



# **Legislative Platform**

**City of Santa Barbara**

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CITY ADMINISTRATION	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: Issues regarding local authority, state and federal mandates, election law and administration, tort reform, open meeting law (Brown Act), the Public Records Act, the Political Reform Act, and other conflict of interest laws
<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISCRETION</b>	<b>ALL DEPARTMENTS</b>	<p><b>Support</b> the ability of local governments to enact local standards or regulations that differ from those enacted at the state and federal level regarding any issue described in the legislative platform.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation or regulation that restricts local authority and discretion.</p>
<b>STATE AND FEDERAL MANDATES</b>	<b>ALL DEPARTMENTS</b>	<p><b>Support</b> funding for any improvements, programs, and projects required of the City through state or federal mandates.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> unfunded state or federal mandates.</p>
<b>OPEN MEETING LAW (THE BROWN ACT)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Open Meetings</i></li> <li>• <i>Restrictions</i></li> <li>• <i>Closed Sessions</i></li> <li>• <i>Privacy Rights</i></li> <li>• <i>Personnel Issues</i></li> <li>• <i>Property Acquisitions</i></li> <li>• <i>Attorney/Client Privilege</i></li> </ul>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/CITY ATTORNEY</b>	<p><b>Support</b> legislation that recognizes the need to conduct the public’s business in public. To this end, the City supports the regulation of the State Legislature and other public agencies to ensure conformance to the principles of the open meetings provision in the Ralph M. Brown Act.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that extends application of the Brown Act to the State Legislature.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation claiming to enhance open and public meetings that in practice unnecessarily complicates the ability of a city to properly communicate with the public and that discourages communications among governing body members through unproductive restrictions and inappropriate activities.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would impose further unnecessary restrictions on the action that a governing body can take in closed sessions.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that recognizes the realities of other constraints under which a local governing body must operate that necessitates judicious use of closed sessions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The privacy rights granted to individuals under the U.S. and California constitutions;</li> <li>• The personnel issues that have a potential impact on an individual’s career and potential earning capacity and that raise serious liability questions for a local jurisdiction;</li> <li>• The protection of the taxpayer’s interests over property and other acquisitions or sales by a public agency;</li> <li>• The proper maintenance of the same attorney-client privilege enjoyed by the private sector; and</li> <li>• The ability of the City to conduct sensitive business negotiations confidentially.</li> </ul>
<b>ALLIANCES</b>	<b>ALL DEPARTMENTS</b>	<p><b>Support</b> alliances with counties, schools, other cities, employee organizations, other local agencies, and business and professional organizations to support cooperation, sound financial policies, and joint action.</p>
<b>POLITICAL REFORM ACT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Practices</i></li> <li>• <i>Local Authority</i></li> <li>• <i>Reproduction Costs</i></li> </ul>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	<p><b>Oppose</b> regulations and legislation that would restrict or preempt local regulation of campaign financing.</p> <p><b>Support</b> appropriate efforts to improve and streamline the Political Reform Act and its implementation through regulations.</p> <p><b>Support</b> an increase in the fee for the reproduction of statements required under the Political Reform Act from ten cents (\$0.10) to twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.</p>

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<p><b>ELECTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Costs/Procedures</i></li> <li>• <i>Mail Ballots</i></li> <li>• <i>Ballot Measures</i></li> <li>• <i>Transparency</i></li> </ul>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/CITY ATTORNEY</p>	<p><b>Support</b> legislation that reduces any unnecessary and costly procedures for conducting a municipal election.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that mandates costly and unnecessary procedures related to the local election process.</p> <p><b>Support</b> vote by mail elections for a county election.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the requirement that the intent and text of a local ballot measure is to be filed with the City Clerk with a filing fee.</p> <p><b>Support</b> publishing the title of a local ballot measure in a newspaper of general circulation instead of the full text.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation which would allow California Voting Rights Act lawsuits against cities that already have district elections.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would mandate the dates on which to hold local elections.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that promotes transparency in political campaign funding and/or spending.</p>	
<p><b>LITIGATION REFORM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local Exposure</i></li> <li>• <i>Liability</i></li> <li>• <i>Business Climate</i></li> </ul>	<p>CITY ATTORNEY</p>	<p><b>Support</b> legislation that limits the exposure of local governments to lawsuits related to liability, including but not limited to such areas as unimproved natural conditions, design immunity, hazardous recreational activities, and injuries due to wild animals in public places.</p> <p><b>Support</b> modifications to the joint and several liability laws that require the responsible parties in a civil action to pay only their fair share of judgment based on their relative responsibility.</p> <p><b>Support</b> limitations on lawsuits that have little merit by eliminating the availability of provisions for fee recovery by petitioners or by authorizing cities to collect their fees and costs in cases where they are the prevailing party.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation which limits the power of cities to negotiate indemnification protections in public contracts.</p>	

REVENUE AND TAXATION	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: Issues and recommendations related to finance administration, taxation reform, revenue needs, and revenue sources at the federal, state, and local levels.
<b>EFFECTIVE FINANCING</b>	FINANCE	<b>Support</b> meaningful fiscal reform that allows each level of government to adequately finance its service responsibilities.
<b>LOCAL CONTROL</b>	FINANCE	<p><b>Support</b> local control and accountability for revenues raised and services provided.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the protection of existing city revenue sources, including the local share of property tax, sales tax, and COPS funding, etc.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the authority of local governments to collect revenues from telecommunications providers and ensure that any future changes are revenue neutral for local governments.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> any state or federal legislation that would pre-empt or threaten local taxation authority.</p>
<b>ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR LOCAL NEEDS</b>	FINANCE	<p><b>Support</b> efforts and legislation to bring additional revenue to state/local governments to fund the maintenance of rapidly deteriorating streets and roadways.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that facilitates the financing of capital infrastructure through local bonds and other indebtedness, including lowering the voter approval thresholds from 2/3 to 55% for this purpose.</p>
<b>STATE MANDATES REIMBURSEMENT</b>	FINANCE	<p><b>Support</b> full and prompt reimbursement to all local agencies for all state-mandated programs and/or infractions and losses associated with local revenue shifts.</p> <p><b>Support</b> reforms prohibiting the State from deferring mandate payments.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> unfunded state and federal mandates.</p>
<b>DISASTER RECOVERY</b>	FINANCE	<b>Support</b> disaster recovery legislation that mitigates losses experienced by local governments.
<b>SALES TAXES</b>	FINANCE	<p><b>Support</b> efforts to preserve the existing Situs-based sales tax under the Bradley Burns 1% baseline.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to reduce competition for Situs-based new revenues.</p> <p><b>Support</b> allocation of tax proceeds collected from internet sales to the jurisdiction where the product is received by the purchaser.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> circumvention of the principle of Situs-based sales.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> diversion of sales tax revenues from other regions in return for favorable terms with retail or distribution outlets.</p>
<b>TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT)</b>	FINANCE	<p><b>Support</b> legislation that requires online home sharing platforms to provide information to local jurisdictions, including property address, length of stay, rates, and other pertinent information, regarding properties used as vacation rentals within the jurisdiction's boundaries.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation and efforts to collect the full amount of local transient occupancy tax generated from sales by online travel companies.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> any legislation that would prohibit local voter-approved transient occupancy taxes.</p>
<b>UTILITY USER TAX (UUT)</b>	FINANCE	<b>Oppose</b> legislation that would prohibit local governments from collecting Utility User Tax from modern telecommunication and video technologies, including but not limited to cell phones, Internet-based telephone services (VoIP), pre-paid wireless services, and other wired or wireless technology.

