

FY2019/2020 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM



CITY OF
GLENDORA

FY 2019-2020 State and Federal Legislative Platform

City of Glendora



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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the legislative platform is to provide a means for summarizing the City's core legislative principles for the purpose of advocacy efforts at the regional, state and federal level. Recognizing the importance of promoting City priorities and legislative initiatives, the legislative platform is developed to be consistent with the City's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, which focuses on:

- Increased financial stability and sustainability.
- Enhancement and modernization of the City.
- Improved City infrastructure and facilities.
- Implementation of strategic economic development.
- Enhanced employee development and retention.

The legislative platform sets forth the City's legislative objectives for the current legislative session and provides direction for our legislative advocates as they work to secure clear and strategic initiatives in Los Angeles County, Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Approval of the legislative platform also streamlines the City's process and allows the City's Executive team to quickly respond and take decisive action on pressing legislation under City Council direction (Appendix B - Legislative Advocacy Policy).

The City Manager's Office will annually update the Legislative Platform, taking into account new issues or priorities as they relate to Glendora and its municipal interests. Input on the Legislative Platform is received from the City's legislative advocacy partners, Board/Commissions, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Department Heads.

The City of Glendora primarily supports preserving local control, financial sustainability, public safety and quality of life. Each year the City will use these Guiding Legislative Principles to tackle urgent needs, such as funding critical infrastructure projects, addressing homelessness issues, keeping our City safe, living with wildlife, and maintaining and enhancing the quality of life our residents have come to enjoy.

Many hot topics and urgent needs will be shared by more than one City Department. As such, the State and Federal Legislative Platform is organized by department, which allows each department head to easily analyze proposed legislation and how that relates to the City's Guiding Legislative Principles and applicable hot topics and/or urgent needs. Appendix C has been added for individuals who would like to view the priorities by type, instead of by department."



GUIDING LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

Preserve and Enhance Local Control

Cities are voluntarily created by the residents of a community to provide local self-government and to make decisions at a local level to best meet the needs of the community. Each community has unique needs and characteristics that are best met by policies set by its local governing body. Glendora supports measures that preserve and protect the City's local authority to enact policy pertaining to local affairs and opposes measures that seek to preempt local control without the concurrence of the City.

Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

Glendora supports measures that promote fiscal stability, predictability and financial independence at the local level. Further, Glendora supports efforts that preserve and promote the City's ability to work with its community to maintain and grow its revenue base. Glendora opposes measures that place unfunded mandates upon the City or measures that diminish the City's revenue sources that are required to maintain critical services, including efforts to shift local funds to the County, State or Federal Governments.

Promote Economic Development and Infrastructure

The City of Glendora incorporated more than 100 years ago and supports legislation that provides funding for critical infrastructure, including streets, congestion mitigation measures, and transit oriented development while maintaining local control over land use. Glendora also supports legislation and regulatory streamlining initiatives that would enhance the City's ability to attract and retain businesses as well as encourage business expansion and job retention.

Public Safety

Public safety is of paramount importance to the City of Glendora. Glendora supports legislation that arrange for front-line funding for extra police services as a result of state-mandated criminal justice realignment provisions which allowed for the early release of state prisoners. Additionally, Glendora supports legislation that would provide direct funding and alternative avenues of health care to local first response agencies to adequately address behavioral health issues.

Regional Collaboration

Glendora strives to be a leader and influencer in the San Gabriel Valley. The City supports opportunities to work collaboratively with local and regional partners on areas of mutual interest, such as homelessness, water, pension, housing and living with wildlife. Additionally, Glendora is a strong advocate for maintaining strong relationships with other municipalities, local transportation agencies, special districts, regional government agencies, local elected officials, school districts, and college boards.

DEPARTMENTAL POLICY STATEMENTS

General Government (City Manager, City Council, City Clerk, and City Attorney)

The legislative principles for the purpose of advocacy efforts as they relate to the City Manager, City Council, City Attorney and City Clerk office are as follows:

Preserve and Enhance Local Control

- Support efforts that are consistent with the doctrine of local control which streamlines and simplifies the ability of a city to control its own affairs, especially in the areas of police powers, local elections, land use planning, and public safety. Oppose preemption of local authority.
- Support measures that preserve the integrity and fundamentals of the Brown Act while opposing measures that would constrain communication among staff and local officials.
- Support measures that promote transparency, public participation and first amendment rights, while preserving procedures that continue to foster efficient government proceedings.
- Support measures increasing local autonomy, protecting privacy and maintaining our authority over public records. This includes measures that provide for the recovery of costs with regard to public records requests.
- Support efforts to amend rules that limit and restrict local governments' ability to achieve greater transparency of governmental business by improving the platform in which agencies can publish and advertise notices, resolutions, orders, or other matters required by law.

Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

- Oppose any state or federal unfunded mandates; those which do not provide for the direct or indirect reimbursement for the costs associated with complying with new and/or modified laws, regulations, policies, procedures, permits and/or programs.

Public Safety

- Support well balanced legislation that promotes preventative measures to prevent impacts from natural disasters such as earthquakes and fires, including vegetation management, seismic building retrofits and higher levels of wildfire structural resilience.
- Advocate for legislation that will support our local police department including legislation that addresses use of force concerns; supports funding for homeless and mental health outreach; provides local control over cannabis rules and enforcement; and continues to raise awareness regarding the deficiencies of Prop 47/Prop 57 with strategies to fix those deficiencies.

