

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sarah Zárate

**SUBJECT: 2022 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
AND TOP LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES**

DATE: November 15, 2021

Approved



Date

11/17/2021

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the 2022 Legislative Program and the top legislative priorities for 2022.

OUTCOME

The 2022 Legislative Program and the top legislative priorities will guide the advocacy work in the State and Federal 2021-2022 legislative session.

BACKGROUND

The California Legislature and the United States Congress convene in two-year legislative sessions. The year 2022 will be the second year in the 2021-2022 legislative session for both the California Legislature and United States Congress. The Legislative Program and the top legislative priorities direct the City's work around legislation and regulation throughout the year. The Administration is bringing forward an update prior to the beginning of the next legislative session to reflect current policy windows and Council direction received throughout 2021.

ANALYSIS

The Administration recognizes that policy windows in Sacramento and Washington D.C. often open quickly and unexpectedly. The 2022 Legislative Program contains general policy direction that will allow the Administration to take advantage of policy windows and advance the Council's legislative and regulatory agenda. On November 17, 2020¹, Council approved the Administration's proposal to focus the City's Intergovernmental Relations work on COVID-19 pandemic response and mitigation and to deemphasize proactive policy work in other policy areas. The Administration anticipates that the pandemic response, mitigation, and recovery will

¹ City Council meeting held on November 17, 2020, [item 3.5](#).

remain a primary focus in 2022. As the City's recovery efforts stabilize, there will be opportunity and bandwidth to again prioritize additional work in housing, homelessness, and infrastructure.

2022 Legislative Program

The City's Legislative Program contains interdepartmental or department-specific policy positions. An example of this is seen in the interdepartmental policy position to support family friendly policies. Within the Legislative Program the item is listed as:

CMO-Office of Employee Relations / Library / Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services	Family Friendly Policy: Support legislative efforts that prioritize children and families. Support efforts that would improve the workplace for parents and families - such as improved access to quality childcare, private lactation accommodations, and parental leave. Improve access and reduce barriers to quality childcare and support efforts to increase funding for a continuum of childcare options.
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Under the current internal process for taking positions on legislation, the Administration has authority to take policy positions that align with the Council-adopted Legislative Program. Throughout the year, the Council can amend or add Legislative Program items by bringing a memo to the Rules and Open Government Committee for referral to the full Council.

The proposed 2022 Legislative Program is included in Attachment A, and has text highlighted to indicate new policies in the program. Changes to the Legislative Program were informed through a robust engagement process with the City's department staff, the City's state and federal advocates, as well as a review of Council direction from 2021 and the current policy landscape.

2022 Top Legislative and Regulatory Priorities

Each year, the Administration identifies top legislative and regulatory priorities for the Intergovernmental Relations work plan that align with policy positions in the Legislative Program. The priorities represent high complexity policy work where substantial resources, staffing, and strategic support are anticipated to advocate for critical City needs. The Citywide top legislative and regulatory priorities are listed below:

- **COVID-19 Response, Mitigation and Recovery (Federal and State):** Advocate for resources and policies to protect the health, safety, and economic viability of residents and businesses in San José, including testing and vaccinations, services to the unhoused,

isolation support, re-employment workforce development, small business recovery, food necessities distribution, digital equity, and child care support for the City's most vulnerable populations.

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Access, Outreach, and Prioritization (Federal and State):** Advocate for resources and policies that ensure equitable vaccine access, distribution, and outreach that prioritizes the communities that have been most economically and socially marginalized.
- **Homelessness Funding (Federal and State):** Pursue additional funding to comprehensively address the homelessness crisis, including for permanent supportive housing, interim and emergency housing, encampment management, and supportive services to meet the basic needs of our unhoused residents.
- **Funding to Advance Smart, Sustainable, and Reliable Infrastructure:** Pursue and advocate for additional funding that advances the City's ability to build infrastructure that addresses climate imperatives while helping bring much of the City's infrastructure into the 21st century.

CONCLUSION

The Administration is bringing forward the 2022 Legislative Program for Council adoption. The Administration will continue to actively engage legislators in support of the Legislative Program and the City's top legislative and regulatory priorities in 2022.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Every year policy windows open with new opportunities for engagement. As these opportunities occur, the Administration will bring to Council any legislative or regulatory items that are not covered in the 2022 Legislative Program. The Administration will also provide regular updates to Council on actions taken on legislation.

CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE

The recommendation in this memo aligns with one or more Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This memorandum will be posted on the City's Council Agenda website for the November 30, 2021 Council Meeting.

COORDINATION

The Administration coordinated this memo with the City's state and federal legislative advocates, the City Attorney's Office, the City Clerk's Office, the City Manager's Offices of Civic Innovation, Economic Development and Cultural Affairs, Emergency Management, Employee Relations, Racial Equity, the Departments of Airport, Community Energy, Environmental Services, Finance, Fire, Housing, Information Technology, Library, Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services, Public Works, Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement, Police, and Transportation.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

The recommended actions do not have a Commission recommendation.

