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Subject: Summary of 2020 State Legislative Activities

Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. (TPA) has prepared this report for the City of San Leandro following the end of the 2020 State legislative session. This report summarizes our efforts to date including our legislative advocacy actions on behalf of the City.

Summary of 2020 State Legislative Highlights

Since the Legislature adjourned on August 31, TPA has been proactive in beginning conversations with the City's Legislative Liaisons and State Legislative Delegation and will continue to have robust discussions in the following weeks and months leading up to the 2021-22 legislative session. As such, TPA has assisted City staff in the preparation of a preliminary 2021 State Legislative platform for discussion and potential adoption (legislative platform document is attached separately). The platform includes the framework for both action on relevant legislative proposals, as well as monitoring and recommending actions on potential funding proposals.

The Legislature is currently in interim recess and will reconvene on January 4, to resume legislative activities. Legislators may begin introducing new pieces of legislation, many of which may be similar to bills that did not advance in 2020, the second year of the two-year legislative cycle.

In 2020, the Legislature sent 428 bills to the Governor's Desk this year. Of those, there were 137 Senate Bills and 291 Assembly Bills. Of that total, 372 bills were signed, and 56 bills were vetoed, indicating a 13% veto rate. This is a significantly smaller volume of bills than was brought to the Governor's Desk last year, which totaled 1,042 bills.

This past year, TPA worked with the Mayor and City Council, City Staff and Department Heads to develop and advocate for City initiatives through various means, including: writing position letters on priority legislative proposals, drafting language for legislative amendments, engaging in numerous meetings with Senate and Assembly offices, and working directly with committee consultants, senior

staff, and San Leandro's elected leaders in Sacramento. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and a vastly different legislative session, TPA and San Leandro were able to secure important funds, and help pass and halt legislation that have an impact on the City. Please note the following state legislative highlights:

COVID-19 Funding and Recovery

As the Covid-19 crisis unfolded, Townsend Public Affairs sent and continues to send regular updates on policy actions, legislation, and funding opportunities to support the City during this unprecedented time.

As Federal Stimulus dollars for Local Governments were being considered, TPA worked closely with City staff to draft, finalize, and distribute COVID specific funding request letters to San Leandro's Legislative Delegation, Budget and Policy Committee Staff, State Legislative Leadership, and the Governor's Administration.

- TPA followed up and received confirmation that our requests were appreciated and discussed within all the previously mentioned offices, including with the Pro Tem and Speaker's lead local government policy advisors.
- TPA also engaged in aggressive advocacy efforts to get local governments more funding from the State's allocation of Federal CARES Act dollars. When coronavirus relief dollars were allocated, *San Leandro received nearly \$1.1 million from the State for COVID-19-related expenses.*

Impacts of COVID and Interfacing with State Agencies

With the shelter in place in effect, the City was seeking support for its homeless population. Through the County, the City was able to secure hand washing stations and portable bathrooms. The ideal location to provide direct support to a portion of the City's homeless was on Caltrans right of way. The TPA and City team, working with Senator Skinner's office, the Governor's office, and Caltrans secured the necessary support and approval for the placement of the washing stations and portable bathrooms, thereby ensuring vulnerable populations received as much support as possible.

Local Revenue Streams

One significant policy topic that became a priority for San Leandro this year was Utility User Tax. TPA worked with City staff to draft a letter and advocate in support of **Senate Bill 1441 (McGuire)** which would help protect a City's existing utility user tax revenue by removing from state law the current sunset provision. This bill passed the through the Legislature and was signed by the Governor

Transportation and Mobility

One of TPA's priorities on behalf of the City of San Leandro was to identify, support, and advance legislative proposals encouraging transportation infrastructure and related transit funding streams.

