



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Lee Wilcox

**SUBJECT: 2021 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
AND TOP LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES**

DATE: November 4, 2020

Approved

Date

11/5/2020

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the 2021 Legislative Program and the top legislative priorities for 2021.

OUTCOME

The 2021 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. 2021 will be the first 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 during 2020.

ANALYSIS

The Administration recognizes that policy windows in Sacramento and Washington D.C. often open quickly and unexpectedly. The 2021 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. Given the focus on COVID-19 pandemic response and mitigation for the organization, the Administration is proposing to focus on pandemic related response and recovery activities and to deemphasize proactive policy work in other policy areas.

The proposed 2021 Legislative Program can be found in Attachment A. Highlighted text indicates new policies in the program. The Administration has also reviewed and updated existing legislative program items to reflect the current policy landscape and Council direction from 2020. The Citywide top legislative priorities are listed below. The priorities fall under a broad federal and state policy focus of COVID-19 response and mitigation.

2021 Top Legislative and Regulatory Priorities

COVID-19 Response and Mitigation (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, food, and isolation support for the City's most vulnerable populations.

- Advocate for direct, flexible funding for local governments to respond to and mitigate the impacts 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-in-place to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19.
- Support residential and commercial eviction moratoriums related to COVID-19 impacts.
- Support local government flexibility in regulations, program implementation, and processes that are needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

CONCLUSION

The Administration is bringing forward the 2021 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 2021.

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 align with the Council-Adopted Legislative Guiding Principles, but are not covered in the 2021 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 17, 2020 Council Meeting.

COORDINATION

The Administration coordinated this memo with the City's state and federal legislative advocates; the City Attorney's Office; City Clerk's Office; City Manager's Budget Office; the Office of Economic Development; the Airport; and the Departments of 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 009, Staff Reports, Assessments, Annual Reports, and Informational Memos that involve no approvals of any City action.

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Attachment A: 2021 Legislative Program

City of San José 2021 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

2021 Legislative Guiding Principles

- 1) Protect and increase funding to deliver city services, build infrastructure, and serve the San José community;
 - 2) Protect local control;
 - 3) Support efforts that improve the quality of life, affordability, health, environmental protection, economic development, equity, and safety in San José;
 - 4) Support key infrastructure projects; and
 - 5) Advance policies that shape new technology deployment to the benefit of the community.
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New 2021 policy positions or language in green highlight

Interdepartmental Policy Positions

DEPARTMENT	POLICY POSITION
City Manager's Office	Local Control: Advocate for efforts that allow more decisions to be made at the local level.
City Manager's Office	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, and People of Color.
City Manager's Office	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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City Manager's Office	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.
City Manager's Office/ Emergency Operations Center/ Housing / Environmental Services -	COVID Response and Mitigation: Advocate for resources and policies to protect the health, safety, and economic viability of residents and businesses in San Jose, including testing, food and isolation support for the City's most vulnerable populations. 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-in-place 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.
City Manager's Office / 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.
City Manager's Office / Environmental Services / Office of Emergency Management / Fire	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.
City Manager's Office / Housing	Homeless Population Mental Health Policies: Work to support legislation 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, including partnerships with local universities to improve the pipeline of mental health professionals. Support Santa Clara County exploration and potential implementation of Laura's Law (Assisted Outpatient Treatment) and enhanced conservatorship policies. Support the expansion of the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) 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.

DEPARTMENT	POLICY POSITION
City Manager's Office/Finance	Funding: Protect and increase funding to deliver city services or build infrastructure for the benefit of the San José community.
City Manager's Office / Office of Emergency Management / San José Clean Energy / Public Works	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.
City Manager's Office / 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 child care, private lactation accommodations, and parental leave.
City Manager's Office / Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services / Transportation	Beautify San José: Support efforts to secure resources and cooperation from partner agencies to equitably prevent and remove blight and engage communities to cultivate clean, beautiful neighborhoods.
City Manager's Office / Police Department / Fire	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.
Civic Innovation / Department of Transportation / Information Technology / Library	Data Privacy: Support legislation that creates comprehensive data reporting requirements for all commercial uses (including freight and passenger services) in the right-of-way. Data should include safety reporting movement data. Ensure that public agencies have the ability to collect and access data they need 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.

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Civic Innovation / Library	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. Explore public private partnerships around Federal Infrastructure funding including, but not limited to, broadband deployment partnerships with telecom providers. 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 asset building).
Climate Smart	Cap-and-Trade: Support Cap-and-Trade programs that benefit key City priorities and 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.
Climate Smart	Zero Emission Mobility and Support: Support growth in the use of zero-emission vehicles, other clean mobility choices and low carbon fuels. Designate revenues generated from greenhouse gas-related fees or taxes 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.
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.
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.
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), or to cover costs for local Distributed Energy Resources (DER) ordinances.

