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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
LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISCRETION	ALL DEPARTMENTS	<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>
STATE AND FEDERAL MANDATES	ALL DEPARTMENTS	<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>
<p>OPEN MEETING LAW (THE BROWN ACT)</p> <p><i>Open Meetings</i></p> <p><i>Restrictions</i></p> <p><i>Closed Sessions</i></p> <p><i>Privacy Rights</i></p> <p><i>Personnel Issues</i></p> <p><i>Property Acquisitions</i></p> <p><i>Attorney/Client Privilege</i></p>	CITY ADMINISTRATOR / CITY ATTORNEY	<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>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; and</li> <li>• The proper maintenance of the same attorney-client privilege enjoyed by the private sector.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that would allow alternative methods of meeting public notice requirements and enhancing them through the use of cost effective and innovative, technology friendly methods of communication.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to allow cities the option of providing online access to public meetings.</p>
ALLIANCES	ALL DEPARTMENTS	<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>

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<p>POLITICAL REFORM ACT</p> <p><i>Practices</i></p> <p><i>Local Authority</i></p> <p><i>Reproduction Costs</i></p>	CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<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> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would prohibit the use of public resources to commence an action to enjoin the operation of any law or constitutional amendment that was proposed by initiative petition and approved by the voters.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation providing the FPPC with authority to issue opinions to guide local officials in understanding conflict of interest laws, including Government Code 1090.</p>
<p>GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, ETHICS</p>	CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p><b>Support</b> legislation that promotes transparency in political campaign funding and/or spending.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to revise laws governing local agency transparency and ethics when it addresses material and documented inadequacies and has a reasonable relationship to resolving those problems, is internally consistent, avoids redundancy, and accommodates the practical challenges of implementation.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation requiring State officials and agencies to conform to the same transparency and ethical behavior requirements imposed on local officials and agencies.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that strengthens the ethics laws related to the Board of Administration for the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) including banning the ability of former board members to do business with CalPERS.</p>
<p>ELECTED OFFICIALS</p>	CITY ADMINISTRATOR	<p><b>Support</b> legislation to extend or provide protection to elected and appointed officials from the unauthorized publication of their home addresses or telephone numbers in newspapers or similar periodicals.</p> <p><b>Support</b> requiring both local and state officials to maintain their place of residence in the jurisdiction they were elected to represent.</p>



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<p>ELECTIONS</p> <p><i>Costs/Procedures</i></p> <p><i>Mail Ballots</i></p> <p><i>Ballot measures</i></p> <p><i>Transparency</i></p>	<p>CITY ADMINISTRATOR / 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>Oppose</b> legislation mandating consolidated elections.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation providing city councils more flexibility to fill city council vacancies, including extending the appointment period to fill a vacancy.</p> <p><b>Support</b> mail ballot elections.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that revises statewide ballot order so that local races and measures appear first.</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 and published in a newspaper of general circulation with a filing fee.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation allowing the city council to refer any land use measure to the planning agency for a report on the measure's effects.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that facilitates newly sworn citizen's voter registration.</p> <p><b>Support</b> permitting election officials to administer voter information electronically so long as such a process remains voluntary to voters.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation or regulation that would prohibit legal action from being filed by any person challenging the validity of the initiative petition or ordinance after the date of the election.</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>Support</b> a process that would allow a City presented with an allegation of a violation of the California Voting Rights Act to address the allegation before any person may file a lawsuit related to the alleged violation.</p> <p><b>Support</b> authorizing cities to convert from an at-large to a by-district election system using an ordinance process.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would mandate the dates on which to hold local elections.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that maintains the integrity of the recall process.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that reduces the amount of recall abuse while improving, streamlining and ensuring that the public has full knowledge of the issues.</p>

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<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b> <i>Cybersecurity</i> <i>Artificial Intelligence</i> <i>Computers</i> <i>Net Neutrality</i> <i>Broadband</i> <i>Records Retention</i> <i>Data Privacy</i> <i>Voiceover IP</i> <i>Telecommunications</i> <i>Electronic Mail</i> <i>Geographic Information Systems</i>	<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	<p><b>Support</b> legislation protecting the authority of interested communities to establish internet services and support at the local level with a preference for broadband.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would require, in the event of a security data breach, cities to provide identity theft mitigation services at no cost to the impacted persons.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that prohibits internet access service providers from blocking, throttling, or otherwise restricting or discriminating against lawful content.</p>
<b>LITIGATION REFORM</b> <i>Local Exposure</i> <i>Liability</i> <i>Business Climate</i>	<b>CITY ATTORNEY / FINANCE</b>	<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.
EFFECTIVE FINANCING	FINANCE		<b>Support</b> meaningful fiscal reform that allows each level of government to adequately finance its service responsibilities.
LOCAL AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY	FINANCE		<p><b>Support</b> local control and accountability for revenues raised and services provided.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the integrity of existing city revenue sources, including the local share of property tax, sales tax, vehicle license fees, 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 including but not limited to Utility Users' Taxes.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that authorizes a simple majority of the voters in a city or county to establish local priorities, including the right to increase taxes or issue general obligation bonds.</p>
ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR LOCAL NEEDS	FINANCE		<p><b>Support</b> efforts and legislation to generate additional revenue to state/local governments to meet the requirements of a growing population and deteriorating services and facilities.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to create revenue streams for affordable local housing.</p>
STATE MANDATES REIMBURSEMENT	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>
DISASTER RECOVERY	FINANCE		<b>Support</b> disaster recovery legislation that mitigates losses experienced by local governments.
SALES AND USE TAXES	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 revenues, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allocation of tax proceeds collected from internet sales to the jurisdiction where the product is received by the purchaser.</li> <li>• Restrictions should be implemented and enforced to prohibit the enactment of agreements designed to circumvent the principle of situs-based sales.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that would either broaden the tax base on goods and/or expand the sales tax to services, such as those commonly taxed in other states.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to update the county pool allocation process to ensure more revenues are allocated to the jurisdiction where the product is delivered.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that proposes to grant exemption for specific products that fails to protect those portions of the sales taxes that are dedicated to local government.</p>