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<b>REGIONAL REVENUES</b>	FINANCE	<b>Support</b> the identification and implementation of multi-jurisdictional revenues in cases where regional issues, programs, and services are identified.
<b>FRANCHISE FEES</b>	FINANCE	<b>Support</b> local government ability to receive compensation for use of its public-right-of-way, including but not limited to gas, electric, refuse, and cable and video providers. <b>Oppose</b> any legislation that would reduce video franchise fees or PEG access fees.
<b>PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND GOVERNMENT (PEG) ACCESS TELEVISION</b>	FINANCE	<b>Support</b> legislation that preserves PEG access television and allows PEG access funding to be used to support basic operational costs, including employee salaries, as well as capital maintenance and replacement.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT		Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: Issues related to the field of labor relations and human resource management.
<p><b>LABOR RELATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local Authority</i></li> <li>• <i>MOU</i></li> <li>• <i>Mutual Agreement</i></li> </ul>	CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p><b>Support</b> efforts to promote, initiate, and improve both public and private sector labor-management relations.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> interference with management rights or the ability of cities and their employees to bargain on matters within the scope of representation.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that specifically exempts local public agencies from the requirement to negotiate with any labor or special interest group about matters submitted to the voters of that jurisdiction as initiatives or Charter amendments.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the long-held position of California courts that public employees cannot engage in strikes.</p> <p><b>Support</b> local government control of the budget process related to employee compensation.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> any legislative action that requires the continuation of the terms of any Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between a public agency and an employee organization until a successor MOU is agreed upon.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> the expansion of a local agency’s collective bargaining responsibilities to employees over whose conditions of employment, the local agency does not have full control.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> any extension of the State Public Employment Relations Board jurisdiction over local public agency labor relation disputes and charges of unfair labor practices, and to any interference or intervention in local collective bargaining by any labor-management relations councils or boards.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> state-mandated compulsory labor arbitration, mediation, or fact-finding processes.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> state-mandated paid time off for employee’s union activities.</p>	
<p><b>EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Civil Rights/EEO</i></li> <li>• <i>Sexual Harassment</i></li> <li>• <i>Standards</i></li> <li>• <i>Family Leave</i></li> <li>• <i>Sexual Orientation</i></li> </ul>	CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p><b>Support</b> legislation furthering the purpose and clarifying the application of state and federal civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws.</p> <p><b>Support</b> consistent standards for discrimination and harassment claims between state and federal law.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to conform the California Family Care Leave Laws to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).</p> <p><b>Support</b> the amendment of federal civil rights legislation to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> extending the filing dates for Fair Employment and Housing Commission (FEHC) charges, and oppose permitting the FEHC to provide affirmative or prospective relief to prevent the recurrence of an unlawful practice.</p>	

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<p><b>PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Coalition</i></li> <li>• <i>Public Pension Systems</i></li> <li>• <i>Exemptions</i></li> <li>• <i>Limitations</i></li> <li>• <i>Fraud</i></li> <li>• <i>PERS Credit</i></li> <li>• <i>Disability</i></li> <li>• <i>Airport Patrol</i></li> <li>• <i>Pension System Reform</i></li> <li>• <i>Employer Rate</i></li> <li>• <i>Part-Time Work</i></li> <li>• <i>Mandates</i></li> <li>• <i>CalPERS Board</i></li> </ul>	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	<p><b>Support</b> the PERS Public Agency Coalition (PERS/PAC) and its efforts to maintain or further the interests of contracting agencies.</p> <p><b>Support</b> allowing changes to retirement benefits applicable to the prospective service of existing employees, consistent with the state and federal constitutions and other applicable law.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> preemption of charter city authority over their public pension systems.</p> <p><b>Support</b> certain limitations upon recoveries under judgments against public retirement systems.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to reduce retirement benefit fraud and a requirement that the PERS Board adjust or cancel the retirement allowance of any person convicted of making fraudulent benefit claims.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reducing all disability retirement payments for employees hired after a certain date;</li> <li>• imposing an earnings test for persons receiving industrial disability retirement;</li> <li>• requiring state departments to identify annual unemployment and disability payments in separate budget items;</li> <li>• requiring persons receiving disability retirement payments to obtain an annual medical examination;</li> <li>• prescribing a 60% cap on payments for either job-related or non-job-related disabilities;</li> <li>• eliminating the tax-exempt status of disability retirement payments;</li> <li>• requiring mandatory reinstatement for employees certified able to work by medical exam; and</li> <li>• discontinuing disability retirement payments if the employee rejects reinstatement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Oppose</b> requiring an employer to continue to pay the salary of a member while PERS makes its decision on the member's application for involuntary disability retirement.</p> <p><b>Support</b> restructuring the membership of the CalPERS Board of Administration to include new members appointed by the League of California Cities and substantially increase the number of independent public members (preferably with financial expertise).</p> <p><b>Support</b> increasing the transparency of both PERS pension programs and funding, and non-pension post-retirement benefits and subsidies.</p> <p><b>Support</b> exempting part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees from CalPERS eligibility entirely and eliminating the 1,000-hour eligibility threshold.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation exempting local agencies participating in PEMHCA from the requirement to make contributions toward health benefits for retired individuals.</p>	
<b>FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FLSA)</b>	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	<b>Support</b> the position that the FLSA was inappropriately applied to state and local governments through court decisions and was never designed to regulate public sector employment.	
<b>DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP</b>	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	<b>Support</b> legislation that deletes the current state criteria that persons in a Domestic Partnership must be members of the same sex or be over 62 years of age.	

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<p><b>EMPLOYMENT-RELATED ISSUES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mandates</i></li> <li>• <i>OSHA</i></li> <li>• <i>FEHC</i></li> </ul>	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	<p><b>Support</b> the special protection of elected officials, county public defenders, public figures, and public employees acting in their official capacity against threats of death or serious bodily injury.</p> <p><b>Support</b> federal and state legislation affirming the establishment of tax-exempt employee savings accounts for retirement health expenses.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> a mandatory Social Security tax on any public sector employees or employers by the federal government.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> any state or federal mandate of benefits on local agency employers, including, but not limited to, benefits for temporary or part-time employees, and veterans' preferences.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation limiting the ability of public agencies to monitor public employees' use of public assets and resources.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> further limitation on a public sector employer's ability to conduct job related pre-employment inquiries and background checks in order to prevent physical, financial, economic, and personal identity threats to employees and the general public.</p>	
<p><b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Injuries</i></li> <li>• <i>Medical Expenses</i></li> <li>• <i>Presumptive Injury</i></li> <li>• <i>Legal Process</i></li> </ul>	FINANCE	<p><b>Support</b> the principles that describe an industrial injury or illness using a narrow view on causation and definition of injury.</p> <p><b>Support</b> requiring the employee to prove by clear and convincing evidence that sudden or extraordinary employment conditions were the predominant causes for the injury.</p> <p><b>Support</b> existing workers' compensation laws to be liberally construed only after an injury is deemed "specific" and consists of serious physical or bodily harm.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the cost containment of medical expenses for workers' compensation claims.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> regulations or legislation that would require increased employer medical costs for workers' compensation.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> regulations or legislation that would expand the definition of a "presumptive" injury or create new "presumptive" injury categories that lack a basis in current proven medical science.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would permit an employee to use more than one legal process in regard to disability claims (i.e., ADA, workers' compensation, DFEH), or any other erosion of the "exclusive remedy" principle as it relates to disability claims covered under workers' compensation.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> any regulation or legislation that would alter current California law on disability benefits to expand eligibility for specific types of disability benefits to new or additional job classifications, or extend the term for disability benefits to an eligible employee beyond what is established by current California law.</p>	
<p><b>GENERAL INSURANCE</b></p>	FINANCE	<p><b>Oppose</b> regulations or legislation that would increase employer costs for mandated insurance coverage (i.e. general liability, automobile liability, etc.), including expanding employer coverage for personal property owned by an employee or volunteer.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> regulations or legislation that would require a city to repair a sidewalk when the sidewalk damage is caused by privately owned plants or trees and hold a city liable for any injury resulting from the failure to repair the sidewalk.</p>	

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<p><b>LAW ENFORCEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Penalties</i></li> <li>• <i>Violent Offenders</i></li> <li>• <i>Cost Reimbursement</i></li> <li>• <i>Booking Fees</i></li> <li>• <i>Parking Citations</i></li> <li>• <i>Data Collection</i></li> <li>• <i>Predators</i></li> <li>• <i>Racial Profiling</i></li> <li>• <i>Deportable Criminals</i></li> </ul>	<p>POLICE</p>	<p><b>Support</b> the promotion of public safety through stiffer penalties for violent offenders, and protection and supplementation of additional funding for local agencies to recoup the costs of crime and increase community safety.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation which provides funding for local law enforcement agencies' acquisition of body cameras and related data storage and equipment.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation which expands the exemption under the California Public Records Act to include any audio or video recording created during an investigation, intelligence gathering operation, or the conducting of security procedures.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> booking fees and seek their repeal, while encouraging localities to pursue resolution of the issues with their respective counties.</p> <p><b>Support</b> data collection on hate crimes based on race, national origin, religion, gender, or sexual orientation, and improved federal-local communication and coordination on hate crimes.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that builds trust between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve, including the immigrant community, to ensure that individuals can safely report crimes and fully cooperate with local police and Sheriff departments.</p> <p><b>Support</b> federal action to identify predatory lending practices and increase federal enforcement action against lenders who target vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, elderly, low-income families, and racial minorities.</p> <p><b>Support</b> federal anti-racial profiling legislation that provides financial support to state and local law enforcement agencies for training.</p> <p><b>Support</b> reimbursement by the federal government to local agencies, specifically cities, for the costs associated with incarcerating deportable criminals.</p> <p><b>Support</b> increased penalties for metal theft, and recognize that statewide regulation is needed to discourage "jurisdiction shopping."</p>
<p><b>NUISANCE CONTROL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Adult Entertainment</i></li> <li>• <i>Alcohol</i></li> <li>• <i>Medical Marijuana Dispensaries</i></li> <li>• <i>Drugs</i></li> <li>• <i>Public Space Behavior</i></li> <li>• <i>Vicious Dog Definition</i></li> </ul>	<p>POLICE</p>	<p><b>Support</b> enhanced local control over public nuisances including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult entertainment facilities;</li> <li>• Problem alcohol establishments;</li> <li>• Improperly licensed massage therapy businesses;</li> <li>• Problem medical marijuana dispensaries; and</li> <li>• Properties where illegal drugs are sold.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b> legislation requiring all persons convicted of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offenses to install and maintain an Ignition Interlock Device (IID), a breathalyzer requiring a driver to blow into a mouthpiece in order to start an automobile engine.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation which removes from the definition of "vicious dog" any dog seized from a dog fighting operation.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that diminishes or removes the ability of the local authority to establish regulations regarding reasonable use of public space and appropriate behavior in public spaces.</p>