Regional Collaboration

- Support state and regional collaborations that seek to address homelessness as well as grant programs that provide direct funding to cities in order to implement local strategies.
- Proactively support and advocate for initiatives, partnerships, funding, and programs to ensure veterans and their families have access to holistic services and resources including, but not limited to: physical and mental health, affordable housing, employment, and education.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORTATION

The legislative principles for the purpose of advocacy efforts as they relate to Community Development, Economic Development and Transportation are as follows:

Preserve and Enhance Local Authority

- Monitor land use issues and support measures that preserve local control over planning and zoning matters, including but not limited to housing development standards; parking standards; massage establishments; the banning or regulating of marijuana; the establishment and placement of group homes or sober living homes; development standards of accessory dwelling units; and telecommunication, broadband and infrastructure operations.
- Support measures that provide municipalities with increased input in the development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).
- Oppose air quality legislation that restricts the land use authority of cities.

Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

- Support continued or expanded funding as well as the expansion of the eligibility and allowable uses of the funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Seek, promote, and implement any new or alternative approaches that may replace redevelopment funding mechanisms that deliver positive benefits to Glendora.

Promote Economic Development and Infrastructure

- Support measures and grants that provide increased funding without loss of land use control for housing programs within the City, including incentives for affordable housing; amended Federal and State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Programs; and private sector investment in housing projects.
- Support legislation that provides tangible and productive tools and incentives to support job creation and retention, including job training and workforce development programs.
- Support legislation that enhances the City's efforts to attract new businesses and retain and promote the successes of existing local businesses.
- Support legislation that expands transportation planning, funding, and voluntary incentives to include alternative modes of transportation, transportation demand management systems, an increasingly multi-modal perspective focusing on transit, alternative fuel vehicles, fleets, pedestrian ways, bikeways, multi-use trails and parking.

Regional Collaboration

- Support legislation that encourages regional and sub-regional entities to incorporate locally acceptable planning and urban design strategies developed in consultation with local governments, especially when those plans are tied to funding allocations.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LIBRARY

The legislative principles for the purpose of advocacy efforts as they relate to Community Services and the Library are as follows:

Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

- Support legislation that establishes funding for the development and rehabilitation of parks, libraries, public right of ways, and similar neighborhood and community serving facilities.
- Support efforts to provide an expedited process for the fair distribution of State bond funds and other grant opportunities.
- Oppose action that reduces or depletes services and funding sources created to enhance the community's varying needs, including library programming.

Promote Economic Development and Infrastructure

- Support legislation that will help provide residents with safe, accessible services and facilities.
- Support legislation that promotes content and service accessibility, competition, and consumer protection in the online and networked world.
- Advocate for libraries as sites of learning, where protected content will be continually available, distributed, used, and preserved to further knowledge, fostering the Constitutional purpose of the law “to advance the progress of science and the useful arts” to benefit the public.
- Defend policies that ensure meeting facilities and exhibit space should be made available to members of a community on "an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use."

Public Safety

- Support legislation and funding for youth related prevention and intervention programs, including after school educational and recreational programs.
- Advocate for, educate about, and protect people’s privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information
- Support legislation that promotes libraries as centers for early education, literacy, career support, services for vulnerable populations and other educational programs that benefit a wide range of community members.

Regional Collaboration

- Advocate for new homelessness initiative funding and fair homelessness funding formulas that acknowledge tax burdens, local planning, and storage/cleaning needs.
- Support initiatives that leverage City and school partnerships that enhance neighborhood school sites as key City amenities.
- Support legislation and local, state, and federal programs that employ evidence-based best practice strategies to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by: preventing homelessness for those at-risk; providing emergency and transitional housing; expanding affordable permanent housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services.

FINANCE | HUMAN RESOURCES

The legislative principles for the purpose of advocacy efforts as they relate to Finance and Human Resources are as follows:

Preserve and Enhance Local Authority

- Oppose any legislation that would make local agencies more dependent on the State for financial stability and policy direction.
- Oppose legislation that undermines and preempts local authority over local taxes and fees.
- Oppose measures that would mandate upon local governments any additional and costly program for employee benefits without local control.
- Continue to influence, where necessary and applicable, any future efforts that may impact local government's ability to achieve and/or maintain sustainable pensions.
- Oppose efforts which reduce local control over public employee disputes and impose the regulations of an outside agency.

Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

- Oppose legislation that would impose unfunded mandates and support full cost reimbursement to the City for all federal, state and county-mandated programs.
- Support legislation that strengthens and expands ongoing revenue for the City; Oppose any change in revenue allocations that would negatively (current or future) affect local government.
- Support legislation that changes the allocation of sales tax for online purchases from the county pool and real-locates it to the City where the purchase is made.
- Engage and advocate for legislation or ballot measures to prevent the State from borrowing, raiding or otherwise redirecting local government funds such as local, property and sales taxes.
- Continue to promote increased flexibility for the utilization of municipally generated revenues (i.e. – Public Education and Government fee, Utility Users Tax, Development Impact Fees, etc.).
- Oppose efforts that would significantly alter Proposition 13 and the tax benefits that are currently provided to residents and businesses.
- Monitor State and Federal efforts to manage the rising cost of health insurance through legislation and urge officials to fully consider the financial impact on local governments.
- Oppose efforts to legislate changes in how the California Public Employee Pension System invests its assets if the proposed changes will result in a loss of funds
- Support reform measures that provide sustainable and secure public pensions and other post-retirement benefits to ensure responsive and affordable public services.
- Oppose efforts by online travel companies to circumvent remittance of Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) from hotel reservations purchased on the internet.
- Oppose any attempt to eliminate or limit the traditional tax exemption for municipal bonds.
- Actively support initiatives to assure timely reimbursements to the City from State and Federal mandates.
- Support efforts to maintain and expand the types of municipal investment-grade revenue bonds.
- Protect the City's right to levy and collect our full share of Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) from hotels, including online hotel intermediaries. This includes opposing any federal or state legislation that would provide immunity to online hotel intermediaries and/or prohibit the City from collecting (retroactively or otherwise) our fair share of TOT.
- Advocate for legislation that supports the City's ability to provide competitive and valuable employment opportunities and strengthens good faith negotiations between employee organizations and local agencies.
- Support legislation that streamlines the Workers' Compensation system and makes it easier for employers, employees, and health care providers to navigate.
- Support legislation that would control medical and legal costs related to workers' compensation.
- Support workers' compensation reform that is inclusive of both safety and non-safety employees.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The legislative principles for the purpose of advocacy efforts as they relate to Public Safety are as follows:

Preserve and Enhance Local Authority

- Support legislation that would provide the City with more authority to regulate needle exchange programs proposing to operate within our jurisdiction.

Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

- Oppose legislation or other administrative actions that seek to limit the police department's ability to collect and utilize asset forfeiture funds for a wide variety of police services.
- Support legislation on State and Federal funding, including grant opportunities, which target specialized local law enforcement and prevention programs including the Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (GRIP) program, and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.
- Seek continued financial assistance to deal with the impacts of AB109 (Public Safety Realignment) and Proposition 47 (Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative). This includes supporting legislation that addresses wrap-around services such as substance abuse counseling, mental health services, employment, medical and housing assistance.
- Advocate for legislation and funding that would take advantage of the latest technology to prevent and resolve crimes (i.e. the ability to use surveillance cameras, integrated video recording systems (body cameras), automatic license plate recognition, and DNA testing).
- Seek measures that encourage disaster preparedness and emergency planning, including funding to develop a permanent Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to further emergency management preparedness efforts. Seek funding for recovery cost due to disasters.
- Seek State financial assistance for enforcement and regulation due to the passage of Proposition 64 and legalization of recreational marijuana.
- Support Office of Traffic Safety grant funding related to all aspects of traffic safety.

Public Safety

- Support for legislation that would address the wait time for 911 ambulances when transitioning patients at local hospitals and emergency rooms.
- Support legislation that assists in preventing and reducing crime, such as drug prevention programs, reducing gun violence, mental health initiatives, enhanced protective equipment, and solutions for homelessness.
- Promote programs that help ensure public safety through the assistance and rehabilitation of individuals challenged with mental and/or substance abuse illnesses and increase awareness and training opportunities.
- Support legislation for the prevention of Adolescent Cannabis use for the purposes of preventing persons under 21 years of age from accessing cannabis and cannabis products, unless otherwise specified.
- Support legislation that prevents Human Trafficking, Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.
- Support Vehicle Code and Traffic Safety legislation.
- Support legislation that would expand the scope of a crime to a person who is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm in any jurisdiction by a valid order issued by an out-of-state jurisdiction that is similar or equivalent to a temporary restraining order, injunction, or protective order issued in this state, and which includes a prohibition from owning or possessing a firearm.
- Oppose legislation that would institute a program under which the length of a parolee's period of parole would be reduced.

PUBLIC SAFETY continued

Regional Collaboration

- Continue to support efforts to coordinate the development of telecommunications infrastructure within the region for use during large scale emergency situations.
- Support and advocate for Federal assistance to aid the Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) System that includes seeking relief for communities that will lose public safety radio communication channels when the Federal government mandates reallocation of the “T-Band” spectrum in 2021, that is currently utilized by first responders in and surrounding communities.
- Support initiatives involving County, State and Federal governments to reduce and prevent homelessness in Los Angeles County and provide funding for these efforts.
- Support legislation and funding for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and other funding initiatives administered by the Department of Homeland Security to enhance the City’s ability to respond to regional or national threats.
- Support legislation for living with wildlife programs that provides for community education opportunities and funding for mitigative measures, when needed.

PUBLIC WORKS

The legislative principles for the purpose of advocacy efforts as they relate to Public Works are as follows:

Preserve and Enhance Local Authority

- Oppose efforts that seek to remove local regulatory authority on wireless infrastructure development.

Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

- Support measures that pursue new monies and preserve existing Regional, State, and Federal funding opportunities, including but not limited to Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program and Congestion Management Air Quality Funds; State Cap and Trade, High Speed Rail, Gas Tax, and Active Transportation funds; and Regional Measure M, Measure R, Proposition A, and Proposition C (Transportation Sales Tax) funds, to mitigate traffic congestion and maintain/improve the City's infrastructure including but not limited to the preservation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and development of local street and road systems.
- Support measures that seek to reevaluate the method and manner in which the State and Federal gas taxes are collected and allocated fairly to local jurisdictions.