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TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT)	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>Oppose</b> any legislation that would prohibit local voter-approved transient occupancy taxes.</p>
UTILITY USER TAX (UUT)	FINANCE	<p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would prohibit local governments from collecting Utility User Tax from modern telecommunication and video technologies, including Over the Top Television, and other wired or wireless technology.</p>
REGIONAL REVENUES	FINANCE	<p><b>Support</b> the identification and implementation of multi-jurisdictional revenues in cases where regional issues, programs, and services are identified.</p>
FRANCHISE FEES	FINANCE	<p><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, wireless telecommunication and video providers.</p>
PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT (PEG) ACCESS TELEVISION	FINANCE	<p><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.</p>

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> <p><i>Local Authority</i></p> <p><i>MOU</i></p> <p><i>Mutual Agreement</i></p>	<b>CITY ADMINISTRATOR</b>	<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>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>DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION</b></p> <p><i>Civil Rights/EEO</i></p> <p><i>Sexual Harassment</i></p> <p><i>Standards</i></p> <p><i>Family Leave</i></p> <p><i>Sexual Orientation</i></p>	<b>CITY ADMINISTRATOR</b>	<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> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that supports programs to address historical inequities</p>	

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS  
AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Staff Liaison  
Departments

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PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
(PERS)

*Coalition*

*Public Pension Systems*

*Pension System Reform*

*Transparency*

*Exemptions*

*Limitations*

*Fraud*

*Disability*

*Part-Time Work*

*Mandates*

*CalPERS Board*

Human Resources

- Support** the PERS Public Agency Coalition (PERS/PAC) and its efforts to maintain or further the interests of contracting agencies.
- Support** allowing changes to retirement benefits applicable to the prospective service of existing employees, consistent with the state and federal constitutions and other applicable law.
- Support** maximum flexibility for local agencies in negotiating pension issues such as: benefit formulas, minimum retirement age, pension caps, cost-sharing, employee contributions, final compensation calculations, vesting schedules, and supplemental defined benefit and/or deferred compensation programs.
- Support** increasing the transparency of the programs and funding of both PERS pension and non-pension post-retirement benefits and subsidies.
- Support** requiring pension cost estimates and disclosures to include the total cost of pension benefits, including the cost of unfunded liabilities, and allowing employee/employer cost-sharing based on the total cost of pension benefits.
- Oppose** preemption of charter city authority over their public pension systems.
- Support** 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.
- Support** efforts to reform disability retirement including:
  - reducing all disability retirement payments for employees hired after a certain date;
  - imposing an earnings test for persons receiving industrial disability retirement;
  - requiring state departments to identify annual unemployment and disability payments in separate budget items;
  - requiring persons receiving disability retirement payments to obtain an annual medical examination;
  - prescribing a 60% cap on payments for either job-related or non-job-related disabilities;
  - eliminating the tax-exempt status of disability retirement payments, or allowing tax exempt status proportional to the severity of the disability;
  - requiring mandatory reinstatement for employees certified able to work by medical exam; and
  - discontinuing disability retirement payments if the employee rejects reinstatement.
- Oppose** 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.
- Support** 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).
- Support** exempting part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees from CalPERS eligibility entirely and eliminating the 1,000-hour eligibility threshold.
- Support** legislation exempting local agencies participating in PEMHCA from the requirement to make contributions toward health benefits for retired individuals.

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EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	Human Resources	<p><b>Support</b> local government control of employee compensation.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> expansion of state-mandated local agency employee pay or benefits.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would require employers to pay more than the regular rate of pay on holidays.</p> <p><b>Support</b> transparency of compensation and other benefits to ensure the public is informed of the fiscal realities and obligations that local agencies face.</p>	
DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP	Human Resources	<p><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.</p>	
EMPLOYMENT- RELATED ISSUES <i>Mandates</i> <i>FEHC</i>	Human Resources	<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>Support</b> the establishment of a state program similar to the federal Americorps that would allow cities and other local agencies to host service members.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would allow employment applicants to bring action against an agency for taking into consideration their status as a current or former public employee.</p>	

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<p><b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION</b></p> <p><i>Injuries</i></p> <p><i>Medical Expenses</i></p> <p><i>Presumptive Injury</i></p> <p><i>Legal Process</i></p> <p><i>OSHA Mandates</i></p>	<b>FINANCE</b>	<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>Support</b> principles that describe an occupational safety and health exposure using a narrow view on workplace causation based on current objective science.</p> <p><b>Oppose</b> regulations or legislation that would require increased employer costs for implementing occupational safety and health programs that lack a basis in current objective science.</p>	
<b>GENERAL INSURANCE</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>	<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>	



PUBLIC SAFETY	Staff Liaison Departments	Scope: federal and state legislation and issues related to law enforcement, fire and life safety policies, emergency communications and services, and disaster preparedness.
<p>LAW ENFORCEMENT</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>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>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>