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<b>SMOKING AND TOBACCO CONTROL</b>	POLICE	<p><b>Support</b> legislation that limits the ability of minors to obtain tobacco products.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that reduces the impacts of environmental tobacco smoke.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that would provide additional funding to reduce tobacco consumption and improve cancer and smoking-related research.</p>
<b>VIOLENT CRIMES</b>	POLICE	<p><b>Support</b> the reduction of violence through strategies that address domestic violence, access to tools of violence, including but not limited to firearms, knives, etc.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that prohibits the possession of large-capacity magazines of 11 rounds or more.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that requires background checks at point of sale and prohibits sale of ammunition to persons convicted of a felony, a violent misdemeanor, has a restraining order, or has been declared dangerously mentally ill.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that requires firearm owners to notify law enforcement if their firearm has been lost or stolen.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation which mandates that California share data with the FBI/NICS (National Instant Background Check System).</p>
<b>GRAFFITI</b>	POLICE	<p><b>Support</b> increased authority and resources devoted to cities for abatement of graffiti and other acts of public vandalism.</p>
<b>GANG VIOLENCE</b>	POLICE	<p><b>Support</b> programs and funding for cities to prevent gang violence and enhance prevention, intervention, and enforcement efforts.</p>
<b>DISASTER RESPONSE</b>	FIRE	<p><b>Support</b> funding for improved public notification mechanisms during natural disasters and other emergencies, including continuous radio reporting.</p> <p><b>Support</b> additional funding for local agencies to recoup the costs associated with fire safety in the community and timely mutual aid reimbursement for disaster response services in other jurisdictions.</p>
<p><b>FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mission</i></li> <li>• <i>Local Control</i></li> <li>• <i>Transport</i></li> <li>• <i>Staffing</i></li> <li>• <i>Wildland Fuel Management</i></li> <li>• <i>Unmanned Aircraft Systems</i></li> </ul>	FIRE	<p><b>Support</b> the fire service mission of saving lives and protecting property through fire prevention, disaster preparedness, hazardous-materials mitigation, specialized rescue, etc., as well as cities authority and discretion to provide all emergency services in their communities.</p> <p><b>Support</b> local control of emergency medical services and authorize cities and fire districts to prescribe and monitor the manner and scope of pre-hospital emergency medical services, including ambulance transport services, provided within local boundaries to improve pre-hospital emergency medical service.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation, regulations, and standards that impose minimum staffing and response time standards for city fire and emergency medical services since such determinations should reflect the conditions and priorities of individual cities.</p> <p><b>Support</b> activities and funding which foster cooperation, coordination, and communication in the development of wildland fuel management programs to decrease impacts to public health and safety resulting from wildland urban interface fires.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that provides immunity for first responders who damage a civilian drone directly interfering with ambulance services, firefighting-related services, and search and rescue operations.</p>

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<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS</b>	POLICE/FIRE	<p><b>Support</b> activities to develop and implement statewide integrated public safety communication systems that facilitate interoperability and other shared uses of public safety spectrum with local, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and other public safety agencies.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to improve <b>911</b> services including, but not limited to, directing <b>911</b> emergency calls from mobile telephones to the nearest Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).</p> <p><b>Support</b> representation of cities and counties on decisions affecting <b>911</b> systems and effective emergency response.</p>
<b>INSURANCE</b>	POLICE/FIRE	<p><b>Support</b> the statewide administrative program that requires a motorist to have proof of insurance to register a vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles.</p> <p><b>Support</b> uninsured vehicles being subject to impoundment, and redeemed only with proof of insurance, with unredeemed vehicles being sold to pay for the cost of the program.</p> <p><b>Support</b> state legislation providing Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan for last resort earthquake and fire coverage in high-risk areas.</p>
<b>FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Communication</i></li> <li>• <i>Standards</i></li> <li>• <i>Broadband Network</i></li> </ul>	POLICE/FIRE	<p><b>Support</b> direct communication between federal agencies and local authorities on critical homeland issues.</p> <p><b>Support</b> federal standards, guidelines, and funding to ensure reliable, consistent, timely, and redundant preparedness on the front lines.</p>
<b>FEDERAL RESOURCES</b>	POLICE/FIRE	<p><b>Support</b> federal funding for public safety, including the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, Homeland Security Block Grant, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, Assistance for Firefighters Grant, Staffing for Firefighters and Emergency Response Grant, Fire Prevention and Safety Grants, as well as other public safety funding sources.</p> <p><b>Support</b> provision for a permanent dual-use fire station between the City of Santa Barbara and the U.S. Forest Service.</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: Issues related to air and water quality, CEQA, integrated waste management, hazardous materials, coastal issues, energy, water conservation, and utilities.
<p><b>INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Market Development</i></li> <li>• <i>Electronic Waste</i></li> <li>• <i>Curbside Recycling</i></li> <li>• <i>Multi-Unit Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Recycling</i></li> <li>• <i>Land Use</i></li> <li>• <i>Landfill</i></li> </ul>	<p>FINANCE/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p><b>Support</b> legislation and other efforts to increase the markets for recycled materials, including advance disposal fees, minimum content laws, and recycling market development zones.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to strengthen manufacturer responsibility for electronic waste recycling.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to strengthen curbside recycling programs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to expand the container types included in the California Redemption Value Program.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that promotes reduced packaging and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that requires owners of multi-unit housing to provide recycling to tenants.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to limit landfill disposal of organic materials.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to develop a permit process for solid waste anaerobic digestion and/or conversion technologies that are capable of minimizing the amount of solid waste landfill, and do not impede or impair existing and planned recycling and waste reduction programs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to encourage the development of non-burn transformation technologies by providing full diversion credit for the waste that jurisdictions send to non-burn transformation facilities.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that prohibits dumping waste matter on public property or on private property without the consent of the owner, and makes this offense punishable by fines.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation and other efforts that facilitate collection and proper disposal of waste pharmaceuticals.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the right of cities under existing law to be designated as Local Enforcement Agencies for solid waste facility permitting, inspection, and enforcement.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would preempt local land use authority over solid waste facilities, restrict the ability of a city to issue a land use permit for a solid waste facility, or restrict the ability of a city to apply conditions to such facilities through the conditional use permit process.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would require local governments to give bidding or procurement preference to solid waste and transportation service contractors that agree to retain employees from the previous contractor.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to provide changes to AB 939 (the California Integrated Waste Management Act) that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place more emphasis on implementation of waste diversion programs and less strict mathematical accounting; and</li> <li>• Require Cal Recycle to evaluate the level of accuracy of the existing system the board uses to measure jurisdictions' achievement of the waste diversion requirements of state law and develop appropriate policies, in consultation with local jurisdictions, to account for any inaccuracies in the system.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAGS</b></p>	<p>FINANCE/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p><b>Support</b> legislation and other efforts to promote the use of multi-use bags by consumers and to reduce the prevalence of single-use bags in the environment.</p>