WATER AND OTHER UTILITIES

The legislative principles for the purpose of advocacy efforts as they relate to Water and other Utilities are as follows:

Preserve and Enhance Local Authority

- Support measures that uphold the ability of locally elected city councils to regulate and manage their publicly owned water and electric utilities so that local policy making authority is not eroded by State or Federal agencies, authorities, or other regulatory bodies, and keeps local funding from being transferred to State or Federal control.
- Support local control of groundwater uses and groundwater rights.
- Oppose actions by Regional Water Quality Control Boards that impose mandates on cities that exceed State or Federal regulations and/or are outside their jurisdictional authority to impose or enforce.

Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

- Oppose efforts by the State or Legislature that would impose Public Benefit requirements on water utilities that transfer funding to the State for redistribution. Local benefits efforts should retain that funding for exclusive local use.
- Support legislation that minimizes municipal borrowing costs to the benefit of ratepayers, such as preservation of the tax exempt status of municipal bonds for infrastructure investments.
- Seek additional County, State and Federal funding to help meet mandated stormwater requirements.
- Support efforts that seek to bring Federal sources of funding to California for water infrastructure development.
- Oppose unfunded Federal and State legislative mandates on water and electric utilities, including any stemming from the action of regulatory agencies.
- Support State and Federal funding for water ecosystem projects that are cost-effective; direct beneficiaries and cost causers should fund their fair share of infrastructure project costs that provide long-term benefits to the State and its inhabitants.
- Actively pursue legislation and funding that support water conservation measures including, but not limited to: awareness, water storage, drought-resistant landscaping and permeable surfaces.
- Support legislation that ensures the best interests of ratepayers with respect to cost, value, quality, safety and reliability of infrastructure and resources are considered, and that there are useful benefits in relation to implementation costs for programs.

Promote Economic Development and Infrastructure

- Support legislation that ensures environmental stewardship and drought mitigation is consistent with the goals that have been endorsed by the City Council, and such legislation is balanced with the need for reliable, cost-effective service that does not act as a disincentive to local employers staying in California.

Public Safety

- Support legislative and administrative efforts to adopt cost-effective, science-based drinking water quality regulations.

WATER AND OTHER UTILITIES continued

Regional Collaboration

- Support measures to improve water supply and drinking water quality in the region where cost causation principles are employed and users/beneficiaries pay for the costs of those measures.
- Support administrative and legislative plans that foster the California Water Fix, a comprehensive ecosystem restoration and protection plan for the Delta, as the best alternative to meet California's co-equal goals of water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem restoration.
- Support legislation that exempts stormwater capture facilities from California Department of Fish and Wildlife review and permitting process. Requirements to permit debris basin clean out significantly delays the process, which may endanger residents in the event of storms.
- Oppose new regulations that do not allow appropriate time and resources for compliance.

Appendix A: Glendora Elected Officials

California United States Congress

Name	Washington Address	Washington Numbers	Local Address	Local Numbers
Judy Chu (27 th District)	2423 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515	(202) 225-5464 (202) 225-5467 Fax	527 S. Lake Ave, Ste. 250 Pasadena, CA 91101	(626) 304-0110 (626) 304-0132 Fax
Grace Napolitano (32 nd District)	1610 Longworth Building Washington, DC 20515	(202) 225-5256 (202) 225-0027 Fax	4401 Santa Anita Ave, Ste. 201 El Monte, CA 91731	(626) 350-0150 (626) 350-0450 Fax

California United States Senators

Name	Washington Address	Washington Numbers	Local Address	Local Numbers
Kamala Harris	112 Hart Senate Office Blvd. Washington, DC 20510	(202) 224-3553 (202) 224-2200 Fax	11845 W. Olympic Blvd. Ste. 1250W Los Angeles, CA 90064	(310) 231-4494 (202) 224-0357 Fax
Dianne Feinstein	331 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510	(202) 224-3841 (202) 228-3954 Fax	11111 Santa Monica Blvd. Ste. 915 Los Angeles, CA 90025	(310) 914-7300 (310) 914-7318 Fax

California Governor

Name	Capitol Address	Capitol Numbers	Fax Number
Gavin Newsom	1303 10 th Street, Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814	(916) 445-2841	(916) 558-3160

California State Assembly Member

Name	Capitol Address	Capitol Numbers	Local Address	Local Numbers
Blanca E. Rubio (48 th District)	State Capitol PO Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249	(916) 319-2048 (916) 319-2148 Fax	100 N. Barranca St, Ste. 895 West Covina, CA 91791	(626) 960-4457 (626) 960-1310 Fax


California State Senator

Name	Capitol Address	Capitol Numbers	Local Address	Local Numbers
Anthony J. Portantino (25 th District)	State Capitol, Rm 3086 Sacramento, CA 95814	(916) 651-4025 (916) 651-4925 Fax	<i>Glendale Office:</i> 116 E. Broadway, Ste. 204 Glendale, CA 91205 <i>San Dimas Office:</i> 201 E. Bonita Ave San Dimas, CA 91773	<i>Glendale Office:</i> (818) 4049-0400 (818) 409-1256 Fax <i>San Dimas Office:</i> (909) 599-7351 (909) 599-7692 Fax