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<p><b>NUISANCE CONTROL</b></p> <p><i>Adult Entertainment</i></p> <p><i>Alcohol</i></p> <p><i>Recreational &amp; Medical</i></p> <p><i>Commercial Cannabis Businesses</i></p> <p><i>Drugs</i></p> <p><i>Public Space Behavior</i></p> <p><i>Vicious Dog Definition</i></p>	<p><b>POLICE</b></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 illegal commercial cannabis businesses and delivery vendors; 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>Oppose</b> legislation to weaken any component of the State Law that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• repeals the state Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program;</li> <li>• weakens cities' authority to inspect_cannabis businesses;</li> <li>• repeals the ten-day limit on state licensing entities to begin an investigation once notified by a local government that it has revoked a business' local permit;</li> <li>• allows a business to operate legally even after a local permit has been revoked; and</li> <li>• leaving local governments to perform any enforcement authority without express authorization to do so, creating increased exposure to litigation.</li> </ul> <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>
<p><b>SMOKING AND TOBACCO CONTROL</b></p>	<p><b>POLICE</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>VIOLENT CRIMES</b></p>	<p><b>POLICE</b></p>	<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>
<p><i>GRAFFITI</i></p>	<p><b>POLICE</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b> increased authority and resources devoted to cities for abatement of graffiti and other acts of public vandalism.</p>

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GANG VIOLENCE	POLICE	<b>Support</b> programs and funding for cities to prevent gang violence and enhance prevention, intervention and enforcement efforts.
DISASTER RESPONSE	FIRE	<b>Support</b> funding for improved public notification mechanisms during natural disasters and other emergencies, including continuous radio reporting. <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.
FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES <i>Mission</i> <i>Local Control</i> <i>Transport</i> <i>Staffing</i> <i>Wildland Fuel Management</i> <i>Unmanned Aircraft Systems</i>	FIRE	<b>Support</b> the fire service mission of saving lives and protecting property through both local and multi-jurisdictional fire prevention, fire investigation, disaster preparedness, hazardous-materials mitigation, specialized rescue, etc., as well as cities authority and discretion to provide all emergency services in their communities. <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. <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. <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. <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
EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	POLICE/FIRE	<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. <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). <b>Support</b> representation of cities and counties on decisions affecting <b>911</b> systems and effective emergency response.
INSURANCE	POLICE / FIRE / FINANCE	<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. <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. <b>Support</b> state legislation providing Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan for last resort earthquake and fire coverage in high-risk areas and to make FAIR access more affordable. <b>Support</b> efforts to improve accessibility to Fire Insurance.

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FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY <i>Communication</i> <i>Standards</i> <i>Broadband Network</i>	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>
FEDERAL RESOURCES	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>

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<p><b>MATERIALS 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> <li><i>Trash/Litter</i></li> <li><i>Source Reduction</i></li> <li><i>Extended Producer Responsibility</i></li> <li><i>Household Hazardous Waste</i></li> <li><i>Edible Food Rescue</i></li> <li><i>Composting</i></li> <li><i>Illegal Dumping</i></li> <li><i>Advanced Processing Facilities / Infrastructure</i></li> <li><i>Water Services for Unhoused</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>SUSTAINABILITY &amp; RESILIENCE / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b></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 facilitating the proper collection and disposal of waste pharmaceuticals, including marketing and education outreach.</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>Support</b> legislation for source control of trash and litter that pollutes water bodies, including prohibitions of filtered cigarettes, single-use water bottles, and other single use products found to be pollutants.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation in favor of right to repair consumer protections.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to reduce the production, release, and environmental impacts of microplastics.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation promoting source reduction of waste materials to minimize environmental impacts.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation for source reduction and source control of trash and litter that pollutes water bodies, including prohibitions on single-use materials.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that establishes mandatory Extended Producer Responsibility for all materials.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to expand the deposit value and container types included in the California Redemption Value Program.</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 that promotes development of domestic recycling processing infrastructure to reduce reliance on export markets.</p> <p><b>Support</b> improved diversion tracking of materials for full chain of custody accountability and comprehensive reporting.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to strengthen recycling, organics recycling, and edible food rescue programs.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to eliminate landfill disposal of organic materials.</p> <p><b>Support</b> clear labeling standards that clearly distinguish between what is recyclable or compostable with consumer direction on proper disposal.</p> <p><b>Support</b> closed loop recycling and organics recycling systems.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that allocates funding for jurisdictions to provide waste services for the unhoused.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that allocates funding for jurisdictions to support sharing libraries and circular economies.</p>

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SINGLE-USE MATERIALS	SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE	<p><b>Support</b> legislation efforts to discourage or reduce the use of single use material in order to increase diversion from landfill and encourage reusable materials.</p>	
UTILITIES/ENERGY	SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE / PUBLIC WORKS / FINANCE	<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> <p><b>Support</b> efforts and legislation which allows the generators of renewable electricity to wheel power from the site of generation to the sites of use.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation eliminating departing load charges, which discourage Community Choice Aggregation and the use of alternative energy resources.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the ability of local governments to implement community choice aggregation for the purchase of electricity and oppose legislation that would place new requirements on the establishment of, and activities by, community choice aggregators.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts and legislation that enable the development of local microgrid projects, enable renewable energy interconnection processes and eliminate regulatory hurdles to their development</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to permit assignment of the Public Goods Charge to local governments for implementation of renewable energy development, 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 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> legislation that enhances and simplifies local government access to local utility usage data</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts and legislation to standardize, harden, and deploy vehicle-to-grid and building-to-grid 2-way integration in an effort to provide increased grid resiliency.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation for existing building and industry energy benchmarking programs and any benchmarking regulations aimed at reducing wasteful energy consumption.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts and legislation net-zero-carbon and net-zero-energy requirements as part of the building codes.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that enhances the transparency and fair allocation of departing load charges on load serving entities and renewable energy development projects</p>	

