



City of San Diego

2019 - 2020 STATE and FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The 2019-2020 State and Federal Legislative Platform defines the City of San Diego's Guiding Principles and Policy Priorities, and provides a means to advance and protect the City's interests on issues at the federal and state levels. The Guiding Principles and Policy Priorities allow for flexibility so that the Department of Government Affairs, City officials, and our legislative advocates can be proactive and quickly respond within the defined boundaries of the program to address legislative, regulatory, administrative, and budget issues that arise during the year.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In pursuing the Policy Priorities reflected below under the categories of: Homelessness, Housing Affordability, & Neighborhood Services; Infrastructure, Water Reliability, & the Environment; Jobs & the Economy; Open Government & City Funding; Public Safety; Veterans Affairs; and Workforce Development & Youth Opportunity. Three overarching principles of good government apply to the Policy Priorities. The Guiding Principles are as follows:

PRESERVE LOCAL CONTROL

Preserve and protect the City's charter powers, duties, and prerogative to enact legislation; to provide policy direction concerning local affairs; and to oppose legislation that preempts local authority. Local agencies should preserve and enhance authority for revenues raised and services provided.

PROMOTE FISCAL STABILITY

Support measures that promote fiscal stability, predictability, and financial independence. Support measures that preserve the City's revenue base and local control over local government budgeting, recognizing that economic cost is a determinate in considering the merits and/or impacts of any proposed legislation or regulation. Oppose measures that make the City more dependent on the County, State or Federal Governments for financial stability, such as unfunded mandates or shifting of local funds to other levels of government with no guarantee of local reimbursement or offsetting benefits.

SUPPORT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Support opportunities that allow the City to compete and succeed in obtaining regional, state, and federal funding, and that maintain funding streams. Opportunities may include competitive grants or dedicated funding streams at the regional, state, and federal levels that allow the City to maximize local revenues, as well as offset and leverage capital expenditures. Support funding that the City does not receive directly, but that enables public and non-profit partner organizations or businesses to advance City policy priorities in service delivery or economic growth.

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POLICY PRIORITIES:

1. HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING AFFORDABILITY, & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

State

1. Pursue new and preserve established state resources, including the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program, for City homelessness programs including but not limited to permanent supportive housing, bridge housing, temporary housing, flexible subsidy pools, and rental assistance.
2. Pursue resources from the voter approved “No Place Like Home” program to acquire, design, construct, rehabilitate or preserve permanent supportive housing for persons who are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness or who are at risk of chronic homelessness and in need of mental health services.
3. Support legislation that reduces regulatory barriers and enhances flexibility toward the creation and permitting of emergency housing interventions including, but not limited to, bridge shelters, safe parking, and safe storage programs.
4. Pursue resources made available by the Building Jobs and Homes Act.
5. Support measures that maximize the use of evidence-based practices within Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act funding in the San Diego region, and that collaborate with the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission and local stakeholders.
6. Support legislation, including efforts through the California Medi-Cal Healthier for All proposal, that enhances health outcomes for persons with mental health and substance use disorder needs through streamlining and standardizing Medi-Cal delivery, modernizing systems, payment reform, and better management of member risk and needs, including in-lieu services to facilitate transitions to permanent housing.
7. Support legislation that promotes the retention and expansion of inpatient, outpatient, step-down, and long-term mental health facilities and services, as well as ongoing resources to maximize network adequacy and improve overall health outcomes.
8. Support measures that encourage community-based innovative service delivery models for individuals that frequently use emergency services, including partnerships between Emergency Medical Technicians and psychiatric clinicians.
9. Support state actions to pursue federal waivers to expand eligibility for Medicaid reimbursement for services, including those provided through facilities deemed to be Institutions for Mental Diseases.
10. Support legislation, financial assistance, and regulatory action to prevent communicable disease, public health risks, and address water quality impacts.
11. Support legislation and grants to provide and enhance the City’s ability to access funding and incentives for programs that provide adequate affordable and accessible housing for all economic segments of the community including the homeless, seniors, disabled, veterans, and moderate and low-income households.
12. Support measures that promote the use of public land for housing, including affordable and middle-income housing.
13. Support funding for and streamlining of regulations to promote the development of affordable housing.