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<b>UTILITIES/ENERGY</b>	<b>PUBLIC WORKS/ FINANCE</b>	<p><b>Oppose</b> any legislation that interferes with local utility rate setting authority.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts and legislation which improves distribution system reliability of the electrical supply.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts and legislation which improves and upgrades transmission and generation systems providing greater electrical supply reliability, including removing barriers to local siting of generation.</p>
<b>HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Streamlining</i></li> <li>• <i>Administrating Agencies</i></li> <li>• <i>Building Permits</i></li> <li>• <i>Land Use</i></li> <li>• <i>Biodiesel</i></li> </ul>	<b>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ FIRE</b>	<p><b>Support</b> efforts to streamline and coordinate hazardous materials regulation among various levels of government, including city fire departments and county environmental health departments.</p> <p><b>Support</b> city fire departments as the administrating agencies for hazardous materials regulations or to be the lead agency (the Certified Unified Program Agency) to approve the use and storage of hazardous materials above certain threshold limits and to manage inventory information used by emergency first responders.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation or regulations to restrict such authority.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> efforts to restrict the ability of cities to issue building or other permits relative to hazardous materials, as long as such facilities comply with the local zoning ordinance and established health and safety regulations.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> any proposals that would preempt the ability of a city to deny a land use permit or restrict its ability to issue a conditional use permit for the siting of a hazardous waste facility.</p> <p><b>Support</b> regulation that allows biodiesel storage in existing Underwriters Laboratory (UL) rated in ground tanks that have secondary containment and working leak detection systems, at the discretion of the local jurisdiction.</p>
<b>REVITALIZATION OF BROWNFIELDS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local Control</i></li> <li>• <i>Additional Funding</i></li> <li>• <i>Mitigation</i></li> <li>• <i>Remediation</i></li> <li>• <i>Restrictions</i></li> <li>• <i>State Involvement</i></li> <li>• <i>Owner Responsibility</i></li> </ul>	<b>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION</b>	<p><b>Support</b> cities' determination that brownfield remediation projects are consistent with local land use policy.</p> <p><b>Support</b> additional fiscal resources and options to restore and develop urban and industrial brownfields contaminated by hazardous materials.</p> <p><b>Support</b> establishing site-specific remediation levels based on the proposed use (i.e. parking garage, as opposed to residential development).</p> <p><b>Support</b> restrictive covenants or deed restrictions to ensure that the level of remediation is appropriate for the future land use.</p> <p><b>Support</b> continued state responsibility for technical evaluation of site assessments and remediation plans.</p> <p><b>Support</b> continued site owner responsibility for necessary site assessments and remediation.</p>

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<p><b>WATER RESOURCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Infrastructure Investment</i></li> <li>• <i>Comprehensive Solutions</i></li> <li>• <i>Supply</i></li> <li>• <i>Storage</i></li> <li>• <i>Infrastructure Investment</i></li> <li>• <i>Recycling</i></li> <li>• <i>Reclaimed Water</i></li> <li>• <i>Reuse</i></li> <li>• <i>Treatment</i></li> <li>• <i>Conservation</i></li> <li>• <i>Gray Water</i></li> <li>• <i>Water Softeners</i></li> <li><i>Financial Commitment</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b> comprehensive solutions for water quality, water conservation, and water use efficiency as part of a solution that includes local resource development and infrastructure improvements, including storage and conveyance, as part of a statewide system that promotes economic and environmental sustainability.</p> <p><b>Support</b> state and federal funding for water resources infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the development of additional groundwater and surface water storage.</p> <p><b>Support</b> appropriate funding sources for providing adequate water supply including, but are not limited to user fees, bonds, and federal funding.</p> <p><b>Support</b> funding for the development of plans for short-term water emergencies and long-term cooperative water management plans and policies.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to protect public agencies that provide wastewater treatment services from liability for pollution or contamination to groundwater resulting from chemicals that are unlawfully discharged into the collection system.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to improve the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Clean Water Act and implementation plans to protect public health and the environment in an efficient and effective manner.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that requires the use of unreasonable numeric limits in waste discharge permits.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the rights of cities to enact ordinances that restrict the use of water softeners to minimize impacts to wastewater treatment operations.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that encourages the cost-effective treatment of municipal wastewater, authorizes funding for projects improving, enhancing, or expanding the use of recycled water, and maximizes the responsible use of recycled water as an alternative to California’s fresh water supply.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that updates gray water standards, encourages simple and cost effective permitting process of gray water systems, and removes barriers to installing gray water systems in public, commercial, industrial, multi-family, and single-family projects.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the review and evaluation of proposals for state water taxes.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to streamline water transfers among jurisdictions.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation providing agencies the ability to provide rate subsidies for low-income rate payers.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the use of inclined block rate structures to encourage water conservation.</p> <p><b>Support</b> desalination as a drought water supply.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts that expedite regulations expanding the uses of wastewater for direct and indirect potable reuse.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts that promote more flexibility to adjust water rates to achieve water use reductions during a water shortage emergency.</p>

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<p><b>WATER QUALITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Infrastructure Investment</i></li> <li>• <i>Standards</i></li> <li>• <i>Liability</i></li> <li>• <i>Federal Safe/Clean Water</i></li> <li>• <i>Watershed Management</i></li> <li>• <i>Numeric Limits</i></li> <li>• <i>Water Quality Control Boards</i></li> <li>• <i>Fees/Penalty Revenues</i></li> </ul>	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p><b>Support</b> state and federal funding and efforts for improved water infrastructure, water quality, beach and coastal resource protection and enhancement, wetland protection and enhancement, and urban creek restoration, especially for cities with a history of effective management of water and wastewater infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Support</b> as appropriate, state and federal legislative and administrative remedies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit citizen lawsuits for minor technical violations of the Clean Water Act but continue to allow injunctive relief for documented violations resulting in substantial documented adverse impacts to water quality;</li> <li>• Ensure that the funds collected from a city as fees, penalties, or judgments are directed toward correcting violations;</li> <li>• Return limited discretion to state and regional water quality control boards in setting penalties to allow fairness based on severity and circumstances of the violation; and</li> <li>• Encourage the state and regional water quality control boards to use their existing discretionary authority, consistent with the requirements of the Clean Water Act, to issue permits that are reasonably achievable.</li> </ul> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that requires the use of unreasonable numeric limits in storm water permits.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation to enact rewards for individuals who identify water quality or water pollution violators.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation or efforts which would limit public agencies ability to set contractor requirements and monitor for regulatory compliance in storm water pollution prevention.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to set well-defined water quality goals.</p> <p><b>Support</b> regulations and legislation that promote watershed management as a tool to improve water quality.</p> <p><b>Support</b> regulations and legislation to prevent surface water contamination from neonicotinoid and other systemic pesticides.</p>
<p><b>AIR QUALITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Improvements</i></li> <li>• <i>Regulations</i></li> <li>• <i>Land Use</i></li> <li>• <i>Fund Diversion</i></li> <li>• <i>Programs/ Standards</i></li> <li>• <i>Health and Safety Code</i></li> </ul>	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p><b>Support</b> regulatory changes and infrastructure improvements that will reduce air pollution.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that will reduce air quality standards or restrict city permitting and land use planning authority to minimize negative air quality impacts.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> state regulatory changes that mandate restrictions on residential development setbacks from high vehicle traffic without local input.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation redirecting funds authorized by Health and Safety Code Section 44223, for locally based air quality programs.</p>

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<b>CLIMATE PROTECTION</b>	<b>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION</b>	<p><b>Support</b> grants, loans, tax credits, and other incentives to assist local governments, businesses, and the public to invest in energy efficient equipment and renewable energy technology.</p> <p><b>Support</b> grants and other financial incentives for local governments to implement state mandates, including completing and updating an inventory of local government facility greenhouse gas emissions, conducting and updating an inventory of their whole jurisdiction, setting emission reduction targets and monitoring progress, and creating emission reduction action plans.</p> <p><b>Support</b> grants and other financial incentives for local governments to assess climate change vulnerability due to sea level rise, coastal erosion and inundation, flood and wildfire hazards, and develop and implement adaptive management measures to protect resources such as critical infrastructure, vulnerable populations/public health, biological resources, recreation, public access, water supply, water quality, and the local economy.</p> <p><b>Support</b> grants and other funding sources for regional sustainability plans and multi-jurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments.</p> <p><b>Support</b> grants, loans, tax credits, and other incentives to assist the public and local governments in using alternative fuels and purchasing fuel-efficient and/or flex-fueled vehicles.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that increases energy efficiency requirements as part of the building codes as long as they are healthful.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to permit assignment of the Public Goods Charge to local governments for implementation of energy conservation programs and projects.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation and measures that encourage renewable energy generation, facilitate renewable resource development, and provide incentives for small renewable generation projects.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation and measures that make renewable energy generation less cost effective or more difficult to implement.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation or regulations allowing wheeling of power and/or appropriate remuneration for energy provided to the grid by municipalities.</p> <p><b>Support</b> revenue-neutral carbon fee-and-dividend legislation.</p>