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<p><b>HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</b></p> <p><i>Streamlining</i></p> <p><i>Administrating Agencies</i></p> <p><i>Building Permits</i></p> <p><i>Land Use</i></p> <p><i>Biodiesel</i></p>	<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ FIRE / SUSTAINABILITY &amp; RESILIENCE</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>REVITALIZATION OF BROWNFIELDS</b></p> <p><i>Local Control</i></p> <p><i>Additional Funding</i></p> <p><i>Mitigation</i></p> <p><i>Remediation</i></p> <p><i>Restrictions</i></p> <p><i>State Involvement</i></p> <p><i>Owner Responsibility</i></p>	<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / PARKS AND RECREATION</b></p>	<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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**WATER RESOURCES**

- Infrastructure Investment*
- Comprehensive Solutions*
- Supply*
- Storage*
- Infrastructure Investment*
- Recycling*
- Reclaimed Water*
- Reuse*
- Treatment*
- Conservation*
- Gray Water*
- Water Softeners*
- Financial Commitment*

**PUBLIC WORKS /  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT / PARKS  
AND RECREATION**

- Support** 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.
- Support** state and federal funding for water resources infrastructure.
- Support** the development of additional groundwater and surface water storage.
- Support** desalination as a reliable local water supply.
- Support** legislation to streamline water transfers among jurisdictions.
- Support** efforts for direct contracting for supplies from state and federal agencies.
- Support** appropriate funding sources for providing adequate water supply including, but are not limited to user fees, bonds and federal funding.
- Support** funding for the development of plans for short-term water emergencies and long-term cooperative water management plans and policies.
- Support** 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.
- Support** 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.
- Oppose** legislation that requires the use of unreasonable numeric limits in waste discharge permits.
- Support** the rights of cities to enact ordinances that restrict the use of water softeners to minimize impacts to wastewater treatment operations.
- Support** 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.
- Support** efforts that expedite regulations expanding the uses of wastewater for direct and indirect potable reuse.
- Support** 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.
- Support** the review and evaluation of proposals for state water taxes.
- Support** legislation providing agencies local control to provide rate subsidies for low-income rate payers.
- Support** the use of inclined block rate structures to encourage water conservation.
- Support** efforts that promote more flexibility to adjust water rates to achieve water use reductions during a water shortage emergency.
- Support** legislation to enhance and protect City's control of its water supply resources.
- Oppose** legislation that would restrict the manner in which the City's water supplies are managed.
- Support** watershed management that would mitigate impacts to water supply.
- Support** policy that recognize recycled, desalinated, and potable reuse as drought proof water supplies



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<p><b>WATER QUALITY</b></p> <p><i>Infrastructure Investment Standards</i></p> <p><i>Liability</i></p> <p><i>Federal Safe/ Clean Water Watershed Management</i></p> <p><i>Numeric Limits</i></p> <p><i>Water Quality Control Boards</i></p> <p><i>Fees/Penalty Revenues</i></p>	<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / PARKS AND RECREATION</b></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> <p><i>Improvements</i></p> <p><i>Regulations</i></p> <p><i>Land Use</i></p> <p><i>Fund Diversion</i></p> <p><i>Programs/ Standards</i></p> <p><i>Health and Safety Code</i></p>	<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b></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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ENERGY & CLIMATE  
PROTECTION

*Incentives*

*Sea Level Rise*

*Fuel Efficiency*

*Renewable Energy*

*Adaptation Measures*

*Green Infrastructure*

SUSTAINABILITY &  
RESILIENCE / PUBLIC  
WORKS/ COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT / PARKS  
RECREATION /  
WATERFRONT

- Oppose** any legislation that interferes with local utility rate setting authority.
- Support** efforts and legislation which improves and upgrades transmission, distribution, and generation systems providing greater electrical supply reliability, including removing barriers to local siting of generation.
- Support** efforts and legislation which allow the generators of carbon-free electricity to cost effectively wheel power from the site of generation to the sites of use.
- Support** legislation that enhances the ability of local governments to implement and expand community choice aggregation programs.
- Oppose** legislation and efforts that would place new requirements and fees on the establishment of, and activities by, community choice aggregators.
- Support** legislation to permit assignment of the Public Goods Charge to local governments and community choice aggregators for implementation of renewable energy, greenhouse gas reduction, electrification programs, and/or energy conservation programs and projects.
- Support** legislation that enhances the transparency and fair allocation of departing load charges on load serving entities and renewable energy development projects.
- Support** legislation and measures that encourage renewable energy generation, renewable resource development, development of micro grid projects, and renewable energy interconnection processes
- Oppose** legislation and measures that implement inequitable subsidies or charges for renewable and carbon-free energy generation.
- Support** legislation that enhances and simplifies local government access to local utility usage data.
- Support** efforts and legislation to standardize, harden, and deploy vehicle-to-grid and building-to-grid two-way integration in an effort to provide increased grid resiliency.
- Support** grants, loans, tax credits, and other incentives to assist local governments, businesses, and the public to invest in energy efficient equipment, greenhouse gas reduction measures, and renewable energy technology.
- Support** 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.
- Support** 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.
- Support** legislation that supports electrification requirements as part of the building codes as long as they are healthful.
- Support** revenue-neutral carbon fee-and-dividend legislation.
- Support** grants, loans, tax credits, and other incentives to assist the public and local governments in using carbon-free and low- to no-emitting transportation fuels and fueled vehicles.
- Support** legislation, funding, incentives, and efforts that promote electric vehicle utilization, installation of electric vehicle infrastructure, equitable electric vehicle charger access for all, and resilience of electric vehicle charging infrastructure during electrical grid power outages.