14. Support legislation that provides more flexibility for cities to meet their housing goals.
15. Support legislation that promotes neighborhood revitalization through mixed income housing to incentivize revitalization of low-to-moderate income communities.
16. Support funding and programs that promote active transportation connectivity to mass transit to address first and last mile gaps.
17. Support legislation and enhanced funding for parks, recreation, arts, and public libraries including internet access, capital improvements, and programs.
18. Seek opportunities to capitalize on the Federal Promise Zone and Opportunity Zone designations.
19. Support legislation and funding to assist with the needs of migrant and refugee communities.
20. Support added flexibility in providing reimbursement for Medi-Cal eligible health services across managed care, specialty behavioral health, and substance use disorder treatment health plans to enhance overall health outcomes.
21. Support efforts that further protect against housing discrimination, including income.

Federal

1. Pursue opportunities related to the Federal Promise Zone and Opportunity Zone designations.
2. Support increased or sustained funding and oppose cuts to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Specifically, support funding of community services and housing programs including: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and other housing voucher programs.
3. Pursue revision to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program for Homeless Services so funding for homeless services is allocated based on need.
4. Support an increase in funding for Veteran Assisted Supportive Housing (VASH) and Homeless Programs, as well as regulatory flexibility to maximize utilization of these resources.
5. Support legislation that would provide resources for permanent supportive housing and provide funding for comprehensive supportive services, including those related to veteran affairs and behavioral health.
6. Support legislation that expands the supply of affordable housing by adopting reforms that reduce barriers to improved planning and increase the financial resources available.
7. Support measures that promote the use of public land for housing, including affordable and middle-income housing.
8. Support funding and programs that promote active transportation connectivity to mass transit to address first and last mile gaps.
9. Support efforts to streamline Fair Market Rent calculations to adequately reflect current rental market trends in areas such as San Diego.
10. Support efforts to reform and expand the Low Income-Housing Tax Credit and the development of additional affordable housing units.
11. Support efforts to increase Federal Rental Assistance for affordable housing, including increases in resources for additional Housing Choice Vouchers.

12. Support and monitor efforts to clarify and reform federal bank regulations to ensure compliance does not negatively impact the economic vitality of banks in border communities and ensure our border region has access to banking.
13. Support funding for arts programs.
14. Support legislation which provides funding for enhanced social and mental health services, housing, recreational programs and transportation, to address the diverse needs of our senior community.
15. Support the pursuit of federal waivers to expand eligibility for Medicaid reimbursement for services, including those provided through facilities deemed to be Institutions for Mental Diseases.
16. Oppose any Congressional or administration action which could detrimentally impact our diverse community, particularly our immigrant and LGBT populations, or impede the City's ability to provide public safety services to our citizens.
17. Support legislation and funding to assist with the needs of migrant and refugee communities.
18. Support measures that increase resources for prevention and diversion programs to assist residents at risk of being evicted.
19. Support efforts that further protect against housing discrimination, including income.

2. **INFRASTRUCTURE, WATER RELIABILITY, & THE ENVIRONMENT**

FOCUS 2.1: *Transportation Infrastructure, Mobility, & Vision Zero*

State

1. Support legislation and opportunities to improve transportation, including, but not limited to, improving traffic safety, reducing congestion, repairing local roads and highways, and supporting noise abatement for properties near freeways.
2. Support existing and expanded funding for local and regional transportation infrastructure.
3. Support legislation, administrative action, and opportunities to increase and maximize funding and flexibility to improve mass transit and active transportation, including local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility and accessibility projects, youth passes, transit only lanes, safety, such as Safe Routes to School and Vision Zero, airport connectivity, and infrastructure improvements.
4. Support legislation and administrative actions which ensure the City's ability to obtain a fair share of grant funding made available by the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), and any other state funds for which the City can compete.
5. Support legislative and regulatory efforts that increase San Diego's competitiveness for funding based on local efforts to invest in infrastructure that reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and maximizes housing development in close proximity to transit.
6. Support legislation that would expand the use of Enhanced Infrastructure Finance Districts or would provide incentives for taxing agencies to contribute resources.

7. Support efforts to increase funding and remove legislative and regulatory barriers for infrastructure improvements that improve connections to—and facilities around—public transit, buses, streetcars, and trolley lines.
8. Support legislative and regulatory frameworks that allow for the growth of Transportation Network Companies, the taxicab industry, and shared mobility devices that provide reasonable consumer protections and promote the reasonable sharing and use of data for regional land use decision-making.
9. Support legislation that would provide new contract delivery methods for infrastructure projects.
10. Engage with agencies, such as the Department of Transportation, to clear debris on state-owned property and parcels.
11. Support measures and funding to assist local jurisdictions to complete utility undergrounding.
12. Support measures and funding that enhance the City's ability to implement transit lanes, including allowing the use of freeway shoulders.
13. Support legislation and resources to fund near-term stabilization of commuter rail along the Del Mar bluffs as well as long-term projects to ensure safe travel of passenger and freight.
14. Support funding and programs that promote sustainable freight and enhance inter-city and commuter rail to benefit the San Diego region, including the LOSSAN corridor and Metrolink service in coordination with the Metropolitan Transit System and North County Transit District.
15. Support measures to preserve and expand the City's access to resources from the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) programs to fund public infrastructure.
16. Support legislative efforts to enhance local control to regulate and manage micro-mobility.