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<p><b>CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Procedures and Notices</i></li> <li>• <i>Definition of a Project</i></li> <li>• <i>Significant Environmental Effects</i></li> <li>• <i>Alternatives</i></li> <li>• <i>Miscellaneous</i></li> </ul>	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p><b>PROCEDURES AND NOTICES</b></p> <p><b>Oppose</b> the elimination of the fair argument test as the threshold for determining whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).</p> <p><b>Support</b> the development of a funding source for Master EIRs to streamline individual project CEQA review.</p> <p><b>Support</b> shielding Lead Agencies from responding to comments received more than 30 days after a Notice of Preparation (NOP) or received verbally.</p> <p><b>Support</b> limiting Lead Agency response to late comments received following issuance of the Final EIR and prior to certification.</p> <p><b>Support</b> eliminating the mandated timeline for entering into CEQA consultant contracts.</p> <p><b>Support</b> mediation and arbitration in CEQA disputes but not mandatory arbitration.</p> <p><b>Support</b> clarifying the threshold for re-circulation of EIRs so that only new “significant unavoidable impacts” would necessitate re-circulation.</p> <p><b>Support</b> allowing a tiered Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) subsequent to an EIR with significant impacts and overriding considerations when the subsequent project qualifies for an MND.</p> <p><b>DEFINITION OF A PROJECT</b></p> <p><b>Support</b> narrowing the definition of “project” to discourage CEQA lawsuits on non- environmental matters.</p> <p><b>Support</b> streamlining to establish new exemptions for projects such as road maintenance, bike paths, temporary events, and in-fill projects.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that would allow local standards of review for certain solar projects.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> regulations limiting local authority to issue building permits, or other requirements, based on vehicle miles traveled.</p> <p><b>SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS</b></p> <p><b>Oppose</b> the creation of a new mandate requiring cities to develop boilerplate significance thresholds.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> a single statewide set of standards to determine significance at the local level.</p> <p><b>Support</b> focusing CEQA analysis on physical environmental effects.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> amending the definition of “effects” to eliminate the analysis of indirect and cumulative environmental effects.</p> <p><b>Support</b> amending the guidelines to clarify requirements for analysis of cumulative and indirect environmental effects.</p> <p><b>Support</b> development of a clear methodology for preparing CEQA analysis of potential impacts from greenhouse gas emissions of proposed projects.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> exempting projects that are subject to their own subsequent environmental review from consideration as a reasonably foreseeable future project when analyzing cumulative impacts.</p>

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<p><b>CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)</b></p> <p>CONTINUED</p>	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p><b>ALTERNATIVES</b>  <b>Support</b> eliminating the alternative site requirement for all private projects.  <b>Oppose</b> the elimination of the “no project alternative.”</p> <p><b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>  <b>Support</b> the right of cities to serve as Lead Agencies for the purposes of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA).  <b>Oppose</b> any federal or state regulation, statute, or constitutional amendment, which would place restrictions on federal, state, and local government actions regulating private property or requiring additional compensation beyond the continually evolving judicial interpretation of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.  <b>Support</b> the ability of local governments to voluntarily develop and approve species habitat plans for their communities, in conjunction with willing property owners.  <b>Support</b> legislation that would consolidate and streamline environmental review studies and processes, and encourage other forms of inter-agency cooperation, for proposed development projects that require permits from multiple jurisdictions (local, state, and federal).</p>
<p><b>COASTAL ISSUES</b></p>	<p>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION/ WATERFRONT</p>	<p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would permit the state to impose conditions on Local Coastal Plans developed by cities and counties.  <b>Support</b> efforts to curb frivolous appeals of local coastal decisions.  <b>Support</b> prohibition of additional oil offshore development based, in part, on concern about the impacts to on-shore support facilities and services by offshore development activities.  <b>Oppose</b> legislation that grants authority to the Coastal Commission that is inconsistent, duplicative, and overlapping with the authority of other regulatory agencies, such as regional water quality control boards or other agencies or that grant the Coastal Commission authority outside the coastal zone.  <b>Support</b> legislation that reduces Coastal Permitting requirements for solar systems serving existing development.  <b>Support</b> additional funding for Coastal Commission efforts to update Local Coastal Programs.</p>

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<b>TOURISM</b>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/MAYOR AND COUNCIL	<b>Support</b> federal and state efforts to foster tourism policy development and coordination, and raise awareness of the economic impact of travel and tourism.
<b>ARTS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/MAYOR AND COUNCIL	<p><b>Support</b> funding for historic preservation, cultural resources, local arts activities, and arts agencies at levels to sustain the nation's cultural infrastructure, including support for the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Office of Museum Services within the Institute of Museum and Library Services.</p> <p><b>Support</b> funding for Arts in Education in the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for Improvement of Education to encourage high quality arts instruction in schools.</p>
<b>JOB CREATION</b>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/MAYOR AND COUNCIL	<b>Support</b> legislation that will provide tangible and productive tools and incentives to support job creation and retention.
<b>HOMELESSNESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Funding</i></li> <li>• <i>Food Distribution</i></li> <li>• <i>Alcohol Impact Areas</i></li> </ul>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ POLICE	<p><b>Support</b> legislation and state and federal programs that assist in providing funding for homeless services, including homelessness prevention, emergency shelters, transitional housing, reunification, or permanent supportive housing.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to reinstate the previous definition language for satellite food distribution that exempted non-profit organizations serving prepackaged servings of food from having to meet extensive structural and operational requirements, usually at remote sites, to obtain a permit.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to allow cities and counties to designate "Alcohol Impacted Areas" and impose strict local review and controls on the issuance of new Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) permits within such areas.</p>
<b>PLANNING AND ZONING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>General Plans</i></li> <li>• <i>Water Supply/Land Use</i></li> <li>• <i>Zoning</i></li> </ul>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> the use of the general plan as a guide to meeting community planning needs. A city's general plan should not be subject to mandatory review by regional or state agencies.</p> <p><b>Support</b> protection of local zoning as a primary function of cities and an essential component of home rule. State agency siting of facilities, including campuses and office buildings, should be subject to local notice and hearing requirements, and local land use policy and zoning requirements to meet concerns of the local community.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would allow local jurisdictions to prohibit large family day care on single family zoned property.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation or constitutional amendments that weaken or interfere with the powers of charter cities and support the preservation of local autonomy or home rule authority.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would preempt local land use and design authority, and restrict the ability to impose development and design regulations/standards over development projects.</p>
<b>DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS</b>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<b>Support</b> voluntary development agreements as one tool for providing flexibility in development approvals.

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<b>DEVELOPMENT FEES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local Authority</i></li> <li>• <i>Infrastructure</i></li> <li>• <i>Mitigation</i></li> <li>• <i>Condition and Deny Authority</i></li> </ul>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> providing local discretion in the assessment, collection, and usage of development fees. Support the state provision of infrastructure funding to help local communities meet California's growth demands and to increase housing affordability.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> limiting the ability of cities to levy fees to provide for infrastructure or services.</p> <p><b>Support</b> maintaining the City's ability to condition and deny projects which have been determined to inadequately mitigate impacts to community schools.</p>
<b>STATE SUBVENTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND CONTRACTS</b>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> the continuation of State subvention payments to local governments to offset lower property tax rates for agricultural and open space lands in Williamson Act contracts, which provide region-wide protection against conversion of these lands to urban uses and potential associated effects such as loss of prime agricultural soils, loss of agricultural viability, loss of plentiful food supply, loss of habitats, and increased traffic, etc.</p>
<b>ANNEXATION AND INCORPORATION</b>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> strengthening city control over urban boundaries and modifying Sphere of Influence law to limit urban development in unincorporated areas of a county and to facilitate the annexation of urban areas to cities.</p> <p><b>Support</b> revising the Revenue and Taxation Code to not allow counties to block annexations in exchange for unreasonable property tax sharing agreements.</p> <p><b>Support</b> expanded authority for cities over adjacent lands outside their sphere of influence regardless of jurisdictional lines so long as the land is not within another city's sphere.</p> <p><b>Support</b> allowing more flexibility for cities to provide out of agency services.</p>
<b>SUBDIVISION MAP ACT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local Control</i></li> <li>• <i>Antiquated Subdivisions</i></li> </ul>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> maximizing local control over subdivisions and public improvement financing and maintaining discretion over the conditions and length of subdivision and parcel maps should be retained by cities.</p> <p><b>Support</b> reversal of legislation recognizing antiquated subdivisions as legal lots.</p>
<b>BUILDING STANDARDS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Health and Safety</i></li> <li>• <i>Occupancy</i></li> <li>• <i>Licensing</i></li> </ul>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> flexibility in the adoption and implementation of health and safety standards contained in the building codes.</p> <p><b>Support</b> authorizing cities to adopt independent occupancy standards to prevent overcrowding and associated health and safety hazards, including fire-related fatalities.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would remove licensing requirements for professionals such as architects, landscape architects, contractors, and others related to building and development.</p>
<b>SIGN REGULATION</b>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> the authority of cities to regulate billboards, mobile signs, and other signage.</p>
<b>REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY</b>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> new legislation to clean up and clarify AB 1X 26 that dissolved redevelopment agencies.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that enhances or expands community tools to address revitalization and redevelopment needs, including blight, economic development, and affordable housing.</p>