- TPA worked closely with the City to identify priority projects and strategize how to work them into the provisions of major Legislative proposals.
- TPA was extremely active in advocating for San Leandro's transportation infrastructure needs to the Senate and Assembly Transportation Committee Chairs, Members, and Key Committee Consultants. Often times, our team met with Legislators and staff on a weekly basis.
- We also engaged with the sponsors a major piece of transportation infrastructure financing legislation and other key stakeholders, holding various meeting to highlight priority projects and how they would benefit the City and Bay Area Region as a whole.
- We emphasized projects such as railway grade separation projects at the Niles Subdivision crossings at Hesperian Boulevard, Halcyon Drive, and Washington Avenue, as well as the Interstate-880/Interstate-238 connection reconfiguration and Northbound 880 HOV lane extension.

- We advocated for a non-sales-tax proposal, and subsequent conversations were had about alternative financing methods amongst the author, staff, proponents of the bill, and other stakeholders.
- TPA partnered with the Mayor and City staff to draft support letters, attended all relevant committee hearings, and met with legislative offices to express San Leandro's positions and demonstrate the necessity for transportation funding bills.
- **Senate Bill 278 (Beall): A Bill Relating to FASTER Bay Area**
 - This was a bill that was set to be the vehicle for a major legacy project, resulting in \$100 billion in revenue for transformative transit projects and transit operation in the Bay Area over the next 40 years.
 - Due to the fiscal restraints of the Covid-19 pandemic, this bill did not come to full fruition this legislative session. However, our constant efforts, in conjunction with previously mentioned parties, resulted in Transportation Committee Members, Senior Transportation Committee Staff, and others being highly educated on San Leandro's priority projects and aware of the benefits they could provide if incorporated in future legislative proposals.

Tobacco Legislation

This year, there was a major push in the Capitol to ban the sale of flavored tobacco products in California. TPA advocated in support of this proposal on behalf of the City of San Leandro, meeting with Legislators and staff, attending and providing public testimony at committee hearings, and working with coalition groups to ensure passage.

- **Senate Bill 793 (Hill) Flavored tobacco products**
 - Prohibits a tobacco retailer, or any of the tobacco retailer's agents or employees, from selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell or offer for sale a flavored tobacco product or a tobacco product flavor enhancer. Exempt from this bill are premium cigars sold and consumed on the premises of a cigar lounge, and flavored shisha tobacco products sold by a hookah tobacco retailer.
 - This bill passed through the Legislature and was signed by the Governor.

Homelessness

Homelessness continued to be an issue of major importance at the local and state levels in 2020. This year, there was a push by Assemblymember David Chiu which aimed to create standards for homeless reduction statewide. TPA engaged the Assemblymember's office to get relevant information about the bill, how it might affect San Leandro, and communicated this intel with the City team.

- **AB 3269 (Chiu) State and local agencies: homelessness plan**
 - Would have established the Housing and Homelessness Inspector General position, require the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) to conduct a specified needs and gaps analysis, require local governments to develop actionable plans to address homelessness, and create a public right of action for the Inspector General to compel compliance with those new plans.
 - This bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee, but we anticipate a similar piece(s) of legislation coming back in 2021.

Affordable Housing

One of TPA's ongoing priorities for the City of San Leandro is to identify, support and advance where appropriate, legislative proposals fostering and encouraging affordable and workforce housing. As the cost of housing in the Bay Area and throughout the state continued to rise, San Leandro prioritized legislative efforts creating support for low-income residents and working families. There were multiple pieces of legislation this session that sought to encourage more affordable housing

production, build more housing for the homeless population, protect tenants, remove barriers to larger development, encourage ADUs, increase land availability, and finance production.

TPA was an active member of various efforts and coalitions to help craft legislation that would do help meet the above stated goals. TPA also kept the City Manager's office informed on the status and movement of the Senate Democrats' Housing Production package, they major set of bills which TPA was invited to work on by Senate Pro Team Atkins. However, a number of factors led to many housing bills failing on the last day of session, mostly due to time constraints. The bills included:

- **Senate Bill 902 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing development: density**
 - Would have allowed a local government to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density, at a height specified by the local government, if the parcel was located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site.
 - This bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

- **SB 995 (Atkins) Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011: housing projects**
 - Would have provided State funds for lead agencies/local governments to develop a Master EIR to facilitate more seamless, but locally controlled housing development in their respective jurisdictions.
 - This bill failed due to time constraints.

