


2016 Legislative Program

CITY OF ALAMEDA



Background

- The Legislative Program was the last adopted in December 2013 for the 2014 legislative session.
 - Adopted annually to allow staff to respond quickly to legislative issues.
 - Staff works directly with state and federal lobbyists to inform legislators of the City's position on a variety of bills.
 - Any mid-term bills not covered by the legislative program are brought back to City Council for review.
 - The 2016 Legislative Program was developed and reviewed by all department heads.
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General Principle

- Overarching principles to protect local control, avoid unfunded mandates or other impacts on the City's budget.

2016 Legislative Program - Base Reuse

- Preserve Alameda's interests related to base reuse, clean-up and conveyance.
 - Ferry terminal and service
 - Veterans Affairs federal construction funding
 - Shoreline stabilization
 - Financing tools

2016 Legislative Program - Redevelopment

- Address issues stemming from the State of California's dissolution of Redevelopment in 2011.
- Funding mechanisms and strategies to promote economic development and affordable housing.

2016 Legislative Program – Land Use

- Local government land use and revenue authority critical to the federal-state-local partnership efforts to advance community and economic development.
- Maintain local land use authority
- Support incentives to integrate new growth, implement transportation, land use and building policies to encourage maximum use of resources and lower energy consumption.

2016 Legislative Program - Transportation

- Reduce or help alleviate on-island traffic concerns and safety.
 - Traffic improvements: Webster/Posey Tube and Broadway/Jackson
 - Transportation funding for improvements, Fruitvale Lifeline Bridge, greenhouse gas reduction and bicycle/pedestrian improvements.

2016 Legislative Program – Public Safety

- Funding and resources for police and fire services, disaster preparedness and resiliency.
 - Federal funding for COPS local law enforcement; SAFER and Assistance to Firefighters grants; and Ground Emergency Medical Transport program.
 - Funding for marine debris removal.

2016 Legislative Program - Parks

- Funding and resources for the development and maintenance of Alameda parks.
 - Local funding allocation in State Park Bonds.
 - San Francisco Bay Trail and shoreline trail development.

2016 Legislative Program – Revenue and Taxation

- Support legislation that has a positive financial impact on the City.
 - Economic, business and job development.
 - Local financial control.
 - Recover taxes from e-commerce transactions.
 - Reduce burdensome financial reporting.

2016 Legislative Program - Employees

- Promote attraction and retention of qualified employees
 - Maintain local control regarding benefit decisions.
 - Assistance with Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities.

2016 Legislative Program - Environment

- Promote environmental protection and sustainability.
 - Assistance to develop and implement energy efficiency and conservation strategies.
 - Support the plastic bag ban.
 - Promote and fund recycling efforts.
 - Energy efficiency efforts without unfunded mandates.
 - Address climate adaptation.
 - Fund storm water program.
 - Access cap and trade revenues for transportation, sustainable communities and affordable housing.

2016 Legislative Program – Affordable Housing

- Provide incentives and resources to expand local efforts to integrate housing, transportation, and land use.
- Promote financing mechanisms and funding for the National Housing Trust Fund, HOME and CDBG programs.