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**ENERGY & CLIMATE PROTECTION**

*Incentives*

*Sea Level Rise*

*Fuel Efficiency*

*Renewable Energy*

*Adaptation Measures*

*Green Infrastructure*

**SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE / PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / PARKS RECREATION / WATERFRONT**

- Oppose** legislation that limits a local jurisdiction’s ability to limit natural gas infrastructure in local building codes
- Support** legislation for building and industry energy benchmarking programs and regulations.
- Support** efforts and legislation for net-zero-carbon and net-zero-energy building requirements.
- Support** legislation, funding, and efforts that promote or mandate the use of low embodied carbon or CO2e building materials, infrastructure materials and processes, and refrigerants.
- Support** legislation, funding, and efforts to develop and support local green workforce training programs and opportunities.
- Support** grants, incentives and other funding sources to facilitate carbon offset and sequestration projects and encourage local carbon sequestration.
- Support** revenue-neutral carbon fee-and-dividend legislation.
- Support** efforts that assign a monetary value to greenhouse gas reduction and climate impacts to order to fund climate mitigation and adaptation efforts.
- Support** legislation to include energy performance in real estate disclosures.
- Oppose** efforts and legislation that incentivize new or continued fossil fuel extraction, transportation, refinement, distribution, import, export, or use.
- Support** grants and other funding sources for regional sustainability planning efforts that address shared concerns such as housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure.
- Support** grants and other funding sources for building community resilience and establishing resilience hubs and resource centers.
- Support** grants and other financial incentives for local governments to assess and mitigate climate change vulnerabilities such as sea-level rise, wildfire, extreme heat, and increased drought.
- Support** legislation that provides methods to pay for climate adaptation and resilience measures.
- Support** legislation to include increased hazards from climate change in real estate disclosures.
- Support** legislation to include changes in flood and other hazard levels from climate change in building codes, floodplain regulations, and other development regulations.
- Support** legislation that reevaluates the FEMA flood insurance requirements factoring potential future changes due to climate change.
- Support** legislation for coordination of state and federal efforts to address the impacts of climate change through methods such as designating a central coordination agency.
- Support** the use of moderate and high probability sea-level rise projections in design and plans for mitigating the impacts of sea-level rise. Oppose requirements to plan for extreme or very low probability climate change projections.
- Support** state and federal funding and efforts to analyze climate change impacts to rainfall patterns, heat indices, sea-level rise, and groundwater levels
- Support** funding and efforts to monitor changing shoreline, flood, sea-levels, rainfall levels, and other parameters that support climate adaptation.
- Support** legislation and efforts that encourage phasing of climate adaptation and programmatic adaptation actions.

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<p><b>CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)</b>  <i>Procedures and Notices</i>  <i>Definition of a Project</i>  <i>Significant Environmental Effects</i>  <i>Alternatives</i>  <i>Miscellaneous</i></p>	<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS AND RECREATION / SUSTAINABILITY &amp; RESILIENCE</b></p>	<p><b>PROCEDURES AND NOTICES</b>  <b>Oppose</b> the elimination of the fair argument test as the threshold for determining whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).  <b>Support</b> the development of a funding source for Master EIRs to streamline individual project CEQA review.  <b>Support</b> shielding Lead Agencies from responding to comments received more than 30 days after a Notice of Preparation (NOP) or received verbally.  <b>Support</b> limiting Lead Agency response to late comments received following issuance of the Final EIR and prior to certification.  <b>Support</b> eliminating the mandated timeline for entering into CEQA consultant contracts.  <b>Support</b> mediation and arbitration in CEQA disputes but not mandatory arbitration.  <b>Support</b> clarifying the threshold for re-circulation of EIRs so that only new “significant unavoidable impacts” would necessitate re-circulation.  <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>  <b>Support</b> narrowing the definition of “project” to discourage CEQA lawsuits on non- environmental matters.  <b>Support</b> streamlining to establish new exemptions for projects such as road maintenance, bike paths, temporary events, greenhouse gas reduction, renewable energy generation, energy efficiency and in-fill projects.  <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>  <b>Oppose</b> the creation of a new mandate requiring cities to develop boilerplate significance thresholds.  <b>Oppose</b> a single statewide set of standards to determine significance at the local level.  <b>Support</b> focusing CEQA analysis on physical environmental effects.  <b>Oppose</b> amending the definition of “effects” to eliminate the analysis of indirect and cumulative environmental effects.  <b>Support</b> amending the guidelines to clarify requirements for analysis of cumulative and indirect environmental effects.  <b>Support</b> development of a clear methodology and threshold for preparing CEQA analysis of potential impacts from greenhouse gas emissions of proposed projects.  <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>CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)</p>	<p>PUBLIC WORKS / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / PARKS AND RECREATION / SUSTAINABILITY &amp; RESILIENCE</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>COASTAL ISSUES  <i>Local Coastal Programs</i>  <i>Offshore Oil and Gas</i>  <i>Oil Seeps and Leaks</i>  <i>Shipping</i></p>	<p>PUBLIC WORKS / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / PARKS AND RECREATION / WATERFRONT / SUSTAINABILITY &amp; RESILIENCE</p>	<p><b>Oppose</b> legislation that would permit the state to impose conditions on Local Coastal Programs developed by cities and counties.  <b>Support</b> efforts to curb frivolous appeals of local coastal decisions.  <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 development permitting requirements for solar systems and vehicle chargers.  <b>Support</b> additional funding for Coastal Commission efforts to update Local Coastal Programs and to provide staff resources to support implementation of Local Coastal Programs.  <b>Support</b> legislation that would prohibit the State Lands Commission from approving leases in state waters for construction of infrastructure for offshore oil and gas facilities.  <b>Support</b> state and federal efforts to reduce environmental impacts of oil seeps in the Santa Barbara Channel.  <b>Support</b> legislation to fund a statewide inventory of legacy oil and gas wells and related infrastructure, remove and remediate hazards that are a significant risk to public health and safety and the environment, and survey and monitor natural oil seeps.  <b>Support</b> prohibition of offshore oil development, including hydraulic fracturing and other high-intensity petroleum operations, based, in part, on concern about the impacts to on-shore support facilities and services by offshore development activities.  <b>Support</b> state and federal efforts to reduce environmental impacts of shipping, including whale strikes, in the Santa Barbara Channel.</p>