- **SB 1120 (Atkins)**
 - Was introduced to require a proposed housing development containing two residential units to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, in zones where allowable uses are limited to single-family residential development.
 - This bill failed due to time constraints.

- **SB 1085 (Skinner)**
 - Would have expanded the number of incentives available to housing developers to build moderate income units.
 - This bill failed due to time constraints.

- **SB 1385 (Caballero)**
 - Would have allowed a housing development on land zoned as office or retail commercial use so long as no commercial tenants occupied 50% of the property for at least 3 years.
 - This bill was held in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Impact Fees

With the understanding that impact fees and other development fees are an important source of funding for San Leandro, and that any legislative changes to adjust impact fee levels would directly affect the city's social services, TPA worked to communicate the local government perspective to key Legislators and staff in the Capitol. Specifically, we engaged with: The Pro Tem's office, The Speaker's office, Senate Governance and Finance Committee, Senate Housing Committee, Assembly Local Government Committee, and the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

We specifically framed the issue by shedding light on already existing economic difficulties as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. After a push from TPA and other local government lobby coalitions, all impact fee bills were held in the committee process. Some of the bills that were kept from advancing included:

- **Assembly Bill 1924 (Grayson) Housing development: fees**
 - Would require that a fee levied or imposed on a housing development project by a local agency be proportionate to the square footage of the proposed unit or units.
 - The bill was held in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

- **Assembly Bill 3145 (Grayson) Local government: housing development projects: fees and exactions cap**
 - Would prohibit a city or county from imposing a specified fee or exaction if the total dollar amount of the fees and exactions that a city or county would impose on a proposed housing development is greater than 12 percent of the city's or county's median home price unless approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development.
 - The bill was held in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

- **Assembly Bill 3148 (Chiu) Planning and zoning: density bonuses: affordable housing: fee reductions**
 - Would require cities and other local jurisdictions to reduce an impact fee or other charges imposed on the construction of a deed restricted affordable housing unit that is built pursuant to a density bonus, to a specified percentage of a market rate unit.
 - This bill was held in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

Support with Grant Writing

TPA has been working collaboratively with staff on re-applying for funding for the Memorial Park Renovation through the Proposition 68 Statewide Parks Program: Creating an All-inclusive Park for All Abilities.

TPA, in partnership with the City Manager's Office and the Office of Human Services, is working on revamping the application to make it more competitive, while also editing to meet new criteria for this round of funding. TPA maintains ongoing conversations with the City team in order to refine our efforts and secure funding this round.

Cannabis Regulations

2020 was once again a very active legislative year with regard to cannabis. TPA made sure the City was up to date with the latest information on legislation, news from the Governor's Administration, and aware of every regulatory proposal.

Specifically, keeping staff informed about conversations related to State Regulatory Agency consolidation and how that could affect the legal industry and local cannabis businesses, while mitigating the prevalence and harmful effects of the illicit market.

Other Items

TPA worked with the City Manager's office to secure a draft municipal resolution in support of California Proposition 15, The Schools and Communities First Initiative, which would have increased funding for public schools, community colleges, and local government services by changing tax assessments of commercial and industrial property.

Daily and Weekly Updates

In addition to the work mentioned above, TPA has and continues to provide the City with ongoing legislative updates on bills, relevant statewide policy topics, COVID-19, and other matters of interest to ensure the City has up to date information and is directly involved in the decision-making process.

These updates included specific bills we were working on for the City along with bills we suggested the City consider monitoring, and supporting or opposing.

TPA looks forward to continuing its efforts to ensure that the City is kept up to date on state legislation, matters relating to the State's Administration, COVID-19, and funding opportunities in updates that include our efforts on the City's behalf, status of priority legislation, and other time-sensitive matters.

