



2018 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORMS

The City of Sacramento's Legislative Platforms contain principles and policies that serve as the framework for the development and advocacy of positions on federal and state legislative, administrative, and budget issues. The Legislative Platforms provide guidance for the City of Sacramento's advocacy for and effective response to proposals that could significantly impact the City's strategic and operational interests.

Guiding Policy Principles: The following policy areas are deemed to be of the utmost importance to the policy goals of the Mayor and City Council, the General Plan, and the strategic direction of the City of Sacramento.

Preservation of Local Funding:

The City supports the protection of existing state and local funding sources and the authorities that provide revenues to the City of Sacramento.

Preservation of Local Authority:

The City supports preservation and expansion of local decision-making authority, including the City's legal autonomy, and opposes preemption of local control, diminishment of the City's ability to provide essential services, reduction of revenue sources that are required to maintain services, or mandated additional costs without appropriate reimbursement.

Supporting a Healthy, Sustainable and Green Community:

The City supports legislation and funding to provide services and support efforts for a strong, healthy, and green community for all City residents.

Supporting Housing Opportunities for Every Level of Income and Committing to Ending Homelessness:

The City supports efforts to end homelessness in the City of Sacramento and improve the quality of life for those who are experiencing homelessness, and the creation and maintenance of housing affordable to residents at all income levels.

Supporting a Safe and Prepared Community:

The City supports legislation and funding to improve the safety, security, and quality of life for all City residents.

2018 TOP STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Public Safety:

- Support legislation and funding to reduce and prevent gun violence, crimes, drug use, and gang violence, and to promote public outreach and intervention programs.
- Support legislation and funding to improve fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, rescue emergency medical services, and disaster and emergency preparedness.
- Support rigorous oversight and regulation of cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, dispensing and delivery, as well as mitigation of negative impacts such as illegal grow houses.
- Support legislation and funding that provide for increased partnerships to address mental health and homelessness issues.
- Support funding for direct services for public safety departments and individuals to promote first responder psychological wellness.
- Support legislation and funding to increase public safety staffs' ability to communicate with the community during disasters and significant public safety events.
- Support legislation and funding for appropriate services and facilities for people experiencing a mental health crisis, including secure, locked facilities.
- Support legislation and policies creating a permanent statewide independent prosecutor to investigate and, if warranted, prosecute any use of lethal force by law enforcement.
- Support legislation to increase public transparency of police actions and past conduct and oppose legislation that shields law enforcement personnel from prosecution.

Transportation and Transit:

- Support legislation and funding for improvements to and revitalization of transportation programs and projects within the City, the region, and the state.
- Support efforts to repair and maintain critical infrastructure, including roads and bridges, and the implementation of Senate Bill 1 (Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017).
- Support policies that will lead to fewer deaths and injuries on Sacramento roads for walkers, bicyclists, and drivers.
- Support policies to reduce disabled parking placard fraud and abuse, and support efforts to increase access for those with disabilities.
- Support efforts to improve rail safety for passengers and the prevention of accidents and derailments, particularly related to hazardous materials.

Water Policy, Drought and the Delta:

- Support development of a comprehensive management plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
- Support legislation and regulatory initiatives to protect the City's water rights and to prevent burdens from being shifted to our region to resolve issues in other regions throughout the state.
- Support policies that promote long-term water use efficiency and conservation.

- Support policies that protect public agency flexibility to develop locally-appropriate rate structures and create water resource management programs that are reflective of local conditions, priorities, and needs.
- Support funding and programs to develop, diversify, and fund the City's water supply portfolio and achieve a reliable statewide and regional water supply.
- Support efforts to implement a locally developed Modified Flow Management Standard on the lower American River. Oppose flow requirements that reduce the reliability and access to water.
- Support efforts to fix water systems that chronically do not meet state and federal clean water standards, local government management and operation of those water systems, and reduction or elimination of cost burdens on City ratepayers to pay for those systems.
- Support policies that would allow the Council to appropriately adjust drainage rates.
- Support water affordability programs that will maintain and not interfere with the City's Rate Assistance Program.

Environmental Protection:

- Support modernization and streamlining of the California Environmental Quality Act and prevent abuse of the law for non-environmental causes.
- Support legislative and regulatory efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pollution.
- Support legislation, regulation, and funding that build upon the sustainability principles contained in the Sacramento Area Council of Government's Blueprint, Sacramento General Plan, Sustainability Plan and Climate Action Plan.
- Support sustainable planning and development policies, programs, and funding that facilitate smart growth and aid in the recruitment and retention of green businesses and programs that encourage healthy lifestyles for both residents and visitors.

Flood Control:

- Support legislation and funding to achieve flood protection goals, including achieving an initial 100-year flood protection certification with a goal of 200-year protection, and improvements to levee systems.
- Partner with the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency to ensure flood protection throughout the region, including the Folsom Dam raise; American River Common Features, Natomas Basin Project; and American River Common Features, 2016 WRDA authorized work.

Economic Development:

- Support policies and programs to incentivize private investment, job creation and housing opportunities in the City.
- Support protection of state-shared revenues, assets of the former redevelopment agency, and the use of public right-of-way or city-owned facilities.
- Support policies and programs that facilitate the development of the City into a hub of technological innovation.