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Climate Smart	Water and Energy Rebates: Oppose legislation that decreases rebates and other incentives provided to DER projects and preempts local government to implement policies to our facilities. Support legislation that provides rebates and incentives for water and energy, especially for low-income residents and disadvantaged communities.
Climate Smart	Air Quality and Climate: Support policies that provide financial incentives for DER 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).
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.
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.
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.
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), all-electric buildings and DER projects (e.g. solar photovoltaic) in public and private sector development, and promote green building practices that reduce toxics and indoor air contaminants.
Department of Transportation / Environmental Services / Public Works / Climate Smart / Office of Economic Development / Airport / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement	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.

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Department of Transportation / Housing / Environmental Services / Public Works / Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services / San José Clean Energy	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.
Finance / Office of Economic Development	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 / Office of Economic Development	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 tenant and resident displacement.
Housing / Office of Economic Development / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement	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.
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.

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Housing / Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement / Office of Economic Development	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. Advocate for an extension of AB 900 projects that were delayed due to the pandemic.
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; 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.
Office of Economic Development / 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.
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.

Department Policy Positions

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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.

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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 materials markets through short and long-term solutions that uphold the City's sustainability goals.
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 implementation 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.

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Environmental Services	Funding: Support efforts to increase funding for stormwater infrastructure and creek cleanups. Support legislation that would increase funding for 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.
Environmental Services	Local Creeks: Support efforts to protect local creeks, including lessening the impact on creeks from homeless populations and establishing services for those populations such as waste and water services.
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): 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. Support significant additional funding for legal assistance and a new Housing Collaborative Court for Santa Clara County to avoid evictions and improve renters' access to resources and services.
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 Mobile home Rent Ordinances and its Housing Payment Equality Ordinance. Support legislation that affirms the use of tenant preferences for anti-displacement. Support legislation that

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	allows and reimburses local government to help educate on and enforce State laws that stabilize rents, provide just cause eviction protections, and prevent discrimination against housing voucher holders to the extent local governments have that capacity.
Housing	Homeless Funding: Work with the Big Cities Mayors Coalition to explore additional homelessness funding opportunities. Advocate for new funding for interim shelter and new permanent affordable housing so that high-acuity people experiencing homelessness can access housing and shelter, decreasing their particular risk of hospitalization and death due to COVID-19. Support homeless services programs and street outreach to people who are living on the streets 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 100% restricted affordable housing, including homeless 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.
Housing	Cost of Housing: Support efforts to address the increasing cost of housing construction, such as training programs for the construction trades, encouraging modular 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.
Housing / Office of Economic Development	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.
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

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	explicitly protects cybersecurity information sharing from liability that puts the organization at risk and disclosure of information that would open the organization to cyberattacks.
Office of Economic Development	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.
Office of Emergency Management	Statewide Emergency Preparedness Funding: Support state legislation to fund local emergency preparedness and resilience planning and training.
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.
Office of Emergency Management	Federal Funding: Advocate for Federal emergency preparedness funds, including Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI).
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.
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.
Office of Immigrant Affairs	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. 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.
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, open space acquisition and preservation, and park acquisition and rehabilitation.

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Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services	Early Childhood Recreation: Provide legislative clarification on the definitions of and requirements for preschool, 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.
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.

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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.
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).
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, including but not limited to the following divisions: Wage Claim Adjudication Unit (WCA), Bureau of Field Enforcement (BOFE), and Public Works Unit (CWPA).
San José Clean Energy	"Exit Fee": 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 to "exit" from Investor-Owned Utilities and join San José Clean Energy. Support legislation and regulations that increase the transparency and predictability of the PCIA over time through legislation or Phase 2 of the PCIA proceeding. Support legislation and regulations that optimize IOU PCIA resources and reduce costs for all ratepayers. Oppose legislation that would expand Direct Access.
San José Clean 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.
San José Clean Energy	Energy Resiliency and Microgrids: Support legislation to expand opportunities for cities and counties to own and operate distribution infrastructure and develop microgrids and distributed energy resources to provide reliable, cost effective service. Support legislation or other programs that increase funding for microgrids and distributed energy resources particularly for critical facilities.
San José Clean 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

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	increased safety requirements. Consider alternative utility generation or distribution ownership models, including Distribution System Operator (DSO).
San José Clean Energy	Renewable Energy and Smart Grid: Support legislation requiring or encouraging more renewable electricity procurement and a smarter grid, including electric vehicle infrastructure programs.
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 and establish speed limits based on context sensitive methods aimed at protecting vulnerable roadway users, such as pedestrians, bicyclists, children, and seniors. Work with DOT Big Cities Coalition to advance transportation policies that provide local cities with additional flexibility to ensure safety and accessibility for all users.
Transportation	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. 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.
Transportation	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

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	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.
Transportation	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. 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.
Transportation	CMP Alignment with VMT: Support legislation developed in coordination with regional partners to align Congestion Management Program (CMP) statutes with Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction requirements.