City of San Leandro
2021 State Legislative Platform and Policy Guidance
Scheduled for City Council Review: December 14, 2020

The City of San Leandro's legislative agenda for 2021 is designed to reflect the adopted priorities and policy direction of the Mayor and City Council with direct input from the City Administration. This strategic agenda includes advocating for legislation, regulations, and funding that is consistent with the City's adopted priorities. It is informed by the City Council's 2020 adopted legislative platform and has been updated for 2021 to reflect new or emerging policy issues.

This agenda is designed to provide standing authority for the Mayor and members of the City Council, City staff, or the City's legislative advocates to take action on pending legislative matters on behalf of the City of San Leandro when time or other constraints preclude bringing such matters before the City Council in advance. Such actions could include issuing letters on behalf of the City, attending or scheduling meetings, or otherwise advocating for actions that are consistent with the policy language contained herein. This document is also designed to provide the public and the City's advocates a better understanding of the Mayor and City Council's policy preferences regarding a variety of legislative and intergovernmental issues that might arise during the course of the year.

This report is two sections:

1. City Specific State Legislative Priorities for Recommended Action, and
2. General Policy Priorities for Ongoing Monitoring or Advocacy

1. City Specific State Legislative Priorities for Recommended Action

Below is a list of specific legislative priorities for the City. Direct advocacy with the Governor, the Legislature, State agencies, and other organizations will be generally focused on these areas.

It is expected that that the Legislature will maintain its focus on recent policy priorities, including housing supply, climate change & environmental protection, investor owned utilities and fire protection, transportation, public health & safety, homelessness, and regulation of cannabis and hemp.

Transportation, Public Works, and Technology

- **Autonomous Vehicles.** Monitor legislation and regulations for the development and operation of autonomous vehicles and support efforts to develop a consistent statewide framework that supports innovation and protects public safety.
- **Bus Rapid Transit.** Continue to work with AC Transit to identify ways to support the successful operations of the Bus Rapid Transit project. Support related efforts that would enhance the project corridor or otherwise address community concerns.
- **Closing the Digital Divide.** Support efforts to address the digital divide, including efforts to better support the public engaged in remote work or otherwise impacted by physical workspace closures necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **East 14th Street Pavement Conditions.** Advocate for administrative or legislative solutions that would lead to further repaving or improvement to the condition of East 14th Street throughout the entirety of San Leandro, as soon as possible. The East 14th street right-of-way is a state highway and maintenance is currently the responsibility of the California Department of Transportation.
- **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure.** Support efforts and funding programs that provide greater flexibility and opportunities to enhance and build out electric vehicle infrastructure. Support efforts and funding programs for affordable ownership or leasing of electric vehicles.
- **Extended Producer Responsibility and Zero Waste Programs.** Support efforts to enhance and fund programs that advocate zero-waste practices, recycling and/or Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) among product manufacturers, retailers and grocery stores for products that can be recycled, including pharmaceuticals, to ensure safe and proper disposal.