Federal

1. Pursue opportunities for City projects created through administration and congressional infrastructure proposals, innovative financing tools, national freight transportation policy, and cross border entry financing proposals.
2. Support appropriate annual funding levels of the Mid-Coast Corridor per the Full Funding Grant Agreement.
3. Support existing and expanded funding targeted for allocation to local and regional mass transit and transportation infrastructure.
4. Support legislation and administrative action that increases funding and flexibility in both operations and capital funding for mass transit and active transportation including, but not limited to: regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility and accessibility projects; youth passes; transit only lanes; safety, such as Safe Routes to School and Vision Zero; airport connectivity; and infrastructure improvements.
5. Support Vision Zero programs and prioritization of discretionary funding to cities that have adopted Vision Zero initiatives.
6. Support legislation and programs that provide funding to improve local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility networks and accessibility.

7. Support existing and expanded funding for local and regional transportation infrastructure.
8. Support retaining and expanding the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA), Capital Investment Grants (CIG), and the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant programs and advocate for measures to enhance the City's competitiveness in seeking funding.
9. Support the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program.
10. Support passage of a long-term Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization, including language to ensure that the review process on proposed flightpath changes being considered by the FAA provides adequate notice and opportunity for input by the local community.
11. Support legislation and resources to fund near-term stabilization of commuter rail along the Del Mar bluffs, as well as long term projects to ensure safe travel of passenger and freight.
12. Support regulatory efforts to allow for the responsible use of airport revenues and fees to enhance infrastructure that provides direct benefits to, and reduces impacts caused by, airport operations.
13. Pursue funding and support legislation that promotes transit connectivity to airports, including opportunities to leverage federal partnerships, property, and other assets to achieve that goal.
14. Support funding and programs that promote sustainable freight and enhance inter-city and commuter rail to benefit the region, including the LOSSAN corridor and Metrolink service.

FOCUS 2.2: *International Infrastructure*

State

1. Support funding for border infrastructure and economic development to enhance international trade and cross-border relations through better trade facilitation and port of entry infrastructure, including the San Ysidro Intermodal Transportation Center and improvements to collectors and major roads that connect traffic to freeways.
2. Support efforts that continue to decrease border wait times and reduce lost economic output.
3. Support funding for the Otay Mesa Port of Entry modernization and related projects.
4. Support measures that provide funding for the construction and operations of State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry.
5. Support increased funding for transit and active transportation connectivity at ports of entry.

Federal

1. Oppose legislation that institutes a fee on remittances to pay for a border wall along the southern border of the United States.
2. Support funding for border infrastructure that enhances economic development, international trade, and cross-border relations through better trade facilitation,

- clearance processes, security staffing, and port of entry infrastructure.
3. Support funding for the Southbound truck route and border infrastructure to support and sustain international trade and economic growth in our region.
 4. Support funding for the Otay Mesa Port of Entry modernization and related projects.
 5. Support the financing and operation of State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry.
 6. Seek an increase of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) staffing levels at land, air, and seaports that promote economic development and cross-border trade and commerce at San Ysidro Port of Entry and Otay Mesa Port of Entry.
 7. Pursue opportunities that increase federal investment and intermodal goods movement corridors of national significance—including border mobility—which enhances the competitiveness of the region and reduces the disproportionate financial burden it bears for the benefit of the nation.
 8. Support efforts to reestablish and open a functioning binational railway.
 9. Support increased funding for transit and active transportation connectivity at ports of entry.