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment.

/s/
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Administration, Policy, and
Intergovernmental Relations

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Attachment A: 2022 Legislative Program

City of San José
2022 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

New policy positions in green highlight

Revised language added to old positions in yellow highlight

Interdepartmental and Departmental Policy Positions

DEPARTMENT	POLICY POSITION
CMO-Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations	Local Control: Advocate for efforts that allow more decisions to be made at the local level.
CMO-Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations	Racial Equity: Support policies and investments that eliminate institutional and systemic racism so that power and resources are shifted to materially change conditions for Black, Indigenous, Latino/a/x , and People of Color.
CMO-Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations	To-Go Cocktails: Support efforts to extend the ability of restaurants and bars to offer to-go cocktails per the recommendation of the Greater Downtown Economic Recovery Task Force.
CMO-Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations	Cardrooms: Support legislation and regulations that allow the City to regulate and tax cardroom activities. Engage with the legislature and regulators on rules that clarify player-dealer rotation practices and preserve the ability of cardrooms to offer California games.

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CMO-Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations	Protect Reproductive Freedom: Support legislation at all levels that protect and promote reproductive freedom including, but not limited to, right and access to abortion and reproductive care without interference.
CMO-Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance: Advocate for additional state and federal funding to provide local businesses with the tools to protect themselves against accessibility lawsuits, including resources for proactive accessibility compliance, grants to help small businesses upgrade their premises, and legal consultation.
CMO-Emergency Operations Center	COVID-19 Vaccine Access, Outreach, and Prioritization: Advocate for resources and policies that ensure that the San José communities that have been economically and socially marginalized receive equitable vaccination access, distribution, and outreach. Prioritization should include communities that have the highest rates of infections and death, lower vaccination rates; and individuals experiencing disadvantage because of their role in performing essential, in-person work.
CMO-Emergency Operations Center/ Housing / Environmental Services	COVID Response, Mitigation, and Recovery: Advocate for resources and policies to protect the health, safety, and economic viability of residents and businesses in San José, including testing and vaccinations, services to the unhoused, isolation support, re-employment workforce development, small business recovery, food necessities distribution, digital equity, and child care support for the City's most vulnerable populations. Advocate for resources that support the long-term management of COVID-19. Advocate for planning, outreach, response and recovery measures to support populations with access and functional needs. Support emergency temporary and interim housing solutions so that people can shelter-at-home to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19. Support residential and commercial eviction moratoriums related to COVID impacts. Support local government flexibility in regulations, program implementation, and processes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including ensuring local governments can continue to meet remotely during state emergency events that limit in person meetings.
CMO / Transportation / Housing	Voter Thresholds: Support efforts to reduce the approval of taxes and bonds for transportation and infrastructure funding measures, including those for affordable housing, to less than a two-thirds majority vote. Support efforts to increase the approval of general-purpose funding measures to a two-thirds majority vote.

DEPARTMENT	POLICY POSITION
CMO-Office of Emergency Management / Environmental Services / Fire / Transportation/ Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services	<p>Resiliency: Support efforts that make the city more resilient to climate change, natural disasters, and pandemics. Efforts include but are not limited to assessment of climate hazards and vulnerabilities, wildfire mitigation efforts such as infrastructure hardening, utility undergrounding, and vegetation management, and earthquake mitigation efforts on soft story seismic retrofits. Support efforts to integrate climate change resiliency into transportation planning to improve the sustainability and reliability of the City’s transportation infrastructure and operations, and support communities’ adaptation.</p>
CMO-Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations / Housing/ Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services / Police Department	<p>Homeless Population Mental Health Policies: Work to support legislation, funding, and policies that provide more resources for new or enhanced programs that serve to support the severely mentally ill, dually diagnosed and unhoused in Santa Clara County. Coordinate with the County on strategies to enhance staffing levels for outpatient and inpatient services, including partnerships with local universities to improve the pipeline of mental health professionals. Support the expansion of the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Services, Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program to provide a steady source of income and health insurance for people with mental illness who are experiencing homelessness. Advocate for funding for social services and programs that provide direct support to the community, including mobile mental health programs.</p>
CMO-Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations / Finance	<p>Funding: Protect and increase funding to deliver City services or build infrastructure for the benefit of the San José community, particularly in lower-income areas, to ensure fair housing choices throughout the City. This could include parks-related infrastructure targeted to climate adaptation including preservation, protection, and enhancement of the urban tree canopy to reduce heat island effects, especially in lower-income areas and areas of historical disinvestment as highlighted through racial equity analyses.</p>
CMO-Office of Emergency Management / Community Energy / Public Works	<p>Public Safety Power Shutoffs: Through legislation and regulation, advocate for adequate resources/equipment, and timely and appropriate information and notification that will allow the City to respond to and mitigate Public Safety Power Shutoff events. Explore potential legislation or regulations to require greater public oversight of Public Safety Power Shutoff events.</p>
CMO-Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations / Police / Fire	<p>Illegal Fireworks: Collaborate with county, state, and federal partners to explore legislation that bans the use of fireworks statewide and increases the prosecution of violators. Seek potential state and federal funding sources that will enable the City to further invest in enforcement mechanisms and programs to deter the use of fireworks.</p>