- **Illegal Dumping & Graffiti Abatement.** Support legislative efforts that provide for greater penalties or consumer based incentives to reduce the amount of illegal dumping, waste disposal, and graffiti.
- **Public Utilities, Public Safety Power Shut-offs, Wildfire Liability and Vegetation Management.** Monitor legislation regarding wildfire liability. Following some of the most destructive wildfires in California history, the State is expected to implement new plans to improve disaster preparedness. Support funding to off-set local costs or other mitigation efforts associated with public safety power shut-offs. Monitor proposals that would transition investor-owned utilities into customer-owned/publicly governed utilities.
- **Railroad Safety.** Support funding opportunities and advocate for projects that will increase public safety in proximity to railroad tracks and rail crossings.
- **Reclaimed/Recycled Water Projects.** Support legislation that advances the use of recycled or reclaimed water while meeting the needs of local agencies, especially during times of drought. Related efforts could include support for permitting, construction, or maintenance of recycled water pipelines or water storage and distribution systems. Oppose legislation or regulations that would hinder these efforts.
- **Recycling Programs.** Support legislation to extend incentives for both household and commercial recycling efforts. Oppose legislation that hampers recycling efforts or reduces incentives to recycle.
- **SB1 Transportation Funding.** Support projects and programs that would lead to local transportation improvements using funds derived from the statewide gas tax that was implemented via Senate Bill 1 (2017).
- **Small Cell Towers.** Oppose legislation or regulatory efforts that seek to restrict local control over the permitting of small cell wireless equipment, or that would otherwise restrict the rates local governments may charge for placement of equipment on publicly-owned property, such as streetlights and traffic signal poles.
- **Smart City Technologies.** Support efforts that provide funding or technical assistance for cities that are implementing smart city technologies designed to improve public safety, quality of life, public access to data, or government efficiency.
- **Traffic Signal Synchronization.** Support legislation or regulatory efforts to address greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by providing funding for traffic signal synchronization and related actions that reduce traffic and pollution.
- **Undergrounding of Utilities/Rule 20A.** Support the approval and funding of projects that would lead to the undergrounding of utility lines and support the exploration of related regional approaches. The Public Utilities Commission oversees Rule 20A, a program that establishes an electric tariff for related work. Support common sense reforms to this program that would streamline or otherwise help to facilitate undergrounding projects.
- **Use of State Highways.** Support efforts that would facilitate the use of overweight trucks to transport goods from local San Leandro businesses to and from the Port of Oakland on routes that utilize state highways.
- **Vehicle Miles Traveled Legislation.** Monitor new legislation or regulatory efforts with a greater focus on Road Usage Charges (RUC), including the State's RUC pilot program to study the potential for RUC as an alternative to the gas tax.
- **Water Quality Measures/Trash Capture Devices.** Support legislation, regulations, and budget proposals that will provide support and resources to purchase and install trash capture devices or other efforts to address storm water runoff and/or protect water quality.

Housing, Land Use & Environmental Protection

- **Affordable Housing.** Support efforts to facilitate the development and construction of affordable housing. Monitor any proposed legislation, regulations, or statewide guidelines to ensure they meet the needs of the City of San Leandro and the region. Oppose efforts that would significantly restrict local control over zoning authority to establish local density, height, or location standards in regard to housing projects.
- **Broadband Infrastructure.** Support legislation or funding opportunities that would expand public and private access to broadband, including the development of related infrastructure.
- **Cannabis Regulations.** Support San Leandro’s adopted regulatory programs. Support administrative actions or legislation that supports the cannabis industry while at the same time providing cities with the flexibility and tools to maintain local oversight, protect public safety, and deter unpermitted cultivation or unlicensed cannabis-related activities. Support a reduction or suspension in certain statewide taxes on the cannabis industry.
- **Cellular/Wireless Infrastructure.** Monitor efforts to change or restrict the ability of local governments to regulate cellular infrastructure. Support efforts that speed the delivery of 5G networks, while opposing legislation that unduly restricts the ability of local governments to regulate aesthetics, community standards, and negotiated revenue collection.
- **CEQA Reform.** Support legislation that makes common sense reforms to the California Environmental Quality Act, including the reduction in time delays or excessive litigation, while ensuring pertinent environmental protections remain in place. Support efforts that would allow local agencies to set criteria for traffic impact levels-of-service based upon locally adopted General Plans and/or other local requirements.
- **Climate Adaptation and Resilience.** Support efforts to adapt to sea-level rise, including vulnerability assessment and adaptation strategies, wetlands restoration, bioswales and other green infrastructure, levee construction, or other similar structural resilience measures. Support efforts to address extreme heat, wildfire and drought, including communication or provisions to community partners, and education. Support prioritization of frontline communities in planning and implementation of adaptation strategies, and efforts towards a just transition.
- **Climate Change Mitigation.** Support action on climate change and greenhouse gas emissions to assist in meeting adopted State, regional or local goals to address the ongoing climate emergency, including via an equity lens. Support legislation to remove regulatory barriers and provide financial support for electrification of buildings and natural gas or other infrastructure that reduces emissions. Support policies and legislation that tie job centers, transit, and affordable housing together to reduce commute times and potential displacement of frontline communities.
- **Community Choice Aggregation and Clean/Renewable Energy.** Support efforts to secure funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including, but not limited to clean energy, energy efficiency improvements, and electric vehicle infrastructure. Support the success of the East Bay Community Energy Authority, including efforts to create public/private partnerships, incentives, and investment in clean energy and battery storage.
- **Continued State Protections for Residents and Businesses:** Advocate for continued protections and support for residents and businesses, including an extension of the Tenant, Homeowner, and Small Landlord Relief and Stabilization Act of 2020 and state eviction moratorium, support for continued funding and implementation of the California Rebuilding Fund, Small Business Disaster Relief Loan Guarantee Program, the Small Business Loan Guarantee Program via the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (“iBank”) to provide loans to underserved small businesses, and continued tax relief programs.
- **COVID-19 Rental and Ownership Protections.** Support legislative efforts to protect tenants and small property owners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- **Creek Walk, East Bay Greenway, and other Bicycle/pedestrian projects.** Support legislation, regulations, and budget proposals that would provide funding opportunities or other support for