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Name	Downtown Address	Downtown Numbers	Local Address	Local Numbers
Kathryn Barger (5 th District)	500 W. Temple St, Rm 869 Los Angeles, CA 90012	(213) 974-5555 (213) 974-1010 Fax	615 E. Foothill Blvd, Ste. A San Dimas, CA 91773	(909) 394-2264

Appendix B: Legislative Platform Policy

 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PROGRAM		POLICY TYPE: Administrative
		SECTION/POLICY NO: No. 1.12
		ORIGINATING DEPT./DIV.: City Manager
APPROVED BY: City Council Resolution CC 2019-____	EFFECTIVE DATE:	SUPERSEDES: 2013 Legislative Advocacy Program (Sept, 2013)

I. Policy Objective:

To provide guidance on how to implement the Legislative Platform adopted by the City Council. The policy is aimed at prompt and transparent repose to pending county, state and federal legislation affecting Glendora and its municipal interests.

II. Authority:

The original Administrative Policy governing the City's stance on legislative items was adopted by the City Council in 1977 and was more recently updated in 2013. This policy, and all future updates are adopted via Resolution of the City Council.

III. Assigned Responsibility:

City Manager or their designee.

IV. Correspondence:

Pursuant to this policy, "correspondence" is generally referred to as communication in the formal letter format. However, correspondence shall be considered any communication expressing an opinion on proposed legislation, including, but not limited to: emails, phone calls, and text messages.

V. Individual Views:

It is recognized that preparing a letter of support or opposition is not intended to indicate that every member of the City Council shares the same opinion on proposed legislation. Any action to support or oppose proposed legislation reflects the overall views City Council body and not individual member. Further, any proposed action to support or oppose proposed legislation does not reflect the individual views of any singular staff member.

Any Councilmember may express their personal views as an individual Councilmember, taking care to clearly identify those views as their personal opinion and not the views of the City.

Any City staff member may express their personal views as a private citizen, taking care to clearly identify those views as their personal opinion and not the views of the City.

VI. Procedure:

1. Annually, the City Manager or their designee updates the City's Legislative Platform for consideration by the City Council. Input is received by the City's Boards/Commissions, Department Directors, Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem. Upon adoption by the City Council:
 - a. The Legislative Platform will be posted to the City's website, under Legislative Advocacy Correspondence:
<http://www.cityofglendora.org/departments/government/city-council/legislative-advocacy-correspondence>
 - b. The Legislative Platform will be sent to the League of California Cities for posting on their website: <https://www.cacities.org/Policy-Advocacy/Legislative-Platforms>
 - c. The Legislative Platform will be sent to all other applicable parties, including the City's legislative advocacy firm, if applicable.
2. The City Manager or their designee is authorized to prepare letters supporting or opposing legislation on behalf of the City:
 - a. When the City's Legislative Platform provides clear guidance on the stance of the City.
 - b. When requested by an organization where the City of Glendora is a member agency and has appointed a City Council Member or City staff member: League of California Cities; San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, Independent Cities; Contract Cities; San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership; Glendora Chamber of Commerce; Gold Line Construction Authority; Foothill Transit; and San Gabriel Water Association.
 - c. If the City Manager or their designee has doubt that the Legislative Platform clearly articulates direction on a certain proposed piece of legislation, the Mayor, one additional Councilmember and City staff, where applicable, may be consulted. If ambiguity still exists, an item should be presented to the City Council for consideration.
3. Letters prepared by the City Manager or their designee supporting or opposing legislation on behalf of the City may be signed:
 - a. By the Mayor
 - b. By the Mayor Pro-Tem in the absence of the Mayor
 - c. By the City Manager in 1) the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem; or 2) when time is of the essence.
4. All executed letters prepared supporting or opposing legislation on behalf of the City:
 - a. Will be posted to the City's website, under Legislative Advocacy Correspondence: <http://www.cityofglendora.org/departments/government/city-council/legislative-advocacy-correspondence>
 - b. Will be sent to all applicable County, State and Federal legislators (e.g. local representation, committee chairs, etc.) and the City's legislative advocacy firm.
 - c. Will be uploaded to all applicable legislative correspondence portals.

