

2025-2026 Legislative Agenda

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Legislative Agenda Overview

- Guides legislative advocacy efforts; allows the City to respond to issues as they arise
- **2024:** City supported fifty bills (28 signed into law) on issues including reducing crime and retail theft, increasing fines for selling tobacco products to minors, providing additional pathways for organic waste products, permitting curbside electric vehicle charging stations, and common-sense gun control
- **2025-26:** Reinforces City's commitment to the values of dignity, inclusivity, and respect for all individuals, regardless of ethnic or national origin, gender, race, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, or immigration status
 - Prioritizes protecting the entire community from threats of hate-based violence and discrimination and ensuring that funding that has been granted to the City is received

Protecting State & Federal Funding

State Budget Funding

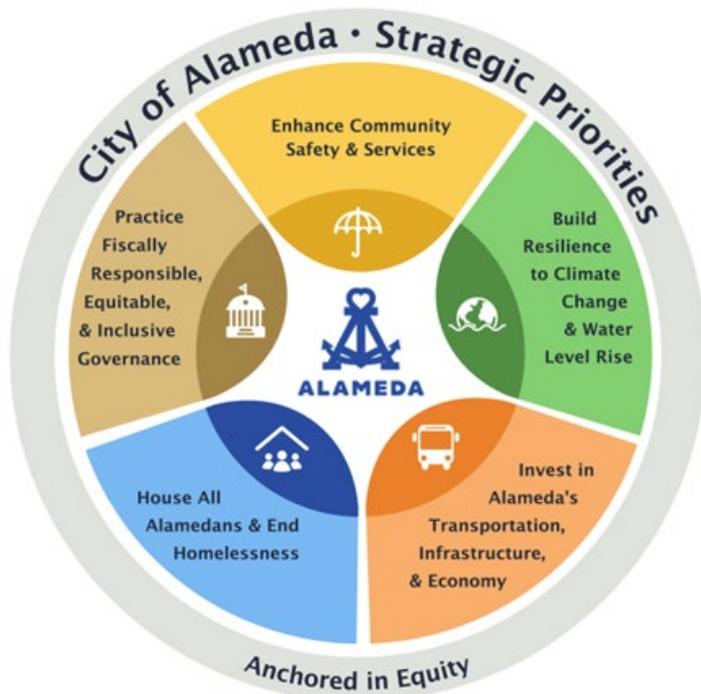
- **2024-25:** Provided support for RESHAP housing project
- **2023-24:** Received \$1.25 million for the Day Center and Safe Parking program, \$750,000 for the Lincoln/Marshal/Pacific transportation safety project
- **2022-23:** Received \$1.8 million for the CARE Team pilot project

Federal Funding

- **2024-25:** \$900,000 appropriated for the Crime Victims Initiative, \$250,000 for the Lincoln/Marshal/Pacific transportation safety project
- Applied for a \$55 million FEMA grant for Bay Farm adaptation; \$30 million authorized for Oakland Estuary adaptation
- Awarded \$16 million for the Lincoln/Marshal/Pacific project

2025-26 Updates

The 2025-2026 Legislative Agenda includes feedback from City department directors, Mayor and City Councilmembers, the **City's Strategic Plan priorities**, and the **League of California Cities 2025 Advocacy Priorities**



2025 Advocacy Priorities



Protect local revenues and expand economic development tools. →



Strengthen climate change resiliency and disaster preparedness. →



Strengthen and modernize critical infrastructure. →



Secure investments to prevent and reduce homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing. →

2025-26 Updates

Alameda Point & Economic Development

- Support legislation that prevents spurious California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenges
- Support for businesses in industry sectors identified as opportunities for growth and support to businesses via City services and programs

Infrastructure & Transportation

- Preserve/expand maritime uses, including funding and authority for removing derelict vessels, dredging, pier and marina upgrades, and regulations
- Support efforts and funding to mitigate local impacts from state construction projects

2025-26 Updates

Public Safety

- Support legislation that deters retail theft
- Promote efforts to ensure resilience of critical public assets; help prepare Alameda for tsunamis and timely evacuation with a focus on access and functional needs

Physical & Mental Health, Social & Human Services

- Maintain, support, and when necessary, defend funding allocations, particularly as it relates to Sanctuary City status and access to greater rights and protections
- Support Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) efforts for City staff, and opportunities to expand DEIB efforts to City services

2025-26 Updates

Revenue, Taxation, & Employee Relations

- Funding for rent control enforcement and an office for victim advocacy
- Financial and banking needs of cannabis-related businesses

Environmental Protection & Sustainability, Recreation, Parks & Open Space

- Electrify parks and the aquatic center and increase artificial turf fields and pickleball
- Restore the CA Library Services Act and expand library services

Housing

- Increase renter/tenant protections, restore multi-family housing program, advocate for tax credits to be used to build affordable housing, ensure funding for existing housing projects when the Homekey subsidies expire

Next Steps

- Council discussion and approval of the 2025-2026 Legislative Agenda
- City staff will share the document with state and federal representatives and continue to monitor legislation and funding opportunities
- Weekly website updates: www.alamedaca.gov/legislativeaffairs