the development of greenway projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects, and other modes of active transportation.

- **Dredging.** Support efforts to identify funding for the dredging of recreational marinas.
- **Earthquake Preparedness.** Support increased funding for “brace and bolt” and seismic retrofit projects in private residences and commercial structures. Support efforts that would expand access to earthquake insurance.
- **Greenhouse Reduction Fund.** Support the active implementation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions disclosures and the cap-and-trade program to fund programs for energy and waste reduction, renewable energy, and battery storage.
- **Just Transition and Jobs.** Support efforts and legislation around transitioning fossil fuel-dependent industries to renewable energy and the regenerative economy. Related efforts could include supporting workers in declining sectors and working with relevant partners to invest in High-Road workforce development programs and infrastructure, which aim to create economically resilient communities by focusing first and foremost on equity and high-paying quality jobs.
- **Local Control of Land Use Decisions.** Oppose legislation that excessively pre-empts local control of land use determinations, while balancing statewide and regional housing goals.
- **Massage Parlors.** Support the effective implementation of statewide regulations governing massage parlors, as well as other related efforts that will ensure the protection of public health, safety, and welfare. Support the retention of existing local regulatory authority.
- **Mobile Home Parks.** Support efforts that would protect mobile home park residents, including related efforts to address public safety and site conditions, and addressing or preventing displacement.
- **Parks, Water, and Flood Control Funding.** Support local or regional projects funded by the \$4 billion bond that was authorized by voters as part of the June 2018 statewide ballot, including the City’s application for funding to renovate Memorial Park or other sites that may be identified. Ensure related guidelines meet the needs of the City of San Leandro and the region.
- **Shoreline Development.** Support efforts or funding opportunities that would assist in the successful redevelopment of San Leandro’s shoreline area.
- **Sharing Economy.** Support legislation that enhances the ability of local governments to fairly regulate sharing economy services such as ride share and short-term rentals to protect public safety, ensure tax & fee collection, and adequate supply of rental housing stock.
- **Urban Trees.** Support efforts and funding opportunities that would support ongoing maintenance of urban trees.

Law Enforcement & Public Safety

- **Assembly Bill 1506 Implementation.** Support the successful implementation of AB 1506 (2020, McCarty). Within its provisions, this law will lead to the creation of a division within the California Department of Justice that has the ability to, upon the request of a law enforcement agency, review the use-of-force policy of the agency and/or make related recommendations.
- **Body Cameras.** Support legislation addressing best practices for the use of police body-worn cameras, while balancing the needs of the public and law enforcement personnel.
- **Disaster Prevention and Recovery.** Seek additional funding and expand the definition of programs eligible for grant funding for disaster recovery and prevention.
- **Drones.** As the use, and need for drones expands, so does the discussion on local control and privacy. Monitor any new legislation and support efforts to ensure local needs are adequately addressed.