FOCUS 2.3: *Water Sustainability & Reliability*

State

1. Support legislation and regulations that advance and protect the Pure Water program.
2. Support legislation and administrative actions that ensure the City's ability to obtain a fair share of grant funding made available by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, the 2018 Parks, Environment, and Water Bond, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), and any other state funds for which the City can compete.
3. Support legislation that maintains the City's authority and increases certainty and streamlining of the regulatory process, as well as seeking funding, for Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR), Direct Potable Reuse (DPR), and non-potable reuse.
4. Support legislation and administrative action to access low-cost loans from sources including, but not limited to, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act for the planning, design, and construction of water infrastructure, as well as for the replacement of aging water and sewer systems to meet new regulatory requirements.
5. Work with partners to support legislation to improve the state's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program.
6. Support measures and administrative flexibility to provide rate assistance to low-income customers.
7. Support legislative options to structure sustainable water conservation pricing while maintaining ratepayer protections.
8. Support funding for economic incentive programs for residential and commercial water conservation.
9. Support fairly adjusted water measures for conservation in San Diego that account for local infrastructure investments and development of new water supply.
10. Monitor policies regarding California's Bay-Delta infrastructure.
11. Oppose legislation aimed at reducing wastewater ocean discharges that do not include funding to offset the significant costs associated with such a mandate.

12. Support statewide framework for long-term water-use metrics that preserve local agency water rights.
13. Support policies that achieve water quality goals while minimizing impacts to City ratepayers and waste supply management.

Federal

1. Pursue federal partnership opportunities to advance the City's Pure Water program, including efforts to resolve the secondary equivalency issue at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Facility.
2. Support funding for low-cost loans, such as the U.S. Environment Protection Agency's (EPA) Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, for the planning, design, and construction of water infrastructure and the replacement of aging water and sewer systems to meet regulatory requirements.
3. Support reauthorization and funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act.
4. Support increased Title XVI and Water Reclamation and Reuse Program funding to help fund recycled water efforts and to offset demands for imported water.
5. Support funding and additional authorization for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Program.
6. Seek funding for economic incentive programs for residential and commercial water conservation and water efficiencies.
7. Support funding for desalination projects, emerging technology, and reforms to streamline the regulatory process for desalination projects.
8. Encourage expedited project environmental review to speed the delivery of new water supply.
9. Support efforts to advance the EPA's Integrated Planning Framework.

FOCUS 2.4: *Environment & Energy*

State

1. Support legislation and funding that would help the City meet the goals of the Climate Action Plan (CAP), including GHG reduction.
2. Support the equitable distribution of Cap-and-Trade revenues to support the GHG reduction goals of AB 32, SB 375, SB 32, and the CAP.
3. Support measures that enhance the City's ability to receive additional resources from the California Air Resources Board and San Diego County Air Pollution Control District to improve air quality and to reduce GHG emissions from stationary and mobile sources.
4. Support legislation and policies that provide incentives, reduce barriers, and lower costs for energy efficiency, energy conservation, energy storage, alternative, and renewable energy sources including bioenergy, solar, fuel-efficient, and zero-emission vehicles.
5. Support efforts to increase the Renewable Portfolio Standard for investor-owned utilities, electric service providers, and community choice aggregators—provided excessive costs are not mandated on consumers.

6. Support California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform to streamline the environmental review process, expedite litigation, and reduce compliance costs.
7. Support legislation and regulatory efforts that assist jurisdictions to implement SB 743 and facilitate the transition from Level of Service to Vehicle Miles Traveled.
8. Support legislation and funding for parks, open space areas, and additional tree cover in urbanized areas.
9. Support streamlining the Coastal Commission process to expedite approvals.
10. Pursue support for funding, legislation, and regulatory measures to assist the City in achieving its Zero Waste Plan requirements and its goals in alignment with existing state mandates.
11. Support measures that provide funding for, and enhance the reliability of, recycling operations.
12. Support measures that protect ratepayers and enhance the economic viability of local agencies providing energy through Community Choice Aggregation programs.
13. Support measures that protect Community Choice Aggregators.
14. Oppose regulatory restrictions that would preempt the opportunity to establish a Community Choice Aggregation system.
15. Support measures that provide funding and regulatory incentives for fleet conversions to reduce both carbon intensity of fuels used, as well as lifecycle GHG emissions attributable to the fleet.
16. Support measures and additional resources for enhanced coordination and clean-up efforts along the San Diego River and the Tijuana River Valley to improve the overall condition of these regional assets.
17. Support measures that help jurisdictions plan for, and address, the effects of sea-level rise and mitigation, wetland restoration, and decrease damage from flooding, shoreline erosion, and impacts from increasingly destructive storms.
18. Support policies that advance the City's energy and climate goals at the California Public Utilities Commission.
19. Support measures that further new innovations in plant-based consumer goods and technologies.
20. Support measures that provide resources to enforce existing animal welfare laws.