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CMO-Office of Employee Relations / Library / Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services	Family Friendly Policy: Support legislative efforts that prioritize children and families. Support efforts that would improve the workplace for parents and families - such as improved access to quality childcare, private lactation accommodations, and parental leave. Improve access and reduce barriers to quality childcare and support efforts to increase funding for a continuum of child care options.
CMO-Office of Administration, Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations / Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services / Transportation	BeautifySJ: Support efforts to secure resources and cooperation from partner agencies to equitably prevent and remove blight and ensure that communities are engaged in the process to cultivate clean, beautiful neighborhoods.
CMO-Office of Racial Equity / Environmental Services / Public Works / Transportation / Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services	Urban Greening Projects: Advocate for new funding and greater alignment of existing regional, state, and federal funding to support equity-focused urban greening projects to promote the rapid incorporation of green streets, urban tree canopy enhancement (especially in lower-income areas and areas of historical disinvestment as highlighted through racial equity analyses), green infrastructure for stormwater management, and other nature-based strategies throughout the City.
CMO-Civic Innovation / Transportation / Information Technology / Library	Data Privacy: Support legislation that creates comprehensive data reporting requirements for all freight and passenger services in the right-of-way, including existing commercial services and emerging services such as urban air mobility. Data should include safety reporting movement data. Ensure that public agencies have the ability to collect and access data they need for managing attendance and completing Point of Sale Purchases, while protecting the privacy of individuals or the sharing of personally identifiable information that contradicts City policy or the City's Privacy Principles. Support legislation that expands the definition of what is included in the patron record for the purposes of protecting and enhancing the confidentiality of library activities for library patrons. Oppose any legislation that erodes patron confidentiality.
CMO-Civic Innovation / Library / Transportation	Broadband: Oppose legislation which would weaken local government's ability to regulate wireless attachments on vertical infrastructure and regulate the deployment of fiber/coax. Support or co-sponsor legislation that would take a balanced approach to accelerating broadband including fiber, small cells, and macro cell towers in an equitable and inclusive manner. Support efforts to expand broadband and improve wireless access in San José to enhance the

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	<p>transportation management and information systems that the City relies on to communicate with all roadway users and workers; and improve the travel experience for transit and non-transit riders. Advocate for funding to expand existing roadway information and warning systems to improve travel safety and efficiency, enable transportation and non-transportation warning systems, and improve safety conditions for people that work in the roadway space. Explore public private partnerships around Federal Infrastructure funding including, but not limited to, broadband deployment partnerships with telecom providers, and partnerships to enable secure transportation data management systems and operations. Support efforts to secure funding for bridging the digital divide that are additive to funding for low-income families' other basic needs (such as food, affordable housing, childcare, and wealth building).</p>
<p>Transportation / Environmental Services / Public Works / CMO- Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Airport / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement</p>	<p>Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Ensure City priorities around safety, infrastructure, climate change, environmental resiliency, transportation planning, and project delivery are addressed within federal surface transportation reauthorization. Ensure that San José can secure adequate and proportional funding relative to our population and needs, as well as maintain program flexibility and local autonomy.</p>
<p>Transportation / Housing / Environmental Services / Public Works / Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services / Community Energy</p>	<p>Disadvantaged Communities Evaluation: Support legislation to broaden the State's definition of disadvantaged communities so that it includes all socio-economically disadvantaged areas more equitably and is better aligned with the needs of San José's communities of concern. Monitor and engage in efforts related to the update of the CalEnviroScreen metric and help communities in San José qualify for additional funding and Public Safety Power Shutoff notification programs by broadening the scope of disadvantaged communities.</p>
<p>Environmental Services / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Transportation / Community Energy</p>	<p>Climate Smart – Cap-and-Trade: Support Cap-and-Trade programs that benefit key City priorities and the Climate Smart San José strategy including the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, High Speed Rail, the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, and energy resiliency investments at critical facilities, including community centers and fire stations. Permit local jurisdictions and airports to allocate Cap-and-Trade allowances towards community funds or programs that they deem appropriate and mitigate impacts in low-income communities beyond traditional environmental investments. Support policies that ensure that the Cap-and-Trade market is financially robust.</p>