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TOURISM	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / MAYOR AND COUNCIL	<p><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.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts that would require greater enforceability of local laws on short-term vacation rental businesses.</p>	
ARTS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, CULTURAL RESOURCES	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / MAYOR AND COUNCIL / LIBRARY	<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>	
JOB CREATION <i>Economically Diverse</i>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / MAYOR AND COUNCIL / LIBRARY	<p><b>Support</b> legislation that will provide tangible and productive tools and incentives to support job creation and retention.</p> <p><b>Support</b> funding for libraries to advance economic opportunity for all through their workforce development and career exploration and planning by job seekers of all ages.</p> <p><b>Support</b> funding that strengthens educational and learning opportunities for youth through libraries to building a strong foundation for economic success.</p> <p><b>Support</b> funding for libraries to advance economic opportunity for all through their workforce development and career exploration and planning by job seekers of all ages.</p>	

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<p>HOMELESSNESS</p> <p><i>Funding</i></p> <p><i>Food Distribution</i></p> <p><i>Alcohol Impact Areas</i></p>	<p>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / POLICE/LIBRARY / SUSTAINABILITY &amp; RESILIENCE</p>	<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, street outreach services, mobile navigation centers, rapid rehousing, reunification or permanent supportive housing.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to increase funding for mental health and substance abuse services for persons who are homeless.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to increase funding to support services for homeless persons that are victims of human trafficking.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to increase funding for supportive services to maintain formerly homeless persons in 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> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to increase funding to reimburse cities for appropriate law enforcement expenses related to providing homeless services.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation and state federal programs that assist jurisdictions in encampment clean-up.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that increases funding for restorative justice programs and diversion strategies that enhance access to treatment programs and support services over incarceration.</p>	

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PLANNING AND ZONING <i>General Plans</i> <i>Land Use</i> <i>Zoning</i>	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>	
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> voluntary development agreements as one tool for providing flexibility in development approvals.</p>	
DEVELOPMENT FEES <i>Local authority</i> <i>Infrastructure</i> <i>Mitigation</i> <i>Condition and</i> <i>Deny Authority</i>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> providing local discretion in the assessment, collection, and usage of development fees.</p> <p><b>Support</b> 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>	
STATE SUBVENTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND CONTRACTS	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>	
ANNEXATION AND INCORPORATION	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>	



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SUBDIVISION MAP ACT <i>Local Control</i> <i>Antiquated subdivisions</i>	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>	
BUILDING STANDARDS <i>Health and Safety</i> <i>Occupancy</i> <i>Licensing</i>	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>	
SIGN REGULATION	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>Support</b> the authority of cities to regulate billboards, mobile signs, and other signage.</p>	
REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY	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>	
RENT CONTROL/ MOBILE HOME REGULATION	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>	
REPURPOSE UNDERUTILIZED STATE AND FEDERAL FACILITIES	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>	

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<b>HOUSING</b> <i>Housing Element</i> <i>Accountability</i> <i>Performance Standard</i> <i>Incentives</i> <i>Streamlining</i> <i>Reforms</i> <i>Growth</i> <i>RHNA Units</i> <i>Disputes</i> <i>Consistency</i>	<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<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> distribution of state or regional grant funds at levels commensurate with a local agency's RHNA units to support local efforts to plan for and facilitate housing production. <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> <p><b>Support</b> legislation to support sustainable allocation of regional housing needs.</p>	
<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES</b> <i>Permitting</i> <i>Licensing</i>	<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<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>	

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

*Financing*

*CDBG/HOME*

*Federal Funding*

*Legal Protections*

*Elderly Housing*

*Non-Profits*

*Fair Market Rents*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Support** 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.
- Support** legislation that provides funding or density incentives for moderate income affordable housing (80% - 120% of area median income).
- Support** legislation that provides additional funding for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.
- Support** 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.
- Support** legislation that establishes a permanent source of funding for affordable housing.
- Support** 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.
- Support** federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for community development, affordable housing, neighborhood improvement, and economic development needs.
- Support** federal funding for the HOME Investment Program that creates and preserves affordable housing for low-income families and individuals.
- Support** funding that creates and preserves affordable housing for military veterans.
- Support** the preservation of the HUD Section 8 Program funding.
- Support** 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.
- Support** 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.
- Oppose** any legislation to reduce financing for the Section 8 Program, including block grants.
- Support** legislation that provides new incremental units of Section 8 voucher assistance nationwide, particularly in higher cost areas, and adequate voucher renewal funding.
- Support** and encourage legislation that establishes additional legal protections to local agencies that approve affordable housing and that establish local pro-active affordable housing policies.

TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS		
<p>TRANSPORTATION</p> <p><i>Funding</i></p> <p><i>Alternative Transportation</i></p> <p><i>Unmet Infrastructure</i></p> <p><i>Gas Tax</i></p> <p><i>Bicycle/Pedestrians</i></p> <p><i>Commuter Rail/On-TRAC</i></p> <p><i>Measure A</i></p>	<p>Staff Liaison Departments</p> <p><b>PUBLIC WORKS / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	<p><b>Scope:</b> review state and federal legislation relating to transportation funding, construction, public works, telecommunications, and related areas.</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>Oppose</b> temporary or permanent reduction in Gas Tax Revenue (i.e. Gas Tax Holiday).</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>Support</b> Caltrans funding, policies, and project proposals to replace the Castillo Interchange in order to stop the reoccurring, dangerous water seepage onto the sidewalk and roadway</p>
<p>TELECOMMUNICATIONS</p> <p><i>Infrastructure</i></p> <p><i>Right-of-Way</i></p>	<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 public property and the public right-of-way and receive compensation for its use.</p>

TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS		
<p>VEHICLES</p> <p><i>Road Damage</i></p> <p><i>Local Control</i></p> <p><i>Safety</i></p>	<p>Staff Liaison Departments</p> <p>PUBLIC WORKS / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Scope: review state and federal legislation relating to transportation funding, construction, public works, telecommunications, and related areas.</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>PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS</p> <p><i>Flexibility</i></p> <p><i>Partnerships</i></p> <p><i>Innovations</i></p> <p><i>Lower Mission Creek</i></p> <p><i>Lower Sycamore Creek</i></p>	<p>PUBLIC WORKS</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> <p><b>Support</b> federal appropriations of funding to conduct planning studies to address flooding issues in the Lower Eastside of Santa Barbara.</p>
<p>CITY COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p><i>Television</i></p>	<p>CITY ADMINISTRATOR</p>	<p><b>Support</b> legislation that enhances revenue options and flexibility for PEG (Public, Education, Government) Channel TV operations.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that requires PEG Channels to be carried in HD (Hi-Definition) on cable systems</p>

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<p><b>FUNDING</b></p> <p><i>Airport Improvement Program (AIP)</i></p> <p><i>Passenger Facility Charges (PFC)</i></p> <p><i>Security</i></p> <p><i>Bankruptcy</i></p> <p><i>Bonds</i></p> <p><i>Alternative Minimum Tax</i></p> <p><i>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)</i></p>	<p><b>AIRPORT</b></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 9.34% 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> 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>Support</b> efforts to secure additional federal supplemental funding for airport development projects.</p> <p><b>Support</b> Federal efforts to direct aviation fuel tax revenue to state airports</p>
<p><b>SAFETY AND SECURITY</b></p> <p><i>Streamlining</i></p> <p><i>Cargo Screening</i></p> <p><i>Staffing</i></p> <p><i>Ground Transportation</i></p>	<p><b>AIRPORT</b></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> <i>Airport Noise</i> <i>Greenhouse Gases</i> <i>Environmental Review</i> <i>Sustainable Aircraft Fuels</i>	<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.</p> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to reduce pollution, including potential greenhouse gas emissions, resulting from aircraft operations and airport ground service equipment that preserve Federal funding opportunities.</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> <p><b>Support</b> efforts to provide federal and state legislation and funding to support airport survey, testing and remediation of PFAS on airport property or adjacent wells or land surrounding the airport.</p> <p><b>Support</b> FAA efforts to identify alternative aircraft firefighting foam for use at airports which has been identified as the primary source of airport contamination.</p> <p><b>Support</b> Necessary litigation efforts to recover Airport expense of responding and mitigating PFAS issues in compliance with state and/or federal requirements.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation for the development and use of sustainable aircraft fuels</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> <i>Land Use</i> <i>Coordination</i>	<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.
PUBLIC ACCESS	WATERFRONT	<b>Support</b> continued public access to marinas, state tidelands, waterfront facilities, and marine resources.
ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS	WATERFRONT	<p><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.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation that contributes to a blue economy or a sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs while preserving the health of ocean ecosystem.</p>
FEDERAL REGULATION	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.
LOCAL CONTROL <i>Revenues</i> <i>Use</i> <i>Preservation</i> <i>Environment</i> <i>Sanctuaries</i> <i>Local Control</i> <i>Cruise Ships</i> <i>Air Quality</i>	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>
FISHERIES <i>Fishing</i> <i>Ecological Health</i> <i>Planning</i>	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> efforts to develop needed fishery infrastructure for commercial fishermen.</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> <p><i>Local Authority</i></p> <p><i>Disposition of Crafts</i></p> <p><i>Non-Native Marine Species</i></p> <p><i>Waste</i></p> <p><i>Seabirds</i></p> <p><i>Water Pollution</i></p> <p><i>Fuel Tank</i></p> <p><i>Oil Spills</i></p> <p><i>Recycling</i></p> <p><i>Boat Paint</i></p> <p><i>Sea Level Rise</i></p>	<p><b>WATERFRONT / SUSTAINABILITY &amp; RESILIENCE</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b> enhanced local authority over recovery and 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> legislation that funds sea level rise adaptation-related mitigation projects.</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>Support</b> legislation and efforts to simplify permitting and other requirements associated with sediment management, beach nourishment, and beach berm and dune construction.</p> <p><b>Support</b> legislation and efforts to retain and expand beaches.</p>
<p><b>DREDGING</b></p> <p><i>Funding</i></p> <p><i>Material</i></p> <p><i>Corps of Engineers</i></p> <p><i>Federal Initiatives</i></p> <p><i>Obligation</i></p>	<p><b>WATERFRONT</b></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><b>WATERFRONT</b></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><b>WATERFRONT</b></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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<b>FACILITIES</b> <i>Funding</i> <i>Abandoned Watercraft</i> <i>Utilities</i> <i>Boat Launching</i> <i>Repair and Maintain Harbor Facilities</i>	<b>WATERFRONT</b>	<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 Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) 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>
<b>BOATING SAFETY</b> <i>Education</i> <i>Enforcement</i>	<b>WATERFRONT</b>	<p><b>Support</b> boating safety, including education and enforcement or regulation of boating practices, vessel types and equipment.</p> <p><b>Support</b> boating safety and enforcement efforts through funding of equipment, training and other resources utilized by Harbor Patrol Officers.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>WATERFRONT</b>	<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>

