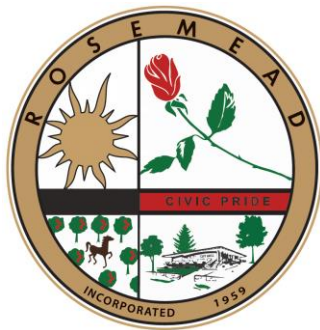


2022 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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INTRODUCTION

The primary objective of the City's Legislative Platform is to represent the official City positions on proposed regional, state, and federal legislation. By doing this, the legislative approval process is streamlined by receiving clear direction from the City Council on pertinent legislative issues.

The Platform was originally developed using the City's Strategic Plan adopted by the City Council. The 2022 Legislative Priorities provide a framework for the City of Rosemead's Legislative Platform. These priorities will serve as a reference guide for legislative positions and objectives that provide direction for the City Council and Staff throughout the year. The Platform gives a clear direction to the City Manager to respond and take action quickly, under the direction of the City Council, as initiatives that impact the City are considered at the regional, state, and federal levels. The City Manager shall coordinate the monitoring of legislative issues that impact the City and ensure that the City takes a position on all applicable proposed matters.

The City supports the protection of existing state and local funding sources and the authorities that provide revenues to the City of Rosemead. The City opposes any new mandates that are unfunded and/or inadequately funded. The City also supports local decision-making authority and opposes preemption of local control. Cities are voluntarily created by the residents of a community to provide local self-government and to make decisions at a local level to best meet the needs of the community. Each community has unique needs and characteristics that are best met by policies set by its local governing body. Statewide efforts to remove the ability to set policy at the local level should be opposed while promoting legislation that allows flexibility in the City's effort to cost-effectively meet mandates.

The City may support federal and state legislative proposals and policies consistent with the legislative priorities. Conversely, the City may oppose those policies or proposals inconsistent with the priorities. City staff shall be authorized to prepare position letters for the Mayor's signature. City departments are encouraged to monitor and be knowledgeable of any legislative issues related to their discipline. However, requests for the City to take positions on a legislative matter must be directed to the City Manager's Office. City departments may not take positions on legislative issues without City Manager's Office review and approval.

For proposed legislation, either consistent with the City's Legislative Platform or consistent with legislative positions the City has taken in the past, City Staff shall be authorized to prepare position letters for the Mayor's signature. Items not addressed in the City's legislative priorities will require further Council direction and will be brought before the Council.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL STREAMLINE PROCESS

The process for responding to legislative proposals is streamlined as follows:

1. Once a determination has been made that a legislative proposal may impact the City, a letter outlining the City's position (support, neutral, or oppose) and how the City Council supports it, approved by the Legislative Platform, will be drafted for the Mayor's signature;
2. The City Manager will send the draft position letter to the Mayor for review;
3. If the Mayor has concerns that the letter is not consistent with the City Council's position, staff will place the letter on the next City Council agenda for consideration;
4. Staff will finalize or modify the position letter as directed for the Mayor's signature and send it to the appropriate recipient; and
5. Staff will distribute a copy of the final letter to the City Council.

PLATFORM GOALS AND STRATEGIES

GOALS

- Advocate the City’s legislative interests at the Federal, State and County levels.
- Inform and provide information to our Legislators, City Council, and Staff on the legislative process, key issues and legislation that could have a potential impact on the City.
- Serve as an active participant with other local governments, the League of California Cities, California Contract Cities Association, regional agencies such as SCAG, COG, SCAQMD, and local professional organizations on legislative/regulatory issues that are important to the City and our Region.
- Seek grant and funding assistance for City projects, services, and programs to enhance services for our community.

STRATEGIES

Communicate legislative positions on proposed Federal, State, and County legislation, measures, initiatives, and governmental regulations.

- Organize and execute meetings with local and state representatives to discuss legislation and initiatives.
- Work with City departments and our legislative advocates to develop positions on proposed Federal and State legislative measures.
- Review the positions and analysis done by the League of California Cities, California Contract Cities Association, our legislative advocates, and other local government/professional associations in formulating our positions.
- The City will take positions only on proposals that clearly impact our City and its Community, or are a threat to local control.
- Actively track key bills through the legislative process, utilizing the City’s advocacy services, various Legislative websites, and government/professional associations.
- Communicate the City’s position to our Federal, State, and County Legislators, bill author(s), committees, and Legislature.
- Work cooperatively with the League of California Cities, California Contract Cities Association, regional agencies, and other Cities on advocating our legislative positions.
- Meet with Legislators and their representatives, as well as other Federal, State and County government officials, to discuss local government issues, proposed legislation, requests for funding assistance, and City programs and services.

Seek Federal, State, and County funding through potential earmarks, grants, and other discretionary funding for City projects, services, and programs.

- Provide information to City departments on potential grant funding opportunities and recognition programs.
- Advocate and request letters of support for City projects and grant applications or other resources that are being considered for Federal, State, and County funding.