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<b>RENT CONTROL/ MOBILE HOME REGULATION</b>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> initiatives that maintain cities as the enforcement authority for mobile home park regulation, including rent control.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the preservation of existing mobile home parks as an important source of affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that would retain the affordability requirement of mobile homes upon annexation.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that would require local design review for new or redeveloped mobile home parks.</p>
<b>REPURPOSE UNDERUTILIZED STATE AND FEDERAL FACILITIES</b>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> acquisition of closed and underutilized state and federal facilities for community use to meet local community needs as determined by local governments, including but not limited to the Army Reserve Center and the National Guard Armory for community parks and recreation purposes.</p>
<p><b>HOUSING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Housing Element</i></li> <li>• <i>Accountability</i></li> <li>• <i>Performance Standard</i></li> <li>• <i>Incentives</i></li> <li>• <i>Streamlining</i></li> <li>• <i>Reforms</i></li> <li>• <i>Growth</i></li> <li>• <i>RHNA Units</i></li> <li>• <i>Disputes</i></li> <li>• <i>Consistency</i></li> </ul>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> the following housing principles: Local government efforts should be subject to realistic performance standards, not to arbitrary state agency review of the housing element. Local government housing efforts should be rewarded by incentives. These incentives should include streamlining by not being subject to HCD review, priority ranking for discretionary funds, and new discretionary funds available for general fund purposes.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that implements comprehensive reforms to the housing element process to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address conflicts between local growth projections and state regional housing need numbers;</li> <li>• Allow cities to work together to allocate housing units among themselves within a sub-region;</li> <li>• Resolve problems associated with the distribution of RHNA units within a council of governments;</li> <li>• Improve the housing element review process;</li> <li>• Develop a neutral dispute resolution process and fair enforcement alternatives to deal with disputes over questions of compliance; and</li> <li>• Revise the formal appeal process so appeals can be heard by politically accountable officials at the state and regional levels.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that requires state laws and policies related to housing and land use to be internally consistent.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that provides incentives for the development of rental housing.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that expands housing opportunities for disabled individuals.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the re-establishment of federal tax incentives which encouraged private development and ownership of rental housing.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that promotes responsible lending practices to encourage private home ownership and minimize the incidence of foreclosures and short sales.</p> <p><b>Support</b> measures in local land use that are consistent with the doctrine of "home rule" and the local exercise of police powers in planning and zoning processes.</p>

HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: Policies that foster local control of community planning decisions as they relate to land use, affordable housing, cultural arts, human and neighborhood services, redevelopment, and the community's economic health.
<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Permitting</i></li> <li>• <i>Licensing</i></li> </ul>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		<p><b>Support</b> permitting cities to exercise review and land use regulation of group home facilities and residential care facilities in residential neighborhoods including the application of zoning, building, and safety standards. State and county licensing agencies should be required to confer with a city's planning agency in determining whether to grant a license to a community care facility.</p>
<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Financing</i></li> <li>• <i>CDBG/HOME</i></li> <li>• <i>Federal Funding</i></li> <li>• <i>Legal Protections</i></li> <li>• <i>Elderly Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Non-Profits</i></li> <li>• <i>Fair Market Rents</i></li> </ul>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		<p><b>Support</b> state and federal legislation and programs that provide financing for affordable housing, including the development of fiscal tools and incentives to assist local governments in their efforts to encourage housing and finance the infrastructure to support housing, as well as ongoing state commitment to funding affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Support</b> state and federal legislation and programs that provide funding directly to local municipalities for decision-making at the local level instead of application-based awards.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that establishes a permanent source of funding for affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that looks at the next generation of community revitalization tools including affordable housing development and preservation in light of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies.</p> <p><b>Support</b> federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for community development, affordable housing, neighborhood improvement, and economic development needs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> federal funding for the HOME Investment Program that creates and preserves affordable housing for low-income families and individuals.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the preservation of the HUD Section 8 Program funding.</p> <p><b>Support</b> at the federal level, the calculation of Section 8 "fair market rents" and "area median income" on a sub-regional basis, rather than on a countywide basis.</p> <p><b>Support</b> federal funding of: 1) New construction and rental assistance, modernization of units of elderly housing, also known as HUD Section 202; 2) Efforts to preserve elderly housing and permit nonprofit organizations to purchase elderly housing projects with expiring Section 8 contracts; and 3) Housing for persons with disabilities, also known as Section 811; 4) Homeless assistance grants, also known as McKinney-Vento (HEARTH) Act, as amended.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> any legislation to reduce financing for the Section 8 Program, including block grants.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that provides new incremental units of Section 8 voucher assistance nationwide, particularly in higher cost areas, and adequate voucher renewal funding.</p> <p><b>Support</b> and encourage legislation that establishes additional legal protections to local agencies that approve affordable housing and that establish local pro-active affordable housing policies.</p>

TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS		
TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: Review state and federal legislation relating to transportation funding, construction, public works, telecommunications, and related areas.
<p><b>TRANSPORTATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Funding</i></li> <li>• <i>Alternative Transportation</i></li> <li>• <i>Unmet Infrastructure</i></li> <li>• <i>Gas Tax</i></li> <li>• <i>Bicycle/Pedestrians</i></li> <li>• <i>Commuter Rail/On-TRAC</i></li> <li>• <i>Measure A</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b> additional funding for local public transportation, other transportation alternatives to single occupancy vehicles, and other critical unmet infrastructure needs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the continued adoption and implementation of a regional long-term capital investment plan and budget to upgrade and repair vital infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Support</b> appropriations of existing and new state and federal funds directly to cities and counties for the preservation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and improvement of the local street and transportation system.</p> <p><b>Support</b> maximizing investments in infrastructure and reinforce local land use practices to accomplish strategic local growth objectives.</p> <p><b>Support</b> local transportation decision-making and pursue transportation policy changes that move funding and decision-making to the local level to fund urban infrastructure needs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> funding opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian projects.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation and policies that promote the goals, objectives, and continuation of Measure A programs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation and policies that promote the goals and objectives of the On-TRAC commuter rail program.</p> <p><b>Support</b> federal funding of Highway 101 improvements as a top regional priority, and federal funding for local priority projects and other funding categories.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that maintains or increases local funding for transportation projects, including State gas tax, Highways Users' Tax (HUTA) Proposition 42 and 1B funds.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that prevents "borrowing" or taking of local transportation funds by the State of California.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that promotes funding of alternative fuel parking spaces and allows the city the right to designate alternative fuel parking spaces for new developments.</p>
<p><b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Infrastructure</i></li> <li>• <i>Right-of-Way</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b> the authority of cities to zone and plan for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the ability of cities to maintain and manage the public right-of-way and receive compensation for its use.</p>

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<p><b>VEHICLES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Road Damage</i></li> <li>• <i>Local Control</i></li> <li>• <i>Safety</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b> increasing or circumventing the weight limits of large vehicles allowed on city streets to prevent street and roadway infrastructure damage and associated street maintenance costs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> retention of maximum City control of the local street and road system.</p> <p><b>Support</b> traffic safety enhancements such as motorcycle helmets, child restraints, seatbelt, and speed limit laws.</p> <p><b>Support</b> local discretion to set lower speed limits.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that promotes vehicle speed limits that are designated and enforced with consideration of street design, neighborhood characteristics, adjacent land use, and mix of transportation mode usage.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to facilitate buses in turn-out pockets merging back into traffic and requiring motorists to yield to merging buses.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Flexibility</i></li> <li>• <i>Partnerships</i></li> <li>• <i>Innovations</i></li> <li>• <i>Lower Mission Creek</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b> maintaining retention proceeds for any public works contract to assure that the primary contractor completes all required work and permits the City's final acceptance of the project.</p> <p><b>Support</b> retaining maximum flexibility for timely and cost-effective completion of public works projects.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would increase the risk of criminal prosecutions against cities related to bidding on public works projects.</p> <p><b>Support</b> innovative strategies including public-private partnerships at the state and local levels to enhance public works funding.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the option to use design-build contracting and other innovations designed to enhance efficiency with public contracting.</p> <p><b>Support</b> continued funding for the Lower Mission Creek project in annual federal appropriations and authorized by the Water Resource Development Act.</p>