- **First Amendment and Protest Policing.** Support efforts to provide training and support for law enforcement agencies so that they may effectively protect public safety during protests and/or free speech events.
- **Human Trafficking.** Support statewide efforts to address the issue of human trafficking and provide support for local law enforcement efforts to do the same.
- **Policing Reform.** Support policing reform legislation that ensures uniform statewide standards to increase officer accountability, improve transparency, and eliminate discriminatory practices when identified. Support programs and efforts designed to build community trust. Support federal programs that fund or provide training on de-escalation tactics, use-of-force alternatives, crisis intervention, and other innovative strategies that serve to protect all members of the public, including individuals suffering from mental health issues or crises.

Health & Human Services

- **Early Childhood Education.** Monitor any administrative actions or legislation regarding early childhood education. It is anticipated that the Governor will seek to increase funding for services like prenatal care, pre-kindergarten, and home visits.
- **Health Care.** Monitor any administrative actions or legislation regarding single-payer health care. California has done significant work expanding Medi-Cal access and implementing the Affordable Care Act. Support legislation that seeks to restrain costs.
- **Homelessness.** Support administrative actions or legislation that seeks to provide cities and counties with direct funding or other support needed in response to conditions that contribute to homelessness. Funding is needed to provide additional tools and support to maintain access to support services, treatment, housing, jobs, or efforts to address encampments.
- **Improved Access to Health Care.** Support efforts to protect or expand health care coverage to all populations.
- **Indigenous Peoples.** Support legislation or other administrative actions that assist or otherwise recognize indigenous peoples, history, culture, and land in California. Support the recognition of Indigenous People's day in San Leandro.
- **Lead Paint.** Support any administrative actions or legislation that seek to regulate paint manufacturers for knowingly selling products that present significant hazards to human health. The City supported legislation introduced in 2018 to address such issues, including hazard abatement and settlements.
- **LGBTQ Protection.** Support efforts that would promote protections for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning community. Support legislation that would further regulate or expand restrictions on conversion therapy, consistent with prior City Council policy direction. Oppose legislation that would prevent transgender people from using bathrooms based solely on the basis of sex or gender assigned at birth.
- **Mental Health.** Support efforts to address mental health and emotional well-being of individuals and at-risk populations. Support legislation that strengthens mental health services designed to address and/or prevent homelessness in at-risk populations.
- **Racial Equity.** Support efforts and legislation that seeks to address racial injustice or inequities as may be identified by the State Legislature.

- **San Leandro Hospital.** Support the successful operation and financial sustainability of San Leandro Hospital.
- **Safety Net Services and Support for Seniors.** Support efforts that would expand safety net services for those most in need, including low-income residents and senior populations.
- **Tobacco Control.** Support statewide efforts to reduce tobacco usage, including implementation of the statewide flavor ban that was adopted as part of Senate Bill 793 (2020). Oppose efforts to overturn this legislation via a statewide referendum.

Public Finance & Administration

- **Cap & Trade Funding.** Support projects, programs, and/or other regulations that would facilitate the successful disbursement of funding from the State's Cap-and-Trade program for City programs and efforts.
- **Financial Reporting Requirements.** Support common sense reforms to statewide financial reporting requirements to maintain public trust and availability of data while eliminating redundancy and unnecessary burdens on local governments.
- **Local Elections.** Monitor election reform initiatives and oppose efforts that could expose the City to litigation or impose new costs for elections. Monitor efforts that could impact San Leandro's current system of 'from District' elections. Oppose efforts that seek to restrict local control over the City's election system.
- **Local Sales Tax/Online Sales.** Closely monitor any proposed Constitutional amendments that would change the distribution of revenues derived under a sales tax imposed pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law
- **Pension Sustainability.** Support legislative or regulatory efforts that would ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the California Public Employees Retirement System while balancing prior commitments that have been made to public employees.
- **Public Records.** Support the intent of the California Public Records Act, including efforts to assist the public in accessing government records. Oppose efforts that create unnecessary or unreasonable administrative burdens as well as new unfunded mandates for local agencies.
- **Revenue Protection.** Oppose attempts to decrease, restrict, or eliminate City revenue sources, or to restrict local authority over the use of City funds. Support efforts to improve the stability or sustainability of local revenues.
- **Stimulus Payments to Local Governments:** Continue to support and advocate for additional rounds of coronavirus relief funding for local governments to address the number of city-wide functions and services impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Utility User Taxes.** Support legislation or regulations that would provide cities with the flexibility and authority to collect or increase Utility User Taxes (UUTs). Oppose any proposals that seek to limit or restrict the City's use of UUTs.
- **Workers' Compensation & Disability Retirement Reform.** Support efforts to reform the state workers' compensation program and similar efforts regarding disability payments to control costs and to reduce potential abuse, while balancing important worker protections.
- **Proposition 13 Reform.** Monitor efforts to reform Proposition 13, including the protection of local revenues and ensuring that property tax revenues keep pace with the inflation in costs to provide basic public services. Support efforts to create a "split-roll" taxation system that would allow commercial properties to be taxed at current market rates.

