

# *2018 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA*



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*City of Alameda*

# *Background*



- What: Alameda's Legislative Agenda guides the City's legislative efforts throughout the year
- Why: By adopting a Legislative Agenda, both staff and the City Council are able to react quickly to legislative issues as they arise and ensure there is a formal City position on a variety of legislative matters
- When: The City Council adopted the current Legislative Agenda in March 2017
- Who: This draft was developed with input from the City Manager's Office and all department heads. Once adopted, it will be shared with our state and federal lobbyists

# *General Principles*



- The City of Alameda opposes any legislation or regulations that preempt local authority, negatively affect the City's budget, or impose unfunded mandates on the City
- The City supports the use of incentives to encourage local government action, rather than the imposition of mandates
- As a Sanctuary City, the City Council has directed the City Manager to regularly report to the City Council any requests (or the absence of requests) from the federal government for information or for the use of City resources



# *Base Reuse*

**FOCUS: Legislation and policies that preserve Alameda's interests related to base reuse, clean-up, and conveyance**

- Promote construction of a Seaplane Lagoon ferry terminal and the expansion/improvement of Bay Area wide water transit, with an emphasis on ferry service in Alameda
- Continue work for Veterans Affairs federal construction funding and project completion
- Seek transportation, park and open space, **affordable housing**, and infrastructure funds



# *Redevelopment*

**FOCUS:** Legislation that assists cities to address issues stemming from the State of California's dissolution of Redevelopment in 2011.

- Support legislative efforts to provide a funding mechanism and other strategies to promote economic development and affordable and middle-income housing programs
- **Support the implementation of the State housing bills passed by the legislature in 2017**
- Support legislation regarding the unwinding of redevelopment that maximizes the former redevelopment agency's flexibility and authority



# *Land Use*

**FOCUS: Local government land use and revenue authority is critical to the federal-state-local partnership efforts to advance community and economic development and must be preserved.**

- Oppose legislation that would remove or limit local government land use authority
- Promote local control over drone regulations
- Support actions that minimize noise impacts from planes on the City's residents
- **Preserve/expand maritime uses, including derelict vessels, dredging, marina upgrades/grants, and regulations**
- Oppose legislation that would limit the City's ability to control the time, place, manner, and cost of wireless communications facilities on City property and within the City right of way



# *Transportation*

**FOCUS: Measures that reduce or help alleviate on and off island traffic concerns and safety.**



- Webster/Posey Tube and Broadway/Jackson traffic improvements
- State, County, and Federal transportation funding for:
  - Fruitvale lifeline bridge and other egress off of Alameda island
  - **Implementation of the City-wide Transportation Choices plan and other City transportation efforts to minimize traffic congestion**
  - **Additional crossing on the west end for bicycle and pedestrian transit access to Oakland and BART**
- Support pedestrian and bike safety and access improvements throughout the City with an emphasis on enabling residents to get to BART and other methods of commuting



# *Public Safety & Homeland Security*

**FOCUS: Legislation that funds and provides resources for police and fire services, disaster preparedness, and resiliency.**

- Seek funding and resources for disaster preparedness, prevention, recovery, and response for all-hazard threats
- Support efforts to make permanent the most cost effective and efficient components of the State's Community Paramedicine Pilot Program to reduce hospital readmissions and provide nursing level support once released from the hospital
- Support efforts that help address inequities that impacted minorities prior to the decriminalization of cannabis





# *Parks & Open Space*

**FOCUS:** Legislation that supports the development, expansion, and maintenance of Alameda parks.

- Local funding allocation in state park bonds
- State, county, and federal funding for park development, infrastructure, and maintenance
- Development of the San Francisco Bay Trail, Shoreline Trail, and new regional park at the Northwest Territories in Alameda Point



# *Revenue & Taxation*

**FOCUS: Support legislation that has a positive financial impact on the City.**

- Support legislation that will prevent the State from redirecting or taking away local revenue sources
- Increase grant funding opportunities with reduced local match requirement
- Support State efforts that would reduce the vote threshold for local initiatives
- Maintain and when necessary defend funding allocations, particularly as it relates to Sanctuary City status



# *Employee Relations*

**FOCUS: Promote attraction and retention of qualified employees in the workforce.**

- Maintain decisions about health and retirement benefits at the local level
- Assistance with Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) liabilities



# *Environment*

**FOCUS:** Legislation that promotes environmental protection and sustainability, such as resource and energy efficiency, water quality, and conservation.

- Support the plastic bag and straw bans and efforts to expand existing bans
- Resources to assist local governments in reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Funding and resources for local agencies to address sea level rise and flood protection
- Storm water program funding, including efforts to treat storm water fees like sewer fees and bring additional resources to support green infrastructure planning and projects



# *Affordable Housing*

**FOCUS: Legislation that supports funding and development of affordable and middle-income housing.**



- Support legislation and proposals that provide incentives and resources to expand local efforts that integrate housing, transportation, and land use and assist in the reorganization and replacement of existing infrastructure to support California's growing population
- Support full funding for the National Housing Trust Fund, Section 8, HOME, and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs
- Support measures and funding for those who face additional housing barriers, including but not limited to, the homeless, veterans, seniors, and the disabled members of our community

# *League of California Cities 2018 Priorities*

- Protect existing transportation funding for local priorities and oppose efforts that would reduce or eliminate funding for cities
- Address public safety concerns arising from recently enacted reduced sentencing laws
- Continue to preserve city rights to deliver emergency medical services
- Increase state and federal financial support and provide additional local incentives and tools to improve housing affordability and develop more workforce and affordable housing



# *Staff Recommendation*

Review and Approve the 2018 Legislative Agenda for the City of Alameda