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Environmental Services / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Transportation / Community Energy	Climate Smart – Zero Emission Mobility and Support: Support growth in the use of zero-emission vehicles, other clean mobility choices and low carbon fuels. Advocate for funding and explore public private partnerships to expand equitable access to EV infrastructure and zero-emission shared and public options. Designate revenues generated from greenhouse gas-related fees or taxes, or government grants and loans, to local or municipal government entities; ensuring sufficient and dedicated EV rebate funding and other relevant clean mobility program funding especially for low-income Californians.
Environmental Services / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Transportation / Community Energy	Climate Smart – Climate Equity and Inclusion: Support policies that provide financial and technical assistance to low-income residents and communities of color to prevent and reduce disproportionate impacts of climate change. Support investment and new technology in environmental justice communities to address the disproportionate burden of pollution and heat island effects, including funding to convert unused or underutilized sections for roadway right-of-way to neighborhood parks and/or forestry projects
Environmental Services / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Transportation / Community Energy	Climate Smart – Promote Water Conservation: Support the expanded use of alternative water sources (recycled water, rainwater, stormwater, graywater, etc.) for non-potable purposes as well as supplementing our existing potable water supplies with additional potable sources (such as groundwater). Support legislation and funding that offer programs to improve water efficiency and water conservation. (including drought relief programs), and water usage benchmarking, particularly for low-income residents, disadvantaged communities, and small business owners.
Environmental Services / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Transportation / Community Energy	Climate Smart – Public Goods Charge: Support policies that allow regulatory agencies to assign administration of all or part of the Public Goods Charge Funds to the California Energy Commission, local governments (including community choice aggregators).

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Environmental Services / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Transportation / Community Energy	Climate Smart – Water and Energy Rebates: Oppose legislation that decreases rebates and other incentives provided to Distributed Energy Resources and electrification projects and preempts local government to implement policies to our facilities. Support legislation that provides rebates and incentives for water conservation, building and transportation electrification , and energy efficiency, retro-commissioning, energy resiliency, or improvements in existing buildings especially for low-income residents and disadvantaged communities, and small business owners .
Environmental Services / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Transportation / Community Energy	Climate Smart – Air Quality and Climate: Support policies that provide financial incentives for Distributed Energy Resources and electrification projects in private sector development, including those that reduce criteria air contaminants and high global warming potential pollutants. Support incentive programs that address decarbonization (e.g. electric heat pump hot water heaters).
Environmental Services / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Transportation / Community Energy	Climate Smart – Local Government Funding: Promote policies that provide funding for local governments to enact programs and policies that measurably reduce local and global carbon emissions including switching from fossil fuel technologies. Promote and support policies that lead to grant funding opportunities for climate-related work. Support Federal and State budget proposals that will lead to local government funding for programs that support the City’s Climate Smart goals and environmental programs, including carbon emissions reductions, ensuring a sustainable water supply, and support for utilities.
Environmental Services / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Transportation / Community Energy	Climate Smart – Carbon Accounting: Support policies that establish a carbon accounting standard, designate a tracking mechanism, and create an entity to manage carbon accounting on a statewide, regional, or federal level. Support, fund, and enhance existing programs that create carbon accounting such as utility and water benchmarking.

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Environmental Services / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Transportation / Community Energy	Climate Smart – Transportation Demand Management: Support growth in the use of sustainable modes of transportation including transit, biking, and other alternatives to single occupancy autos; designate revenues generated from greenhouse gas-related fees or taxes to local or municipal government entities.
Environmental Services / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Transportation / Community Energy	Climate Smart – Building Decarbonization: Support policies that encourage adaptive reuse of existing structures, provide financial incentives for zero-net-carbon (ZNC) buildings (especially for affordable housing and small businesses), all-electric buildings and Distributed Energy Resource projects (e.g. solar photovoltaic) in public and private sector development, and promote green building and retro-commissioning practices that reduce toxics and indoor air contaminants.
Finance / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs	Infrastructure Financing: Explore legislation that would retroactively freeze the property tax base year for purposes of any future Integrated Financing Districts in San José.
Finance / Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services	Private Activity Bonds: Explore legislation to add community-serving facilities to the list of exempt facilities for Private Activity Bonds.
Finance / Police	Cannabis Banking: Support legislation that provides access to traditional banking services for licensed cannabis businesses.
Housing / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs	Opportunity Zones: Implement Opportunity Zones in ways that encourage investment and development in San José. Support the development of commercial properties, mixed-use developments, and affordable housing in Opportunity Zones that help minimize and mitigate existing commercial, tenant, and resident displacement.

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Housing / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / Transportation	Transit-Oriented Development: Work with the legislature to ensure that State legislation that establishes minimum density requirements around transit does not impact San José's approach for planning for densification around transit nodes, an approach that seeks to minimize residential and business displacement, and ensure that new urban development is compatible with adjacent surrounding neighborhoods. Support legislation at both the State and federal levels that promotes transit supportive commercial/employment uses, affordable housing adjacent to transit, and anti-displacement measures including the federal surface transportation reauthorization. Support coordinated development of transportation facilities, including transit, with private development. Support efforts to provide funding for planning efforts for Transit Oriented Development.
Housing / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement	Zoning and Planning: Support housing and land use legislation that fits the needs of charter cities and larger cities. Support legislation that allows greater zoning and building code flexibility for cities addressing homelessness. Work with the legislature to ensure that land use legislation does not preclude the city from retaining land that is designated for commercial/employment uses only.
Housing / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs	CEQA Reform: Support State legislation that streamlines or amends the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process for land use regulation by cities or through the citizen initiative process. Expand exemption or categorical exemption for opportunity zones, urban infill projects, emergency shelters, interim homeless housing, supportive housing, and dense affordable housing that are already regulated by other State or federal regulations. Support CEQA modifications to protect against abuse leading to frivolous lawsuits while maintaining local control.
Library / Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services	Early Education/Out of School Time Programming: Advocate for legislation that increases financial resources for the provision of Early Education and Out of School Time programming, specifically for low-income families and communities of concern in high cost-of-living areas ; support efforts that increase the resources available for programming that supports Kindergarten readiness; and, continue to advocate for financial support for summer lunch/snack programs for school-aged children and their families. Advocate for funds to support early education among license-exempt programs that are evidence-based.
CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs / Police	Cannabis Equity Assistance Program: Continue to advocate for additional funding cycles for the grant program under the California Cannabis Equity Act of 2018 (Equity Act) established by Senate Bill 1294.

