSA) as it applies to Southern California ports. (Two Councilmembers)
- Support federal legislation that provides tax incentives and funding opportunities for existing and emerging technology companies (Two Councilmembers)

Federal Legislative Priorities



- **Economic Preservation**

- Sequestration - Advocate strongly on behalf of the City to protect local defense programs and funding as the 2013 federal trigger cuts are negotiated (Five Councilmembers)
- Sports Fishing - Work with the United States and Mexican Governments to clarify requirements for San Diego sport fishing boats in Mexican waters (Three Councilmembers)

Federal Legislative Priorities



- **Infrastructure**

- Federal funding for infrastructure and expanding financing options (Three Councilmembers)

- **Environment**

- Seek continued federal support for the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program and support legislation that allows residential homes to secure PACE financing. (Two Councilmembers)
- Pursue federal legislation and seek grants that enhance the City's opportunities for environmentally and fiscally sound options with regard to the expiration of the current Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge Permit in 2015 (Two Councilmembers)

Federal Legislative Priorities



- **Affordable Housing and Homelessness**
 - Increase federal funding for affordable housing and homelessness (Three Councilmembers)
- **Other Legislative Items**
 - Support federal legislation to eliminate gun violence and to reinstate the Federal Assault Weapons Ban (Two Councilmembers)

Status of contract with the City's Lobbying Firms



- At the January 9th Rules and Economic Development Committee meeting, multiple Committee members requested information regarding the contracts with the City's current State and federal lobbying firms.
- In June 2012, the City's Purchasing Agent approved Sole Source Contract requests made by Mayor Sander's Office to continue the services of the City's state lobbying firm, Sloat Higgins Jensen & Associates, thru June 30, 2013 for an amount not to exceed \$168,000 and also the City's federal lobbying firm, Patton Boggs, until June 30, 2013 for an amount not to exceed \$180,000.
- IBA Contacted both firms and was informed that their contracts with the City had been terminated on January 2, 2013.



Questions?