Federal

1. Support legislation enabling safe removal of nuclear waste from San Onofre State Beach.
2. Support legislation that promotes the reasonable use of local Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs for single family residential homes and other measures that enable expansion of commercial and residential solar.
3. Support measures that enhance San Diego's ability to receive additional resources from the California Air Resources Board and San Diego County Air Pollution Control District to improve air quality and reduce GHG emissions from stationary and mobile sources.
4. Support legislation and policies that provide incentives, reduce barriers, and lower costs for energy efficiency, energy conservation, energy storage, alternative and

renewable energy sources including bioenergy, solar, fuel-efficient, and zero-emission vehicles, that do not disadvantage Community Choice Aggregators.

5. Support funding to pursue the goals outlined in the City's Climate Action Plan, including the development of energy storage.
6. Support measures that provide funding for, and enhance the reliability of, recycling operations.
7. Oppose legislative and regulatory measures that would open federal waters along the California coast to offshore drilling.
8. Oppose legislative and regulatory measures that would seek to revoke California's waiver under the Clean Air Act to enact localized standards to reduce GHG emissions.
9. Support measures that further new innovations in plant-based consumer goods and technologies.

FOCUS 2.5: *Storm Water Infrastructure, Watershed & Flood Risk Management*

State

1. Support funding, legislative and regulatory opportunities to improve and maintain the City's storm water infrastructure, water quality, pollution prevention, and flood risk management programs, as well as facilities for recharge of ground water basins and storm water capture.
2. Support the removal of barriers to local and regional funding for water and storm water projects.
3. Support measures to streamline channel clearing.
4. Support funding, legislative, and regulatory options for channel clearing, and to address the flood risk management and sediment removal.
5. Support measures that advance the development of regional, scientifically-valid, and cost-effective solutions to enhance water quality and protect public health.

Federal

1. Advocate for the federal government to address the cross-border sewage flows, trash, and sediment removal responsibilities in the Tijuana River Valley.
2. Support legislative and regulatory action that will enable federal agencies to undertake measures to address flooding, sewage, and excess sediment and trash transported in the Tijuana River across the international border from sources within Mexico.
3. Advocate for measures that will incentivize Mexican investment in infrastructure that will prevent flows of sewage, trash, and sediment into the Tijuana River Valley.
4. Support funding opportunities for International Boundary and Water Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to address the flood risk management and sediment responsibilities in the Tijuana River Valley.
5. Support USACE efforts to improve the City's storm water management programs.
6. Support funding opportunities and monitor regulatory actions to improve the City's storm water management programs.
7. Support measures that advance the development of regional, scientifically-valid, and cost-effective solutions to enhance water quality and protect public health.

8. Support efforts to fund the EPA's Border Water Infrastructure Program at the historic level of \$100,000,000.

3. JOBS & THE ECONOMY

FOCUS 3.1: *Innovation Economy*

State

1. Support the growth of the City's key innovation industry clusters, including, but not limited to, biotechnology, life sciences, high tech, software, advanced manufacturing, sports and active lifestyle, digital economy, clean tech, blue tech, and cyber security.
2. Support legislation to provide direct state incentives and grants, and/or ease barriers to private funding for companies, public-private partnerships, and other entities engaged in research, development, and commercialization of key innovation industry clusters.
3. Support the City's start-up community through legislation aimed at developing funding for emerging local entrepreneurs and companies.
4. Support legislation that facilitates and funds incubators, accelerators, and co-working spaces.
5. Support legislation to boost the City's prominent craft brewing industry.
6. Oppose legislative and regulatory mandates imposed on the City's innovation economy.
7. Support legislative and regulatory actions that provide for the increased utilization of autonomous vehicles and prioritize the City as a hub for autonomous vehicle technology.
8. Support legislation and funding for research and development of cybersecurity requirements for Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).

Federal

1. Support funding and proactively pursue participation in new federal agency initiatives relevant to growing San Diego's industry clusters, such as biotechnology, life sciences, high tech, advanced manufacturing, sports and active lifestyle, digital economy, clean tech, blue tech, and cyber security.
2. Support legislation to provide direct incentives and/or ease barriers to private funding for companies, public-private partnerships and other entities engaged in research, development, and commercialization of key innovation industry clusters.
3. Support resources and the promotion of the City as an industry leader as part of its participation in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) UAS Integration Pilot Program through the establishment of a clear regulatory environment.
4. Support legislation and funding for research and development of cybersecurity requirements for UAS.
5. Oppose legislative and regulatory measures that preempt local control over the implementation and utilization of autonomous vehicle technology.
6. Support a strong patent system that drives innovation, protects and values the enforceability of patents, stops the diversion of fees from, and fully funds the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

7. Support federal research and development funding and incentives critical to San Diego clusters, research institutes, and local universities from such sources as the National Institute of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), U.S. Department of Energy, Small Business Innovation/Technology Transfer programs, NAVWAR, SSC-Pacific and other U.S. Department of Defense agencies.