Appendix C: Legislative Platform by Guiding Legislative Principles

PRESERVE AND ENHANCE LOCAL CONTROL		DEPARTMENT	P.
1	Support efforts that are consistent with the doctrine of local control which streamlines and simplifies the ability of a city to control its own affairs, especially in the areas of police powers, local elections, land use planning, and public safety. Oppose preemption of local authority.	City Manager, City Council, City Clerk and City Attorney	6
2	Support measures that preserve the integrity and fundamentals of the Brown Act while opposing measures that would constrain communication among staff and local officials.	City Manager, City Council, City Clerk and City Attorney	6
3	Support measures that promote transparency, public participation and first amendment rights, while preserving procedures that continue to foster efficient government proceedings.	City Manager, City Council, City Clerk and City Attorney	6
4	Support measures increasing local autonomy, protecting privacy and maintaining our authority over public records. This includes measures that provide for the recovery of costs with regard to public records requests.	City Manager, City Council, City Clerk and City Attorney	6
5	Support efforts to amend rules that limit and restrict local governments' ability to achieve greater transparency of governmental business by improving the platform in which agencies can publish and advertise notices, resolutions, orders, or other matters required by law.	City Manager, City Council, City Clerk and City Attorney	6
6	Monitor land use issues and support measures that preserve local control over planning and zoning matters, including but not limited to housing development standards; parking standards; massage establishments; the banning or regulating of marijuana; the establishment and placement of group homes or sober living homes; development standards of accessory dwelling units; and telecommunication, broadband and infrastructure operations.	Community Development, Economic Development & Transportation	7
7	Support measures that provide municipalities with increased input in the development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).	Community Development, Economic Development & Transportation	7
8	Oppose air quality legislation that restricts the land use authority of cities.	Community Development, Economic Development & Transportation	7
9	Oppose any legislation that would make local agencies more dependent on the State for financial stability and policy direction.	Finance/Human Resources	9
10	Oppose legislation that undermines and preempts local authority over local taxes and fees.	Finance/Human Resources	9
11	Oppose measures that would mandate upon local governments any additional and costly program for employee benefits without local control.	Finance/Human Resources	9
12	Continue to influence, where necessary and applicable, any future efforts that may impact local government's ability to achieve and/or maintain sustainable pensions.	Finance/Human Resources	9
13	Oppose efforts which reduce local control over public employee disputes and impose the regulations of an outside agency.	Finance/Human Resources	9
14	Support legislation that would provide the City with more authority to regulate needle exchange programs proposing to operate within our jurisdiction.	Public Safety	10
15	Oppose efforts that seek to remove local regulatory authority on wireless infrastructure development.	Public Works	12
16	Support measures that uphold the ability of locally elected city councils to regulate and manage their publicly owned water and electric utilities so that local policy making authority is not eroded by State or Federal agencies, authorities, or other regulatory bodies, and keeps local funding from being transferred to State or Federal control.	Water/Utilities	13
17	Support local control of groundwater uses and groundwater rights.	Water/Utilities	13
18	Oppose actions by Regional Water Quality Control Boards that impose mandates on cities that exceed State or Federal regulations and/or are outside their jurisdictional authority to impose or enforce.	Water/Utilities	13

Appendix C: Legislative Platform by Guiding Legislative Principles

MAINTAIN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY		DEPARTMENT	P.
1	Oppose any state or federal unfunded mandates; those which do not provide for the direct or indirect reimbursement for the costs associated with complying with new and/or modified laws, regulations, policies, procedures, permits and/or programs.	City Manager, City Council, City Clerk and City Attorney	6
2	Support continued or expanded funding as well as the expansion of the eligibility and allowable uses of the funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.	Community Development, Economic Development & Transportation	7
3	Seek, promote, and implement any new or alternative approaches that may replace redevelopment funding mechanisms that deliver positive benefits to Glendora.	Community Development, Economic Development & Transportation	7
4	Support legislation that establishes funding for the development and rehabilitation of parks, libraries, public right of ways, and similar neighborhood and community serving facilities.	Community Services and Library	8
5	Support efforts to provide an expedited process for the fair distribution of State bond funds and other grant opportunities.	Community Services and Library	8
6	Oppose action that reduces or depletes services and funding sources created to enhance the community's varying needs, including library programming.	Community Services and Library	8
7	Oppose legislation that would impose unfunded mandates and support full cost reimbursement to the City for all federal, state and county-mandated programs.	Finance/Human Resources	9
8	Support legislation that strengthens and expands ongoing revenue for the City; Oppose any change in revenue allocations that would negatively (current or future) affect local government.	Finance/Human Resources	9
9	Support legislation that changes the allocation of sales tax for online purchases from the county pool and reallocates it to the City where the purchase is made.	Finance/Human Resources	9
10	Engage and advocate for legislation or ballot measures to prevent the State from borrowing, raiding or otherwise redirecting local government funds such as local, property and sales taxes.	Finance/Human Resources	9
11	Continue to promote increased flexibility for the utilization of municipally generated revenues (i.e. – Public Education and Government fee, Utility Users Tax, Development Impact Fees, etc.).	Finance/Human Resources	9
12	Oppose efforts that would significantly alter Proposition 13 and the tax benefits that are currently provided to residents and businesses.	Finance/Human Resources	9
13	Monitor State and Federal efforts to manage the rising cost of health insurance through legislation and urge officials to fully consider the financial impact on local governments.	Finance/Human Resources	9
14	Oppose efforts to legislate changes in how the California Public Employee Pension System invests its assets if the proposed changes will result in a loss of funds	Finance/Human Resources	9
15	Support reform measures that provide sustainable and secure public pensions and other post-retirement benefits to ensure responsive and affordable public services.	Finance/Human Resources	9
16	Oppose efforts by online travel companies to circumvent remittance of Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) from hotel reservations purchased on the internet.	Finance/Human Resources	9
17	Oppose any attempt to eliminate or limit the traditional tax exemption for municipal bonds.	Finance/Human Resources	9
18	Actively support initiatives to assure timely reimbursements to the City from State and Federal mandates.	Finance/Human Resources	9
19	Support efforts to maintain and expand the types of municipal investment-grade revenue bonds.	Finance/Human Resources	9
20	Protect the City's right to levy and collect our full share of Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) from hotels, including online hotel intermediaries. This includes opposing any federal or state legislation that would provide immunity to online hotel intermediaries and/or prohibit the City from collecting (retroactively or otherwise) our fair share of TOT.	Finance/Human Resources	9
21	Advocate for legislation that supports the City's ability to provide competitive and valuable employment opportunities and strengthens good faith negotiations between employee organizations and local agencies.	Finance/Human Resources	9