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Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / Housing	Housing Production: Monitor and help shape proposed legislation intended to facilitate housing production by cities, particularly legislation directed at cities that are not producing housing, to ensure it does not have unintended consequences for San José.
Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / Housing	Homeless Bridge Housing: Work to extend AB 2176 (2016), which allows the City to construct bridge housing for homeless residents under the City's own standards during a declared shelter crisis, thereby streamlining the construction process.
Housing / Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs	Community Reinvestment Act: Protect CRA and advocate to ensure that financial institutions adequately serve the range of needs in San José for mortgage lending, multifamily financing, and small business financing. Support legislation that increases transparency in lending and the sale of financial products.
Airport	Operations and Funding: Support and/or modify regulations, policies, and legislation to facilitate Airport operations, promote investment in the Airport, support additional air services, and enhance economic development (important for supporting funding for airport development, upgrades, and operations, e.g. AIP grants, CBP Officers, TSA Officers, LEO grants, environmental grants, etc.). Oppose mandatory environmental measures that will disqualify or reduce the eligibility of California Airports for Federal environmental mitigation grants.
Airport	Terminal Area Improvement Program: Support the implementation of the San José International Airport Terminal Area Improvement Program, Phase II, including all precursor efforts needed to facilitate Phase II.
Airport	Aircraft Noise: Oppose legislation, policies, regulations, guidelines, or procedures that would result in an increase in aircraft noise impacts on San José residents without an increased benefit to the community.
Airport	Airport Demand Management: Support legislation, regulations, and policies that authorize local aviation authorities to use demand management strategies to encourage the more efficient allocation of air service in the region.
Environmental Services	Recycling Markets: Support local, regional, statewide, and federal efforts that address disposal challenges by finding sustainable solutions for end-of-life products, materials, and waste residuals. Support legislation that addresses challenges with narrowing overseas recycled material markets through short and long-term solutions that uphold the City's sustainability goals.

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Environmental Services	Water Supply: Support local and regional efforts that address procuring permanent status regarding treated water supply from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) for the San José Municipal Water System (SJMWS).
Environmental Services	Extended Producer Responsibility: Support more advocacy on extended producer responsibility, including pesticides, flea medications and products and other materials wastewater facilities are unable to treat. Support efforts that address source reduction including single-use plastics, packaging, reuse, recycled content requirements, household hazardous take-backs, pharmaceuticals and sharps, and Right to Repair. Support efforts that uphold the City's bans, including bags and Expanded Polystyrene Foam; ensure state or federal regulations do not preempt the City's existing ordinances. Support efforts that explore innovative technologies to replace thin film plastics. Support legislation that maintains the health of the San Francisco bay, creeks, and waterways.
Environmental Services	Solid Waste: Support/oppose solid waste-related legislation that would add/remove funding to local jurisdictions like the bottle bill. Support legislation to adopt a statewide landfill surcharge with an exemption for locally enacted landfill fees or other statewide solution for low cost regional landfill issue. Support legislation that would add funding to develop organics diversion and recycling infrastructure. Support legislation to delay enforcement date for SB 1383 due to emergencies such as COVID-19 impacts and natural disasters. Support efforts that require material recovery facilities to pay a living wage to employees.
Environmental Services	Local Government Energy Efficiency Programs: Support efforts to alter cost-effectiveness calculations including Total Resource Cost used in energy efficiency programs to support our local government programs and better reflect local governments' role in capacity building. Support policies and seek funding to enhance energy efficiency in existing buildings, particularly for small business owners, disadvantaged communities, and low-income housing.
Environmental Services	Funding: Support efforts to increase funding for stormwater infrastructure and creek cleanups. Support legislation that would increase funding for implementation of unfunded mandates , waste reductions and compliance. Support legislation that would apply funding to renewable energy projects, clean mobility programs and zero-net-carbon (ZNC) building projects and technologies. Support legislation that will enable local governments to implement financial reductions for building improvement programs for residents. Support efforts to increase funding for wastewater treatment facility infrastructure. Support State and federal budget proposals that will lead to local government funding on the above listed priorities.