FOCUS 3.2: *Economic Development*

State

1. Support legislation that strengthens the City's business expansion, attraction, and retention efforts.
2. Support measures to maximize resources and incentives available to benefit low and moderate-income communities, as well as Opportunity and Promise Zones.
3. Support legislation that strengthens the City's key industries, including defense, tourism, and innovation.
4. Support legislation that preserves and expands community and economic development tools and funding options for City services, including the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) programs that finance public infrastructure and private development.
5. Support preservation and expansion of resources and incentives administered through GO-Biz, including California Competes.
6. Support state reform of the minimum franchise tax and other taxes/fees to avoid charging businesses prior to their bringing in revenue and when the businesses are inactive or operate at a loss.
7. Support measures to restore tax increment financing to provide resources for local entities.
8. Support changes to legislation related to Community Revitalization & Investment Authority (CRIA) and Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs), which make it easier and more effective to establish and administer these tools.

Federal

1. Support federal legislation or guidelines that would allow intellectual property to be used as collateral for Small Business Administration loans.
2. Advocate for a permanent extension and oppose any efforts to eliminate the New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) and Research & Development credit.
3. Support legislative and regulatory measures that will increase the ability of San Diego census tracts to be designated Opportunity Zones.
4. Support measures to maximize resources and incentives available to benefit low and moderate-income communities, as well as Opportunity and Promise Zones.
5. Support legislation that strengthens small business loans provided through the U.S. Small Business Administration and efforts to allocate revenues to small businesses incentive programs that will encourage innovation and business opportunities, stimulate investment in neighborhoods, as well as create new jobs and train workers.
6. Support measures to provide funding to address the rising costs of tax compliance for small businesses.
7. Oppose efforts to impose a tariff on solar panels.

8. Support measures that ensure military construction funding is only used toward its stated purpose.
9. Support federal legislation that enhances efforts of the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA).

FOCUS 3.3: *Exports, Foreign Direct Investment, & International Trade*

State

1. Support Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) initiatives that increase economic opportunities locally.
2. Support export opportunities including, but not limited to, efforts to reinstate the establishment of a California Export Finance Office to help firms, especially small businesses, overcome hurdles to entering new export markets.
3. Support additional California Trade Offices (CTOs) in Europe, Asia, and Mexico.
4. Support legislation that would expand economic relations with Mexico and leverage cross-border ties to maximize trade potential of the Cali Baja Bi-National Mega Region.

Federal

1. Support federal funding to execute tailored regional export and FDI strategies.
2. Advocate for policies and resources that facilitate international trade opportunities benefiting the City's companies, such as border infrastructure investment, regulatory and process reforms that reduce transaction costs to businesses, completion of free trade agreements that open foreign markets and better access to Commercial Service staff in high-priority countries.
3. Support the implementation of USMCA.
4. Advocate for both the preservation and increase of federal research and development in key City traded sectors, including life sciences, technology, energy, and manufacturing activities.
5. Seek an increase of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) staffing levels at land, air, and seaports that promote economic development and cross-border trade and commerce.
6. Support efforts to facilitate customs processing at the Port of San Diego.
7. Support capital funding increase to the North American Development Bank (NADB).
8. Support efforts to update and synchronize Trusted Traveler programs and ensure that California residents maintain their eligibility.

FOCUS 3.4: *Homeland Security, Defense Industry, & Military*

State

1. Support investment incentive programs and other funding for local and regional defense industry.
2. Support legislation that facilitates technological innovations in the defense industry including shipbuilding, aerospace, and cyber security fields.
3. Support measures that promote and provide funding for military housing and transportation projects that facilitate mobility between military housing and bases.

