

2026 State Legislative Platform

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Purpose

Outlines the City's state policy and project priorities to the public, state legislative delegation, and state agencies.

Provides guidance and direction to City staff and state representatives regarding City's state funding and policy priorities.



2025 Highlights

- More than 530 individual touchpoints for the City.
- More than 910 pieces of legislation tracked on behalf of the City.
- Desired outcome on 62% of legislation engaged.
- AB 306 amendments secured for the City.
- Approx. \$6,000,000 grant dollars secured.
- Approx. \$28,000,000 grant dollars secured 2022-2025.



Looking Ahead 2026

- Local government revenue
- Housing and land use
- CEQA clean up
- Election year politics



Strategy

Align with Council's goalsetting cycle (2025-2027).

Acknowledge rapidly changing federal government policies.

Incorporate feedback from Council, department heads, and City Manager.



Disaster Prevention and Recovery, Hazard Mitigation, and Resiliency

New Language

- To address flood insurance rates for property owners and renters within a designated flood zone.
- To support efforts for flood mitigation, preparedness, evacuation planning, coordination during disasters, and post-flood recovery.
- To enhance accessibility at our designated Temporary Evacuation Point, ensuring safe and convenient access for seniors and those with limited mobility through improvements to pathways, sidewalks, and restrooms.



Disaster Prevention and Recovery, Hazard Mitigation, and Resiliency

Modified Language

• To fund hazard mitigation projects, including wildfire hardening, seismic upgrade, drought, and flood protection measures, including those identified in a FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.



Environment, Climate Change, and Sustainability

Modified Language

 To fully fund local jurisdictions complying with and implementing SB 1383 and any subsequent related legislation.



Public Safety/Police

New Language

- To implement school violence prevention programs and secure funding for their operation, including the placement of school resource officers.
- To support creation of a regional public safety training center.



Water Quality and Water Supply

New Language

• That prevents or mitigates adverse impacts to the city's water, wastewater, recycled water, and storm water systems from harmful consumer products, and legislation that enhances consumer producer responsibility, product labeling, and prohibitions or restrictions on substances and/or materials known to damage or negatively impact treatment processes or conveyance systems.



Recommendation

The Communications & Intergovernmental Relations Office recommends that the Council, by resolution, adopt the 2026 State Legislative Platform.

- Resolution 1 adopting the specific policy proposal related to wildfire insurance; and
- Resolution 2 adopting the balance of the 2026 State Legislative Platform



Questions?