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Environmental Services	Local Waterways: Support legislation and secure funding to increase awareness through outreach and education to protect habitat and to improve water quality in local waterways.
Environmental Services	Stormwater Management: Support improving water quality to reduce pollutants entering the stormwater systems and waterways.
Finance	Advance Refunding Bond: Support Federal legislation that will restore a municipality's ability to issue tax exempt advance refunding bonds.
Finance	Municipal Bonds: Oppose efforts to abolish tax exemption on municipal bonds.
Fire	Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Ensuring autonomy for Fire Department to provide a full range of services. Support legislation to expand transport destination options (other than Emergency Rooms) for patients receiving prehospital care by first responders.
Fire	Cost Recovery for Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Ensure adequate compensation for mutual aid activities. Oppose any efforts to shift costs from private EMS providers to the City.
Fire	DRiSC: Work with the Disaster Readiness for Safer Communities (DRiSC) Coalition on legislation around fire response and emergency preparation.
Housing	Housing Stabilization – COVID-19: Support eviction prevention and foreclosure prevention legislation, including additional funding for homelessness prevention, to protect both tenants and property owners from negative economic effects of COVID-19. Support financial assistance needed to stabilize restricted-affordable and regulated apartment properties that are most impacted by lower-income residents' inability to pay rents to ensure a long-term housing recovery from COVID-19.
Housing	Housing Stabilization: Support legislation to advance laws and resources for tenant protections, the preservation of affordable housing including mobile homes, and other residential anti-displacement programs and policies. Engage on legislation that may impact the City's Apartment and Mobilehome Rent Ordinances and its Housing Payment Equality Ordinance. Support and sponsor legislation that affirms the use of tenant preferences for anti-displacement. Support legislation that allows and reimburses local government to help educate on and enforce State laws that stabilize rents,

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	provide just cause eviction protections, and prevent discrimination against housing voucher holders to the extent local governments have that capacity. Support significant additional funding to provide legal assistance to tenants facing eviction court without legal representation, and a new Housing Collaborative Court for Santa Clara County to avoid evictions and improve renters' access to resources and services.
Housing	Homeless Funding: Work with the Big Cities Mayors Coalition to explore additional homelessness funding opportunities. Advocate for new funding for interim shelter (bridge housing and emergency interim housing) and new permanent affordable housing so that high-acuity people experiencing homelessness can access housing and shelter. Support homeless services programs and outreach to people who are unsheltered as they wait for a housing placement.
Housing	Funding and Tools: Protect existing and increase funding sources for affordable housing including homeless housing. Support the creation of land use and financial tools, and flexibility of existing tools, to encourage and incentivize developments of restricted affordable housing, including homeless housing, bridge housing, and mixed-income housing. Support legislation or regulation changes which give San José projects a competitive edge for tax-exempt bonds and tax credits for affordable housing. Support legislation and programs to fund preservation of existing unrestricted affordable homes, including life and safety rehabilitation, energy efficiency upgrades, accessibility, and seismic safety improvements. Support legislation that promotes residents' right to purchase their rental units. Support legislation and programs that support community land trusts through provision of resources and competitive funding program scoring benefits. Support legislation that enables the Bay Area to act regionally to meet the region's needs for affordable housing production and preservation, tenant protections. and homelessness strategies. Support legislation that expands the use of underutilized public lands as homeless housing solutions.
Housing	Cost of Housing: Support efforts to address the increasing cost of housing construction, such as training programs for the construction trades, encouraging modular and cross-laminated timber housing, and development of cost-efficient materials and technologies markets.
Housing	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Increase and protect the effectiveness of laws to affirmatively furthering fair housing at the federal and State levels.
Housing	Affordable Homes by Design: Support legislation that validates use of land use tools to promote creation of affordable housing, including ADUs and "affordable by design" densification.

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Information Technology	Cybersecurity Data Sharing: Support legislation that frees organizations to share information to better deter malicious cybersecurity actors. To encourage intel sharing and “getting ahead of the breach,” support legislation that explicitly protects cybersecurity information sharing from liability that puts the organization at risk and disclosure of information that would open the organization to cyberattacks.
CMO-Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs	Job Creation: Support Federal and State economic development programs that will help create jobs in San José, including changes to CalCompetes and State support of Opportunity Zones.
CMO-Office of Emergency Management	Statewide Emergency Preparedness Funding: Support state legislation to fund local emergency preparedness and resilience planning and training.
CMO-Office of Emergency Management	Statewide Emergency Management: Modernize and reform the State's Emergency Management System. Support legislation that makes it easier to prepare for emergencies, protect vulnerable communities, and ensure universal access to emergency alert systems. Support policies that address emergency preparedness and response needs for vulnerable community members with access and functional needs, including at-risk seniors, children, and individuals with language barriers.
CMO-Office of Emergency Management	Federal Funding: Advocate for Federal emergency preparedness funds, including Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI).
CMO-Office of Employee Relations	Sexual Harassment & Sexual Assault in the Workplace: Support efforts to fight sexual harassment and thereby provide all Californians with equal opportunity to succeed in the workplace. This should include supporting legislation to protect women from sexual assault in their places of work.
CMO-Office of Employee Relations	Workers' Rights: Support legislation that would hold accountable employers that destroy or withhold passports or other immigration documents from their workers and would require employers provide their workers with a “Workers Bill of Rights.” Support efforts to increase the protections for service workers from wage theft.
CMO-Office of Racial Equity	Immigration: Support policies that protect and ensure the rights of all immigrants, regardless of immigration status, provide a pathway for citizenship or legal permanent residency, and policies that promote welcoming and immigrant inclusion initiatives. Support policies that strengthen and expand refugee resettlement, expand TPS protections, and provide pathways to permanent status for essential workers, undocumented immigrants, DACA recipients, and

