

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: LON PETERSON, CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS AND
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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
2023 FEDERAL 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 Federal Legislative Platform.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023 federal legislative session is now underway. City staff have identified federal legislative priorities in a proposed 2023 federal legislative platform for consideration by the City Council. Defined priorities, approved by the City Council, will help communicate the City's federal legislative and project priorities to the California Federal Legislative Delegation, Congress, regional and federal agencies.

BACKGROUND

Since 2018, the City has been actively working with our contracted federal lobbyist team in Washington, D.C., MMO Partners, to engage our federal representatives and federal government agencies on our City's policy, recovery and resiliency needs. In 2021, the City Council adopted a federal legislative platform for the first time.

The City will have multiple opportunities to secure funding during the first year of the 118th Congressional session. This includes the 2023-2024 federal funding cycle and process, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Inflation Reduction Act.

To prepare for these activities, staff has identified federal legislative priorities in the proposed 2023 federal legislative platform for consideration by the City Council. The priorities focus efforts in the following core areas: Wildfire Prevention, Hazard Mitigation,

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Recovery and Resiliency; Surface Transportation; Water and Energy Resiliency; Climate Change and Sustainability; Housing, Homelessness and Economic Development, Public Safety and Public Health.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On January 25, 2022, the Council adopted the 2022 federal legislative platform.

On February 2, 2021, the Council adopted the 2021 federal legislative platform.

ANALYSIS

The statements outlined in the proposed 2023 Federal Legislative Platform (Exhibit A) are intended to help communicate the City's federal legislative and project priorities to the California Federal Legislative Delegation, Congress, regional and federal agencies. As defined, the Council-approved platform will allow City Councilmembers and City staff to efficiently and effectively address proposed legislation and administrative, and regulatory actions to advance and protect City interests.

City staff, in coordination with MMO Partners, will monitor federal legislation, funding opportunities, administrative and regulatory proposals. Staff will work closely with MMO Partners to take appropriate action when necessary, in alignment with the approved 2023 Federal 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 Washington, D.C.

City staff met with Department leaders and staff members to review the current federal legislative platform and propose changes for 2023. MMO Partners also joined those meetings to gather feedback from City staff. MMO Partners provided feedback and analysis regarding the proposed issue areas and priorities in the legislative platform.

FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

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 Federal Legislative Platform

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