2. Policy Priorities for Ongoing Monitoring or Advocacy

Monitor legislative activity and/or or advocate on behalf of the City of San Leandro's interests in the following broad policy areas:

- Public Safety
 - This includes policy topics such as disaster preparedness, wildfire efforts, proposals to provide local law enforcement with additional support, school resource officers or joint use efforts with school districts, prevention and intervention funding for at-risk youth, 911 call centers, public safety answering points (PSAPs), POST mandates, AB 109 realignment implementation, stolen vehicles, mental illness counseling services, juvenile justice programs, technology enhancements and support, crisis intervention and suicide prevention, new training opportunities, or other related programs.
- Transportation
 - This includes policy topics such as goods movement, safe routes to school funding, local road repair, regional transportation funds, street signs, curb paintings, and other efforts to support regional transportation programs.
- Economic Development
 - This includes policy topics such as redevelopment dissolution, measures providing for new tax increment financing opportunities, infrastructure financing districts, efforts to encourage local job creation, new business investment, and other related topics.
- Infrastructure
 - This includes policy topics such as funding for roads, sewers, storm drains, and other public works, engineering, or maintenance responsibilities.
- Health & Human Services
 - This includes general policy topics related to health and human services matters affecting the residents of San Leandro and could include safety net services, homelessness and hunger, childcare, and community health facilities, among others.
- Housing and Land Use
 - This includes policy topics such as creating new sources of funds for affordable housing, encouraging housing development for a range of income levels, and efforts to protect local authority or oppose unfunded mandates, and other similar topics.
- Quality of Life
 - This includes policy topics such as the development of funding sources for parks, urban waterways, multi-lingual outreach, kindergarten readiness programs, project literacy, veterans, homework/technology centers, library capital improvement needs, after school sports, park/playground equipment, and other quality of life programs.
- Constitutional Modifications
 - This includes policy topics such as measures that would impact local governments, such as lowering the voter threshold to 55% for various bond issuances and local taxes.
- Protecting Local Control

- The City of San Leandro values its ability and authority to exercise local control, provide excellent public services, and protect and enhance the quality of life for San Leandro residents, businesses, and visitors, and supports efforts to streamline regulations that simplify the job of running the City's operations and opposes efforts that erode the City's authority to control its own affairs.
 - This also includes policy topics such as measures or budget actions which could potentially impact the operations of, or services provided by, the City of San Leandro.
- Technology
 - This includes policy topics such as efforts to expand access to fiber optic/broadband infrastructure for community residents, businesses, or schools, energy efficiency projects like LED streetlights and residential/commercial retrofits, as well as efforts to support technological innovation in San Leandro and the region.
- Climate Protection and Resilience
 - This includes topics such as climate change, clean energy efforts, waste reduction, water recycling and re-use, building electrification, resilience to heat, wildfire, and storm events, and renewable energy development.

Process for Reporting

In addition to regular progress reports, annual reports on these and other efforts to support the City's legislative agenda will be provided to the City Council and City staff.