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	Documented Dreamers: Support policies that strengthen services and protections for asylum-seekers and asylees. Oppose efforts that remove due process rights, undermine the humanity of immigrants and refugees, and weaken data privacy or confidentiality rights. Strongly oppose policies that separate families or require long-term detainment of families.
CMO-Office of Racial Equity	Anti-Asian Hate Crimes: Prioritize implementation of the local government provisions within the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act and prioritize efforts to compete for federal and State grants that result from the legislation.
Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services	Funding: Protect and increase state and federal funds for youth violence, gang intervention and prevention, recreation-based social safety net programs, including social and emotional supports; open space acquisition and preservation in park-deficient neighborhoods; and park acquisition and rehabilitation.
Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services	Afterschool Childhood Recreation: Provide legislative clarification on the definitions of and requirements for afterschool and camp programs to ensure they meet programmatic goals and community needs.
Planning, Building, Code Enforcement	Electronic Cigarettes and Flavored Tobacco: Support state and federal legislation to prohibit the sale of e-cigarettes and flavored tobacco products.
Police	Hate Crimes: Support legislation that would address ongoing safety concerns and help prevent acts of violence motivated by hate, including improving data collection and reporting. Expand California’s “criminal threat” statute (Penal Code 422(a)) to include mass shooting-related threats.
Police	Porch Theft: Support legislation that would make entering the curtilage of a residence with the intent to commit theft of a package delivered through the mail or through a public or private carrier a violation of the law and subject to punishment for burglary.
Police	Active Shooter Training: Support legislation requiring schools to conduct active shooter/mass casualty drills. Support efforts to secure funding for law enforcement to provide training and additional officers to better protect schools and large public events from active shooters.
Police	Law Enforcement History: Support legislation requiring police training in the history and use of law enforcement in the U.S. that explores disproportionate expectations of justice through the examination of high-profile historical events, which affect perceptions of law enforcement among diverse community members.

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Police	Funding: Oppose Federal action to withhold funds based on local immigration policies.
Police	Cannabis Enforcement: Support efforts on enforcement of unlicensed cannabis providers. Protect local control around cannabis regulations, including delivery.
Police	Human Trafficking: Advocate in support to expand California Department of Justice efforts to combat human trafficking and support efforts that would give new tools to law enforcement to protect Californians from becoming victims of Human Trafficking. Additionally, support measures that provide funding for combatting human trafficking.
Police	Sexual Assault: Support efforts to protect woman from sexual assault, including efforts to increase funding levels, provide new tools for law enforcement, and support collaboration across agencies.
Police	Gun violence: Support efforts to reduce gun violence, including support of legislation that prevents theft and unauthorized usage, and allows employers, co-workers and teachers to request a gun violence restraining order. Support a state tax, insurance, or fee-based approach to gun violence harm reduction, and urge legislation that removes local preemption. Work with the City's Legislative Delegation and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office to monitor progress toward the expansion and improvement California's Red Flag laws and lend support where necessary.
Police	Domestic Violence: Support laws that would improve services and response to domestic violence survivors, protect human rights issues that impact survivors, and advocate for increased funding from the state and the federal government to support domestic violence services. At the federal level, support full funding for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA).
Police	Statewide Training Standards for Responding to Protests: Seek opportunities to collaborate with external and internal partners to explore statewide standards for responding to protests based on best practices.
Public Works	Wage Theft Prevention: Advocate for the creation of a public portal that makes available case data on all final judgments, decisions, orders, and awards from the California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE), including but not limited to the following divisions: Wage Claim Adjudication Unit (WCA), Bureau of Field Enforcement (BOFE), and Public Works Unit (CWPA). Support changes to DLSE policies that support workers in re-claiming their lost wages.