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MAINTAIN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY (CONTINUED)		DEPARTMENT	P.
22	Support legislation that streamlines the Workers' Compensation system and makes it easier for employers, employees, and health care providers to navigate.	Finance/Human Resources	9
23	Support legislation that would control medical and legal costs related to workers' compensation.	Finance/Human Resources	9
24	Support workers' compensation reform that is inclusive of both safety and non-safety employees.	Finance/Human Resources	9
25	Oppose legislation or other administrative actions that seek to limit the police department's ability to collect and utilize asset forfeiture funds for a wide variety of police services.	Public Safety	10
26	Support legislation on State and Federal funding, including grant opportunities, which target specialized local law enforcement and prevention programs including the Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (GRIP) program, and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.	Public Safety	10
27	Seek continued financial assistance to deal with the impacts of AB109 (Public Safety Realignment) and Proposition 47 (Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative). This includes supporting legislation that addresses wrap-around services such as substance abuse counseling, mental health services, employment, medical and housing assistance.	Public Safety	10
28	Advocate for legislation and funding that would take advantage of the latest technology to prevent and resolve crimes (i.e. the ability to use surveillance cameras, integrated video recording systems (body cameras), automatic license plate recognition, and DNA testing).	Public Safety	10
29	Seek measures that encourage disaster preparedness and emergency planning, including funding to develop a permanent Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to further emergency management preparedness efforts. Seek funding for recovery cost due to disasters.	Public Safety	10
30	Seek State financial assistance for enforcement and regulation due to the passage of Proposition 64 and legalization of recreational marijuana.	Public Safety	10
31	Support Office of Traffic Safety grant funding related to all aspects of traffic safety.	Public Safety	10
32	Support measures that pursue new monies and preserve existing Regional, State, and Federal funding opportunities, including but not limited to Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program and Congestion Management Air Quality Funds; State Cap and Trade, High Speed Rail, Gas Tax, and Active Transportation funds; and Regional Measure M, Measure R, Proposition A, and Proposition C (Transportation Sales Tax) funds, to mitigate traffic congestion and maintain/improve the City's infrastructure including but not limited to the preservation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and development of local street and road systems.	Public Works	12
33	Support measures that seek to reevaluate the method and manner in which the State and Federal gas taxes are collected and allocated fairly to local jurisdictions.	Public Works	12
34	Oppose efforts by the State or Legislature that would impose Public Benefit requirements on water utilities that transfer funding to the State for redistribution. Local benefits efforts should retain that funding for exclusive local use.	Water/Utilities	13
35	Support legislation that minimizes municipal borrowing costs to the benefit of ratepayers, such as preservation of the tax exempt status of municipal bonds for infrastructure investments.	Water/Utilities	13
36	Seek additional County, State and Federal funding to help meet mandated stormwater requirements.	Water/Utilities	13
37	Support efforts that seek to bring Federal sources of funding to California for water infrastructure development.	Water/Utilities	13
38	Oppose unfunded Federal and State legislative mandates on water and electric utilities, including any stemming from the action of regulatory agencies.	Water/Utilities	13
39	Support State and Federal funding for water ecosystem projects that are cost-effective; direct beneficiaries and cost causers should fund their fair share of infrastructure project costs that provide long-term benefits to the State and its inhabitants.	Water/Utilities	13
40	Actively pursue legislation and funding that support water conservation measures including, but not limited to: awareness, water storage, drought-resistant landscaping and permeable surfaces.	Water/Utilities	13
41	Support legislation that ensures the best interests of ratepayers with respect to cost, value, quality, safety and reliability of infrastructure and resources are considered, and that there are useful benefits in relation to implementation costs for programs.	Water/Utilities	13

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PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE		DEPARTMENT	P.
1	Support measures and grants that provide increased funding without loss of land use control for housing programs within the City, including incentives for affordable housing; amended Federal and State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Programs; and private sector investment in housing projects.	Community Development, Economic Development & Transportation	7
2	Support legislation that provides tangible and productive tools and incentives to support job creation and retention, including job training and workforce development programs.	Community Development, Economic Development & Transportation	7
3	Support legislation that enhances the City's efforts to attract new businesses and retain and promote the successes of existing local businesses.	Community Development, Economic Development & Transportation	7
4	Support legislation that expands transportation planning, funding, and voluntary incentives to include alternative modes of transportation, transportation demand management systems, an increasingly multi-modal perspective focusing on transit, alternative fuel vehicles, fleets, pedestrian ways, bikeways, multi-use trails and parking.	Community Development, Economic Development & Transportation	7
5	Support legislation that will help provide residents with safe, accessible services and facilities.	Community Services and Library	8
6	Support legislation that promotes content and service accessibility, competition, and consumer protection in the online and networked world.	Community Services and Library	8
7	Advocate for libraries as sites of learning, where protected content will be continually available, distributed, used, and preserved to further knowledge, fostering the Constitutional purpose of the law "to advance the progress of science and the useful arts" to benefit the public.	Community Services and Library	8
8	Defend policies that ensure meeting facilities and exhibit space should be made available to members of a community on "an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use."	Community Services and Library	8
9	Support legislation that ensures environmental stewardship and drought mitigation is consistent with the goals that have been endorsed by the City Council, and such legislation is balanced with the need for reliable, cost-effective service that does not act as a disincentive to local employers staying in California.	Water/Utilities	13