Federal

1. Preserve and enhance funding allocations as an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant recipient, including ensuring accurate risk assessment criteria.
2. Support the continuation of the federal UASI and the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) as separate and independent grants, and pursue grant funding through these programs.
3. Advocate for protection of defense funding priorities in annual appropriations and sequestration negotiations, including NAVWAR, Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific (NIWC Pacific) and integrated industries such as cyber security and UAS and other specific assets that are unique to the region and critical to the regional economy.
4. Support measures that promote and provide funding for military housing and transportation projects that facilitate mobility between military housing and bases.
5. Support measures that allow local governments to utilize military facilities and installations to promote housing, economic development, and sustainability initiatives.
6. Support critical infrastructure upgrades needed to homeport a greater number of navy ships and the homeporting of a third carrier in the City.
7. Protect shipbuilding and ship repair operations in the City.
8. Protect Fleet Readiness Center Southwest (FRCSW).
9. Protect Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) and United States Marine Corps (USMC) West recruiting in the City.
10. Support continued funding for construction of needed training facilities at the Coastal Campus of Naval Special Warfare Command in San Diego.
11. Support efforts to collaborate with stakeholders concerned about military and defense industry through participation in Operation San Diego.
12. Support investment incentive programs and funding opportunities to strengthen the City's defense ecosystem.

FOCUS 3.5: *Tourism & City Promotional Activities*

State

1. Support initiatives that promote tourism, including cultural tourism through arts and culture.
2. Support measures that develop and promote the entertainment industry locally, such as opportunities for local film and TV industry workers.
3. Support and advocate for additional expansion of the state's film tax credit program.

Federal

1. Support initiatives that promote tourism, including cultural tourism through arts and culture.

4. OPEN GOVERNMENT & CITY FUNDING

State

1. Support legislation that strengthens, protects, and expands ongoing revenue for the City.
2. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives.
3. Oppose measures that restrict the ability of local governments and charter cities to issue various long-term obligations for local infrastructure under existing state statutory authority.
4. Oppose legislation that undermines and preempts local authority over taxes and fees.
5. Oppose taxation of interest income from investing in municipal bonds, as tax exempt bonds provide a low-cost and efficient way to finance critical infrastructure.
6. Support greater transparency in all levels of government institutions, including maximizing the use of electronic media where possible.
7. Support legislation providing funding and resources for retrofitting municipal buildings and public infrastructure to increase energy, including Energy Efficiency Block Grants and water efficiency and conservation.
8. Oppose legislation that places a state mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the program.
9. Oppose legislation that undermines, impairs or erodes the intent of the California Public Records Act or the public's ability to access public records.
10. Support legislation and administrative action that explores requiring online sales to be tracked to the final destination and destination source rules that benefit the City.
11. Support measures that provide online publishing flexibility when the full physical publishing and mailing of Charter Amendments would otherwise be required.
12. Support measures to improve election security and voter access.

Federal

1. Support legislation that strengthens, protects, and expands ongoing revenue for the City.
2. Support efforts to protect the ability of cities to effectively utilize municipal tax-exempt bonds by opposing efforts to eliminate or cap the allowance or impose additional regulatory burdens on issuers.
3. Support legislation that would classify municipal securities as high-quality liquid assets (HQLA).
4. Support efforts to protect the ability of local governments to utilize Private Activity Bonds.
5. Support measures to improve election security and voter access.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY

State

1. Support public safety related legislation and funding for activities, infrastructure, technology, and equipment needs of police, fire, and lifeguard, as well as gang prevention, intervention, and diversion programs, including replacement or new construction of public safety facilities.
2. Support legislation to allow financial institutions to work with licensed cannabis businesses to pay their local taxes and fees while lessening the burden on the City to collect and manage large cash transactions.

3. Support regulatory or other measures that will assist with police recruitment and retention.
4. Support reform of state regulations related to residential rehabilitation facilities in residential neighborhoods.
5. Support and enhance state policies and resources that help local authorities prevent and recover from wildfires, flooding, landslides, and other natural disasters.
6. Support legislation that will strengthen community and law enforcement relationships and fund programs designed to enhance transparency and foster positive interactions with law enforcement, helping to raise the trust and confidence of the communities they serve while addressing crime effectively.
7. Support legislation that reflects the City's opposition to racial profiling.
8. Support efforts to sustain and increase state reimbursement to local governments for fire protection services resulting from wildfires.
9. Support legislation that provides cities with greater equity of funds allocated to public safety and support legislation that provides additional resources for fire protection services.
10. Support measures that enhance local agencies' abilities to protect public safety related to the operation of UAS.
11. Support measures that promote safe gun access and responsible gun ownership.
12. Support measures that provide resources for, and further the mission of, the Family Justice Center and similar programs, including child and spouse abuse prevention, and ending human trafficking.
13. Support legislation that protects Californians from fraudulent robocalls and ensure there is adequate enforcement of those protections.
14. Support measures that provide resources and regulatory certainty to decrease the rape kit backlog in California.