2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- Support legislation that enhances local control and allows cities to address the needs of local constituents within a framework of regional cooperation.
- Oppose preemption of local authority whether by State or Federal legislation or ballot propositions.
- Oppose legislation that would diminish or eliminate local government's ability to contract out for the provision of services.
- Oppose any legislation that preempts local authority. Each community has unique needs and characteristics that are best dealt with by the local governing body.
- Oppose any new program mandates that are unfunded and/or partially funded.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Support timely and full cost reimbursement to the City for all Federal, State and County-mandated programs.
- Support legislation that strengthens and expands ongoing revenue for the City.
- Oppose any legislation that would make local agencies more dependent on the State for financial stability and policy direction.
- Oppose legislation that would impose State mandated costs for which there is no guarantee of local reimbursement or offsetting benefits.
- Oppose any change in revenue allocations that would negatively (current or future) affect local government, including the redistribution of sales tax, property tax, gas tax, and transient occupancy tax.
- Oppose legislation that undermines and preempts local authority over local taxes and fees.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support legislation that preserves or increases funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) as provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Support legislation that expands the eligibility and allowable uses of CDBG and HOME funds.
- Support legislation that enhances the City's efforts to retain existing businesses and attract new businesses.
- Support legislation that provides tangible and productive tools and incentives to support job creation and retention.
- Support legislation that would consolidate and streamline the administration and reporting requirements of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) programs. Advocate for greater flexibility of local appropriation and use of monies.
- Support the preservation of funding for the CDBG and HOME programs and increase the program's funds.
- Oppose legislation that would reduce funds dedicated to the CDBG and HOME programs.
- Oppose restrictions to or the elimination of the CDBG and HOME programs.
- Oppose efforts that impose additional restrictions on local agencies receiving CDBG and HOME funding, including requirements that dictate cities' housing and zoning decisions.

PLANNING, HOUSING, AND LAND USE

- Supports legislation that provides an increase of input from municipalities in developing the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).
- Supports legislation that provides flexibility for local jurisdictions to work together to provide housing that counts toward Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).
- Supports legislation that strengthens and allows cities to maintain local control over medical marijuana dispensaries and upholds the cities' ability to regulate and band dispensaries.
- Support legislation and funding for affordable housing opportunities and projects for all communities.
- Support legislation and appropriations that support Veteran's housing.
- Support legislation that enhances local control of resources and that allows the City to address housing.
- Oppose legislation that limits the City's ability to condition and deny projects that negatively impact the community.
- Oppose legislation that overrides the City's adopted zoning ordinances.
- Oppose legislation that reduces local land-use authority and/or alters local land use zoning designations without the approval of the local City Council (such as SB 50).
- Support legislation and appropriate that support veterans housing support veteran housing.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Support legislation and grant opportunities that increase funding for law enforcement, fire suppression and prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, and emergency medical services.
- Support legislation that provides funding to local agencies for training, disaster preparedness, and emergency planning.
- Support legislation and local, state, and federal programs that provide funding for rental and utility assistance.
- Support legislation and local, state, and federal programs that employ evidence-based best practice strategies to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by preventing homelessness for those at-risk; providing emergency and transitional housing; expanding affordable permanent housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services.
- Oppose legislation that would impede local law enforcement from addressing crime problems and recovering costs resulting from a crime committed by the guilty party.
- Oppose legislation that weakens local governments' ability to regulate massage establishments through zoning code provisions.

BEAUTIFICATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Support measures to finance local and regional transportation programs and improvements, including alternative modes of transportation and transportation management systems.
- Support new and innovative revenue options or continuous appropriations of new funding to cities to preserve, maintain, rehabilitate, and develop Local Street and road systems.
- Support efforts to provide revenue options or funding for water supply, wastewater, stormwater, and other critical infrastructure systems.
- Support efforts that enhance the safety of City streets for car, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic, and reduce congestion.
- Support a long-term transportation authorization bill that provides continuous appropriations of new monies directly to cities to help them plan to preserve, maintain, rehabilitate, and develop local infrastructure.
- Oppose actions by Regional Water Quality Control Boards that impose mandates on cities that exceed State or Federal regulations and/or are outside their jurisdictional authority to impose or enforce.
- Oppose legislation that imposes an undue hardship on local agencies to implement environmental regulations.
- Oppose transportation proposals that would adversely affect the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley by causing traffic congestion, air pollution, or other problems.

PARKS & RECREATION

- Support legislation that creates new funding opportunities for parks and community facilities.
- Support funding for American Disabilities Act (ADA) facility and park upgrades.
- Support funding that will expand state resources for local libraries, recreation, arts and culture programs.
- Support legislation on statewide initiatives for:
 - Early education
 - After-school/Summer Programs for Youth
 - Services for vulnerable populations
- Support legislation aimed at enhancing school sites and support education partnerships between cities and school districts.