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PUBLIC SAFETY		DEPARTMENT	P.
1	Support well balanced legislation that promotes preventative measures to prevent impacts from natural disasters such as earthquakes and fires, including vegetation management, seismic building retrofits and higher levels of wildfire structural resilience.	City Manager, City Council, City Clerk and City Attorney	6
2	Advocate for legislation that will support our local police department including legislation that addresses use of force concerns; supports funding for homeless and mental health outreach; provides local control over cannabis rules and enforcement; and continues to raise awareness regarding the deficiencies of Prop 47/Prop 57 with strategies to fix those deficiencies.	City Manager, City Council, City Clerk and City Attorney	6
3	Support legislation and funding for youth related prevention and intervention programs, including after school educational and recreational programs.	Community Services and Library	8
4	Advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information	Community Services and Library	8
5	Support legislation that promotes libraries as centers for early education, literacy, career support, services for vulnerable populations and other educational programs that benefit a wide range of community members.	Community Services and Library	8
6	Support for legislation that would address the wait time for 911 ambulances when transitioning patients at local hospitals and emergency rooms.	Public Safety	10
7	Support legislation that assists in preventing and reducing crime, such as drug prevention programs, reducing gun violence, mental health initiatives, enhanced protective equipment, and solutions for homelessness.	Public Safety	10
8	Promote programs that help ensure public safety through the assistance and rehabilitation of individuals challenged with mental and/or substance abuse illnesses and increase awareness and training opportunities.	Public Safety	10
9	Support legislation for the prevention of Adolescent Cannabis use for the purposes of preventing persons under 21 years of age from accessing cannabis and cannabis products, unless otherwise specified.	Public Safety	10
10	Support legislation that prevents Human Trafficking, Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.	Public Safety	10
11	Support Vehicle Code and Traffic Safety legislation.	Public Safety	10
12	Support legislation that would expand the scope of a crime to a person who is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm in any jurisdiction by a valid order issued by an out-of-state jurisdiction that is similar or equivalent to a temporary restraining order, injunction, or protective order issued in this state, and which includes a prohibition from owning or possessing a firearm.	Public Safety	10
13	Oppose legislation that would institute a program under which the length of a parolee's period of parole would be reduced.	Public Safety	10
14	Support legislative and administrative efforts to adopt cost-effective, science-based drinking water quality regulations.	Water/Utilities	13

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REGIONAL COLLABORATION		DEPARTMENT	P.
1	Support state and regional collaborations that seek to address homelessness as well as grant programs that provide direct funding to cities in order to implement local strategies.	City Manager, City Council, City Clerk and City Attorney	6
2	Proactively support and advocate for initiatives, partnerships, funding, and programs to ensure veterans and their families have access to holistic services and resources including, but not limited to: physical and mental health, affordable housing, employment, and education.	City Manager, City Council, City Clerk and City Attorney	6
3	Support legislation that encourages regional and sub-regional entities to incorporate locally acceptable planning and urban design strategies developed in consultation with local governments, especially when those plans are tied to funding allocations.	Community Development, Economic Development & Transportation	7
4	Advocate for new homelessness initiative funding and fair homelessness funding formulas that acknowledge tax burdens, local planning, and storage/cleaning needs.	Community Services and Library	8
5	Support initiatives that leverage City and school partnerships that enhance neighborhood school sites as key City amenities.	Community Services and Library	8
6	Support legislation and local, state, and federal programs that employ evidence-based best practice strategies to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by: preventing homelessness for those at-risk; providing emergency and transitional housing; expanding affordable permanent housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services.	Community Services and Library	8
7	Continue to support efforts to coordinate the development of telecommunications infrastructure within the region for use during large scale emergency situations.	Public Safety	11
8	Support and advocate for Federal assistance to aid the Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) System that includes seeking relief for communities that will lose public safety radio communication channels when the Federal government mandates reallocation of the "T-Band" spectrum in 2021, that is currently utilized by first responders in and surrounding communities.	Public Safety	11
9	Support initiatives involving County, State and Federal governments to reduce and prevent homelessness in Los Angeles County and provide funding for these efforts.	Public Safety	11
10	Support legislation and funding for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and other funding initiatives administered by the Department of Homeland Security to enhance the City's ability to respond to regional or national threats.	Public Safety	11
11	Support legislation for living with wildlife programs that provides for community education opportunities and funding for mitigative measures, when needed.	Public Safety	11
12	Support measures to improve water supply and drinking water quality in the region where cost causation principles are employed and users/beneficiaries pay for the costs of those measures.	Water/Utilities	14
13	Support administrative and legislative plans that foster the California Water Fix, a comprehensive ecosystem restoration and protection plan for the Delta, as the best alternative to meet California's co-equal goals of water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem restoration.	Water/Utilities	14
14	Support legislation that exempts stormwater capture facilities from California Department of Fish and Wildlife review and permitting process. Requirements to permit debris basin clean out significantly delays the process, which may endanger residents in the event of storms.	Water/Utilities	14
15	Oppose new regulations that do not allow appropriate time and resources for compliance.	Water/Utilities	14