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Community Energy	PCIA: Oppose legislation or regulations that would suspend or slow the growth of Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs), including efforts to increase the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) fees that customers pay for Investor-Owned Utilities “above market” costs, including Community Energy customers who no longer purchase electricity from PG&E. Support legislation and regulations that increase the transparency and predictability of the PCIA over time through legislation or CPUC proceeding. Support legislation and regulations that optimize IOU PCIA resources and reduce costs for all ratepayers. Oppose legislation that would expand Direct Access.
Community Energy	Energy Procurement: Oppose legislation or regulations that would change energy procurement towards reducing local control over energy procurement or customer savings, and increasing procurement by Investor-Owned Utilities or the authority of the CA Public Utilities Commission. Support legislation to expand Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) access to energy capacity and other electric generation resources and attributes.
Community Energy	Energy Resiliency and Microgrids: Support legislation to expand and preserve opportunities for cities and counties to own and operate distribution infrastructure and develop microgrids, distributed energy resources and demand response programs to provide reliable, cost effective service. Support legislation or other programs that increase funding for microgrids and distributed energy resources particularly for critical facilities, and increase access to transmission, distribution and generation related data needed to effectively plan for increased local resiliency and carbon reduction.
Community Energy	Electric Restructuring: Engage in PG&E restructuring and reform by advocating for public safety, ratepayer affordability, fiscal transparency, and local accountability. Advocate for corporate accountability that is tied to increased safety requirements. Consider alternative utility generation or distribution ownership models, including Distribution System Operator (DSO).
Community Energy	Smart Grid: Support legislation encouraging a smarter grid, including electric vehicle infrastructure programs and microgrid funding. Support policies and funding to enable CCA investment in long duration energy storage.
Transportation	Safety and Vision Zero Initiatives: Actively work to achieve Vision Zero traffic safety goals. Support proposals, including the federal surface transportation authorization legislation, that provide funding, support, or local discretion for municipal governments to implement traffic safety programs and initiatives consistent with Vision Zero. This includes the ability to utilize Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) tools, explore penalties and increased awareness of violations for drivers, and establish speed limits based on context sensitive methods aimed at protecting vulnerable roadway users, such as pedestrians, bicyclists, children, and seniors. Work with the California City Transportation Initiative to advance transportation policies that provide local cities with additional flexibility to ensure safety and accessibility for all users.

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Transportation	<p>Transportation Funding: Preserve and pursue transportation funding from federal, State, regional, and local sources that help maintain, improve and expand transportation systems and mobility in San José, including bikes, e-bikes, etc. Ensure that these funds remain unencumbered towards the programs and areas with the greatest need for investment. Maintain vital funding streams at the local, regional, State, and federal level from SB 1, Cap-and-Trade, RM 3, Measure B, Active Transportation, and other programs. Support additional funding requests for investments that benefit San José's transportation priorities. Oppose legislation that would threaten San José transportation investments. Support policies that ensure direct and indirect uses and impacts to San José's right-of-way and infrastructure are accurately priced and collected. Support legislation that would improve project delivery, maintenance, or servicing of infrastructure within the city. Oppose legislation and rulemaking that would negatively impact those processes. Support policies and legislation which funds programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and incentivize the adoption and deployment of beneficial emerging technologies including electric vehicle technologies and infrastructure.</p>
Transportation	<p>Rapid Transit and Rail Infrastructure: Continue to develop and improve transformative rail projects and infrastructure in San José including BART Phase II, Diridon Station, Caltrain, and High-Speed Rail. Identify and advocate for projects which would enhance San José's transportation network within a regional ballot measure or legislative proposal. Support legislation and funding that provides additional opportunities to develop or improve rail infrastructure in San José. Support efforts to advance and secure additional funds for BART Phase 2 as needed. Identify and secure funding for Diridon Station planning and construction efforts. Support Caltrain electrification and modernization efforts. Work closely with High-Speed Rail stakeholders to support infrastructure and right-of-way improvements in San José. Support legislation that encourages High Speed Rail to work more collaboratively with the cities that it will be traveling through. Oppose legislative efforts that jeopardize the development or deployment of these programs.</p>
Transportation	<p>Emerging Technologies: Advance the adoption of state and federal legislation and regulations that encourage the development of drones, shared mobility options, transportation networking companies, and autonomous vehicle (AV) technologies that enable the City to balance the potential harms and benefits. Identify future regulatory needs to mitigate potential impacts from commercial urban air mobility services. Continue to work with state agencies as regulations are implemented. Support regulations and legislation that provides travel data from transportation companies for land use planning, traffic management, and operational purposes. Encourage the development of inclusive mobility options that can provide equitable and accessible transit options for all of San José's residents. Oppose efforts that would prevent San José from developing regulations independent from federal and State statutes.</p>

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Transportation	CMP Alignment with VMT: Support legislation developed in coordination with regional partners to align Congestion Management Program (CMP) statues with Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction requirements.
Transportation	Transit First: Advance and support the adoption of State and Federal legislation and regulations that prioritize transit development and higher transit speeds on City streets. Support regional transportation plans and operations that prioritize public transit and transit integration.
Transportation	Parking Requirements: Advance and support policies to reduce or eliminate minimum parking requirements, and strengthen shared parking requirements, to allow a more efficient use of the public right-of-way. Support efforts to preserve and expand public transit options, particularly in low-income and car dependent communities.