AIRPORT	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: Issues related to federal and state legislation affecting airport operations, funding regulation, and implementation of the airport master plan.
<p><b>FUNDING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Airport Improvement Program (AIP)</i></li> <li>• <i>Passenger Facility Charges (PFC)</i></li> <li>• <i>Security</i></li> <li>• <i>Bankruptcy</i></li> <li>• <i>Bonds</i></li> <li>• <i>Alternative Minimum Tax</i></li> <li>• <i>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)</i></li> </ul>	<p>AIRPORT</p>	<p><b>Support</b> legislation reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), including support of the following provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase AIP funding and maintain or reduce the 5% AIP match requirement for small airports;</li> <li>• Strengthen or maintain budget protections for AIP funding;</li> <li>• Eliminate the competition plan requirement for AIP;</li> <li>• Eliminate unnecessary AIP grant assurances; and</li> <li>• Maintain or expand revenue sources that contribute to AIP.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b> federal legislative efforts to maintain or increase appropriations to the AIP for infrastructure projects relating to safety, security, aviation operations and capacity, and noise abatement.</p> <p><b>Support</b> dedicated aviation security operations and infrastructure funding sources separate from the AIP.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to reimburse airports for operational and infrastructure costs associated with implementation of federal security and other mandates.</p> <p><b>Support</b> reform legislation that helps protect airports from the impact of airline bankruptcies.</p> <p><b>Support</b> reclassification of all airport bonds as ‘governmental’ instead of ‘private activity.’</p> <p><b>Support</b> continuation of the elimination of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) penalty on Airport Private Activity Bonds.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to provide airports with greater flexibility in the use of AIP and Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) funds, including elimination of the mandated loss of entitlement funds from imposing a higher PFC.</p> <p><b>Support</b> an increase or elimination of the cap on PFC charges.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to streamline the airport PFC application and reporting process.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to eliminate and/or restructure the federal Airport Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program.</p> <p><b>Support</b> funding for modernization of the FAA air traffic control equipment to improve the safety and efficiency of the national air transportation system.</p>
<p><b>SAFETY AND SECURITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Streamlining</i></li> <li>• <i>Cargo Screening</i></li> <li>• <i>Staffing</i></li> <li>• <i>Ground Transportation</i></li> </ul>	<p>AIRPORT</p>	<p><b>Support</b> streamlining the airport security screening process to reduce passenger inconvenience and improve customer service, while maintaining security and safety.</p> <p><b>Support</b> a threat based (risk-based) system of air cargo inspection and screening.</p> <p><b>Support</b> local primacy in granting access to airport restricted areas.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to preserve current adequate staffing levels for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting crews.</p> <p><b>Support</b> timely, secure, and cost effective background screening for Airport employees.</p> <p><b>Support</b> measures to improve Santa Barbara Airport’s ability to regulate and enforce rules established for ground transportation providers.</p>

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<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Airport Noise</i></li> <li>• <i>Greenhouse Gases</i></li> <li>• <i>Environmental Review</i></li> </ul>	<b>AIRPORT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<p><b>Support</b> measures to alleviate noise impacts on communities surrounding airports that benefit both the community and the airport, such as the implementation of a phased Stage 3 requirement for lighter jet aircraft and the phase-out of noisy Stage 1 and Stage 2 jet aircraft weighing less than 75,000 lbs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to reduce pollution, including potential greenhouse gas emissions, resulting from aircraft operations and airport ground service equipment.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> efforts to expand state airport noise standard variance requirements.</p> <p><b>Support</b> additional steps to expedite the airport environmental review and approval process while preserving environmental protections.</p>
<b>AIR SERVICE</b>	<b>AIRPORT</b>	<p><b>Support</b> efforts to stimulate the airline industry’s ability to provide air service to Santa Barbara.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that recognizes or encourages aviation’s contributions to the economy that result from air travel, tourism, commerce, freight transport, and manufacturing.</p> <p><b>Support</b> enhancements to the passenger bill of rights that are consistent with airport and passenger needs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> changes that would enhance Santa Barbara Airport’s ability to improve air service options for local travelers.</p>
<b>TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<b>AIRPORT</b>	<p><b>Support</b> legislation funding connectivity between air and ground transportation through improved infrastructure and enhancement of alternative transportation options.</p>
<b>PLANNING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Land Use</i></li> <li>• <i>Coordination</i></li> </ul>	<b>AIRPORT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<p><b>Support</b> efforts to ensure that development around airports is consistent with land use planning guidelines and compatible with airport operations.</p> <p><b>Support</b> coordination between FAA and sponsor airports on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance issues and preparation of joint NEPA/CEQA documents.</p>
<b>RENTAL CAR CONCESSIONS</b>	<b>AIRPORT</b>	<p><b>Support</b> airport interests in proposed legislation that may negatively affect the terms under which rental car concessions operate at the airport.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>AIRPORT</b>	<p><b>Support</b> aviation education that informs students about career opportunities in aviation and encourages interest in a math and science curriculum.</p>

WATERFRONT	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: Issues related to federal and state legislation affecting harbor operations, funding, and regulation.
<b>PUBLIC ACCESS</b>	WATERFRONT	<b>Support</b> continued public access to marinas, state tidelands, waterfront facilities, and marine resources.
<b>ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	WATERFRONT	<b>Support</b> legislation that recognizes economic contributions of ports and harbors to state and federal economies, through maritime trade, maritime industries, ecotourism, cruise ships, and commercial fishing.
<b>FEDERAL REGULATION</b>	WATERFRONT	<b>Support</b> coordination of Executive Agencies to ensure timely permitting of statutorily mandated Civil Works projects and contain regulatory demands that inflate project costs.
<b>LOCAL CONTROL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Revenues</i></li> <li>• <i>Use</i></li> <li>• <i>Preservation</i></li> <li>• <i>Environment</i></li> <li>• <i>Sanctuaries</i></li> <li>• <i>Local Control</i></li> <li>• <i>Cruise Ships</i></li> <li>• <i>Air Quality</i></li> </ul>	WATERFRONT/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> continuation of the Tidelands Trust Grant and requirements that all revenues generated within the granted lands are used to repair, maintain, and improve facilities and infrastructure within those granted lands.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation allowing ports and harbors to establish or designate local control over special-use areas for vessels or related recreational equipment of a specific type or use.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the preservation of ocean resources through established marine sanctuaries, while reserving the ability to comment on potential sanctuary expansion that could affect activities including but not limited to dredging, vessel traffic, desalination, wastewater disposal, or general construction, maintenance, and repair of Waterfront facilities.</p> <p><b>Support</b> local jurisdictional control and environmental/regulatory oversight of cruise ship visits near ports and harbors.</p> <p><b>Support</b> state and federal efforts to reduce environmental impacts of shipping, including whale strikes, in the Santa Barbara Channel.</p> <p><b>Support</b> state and federal efforts to reduce environmental impacts of oil seeps in the Santa Barbara Channel.</p>
<b>FISHERIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Fishing</i></li> <li>• <i>Ecological Health</i></li> <li>• <i>Planning</i></li> </ul>	WATERFRONT	<p><b>Support</b> environmentally compliant commercial and recreational fishing, as essential to the fabric of working ports and harbors.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislative efforts to sustain the ecological health of aquatic biological systems, including fish, shellfish, and marine mammals.</p> <p><b>Support</b> protection of the California Gray Whale and efforts to assess its population, mortality rates, and migration rates.</p> <p><b>Support</b> establishment of regulated fishermen’s markets for direct sales of fish and shellfish to the public.</p>

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<p><b>ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local Authority</i></li> <li>• <i>Disposition of Crafts</i></li> <li>• <i>Non-Native Marine Species</i></li> <li>• <i>Waste</i></li> <li>• <i>Seabirds</i></li> <li>• <i>Water Pollution</i></li> <li>• <i>Fuel Tank</i></li> <li>• <i>Oil Spills</i></li> <li>• <i>Recycling</i></li> <li>• <i>Boat Paint</i></li> </ul>	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p><b>Support</b> enhanced local authority over disposition of wrecked, derelict, abandoned, non-operable, or non-seaworthy craft.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that encourages and funds eradication or control of non-native marine species in ports and harbors.</p> <p><b>Support</b> physical alternatives or grant/additional funds for disposal of marina-generated household wastes or treated building materials.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to ensure seabird protection while allowing ports and harbors to undertake maintenance operations and control or abate nuisance fowl.</p> <p><b>Support</b> state or federal funding for retrofits or rehabilitation of underground marine-fuel tanks or systems.</p> <p><b>Support</b> state or federal funding to mitigate or remediate non-point source and point source pollution that affects harbor water quality.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to fund oil-spill prevention and response in ports and harbors.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to fund recycling and/or disposal options for waste oil and other byproducts of maritime activities or vessel maintenance.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to research and test alternatives to copper-based anti-fouling paints for boat bottoms.</p>
<p><b>DREDGING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Funding</i></li> <li>• <i>Material</i></li> <li>• <i>Corps of Engineers</i></li> <li>• <i>Federal Initiatives</i></li> <li>• <i>Obligation</i></li> </ul>	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p><b>Support</b> policies and funding for dredging small-craft ports and harbors, including environmentally feasible disposition of dredged materials and/or the use of dredged materials for beach nourishment.</p> <p><b>Support</b> full execution by the Corps of Engineers of its basic navigation, shore and flood protection mission, as well as environmental restoration and recreation authorized by Congress.</p> <p><b>Support</b> federal initiatives that benefit marine infrastructure needs including: Maritime Infrastructure Banks, maintenance dredging of Santa Barbara Harbor, expanded ocean dredge disposal sites, and development of new upland dredge disposal and reuse sites.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> any action that would prohibit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from realizing its obligation to dredge Santa Barbara Harbor.</p>
<p><b>SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS</b></p>	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p><b>Support</b> the U.S. Coast Guard's services mission to conduct Homeland Security and search-and-rescue operations, and pollution response as agency priorities.</p>
<p><b>ENFORCEMENT</b></p>	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p><b>Support</b> Homeland Security legislation and programs and/or grants that benefit and protect small ports and harbors.</p>