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<b>PARKS FUNDING</b> <i>Programs</i> <i>Community Park Land</i> <i>Partnerships</i> <i>Coastal Access</i>	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> <p><b>Support</b> legislation regarding funding to serve underserved neighborhoods and vulnerable populations.</p>
<b>STATE NATURAL AREA AND PARK BOND FUNDS</b> <i>Eligibility</i> <i>Distribution</i>	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> <p><b>Support</b> the prohibition of on-shore and offshore hydraulic fracturing and other high-intensity petroleum operations.</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> <p><i>Job Training</i></p> <p><i>Prenatal Care</i></p> <p><i>Youth Programs</i></p> <p><i>Foster Care</i></p> <p><i>Federal Grants</i></p> <p><i>After School Programs</i></p> <p><i>Equal Access</i></p> <p><i>Parks and Recreation Facilities</i></p> <p><i>Educational Programs</i></p> <p><i>Library Funding</i></p> <p><i>Health Care</i></p>	<p><b>PARKS AND RECREATION / POLICE/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ LIBRARY</b></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> 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>

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<b>SENIORS</b> <i>Programs</i> <i>Care Facilities</i> <i>Wellness</i>	<b>PARKS AND RECREATION</b> <b>/ LIBRARY</b>	<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 that will help the library strengthen and expand its services to older adults.</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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<p>PUBLIC HEALTH <i>Mental Health</i></p>	<p>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / FIRE / PARKS AND RECREATION</p>	<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.  <b>Support</b> legislation authorizing the study of synthetic turf surfaces for potential adverse health impacts.  <b>Support</b> legislation to expand and to fully fund community-based outpatient treatment to individuals pursuant to Laura’s Law.  <b>Support</b> the concept of universal health care for all Californians.  <b>Support</b> legislation that protects women’s reproductive rights.  <b>Support</b> legislation to address the needs of youth mental health.  <b>Support</b> legislation that promotes mental health outcomes.</p>
<p>PUBLIC LIBRARIES <i>Funding Computers State Public Library Fund Privacy Rights Ebooks Copyright Net Neutrality Broadband Workforce Innovation Infrastructure Upgrades</i></p>	<p>LIBRARY</p>	<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.  <b>Support</b> funding preparing students for the job market with coding and STEM programs; accelerating business development with services provided by skilled business and technology outreach librarians.  <b>Oppose</b> elimination or further reduction of the State Public Library Fund or other sources of library funding.  <b>Support</b> the FCC E-rate modernization orders, which ensure that libraries and schools have access to high-speed broadband connectivity, increase the E-rate fund by \$1.5 billion.  <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.  <b>Support</b> the protection of the public domain.  <b>Oppose</b> any revision of Section 108 that would erode existing exceptions and foundational principles  <b>Support</b> federal funding for telecommunications equipment and services in public libraries to provide equal access to information for all residents; oppose requirements on use of federal funds for Internet access services for adults that mandate installation of filtering software.  <b>Oppose</b> elimination of the California Library Literacy Services Program.  <b>Support</b> legislation to address decades of underinvestment by providing funds to repair and construct modern library facilities in underserved communities.  <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.  <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.  <b>Support</b> strong, enforceable net neutrality rules such as those adopted by the FCC in 2015 which banned blocking, throttling, or degrading of any lawful internet content and support efforts to protect net neutrality in federal court and state-level efforts to preserve net neutrality protections for consumers and institutions like libraries.</p>

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<p><b>PUBLIC LIBRARIES</b></p> <p><i>Funding</i></p> <p><i>Computers</i></p> <p><i>State Public</i></p> <p><i>Library Fund</i></p> <p><i>Privacy Rights</i></p> <p><i>Ebooks</i></p> <p><i>Copyright</i></p> <p><i>Net Neutrality</i></p> <p><i>Broadband</i></p> <p><i>Workforce Innovation</i></p> <p><i>Infrastructure Upgrades</i></p>	<p><b>LIBRARY</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b> maintaining ongoing funding to support the diverse informational needs of people in rural and underserved populations who cannot get to a physical library through Zip Books</p> <p><b>Support</b> broadband equity for unserved and underserved communities.</p> <p><b>Support</b> the freedom to read and access to material with diverse points of view.</p> <p><b>Support</b> Accessible building, including upgrades to critical infrastructure and support in times of disaster such as wildfires and extreme heat.</p> <p><b>Support</b> early literacy, school readiness, adult literacy, career development, vocational support, and assistance to vulnerable populations.</p> <p><b>Support</b> mandating credentialed Teacher Librarians in all California Public Schools</p> <p><b>Support</b> for libraries to purchase eBooks and e-audiobooks at the same price as consumers.</p> <p><b>Support</b> ongoing funding for Lunch at the Library to provide literacy-rich programs to blunt the impact of the summer slide for children who receive 300,000+ free and nutritious lunches at hundreds of libraries across the state.</p>
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