- Support policies that reflect Cap and Trade priorities in the Sacramento region.
- Advocate for inclusion in state Opportunity Zones, Promise Zones, and other designations that provide additional state assistance.

Housing and Homelessness:

- Support legislation and funding to build or maintain affordable housing, provide needed services, and address the impacts of homelessness at the local level.
- Support policies that allow for innovations in housing options and services, including shelters and triage centers, and recognize the need for low to no barrier housing or shelter options.
- Support the development of affordable housing, including maximizing opportunities such as former RASA properties.
- Advocate for state policies that reduce barriers to new housing construction.

Cannabis Regulation:

- Advocate for policies that allow the City to enforce laws and regulations aimed at addressing the illegal growth, manufacturing, and sale of cannabis.

Workforce Development:

- Support legislation and funding to attract, create, and retain jobs in the City, diversify the City's economic base, bring employment opportunities to underserved populations, and provide broad public benefits that enhance the quality of life and environment within the City.
- Support legislation to protect workers from harassment and discrimination and promote diversity and equity.
- Support policies and programs that include youth in workforce development, including training programs, internships, and other similar programs.

Immigration:

- Ensure that the fundamental rights guaranteed in the California Constitution apply to every person in the City.

Pension Reform:

- Support secure defined benefit pension plans and reforms to make pension costs sustainable for the City.

2018 TOP FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness:

- Support maintenance of funding to enable local law enforcement to adequately provide public safety services.

- Support full funding for the Byrne/Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, and for disaster preparedness, prevention, recovery, and response for all-hazard threats.
- Support the expedition of rail safety improvements, the provision of real-time information to first responders, and phasing out rail tank cars that no longer meet safety standards.
- Support legislation and funding to address mental health needs, homelessness, and first responder psychological wellness.
- Support legislation and funding to increase communication during disasters and public safety events.

Local Revenue and Land Use Authority:

- Support legislation, such as the Marketplace Fairness Act, to preserve local revenue authority.
- Oppose the imposition of unfunded mandates or reduction of funding for important programs or infrastructure needs.

Infrastructure:

- Support a robust infrastructure package that includes direct federal funding for transit, roads, bridges, water systems, broadband, and affordable housing.
- Support sustained federal investment in programs with a proven track record of success, including Capital Investment Grants and the TIGER program.

Budgeting/Appropriations:

- Support adoption of a balanced approach to appropriations that provides parity between defense and non-defense spending.

Environmental Protection:

- Support a partnership with federal, state, and local governments to provide public health and ecosystem protection services, and support efforts for a strong, healthy, and green community.
- Support policies to address persistent drought conditions, climate resiliency, and changing hydrological conditions.
- Support adequate funding of programs that support water infrastructure needs and oppose privatization or public-private partnerships that might create disadvantages to secure public project financings.
- Support funding to assist regional and local governments in developing and implementing energy efficiency and conservation strategies and ensure that local governments can continue their efforts to achieve economic improvements through increased energy efficiency and conservation plans.

Flood Control:

- Support initiatives and funding to increase flood protection, improvements at Folsom Dam, and new construction of area levees.

- Support flexibility in the management of water supplies within the American River watershed to allow for appropriate flow standards.
- Support funding for water quality and water supply needs of local communities.
- Support policies and programs that target assistance to infrastructure needs, restore advanced refunding of municipal infrastructure bonds, expedite project reviews and permit approvals without jeopardizing human health and environment, provide flexibility to meet local needs, and address the energy-water nexus through the recovery of the embedded energy within the water and waste water treatment process.

Economic Development:

- Support funding for emerging technologies, including autonomous vehicles and 5G infrastructure.
- Support the retention of local control over the installation of telecommunications infrastructure and oppose efforts to preempt local authority.

Housing and Homelessness:

- Support new public-private partnership programs that assist in accessing affordable housing and combat homelessness.
- Prevent elimination of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership programs and ensure level funding for them.
- Maintain funding for Housing Choice Voucher rental housing assistance.
- Preserve and gradually increase funding for HUD-Veterans Affairs Support Housing, Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance grants, and resources that support permanent supportive housing and Housing First models.
- Support new programs that assist residents in accessing a range of shelter and housing options and homeless services, such as creation of a housing stabilization fund and creation of a competitive joint HHS-HUD program that pairs HUD housing vouchers with HHS services.
- Support initiatives and funding to address mental health and homelessness issues.

Cannabis Regulation:

- Advocate for increased certainty of state and local cannabis industry regulations by moving cannabis from Schedule I to Schedule II.
- Support legislation to allow lawful cannabis businesses access to the banking industry.
- Support legislation to allow cannabis businesses to record tax deductions or credits for income associated with cannabis.
- Oppose the use of federal funds to prevent the City from implementing or enforcing laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of cannabis on non-Federal lands.

Census 2020:

- Support increased funding to ensure robust Census outreach and communications operations, and to expand field operations.
- Oppose the addition of a question asking about citizenship.

Immigration:

- Ensure that the fundamental rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution apply to every person in the City.
- Support comprehensive immigration reform that provides a path to citizenship for thousands of taxpaying individuals living in Sacramento.