



## **2020 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

The City of Sacramento’s Legislative Platform serves as the framework for the City’s advocacy positions on federal and state legislative, administrative, and budget issues. The following policy areas are deemed to be the priority policy goals of the Mayor and City Council, the General Plan, and the strategic direction of the City of Sacramento.

### **Housing Opportunities for Every Level of Income and a Commitment 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. Priorities include:

- Supporting programs and funding to address behavioral health and homelessness issues, such as: building or maintaining affordable housing; providing needed services; and addressing the impacts of homelessness at the local level.
- Providing innovative housing options and services, including shelters and triage centers, and recognizing the need for low to no barrier housing or shelter options.
- Reducing barriers to new affordable and market rate housing construction, including duplicative fees and multiple environmental reviews.
- Creating a California preservation/historic tax credit program.
- Maintaining funding for Housing Choice Voucher rental housing assistance.
- Supporting programs and funding targeted to the unique needs of homeless youth and transition age youth.
- Supporting programs and policies that recognize housing as a social determinant of health and working to integrate health care and housing services.

### **Job Creation and Economic Development**

The City supports legislation and funding for programs that advance equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout Sacramento’s business community, increase talent pipelines, and expand employment opportunities at all levels, including:

- Incentivizing private investment, technological innovation, and job creation throughout the City.
- Supporting policies that reflect Cap and Trade priorities in the Sacramento region.
- Continued authorization of programs that bring resources to Sacramento’s most challenged neighborhoods.
- Supporting policies and funding to prepare our workforce for the future economy.

- Supporting training and development initiatives that support a collaboration between community partners.
- Protecting workers from harassment and discrimination and promoting diversity and equity.
- Increasing the certainty of state and local cannabis industry regulations by moving cannabis from Schedule I to Schedule II, decriminalizing cannabis at the federal level, providing access to banking services and allowing businesses to record tax deductions or credits for income associated with cannabis.
- Supporting investment in culturally diverse and economically challenged commercial corridors.
- Supporting the development of industry clusters, such as the California Mobility Center, to ensure that California remains on the forefront of cutting-edge technology and to foster innovation in clean transportation, research and development, and provide workforce development.

### **Investment in Infrastructure and Mobility**

The City supports investment that develops, maintains, and rehabilitates infrastructure, further enhancing the City’s ability to attract new businesses and residents. It continues to pursue policies that support smart growth land decisions and principles. Priorities include:

- Repairing, maintaining, or replacing of critical infrastructure, including roads, paths, and bridges, water and sewer lines, and robust infrastructure funding at the state and federal level.
- Creating transit-friendly neighborhoods that are walkable and bikeable.
- Reducing transportation-related deaths and injuries on Sacramento roads, paths, and sidewalks for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.
- Reducing disabled parking placard fraud and abuse and increasing parking access for those with disabilities.
- Improving rail safety for passengers and preventing crashes and derailments, particularly related to hazardous materials, and phasing out rail cars that no longer meet safety standards.
- Diversifying mobility options, including the responsible introduction of technologies balancing the needs of existing modes.

### **A Healthy, Sustainable and Green Community**

The City supports policies and funding to support the growth of a strong, healthy, and green community for all City residents, including:

- Achieving flood protection goals and improvements to levee systems.
- Building green infrastructure to alleviate local drainage problems during heavy rain events.
- Building upon the sustainability principles contained in the Sacramento Area Council of Government’s Blueprint, Sacramento General Plan, Sustainability Plan and Climate Action Plan.
- Sustainable planning and development policies, programs, and funding that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, vehicle miles traveled, and pollution, facilitate smart growth, and aid in the recruitment and retention of green businesses and programs.

- Funding for environmental remediation of contaminated sites.
- Addressing persistent drought conditions, climate resiliency, and changing hydrological conditions, and meeting water quality and water supply needs of local communities.
- Funding water infrastructure needs and opposing privatization or public-private partnerships that might create disadvantages to secure public project financings.
- Assisting regional and local governments in developing and implementing energy efficiency, long term water use, and conservation strategies.
- Developing a comprehensive management plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
- Fixing water systems that chronically do not meet state and federal clean water standards, supporting local government management and operation of those water systems, and reducing or eliminating cost burdens on City ratepayers to pay for those systems.

### **A Safe and Prepared Community**

The City supports legislation and funding to improve the safety, security, and quality of life for all City residents, including support of the following priorities:

- Reducing and preventing gun violence, crime, drug use, and gang violence, and promoting public outreach, engagement and intervention programs.
- Improving disaster preparedness and response, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, and rescue emergency medical services.
- Providing services and facilities for people experiencing a behavioral health or other crisis, including youth, and addressing first responder psychological wellness.
- Increasing access to youth behavioral health services.
- Independently investigating, if warranted, any lethal use of force by law enforcement.
- Increasing transparency of police actions and past conduct and engaging the Legislature on the impact of legislation that shields law enforcement personnel from prosecution.
- Increasing and improving preparation for and communication during disasters and public safety events.
- Providing rigorous oversight and regulation of cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, dispensing and delivery, as well as mitigation of negative impacts such as illegal grow houses.
- Supporting efforts to address health impacts associated with cannabis.
- Supporting efforts that seek to address human trafficking and its impact on the Sacramento community and surrounding region.

### **Youth and Families**

The City supports efforts that aid in the development of all children and youth so they can reach their fullest potential and policies that support families, including:

- Increasing opportunities for youth and their families to engage civically and in their communities.
- Expanding transit networks to enable youth to safely and affordably travel to work, school, and other locations.

- Providing activities and amenities that enrich the lives of youth, including the arts, libraries, and educational and recreational programs.
- Supporting efforts to reduce child pornography, child predators and sex offenders, and human sex trafficking.
- Limiting the ability of minors to engage in alcohol consumption, vaping, and use of other substances like marijuana and synthetic marijuana.
- Including youth in workforce development efforts, including training programs, internships, and other similar programs.
- Creating and expanding affordable childcare and other early childhood development programs.

### **Equal Rights for All Sacramento Residents**

The City seeks to ensure that the fundamental rights guaranteed by the California and U.S. Constitutions apply to every person in the city, including:

- Supporting comprehensive immigration reform to provide a path to citizenship, support the needs of refugees, and promote family unity.
- Increasing funding for robust Census outreach and communications operations and expanded field operations.
- Opposing efforts to dissuade use of public benefits to which immigrants are entitled.
- Opposing any proposal that could limit participation in the Census.

### **Preservation of Local Authority and Local Funding**

The City supports policies to promote local authority and flexibility for local governments to be responsive to their constituencies and opposes efforts to diminish the City's ability to provide essential services, reduce revenue sources required to maintain services, or mandate costs without appropriate reimbursement. Priorities include:

- Expediting project reviews and permit approvals.
- Modernizing and streamlining the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to prevent abuse of the law while continuing to protect communities and the environment.
- Protecting shared revenues, assets of the former redevelopment agency, and the use of public right-of-way or city-owned facilities.
- Retaining authority over the installation of telecommunications infrastructure.
- Supporting secure defined benefit pension plans and reforms to make pension costs sustainable.
- Opposing federal preemption of regulatory authority over autonomous vehicles and for-hire vehicles.
- Engage with the California Public Utilities Commission, the California State Transportation Agency, and the State legislature to allow cities some regulatory and fee authority for Transportation Network Companies (TNCs).
- Opposing 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.