

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Office that the Council, by resolution, adopt the City's 2023 State Legislative Platform.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023 state legislative session is now underway. To be best positioned to respond to what is anticipated to be a very active session, City staff have identified state legislative priorities in a proposed 2023 state legislative platform for consideration by the City Council. Defined priorities, approved by the City Council, will help communicate the City's state legislative and project priorities to the California State Legislative Delegation, Legislature, regional and state agencies.

BACKGROUND

To prepare for these legislative and advocacy activities, City staff has worked with various City departments and identified state legislative priorities in the proposed 2023 state legislative platform for consideration by the City Council. The priorities focus efforts in the following core areas: Wildfire Prevention and Recovery, Hazard Mitigation and Resiliency; Administration, Human Resources and Risk Management; Governmental Transparency and Public Access; Economic Development; Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability; Water Quality and Water Supply; Land Use-Planning and Housing; Homelessness; Recreation and Parks; Public Safety and Police, Fire and Emergency Services; Transportation; Public Works and Utilities; and Public Health.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On January 11, 2022, the Council adopted the 2022 State Legislative Platform.

ANALYSIS

The statements outlined in the proposed 2023 State Legislative Platform (Exhibit A) are intended to help communicate the City's state legislative and project priorities to the California State Legislative Delegation, Legislature, regional and state agencies. As defined, the Council-approved platform will allow City Councilmembers and City staff to address proposed legislation, administrative and regulatory actions efficiently and appropriately to advance and protect City interests, as necessary. This platform is the first comprehensive platform considered by the City Council.

City staff, in coordination with the City's state lobbyist team, will monitor state legislation and administrative or regulatory proposals, taking appropriate action when necessary in alignment with the approved 2023 State Legislative Platform and in compliance with the City's existing Legislative Advocacy Council Policy No. 000-40 in order to advance and/or safeguard the City's priorities in Sacramento.

City staff met with representatives from various Department leaders and staff members to review the legislative platform. Further, RPPG also joined those meetings and provided feedback and analysis regarding the proposed issue areas and priorities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Currently, the approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the City's General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this action may have significant effects on the environment, and no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- Exhibit A – 2023 State Legislative Platform

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