

2019 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM



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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the legislative platform is to provide a means for summarizing the City's core legislative principles for the purpose of advocacy efforts at the regional, state and federal level. Recognizing the importance of promoting City priorities and legislative initiatives, the legislative platform is developed to be consistent with the City's long-term strategic vision, which focuses on our commitment to the residents we serve.

The legislative platform sets forth the City's legislative objectives for the 2019 legislative session and provides direction for our legislative advocates as they work to secure clear and strategic initiatives in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Approval of the legislative platform also streamlines the City's process and allows the City's Executive team to more effectively respond and take immediate action on pressing legislation under City Council direction.

The City Manager's Office will continually update the legislative platform taking into account new issues or priorities as they relate to Anaheim or other regional partners. Additionally, the policies established within the platform do not preclude City Council consideration of additional legislative matters arising throughout the year that may be brought forward for City Council action.

With the dynamic growth of our City in recent years and planned development in our future, the City's legislative platform is aimed at securing legislative policies and resources that will help the City manage this growth, fund critical infrastructure needs, keep our City safe and maintain and enhance the quality of life our residents have come to enjoy.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

I. Preserve and Enhance Local Control

Support measures that preserve and protect the City's local authority as a charter city to enact policy pertaining to local affairs. Oppose measures that seek to preempt local control without the concurrence of the City.

II. Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

Support measures that promote fiscal stability, predictability and financial independence at the local level. Support efforts that preserve and promote the City's ability to maintain and grow its revenue base. Oppose measures that place unfunded mandates upon the City or measures that diminish the City's revenue sources that are required to maintain critical services, including efforts to shift local funds to the County, State or Federal Governments and/or make cities more dependent on these entities for financial stability.

III. Promote Economic Development

Support legislative efforts that are designed to provide local governments with the tools necessary to bolster economic development. Support legislation and regulatory streamlining initiatives that would enhance the City's ability to attract and retain businesses as well as encourage business expansion and job retention.

IV. Support Funding Opportunities

Support measures that allow the City to compete for its fair share of regional, state and federal funding. Support initiatives that promote dedicated funding streams to cities for critical service areas.

V. Collaborate with Regional Partners

Support opportunities to work collaboratively with local and regional partners on areas of mutual interest. Maintain strong relationships with other municipalities, local transportation agencies, special districts, regional government agencies, local elected officials, school districts, and college boards.

POLICY STATEMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- Support efforts that are consistent with the doctrine of local control especially in the areas of police powers, land use planning and public safety.
- Protect the City's right to levy and collect our full share of Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) from hotels, including online hotel intermediaries. This includes opposing any federal or state legislation that would provide immunity to online hotel intermediaries and/or prohibit the City from collecting (retroactively or otherwise) our fair share of TOT.
- Oppose any state or federal mandates without the direct or indirect reimbursement for the costs associated with complying with new and/or modified laws, regulations, policies, procedures, permits and/or programs.
- Support state and regional collaborations that seek to address homelessness as well as grant programs that provide direct funding to cities in order to implement local strategies.

CITY CLERK

- Support measures that preserve the integrity and fundamentals of the Brown Act while opposing measures that would constrain communication among staff and local officials.
- Support measures increasing local autonomy, protecting privacy and maintaining our authority over public records. This includes measures that provide for the recovery of costs with regard to public records requests.
- Support measures that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections, including programs designed to encourage and increase voter education, registration and voter turn-out.
- Support efforts to amend rules that limit and restrict local governments' ability to achieve greater transparency of governmental business by improving the platform in which agencies can publish and advertise notices, resolutions, orders, or other matters required by law.
- Support measures that promote transparency, public participation and first amendment rights, while preserving procedures that continue to foster efficient government proceedings.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Support measures that provide municipalities with increased input in the development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).
- Support continued or expanded funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
- Support measures and grants that provide increased funding for housing programs within the City, including incentives for private sector investment in housing projects.
- Support the creation of new programs or grants at the federal, state and local level to assist municipalities in providing creative and permanent housing solutions for the homeless.
- Support measures that maintain and strengthen funding for workforce investment and workforce development programs, providing innovative work and school-based programs.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Support legislation that establishes funding of grants which would allow for design and construction of new park development in under serviced regions and/or that assist underserved populations including children and adults with disabilities and senior citizens.
- Support funding for the development and rehabilitation of infrastructure in parks, libraries, public right of ways, and similar neighborhood and community serving facilities.
- Support efforts to redevelop the Santa Ana River corridor through both regional partnerships, local initiatives, and public funding.
- Support efforts to provide an expedited process for the fair distribution of State bond funds and other grant opportunities.
- Support initiatives that leverage City and school partnerships that enhance neighborhood school sites as key City amenities.
- Support legislation and funding for youth related prevention and intervention programs, including after school educational and recreational programs.