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<p><b>FACILITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Funding</i></li> <li>• <i>Abandoned Watercraft</i></li> <li>• <i>Utilities</i></li> <li>• <i>Boat Launching</i></li> <li>• <i>Repair and Maintain Harbor Facilities</i></li> </ul>	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p><b>Support</b> legislation providing federal or state grant or low-interest loan funds for development of harbor infrastructure facilities.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislative or administrative efforts to eliminate the State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) and/or reduce or reallocate the DBW's budget.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> efforts to redirect funds historically utilized by the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund, as described in the Harbors and Navigation Code.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislative or administrative efforts to reallocate or divert funds from the intended purposes of the State Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund, as described in the California Harbors and Navigation Code.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation expanding and/or increasing the budget of the state's Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund and Vessel Turn In Program.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation providing harbor managers a financially feasible means of supplying and recovering costs of utilities, such as electricity to berths and marinas.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that funds construction and/or maintenance of boat-launching facilities.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that seasonally restricts the ability to repair and maintain harbor facilities, while considering impacts to sensitive species.</p>
<p><b>BOATING SAFETY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Education</i></li> <li>• <i>Enforcement</i></li> </ul>	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p><b>Support</b> boating safety, including education and enforcement or regulation of boating practices, vessel types, and equipment.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation implementing a boater-safety certification program.</p> <p><b>Support</b> boating safety and enforcement efforts through funding of equipment, training, and other resources utilized by Harbor Patrol Officers.</p>
<p><b>EDUCATION</b></p>	<p>WATERFRONT</p>	<p><b>Support</b> programs that utilize the California Division of Boating and Waterways as an educational vehicle for boating and harbor management programs.</p>

COMMUNITY SERVICES		Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: Issues related to childcare, parks and recreation, libraries, cultural arts, community, and human services programs.
<b>PARKS FUNDING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Programs</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Park Land</i></li> <li>• <i>Partnerships</i></li> <li>• <i>Coastal Access</i></li> </ul>	PARKS AND RECREATION	<p><b>Support</b> full federal funding for the Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that promotes the acquisition, development, or redevelopment of parkland to meet community park and recreation needs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> regional multi-agency open space acquisition initiatives.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the continuation of funding for Coastal Access Projects.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that retains or enhances public access to and the affordability of public parks and recreation programs.</p>	
<b>STATE NATURAL AREA AND PARK BOND FUNDS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Eligibility</i></li> <li>• <i>Distribution</i></li> </ul>	PARKS AND RECREATION	<p><b>Oppose</b> tying local eligibility for park bond grant funds to non-park related issues, such as rent control or housing element status.</p> <p><b>Support</b> inclusion of per capita grants to cities and counties as part of all statewide park bond measures.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to assure bond funds are not held for other state funding needs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> new state bond funding for the acquisition, development, or redevelopment of park and recreation facilities to meet community needs.</p>	
<b>NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION</b>	PARKS AND RECREATION/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> legislation that fosters protection and restoration of natural resources, including streams, stream and riparian habitat, wetlands, estuaries, rural and urban open space, etc.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that provides local agencies with matching grants and/or technical support from the California Natural Resources Agency or other state and federal agencies to revise and implement new resource protection policies, projects, and programs.</p>	
<b>PROPOSITION 50/84/1E</b>	PARKS AND RECREATION	<p><b>Support</b> legislation that distributes bond funds as competitive monies to a range of State agencies and does not limit funds based on geographic location or scope of need.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that allows grantees an opportunity to receive grant funds for project design and permitting, in addition to construction, and also provides a mechanism to extend completion schedules.</p>	
<b>PARKS AND RECREATION</b>	PARKS AND RECREATION	<p><b>Support</b> legislation that establishes new grants or expands the scope of existing grants (currently limited to urbanized areas with populations over 100,000) for which the City would be eligible for park development, park improvement, and youth recreation programs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> continuance of current California Health and Safety Code, Section 115800, which protects public entities from liability rising from injuries at a public skateboard park.</p>	

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<p><b>CHILDREN/YOUTH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Job Training</i></li> <li>• <i>Prenatal Care</i></li> <li>• <i>Youth Programs</i></li> <li>• <i>Foster Care</i></li> <li>• <i>Federal Grants</i></li> <li>• <i>After School Programs</i></li> <li>• <i>Equal Access</i></li> <li>• <i>Parks and Recreation Facilities</i></li> <li>• <i>Educational Programs</i></li> <li>• <i>Library Funding</i></li> <li>• <i>Health Care</i></li> </ul>	<p>PARKS AND RECREATION/ POLICE/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/LIBRARY</p>	<p><b>Support</b> state and federal funding for school-based job training programs to produce more job placement opportunities in collaboration with municipal services.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the creation of more affordable, innovative, and quality local child care options for parents and concurrently encourage adherence to strict regulations and guidelines.</p> <p><b>Support</b> increased state and federal funding for prenatal care, early health care, preschool, and childcare programs to ensure healthy children and school readiness.</p> <p><b>Support</b> increased funding for foster care.</p> <p><b>Support</b> creation of permanent state or federal funding sources for youth programs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> federal reauthorization and full funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Child Care and Development Block Grant, and the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant, including after-school recreation and tutoring programs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> increased state and federal funding for affordable after-school programs and programs that promote and enhance physical fitness and well-being of children and youth.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that would provide state and federal funding for increased access for children with disabilities to after-school and other recreation programs, including required staff support related to medications, mobility, and activity integration.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that would provide state and federal funding for the acquisition, development and/or operation of park and recreation facilities that serve underprivileged children, families, and older adults, and which promote and enhance physical health and well-being of children, youth, adults, and seniors.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation providing state and federal funding for improving pre-school reading readiness, for supporting public library services assisting elementary and secondary school students with information, research, and curriculum materials, for adult literacy and computer literacy instruction, and for acquisition of learning materials.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation or administrative efforts to decrease the state’s budgets for First 5 and K through 12 programs that support children and families.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the concept of universal health care for all Californians.</p> <p><b>Support</b> incentives to improve coordination of public health considerations with community land use planning.</p> <p><b>Support</b> promotion of programs and access to community programs, which encourage children and adolescents to develop lifelong healthy eating, physical activity, and exercise habits.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation which authorizes appropriately trained employees who supervise children involved in afterschool and recreation programs to administer epinephrine auto-injectors in response to an anaphylactic event.</p>	
<p><b>SENIORS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Programs</i></li> <li>• <i>Care Facilities</i></li> <li>• <i>Wellness</i></li> </ul>	<p>PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<p><b>Support</b> efforts to develop and improve intergenerational recreation programs and activities that include seniors.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that facilitates development of senior residential and day care facilities integrated within the community-at-large.</p> <p><b>Support</b> funding for wellness, physical activity, recreational programs, and day care for seniors on low or fixed incomes.</p>	

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<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/FIRE/PARKS AND RECREATION	<p><b>Support</b> an increase in the number of hospice beds allowed in the County for persons who are terminally ill or diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation authorizing the study of synthetic turf surfaces for potential adverse health impacts.</p>	
<p><b>PUBLIC LIBRARIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Funding</i></li> <li>• <i>Computers</i></li> <li>• <i>State Public</i></li> <li>• <i>Library Fund</i></li> <li>• <i>Privacy Rights</i></li> </ul>	LIBRARY	<p><b>Support</b> full funding of the State Public Library Fund, understanding how libraries play an integral role in building and sustaining our communities.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> elimination or further reduction of the State Public Library Fund or other sources of library funding.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation providing federal funding for improving pre-school reading readiness, for supporting public library services assisting elementary and secondary school students with information, research, and curriculum materials, for adult literacy and computer literacy instruction, and for acquisition of learning materials.</p> <p><b>Support</b> federal funding for telecommunications equipment and services in public libraries to provide equal access to information for all residents</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> requirements on use of federal funds for Internet access services for adults that mandate installation of filtering software.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> elimination of the California Library Literacy and English Acquisition Services Program.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that requires public libraries to install and maintain computer-filtering software for use on computers in the library that, in an attempt to block obscene materials, also prevents access to material protected by the First Amendment.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation, regulations, and guidelines that erode privacy, information access, and Constitutional rights, and oppose the use of governmental authority to suppress the free and open exchange of information and ideas.</p>	