Federal

1. Protect funding for Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), the separation of UASI from other homeland security grants, the application of accurate risk evaluation criteria, and the preservation of the City's status in order to assist our public safety professionals in addressing the terrorism preparedness needs.
2. Preserve funding for law enforcement activities, including public safety equipment, staffing, gang diversion, and similar initiatives, through formula and competitive programs, such as the COPS, Byrne, and Juvenile Justice grants.
3. Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs and would provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies.
4. Support legislation and grants funding for new apparatuses, technology, and equipment for the Police and Fire departments.
5. Support federal legislation and funding to address wildfire prevention, preparedness, and recovery.
6. Support efforts to provide hazard mitigation assistance to communities damaged by wildland fires in order to prevent floods and landslides.
7. Support federal efforts to assist local communities in combatting the opioid crisis.

8. Support funding for the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.
9. Support efforts to strengthen community and law enforcement relationships and fund programs designed to foster positive interactions with law enforcement, helping raise the trust and confidence of the communities they serve while addressing crime effectively.
10. Support legislation that reflects the City's opposition to racial profiling.
11. Support measures to enhance local agencies' abilities to protect public safety related to the operation of UAS.
12. Support measures that promote safe gun access and responsible gun ownership.

6. VETERANS AFFAIRS

State

1. Support legislation that will increase state funding for care of veterans.
2. Support opportunities for employment, apprenticeship programs, and professional growth for veterans.
3. Support legislation that would provide supplemental resources to the City's Housing our Heroes program.

Federal

1. Support legislation that will increase federal funding for the care of injured and disabled veterans of all ages.
2. Support programs that provide funding for veterans' housing homeless services.
3. Support endorsement and funding for military transition support projects in San Diego such as Zero8hundred and Vet's Community Connection (VCC) program.
4. Support opportunities for employment and professional growth for veterans.
5. Support efforts to promote and fund military and caregiver programs.
6. Support efforts to secure federal resources for veterans housing and advocate for policies that increase availability of housing for service members and their families.

7. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

State

1. Support funding for local universities, colleges and technical trade education facilities to continue funding and developing career technical education and technology-based career centers, including the Career Pathways program and STEAM education.
2. Support efforts to attract and retain green collar jobs and provide workforce training in renewable energy, energy efficiency, green building, and other related fields.
3. Support initiatives to improve the City's disadvantaged communities including, but not limited to, supporting legislation and grants that facilitate youth, at-risk youth, foster youth, disabled, veteran, and ex-offender educational and employment opportunities.
4. Support legislative and regulatory measures that provide incentives for the development and utilization of a locally-based skilled and trained workforce on projects that use public funds or benefits.

5. Support efforts that would make childcare more accessible and affordable for San Diego's workforce and residents.
6. Support efforts that would reduce the burden of student loan debt for San Diego's workforce and residents.
7. Support legislative efforts for improved healthcare systems which improve accessibility and reduce net cost to users.
8. Support measures that provide clarity as to the classification of employees and provide a process for classification per recent judicial precedent.
9. Support legislation that would establish an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs as a new agency within the state government.

Federal

1. Support funding and initiatives for local universities, colleges and technical trade education facilities to strengthen and expand career technical education and technology-based career centers.
2. Oppose efforts to roll back existing protections for workers on projects that use public funds or benefits.
3. Support efforts to attract and retain green collar jobs and provide workforce training in renewable energy, energy efficiency, green building, and other related fields.
4. Support initiatives to facilitate youth, at-risk youth, veteran, and ex-offender educational and employment opportunities, and improve the City's disadvantaged communities.
5. Support additional resources for higher education through National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation Grants.
6. Support reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and support the Federal Student Loan Refinancing Proposals.
7. Support federal comprehensive immigration reform that promotes efficient borders and services to immigrants, refugees, and foreign students, to strengthen the regional workforce, attract talent, and ensure successful integration into the economy and society.
8. Support a continuation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival program.
9. Support policies and legislation that continue funding the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program to stimulate the economy.
10. Support efforts of the New American Workforce Partnership in the naturalization process.
11. Support efforts to raise the federal minimum wage.
12. Support efforts that would make childcare more accessible and affordable for San Diego's workforce and residents.
13. Support efforts that would reduce the burden of student loan debt for San Diego's workforce and residents.
14. Support continued refugee resettlement in the City in accordance the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program.
15. Support federal legislation that enhances efforts of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA).
16. Support measures that reduce barriers to employment, including aligning federal fair employment laws with California's.

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