FINANCE

- Support efforts to maintain and expand the types of municipal investment-grade revenue bonds.
- Oppose any attempt to eliminate or limit the traditional tax exemption for municipal bonds.
- Oppose any effort by the State or Federal government to preempt the City's right to levy and collect taxes, fees and assessments as authorized by the City Charter.
- Oppose efforts that would significantly alter Proposition 13 and the tax benefits that are currently provided to residents and businesses in Anaheim.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Support measures that put reasonable parameters over public pension plans, while opposing measures that would eliminate local control over plan specifics.
- Monitor state and federal efforts to manage the rising cost of health insurance and urge officials to fully consider the financial impact on local governments when considering any health care coverage legislation.
- Oppose measures that would mandate upon local governments any additional and costly program for employee benefits without local control.

PLANNING

- Monitor land use issues and support measures that preserve local control over planning and zoning matters.
- Support legislation that encourages regional and sub-regional entities to incorporate locally acceptable planning and urban design strategies, developed in consultation with local governments, within regional and sub-regional plans, especially when those plans are tied to funding allocations.
- Support legislation that maintains for local control over medical marijuana dispensaries and upholds cities' ability to regulate and ban dispensaries.
- Support efforts that provide municipalities with more control over the establishment and placement of group homes or sober living homes within the city limits, and maintaining local control for reasonable development standards of accessory dwelling units.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Support for measures that would provide appropriate reimbursement for the City's Community Care Response Unit (CCRU).
- Support for legislation that upholds local control and confirms a city's "Section 201" rights with regard to their ability to continue to contract for or provide their own ambulance service.
- Support legislation that would provide the City with more authority to regulate needle exchange programs proposing to operate within our jurisdiction.
- Support legislation and funding for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and other funding initiatives administered by the Department of Homeland Security to enhance the City's ability to respond to regional or national threats.
- Support legislation or State and Federal funding, including grant opportunities, which target specialized local law enforcement and prevention programs including the Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (GRIP) program, and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.
- Oppose legislation or other administrative actions that seek to limit the police department's ability to collect and utilize asset forfeiture funds for a wide variety of police services.
- Support legislation that provides frontline funding for police services associated with the early release of state prisoners as a result of state-mandated criminal justice realignment provisions.
- Continue to support efforts to coordinate the development of telecommunications infrastructure within the region for use during large scale emergency situations.
- Provide local government with the authority to further regulate local fire inspection and investigations.
- Support legislation that would provide direct funding and alternative avenues of health care to local first response agencies to adequately address behavioral health issues.
- Support for legislation that would address the wait time for 911 ambulances when transitioning patients at local hospitals and emergency rooms.
- Support the development and use of new firefighting technology in order to produce higher levels of health and safety.
- Support initiatives involving County, State and Federal governments to reduce and prevent homelessness in Orange County.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

- Support measures that uphold the ability of locally elected city councils to regulate and manage their publicly owned water and electric utilities so that local policy making authority is not eroded by state or federal agencies, authorities, or other regulatory bodies, and keeps local funding from being transferred to state or federal control.
- Support legislation that ensures the best interests of ratepayers with respect to cost, value, quality, safety and reliability of infrastructure and resources are considered, and that there are useful benefits in relation to implementation costs for programs.
- Support legislation that minimizes municipal borrowing costs to the benefit of ratepayers, such as preservation of the tax exempt status of municipal bonds for infrastructure investments.
- Support legislation that ensures environmental stewardship and drought mitigation is consistent with the goals that have been endorsed by the City Council, and such legislation is balanced with the need for reliable, cost-effective service that does not act as a disincentive to local employers staying in California.
- Oppose unfunded federal and state legislative mandates on water and electric utilities, including any stemming from the action of regulatory agencies.
- Take alternative positions on federal or state legislation that will help mitigate negative impacts and/or improve the benefits to Anaheim customers.

ELECTRIC

- Support measures to retain or enhance the ability of municipal electric utilities to provide reliable, clean, low-cost, technologically feasible and technology neutral energy resources.
- Oppose the imposition of a federal energy tax or other financial requirements upon local government that would adversely affect the competitiveness of utility services.

WATER

- Support measures to improve water supply and drinking water quality in the region where cost causation principles are employed and users/beneficiaries pay for the costs of those measures.
- Support legislative and administrative efforts to adopt cost-effective, science-based drinking water quality regulations.
- Support local control of groundwater uses and groundwater rights.
- Support efforts that seek to bring federal sources of funding to California for water infrastructure development.

PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION

- Support measures that increase the ability of Anaheim to maintain and enhance transportation improvements.
- Continue to seek state and federal support for the use of public private partnerships for the implementation of local and regional transportation projects.
- Support measures and discretionary grant programs that provide funding for critical transportation infrastructure projects that improve mobility for residents and visitors in and around the City of Anaheim.
- Support legislation that expands transportation planning, funding, and voluntary incentives to include an increasingly multi-modal perspective focusing on transit, alternative fuel vehicles and fleets, pedestrian ways, bikeways, multi-use trails and parking.
- Support measures to provide funding for congestion relief projects along the State Route 91 (SR-91), State Route 241 (SR-241), State Route 57 (SR-57) and Interstate 5 (I-5) freeways.
- Support measures which provide the City's fair share of funding from the State's cap and trade funding sources.
- Oppose efforts that seek to remove local regulatory authority on wireless infrastructure development.
- Support measures that seek to reevaluate the method and manner in which the state and federal gas taxes are collected and allocated fairly to local jurisdictions.
- Support legislation that provides for the relinquishment of certain portions of state routes to the City if found to be in the best interest of the state and our community.
- Support efforts to secure our fair share of funding from SB 1 revenues to fund local transportation projects.

APPENDIX:

ANAHEIM ELECTED OFFICIALS

California Governor

Name	Capitol Address	Capitol Numbers
Governor Gavin Newsom (Democrat) Current term: 2019-2023	State Capitol #1173 Sacramento, CA 95814	Phone: 916-445-2841

California State Assembly

Name	Capitol Address	Capitol Numbers	Local Address	Local Numbers
65th Sharon Quirk-Silva (Democrat) Current term: 2018-2020	P.O. Box 942849 Room 6012 Sacramento, CA 94249-0065	Phone: 916-319-2065	6855 La Palma Ave Buena Park, CA 90620	Phone: 714-521-6505
68th Steven Choi (Republican) Current term: 2018-2020	P.O. Box 942849 Room 2016 Sacramento, CA 94249-0068	Phone: 916-319-2068	3240 El Camino Real Suite 110 Irvine, CA 92602	Phone: 714-665-6868
69th Tom Daly (Democrat) Current term: 2018-2020	P.O. Box 942849 Room 3120 Sacramento, CA 94249-0069	Phone: 916-319-2069	2400 E Katella Avenue, Room 640 Anaheim, CA 92806	Phone: 714-939-8469

California State Senators

Name	Capitol Address	Capitol Numbers	Local Address	Local Numbers
29th Ling Ling Chang (Republican) Current term: 2018-2020	State Capitol Room 4062 Sacramento, CA 95814	Phone: 916-651-4029	1800 E Lambert Road Suite 150 Brea, CA 92821	Phone: 714-671-9474
34th Tom Umberg (Democrat) Current term: 2018-2020	State Capitol Room 3076 Sacramento, CA 95814	Phone: 916-651-4034	10971 Garden Grove Blvd.; Suite D Garden Grove, CA 92843	Phone: 714-741-1034
37th John Moorlach (Republican) Current term: 2018-2020	State Capitol Room 2048 Sacramento, CA 95814	Phone: 916-651-4037	940 South Coast Drive, Suite 185 Coast Mesa, CA 92626	Phone: 714-662-6050

U.S. Congress

Name	Capitol Address	Capitol Numbers	Local Address	Local Numbers
39th Gil Cisneros (Democrat) Current term: 2018-2020	431 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515	Phone: 202-225-4111	1440 N. Harbor Suite 601 Fullerton, CA 92835	Phone:
45th Katie Porter (Democrat) Current term: 2018-2020	1117 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515	Phone: 202-225-5611	2151 Michelson Dr Suite 195 Irvine, CA 92612	Phone: 949-668-6600
46th Lou Correa (Democrat) Current term: 2018-2020	1039 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515	Phone: 202-225-2965	2323 N. Broadway, Suite 319 Santa Ana, CA 92706	Phone: 714-559-6190

U.S. Senators

Name	Capitol Address	Capitol Numbers	Local Address	Local Numbers
Kamala Harris (Democrat) Current term: 2016-2022	112 Hart Senate Building Washington, D.C. 20510	Phone: 202-224-3553	11845 W Olympic Blvd. Suite 1250W Los Angeles, CA 90064	Phone: 310-231-4494
Dianne Feinstein (Democrat) Current term: 2018-2024	331 Hart Senate Building Washington, D.C. 20510	Phone: 202-224-3841	11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 915 Los Angeles, CA 90025	Phone: 310-914-7300

Orange County Board of Supervisors

Name	Address	Numbers
3rd District – Don Wagner current term: 2019-2023	333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., 5th Floor Santa Ana, CA 92701	Phone: 714-834-3330
4th District - Doug Chaffee current term: 2019-2023	333 Santa Ana Blvd., 5th Floor Santa Ana, CA 92701	Phone: 714-834-3440