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The legislative priorities for the City of Oceanside are as follows:

**1. Public Safety:** Seek funding and tools to promote the safety and health of Oceanside residents, increase community preparedness in emergencies, and strengthen our cybersecurity defenses.

- Support legislation which would strengthen local law enforcement and provide for enhanced public safety.
- Oppose legislation that shifts State/County criminal justice costs to cities.
- Support funding opportunities for public safety preparedness training.
- Seek funding for safety enforcement, community risk reduction, and public education programs.
- Support legislation that increases funding to respond to and recover from natural disasters and terrorism.
- Support legislation that addresses public safety concerns arising from reduced sentencing laws and initiatives.
- Support 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.
- Seek funding for gang prevention, intervention and enforcement.
- Seek funding for personal protective equipment for Public Safety personnel.
- Support State and Federal measures that have the effect on reducing gun violence.
- Support legislation which would enhance and/or fund marine safety.
- Advocate for Federal completion of the San Luis Rey River Project to reduce flood risks to the City of Oceanside.

**2. Housing and Quality of Life:** Advocate for federal and state funding and tools to provide affordable housing opportunities, enhance neighborhoods, support the growing needs of senior services, and increase the quality of life for residents. Support funding for homeless services, outreach, and assistance.

- Support legislation which would strengthen the capability of cities to regulate all facets of land use.
- Support policies that increase quality housing, expand homeownership and reduce foreclosures.
- Support legislation which expands Federal and State funding for the provision of affordable housing. Support legislation which expands funding for rental subsidy programs, such as Section 8.
- Support continued and expanded funding for homeless and low-income individuals for supportive services.
- Support legislation that would provide funding for addiction rehabilitation treatment.
- Support legislation which would provide increased grant funds for local governments to assist in meeting a variety of community needs for seniors, neighborhood policing, and environmental enhancements.
- Support legislation that protects the public health and welfare of its citizens, particularly minors.
- Support legislation that helps protect air and water quality.
- Support legislation that provides funds for library renovation and/or promotes adult education and literacy.
- Support measures that provide funding for community park facilities, open space, and recreation programs.
- Support legislation that provides funding to improve recreational water quality.
- Support State and Federal funding and legislation for the Arts that benefit local communities.

**3. Economic Development:** Support opportunities to help develop a skilled workforce, support and retain Oceanside businesses, and grow the local economy.

- Support measures that would amplify the City's efforts to retain and promote the success of local businesses and increase the number of jobs in Oceanside.



- Support the creation and expansion of economic development financing tools and entities that provide access to capital for new and existing small businesses and start-ups.
- Support the development of accelerated learning programs for identified high need sector jobs in partnership with MiraCosta College and California State University at San Marcos.
- Support policies and programs that encourage working with other cities, counties and government agencies to jointly leverage resources and assets to create and strengthen economic clusters within the region, such as Innovate 78.
- Support the development of programs that empower low-income families and at-risk youth by giving them access to technology and technical education to expand their employment opportunities.

**4. Fiscal Stability:** Advocate for legislation that ensures the financial health of the City and protects local governments. Oppose proposed regulations which increase the cost of providing City services without a proportionate benefit to residents.

- Oppose changes in revenue allocations which would negatively affect local government, such as the redistribution of sales tax, property tax, transient occupancy tax.
- Support legislation that would provide greater accountability on the part of counties for the distribution of funds back to municipalities.
- Oppose any measure that shifts revenue from local government to other agencies.
- Support full cost reimbursement to the City for all Federal, State or County-mandated programs.
- Support measures that provide greater local control over how local funds are expended.
- Support legislative remedies that provide sustainability for agencies to fund CalPERS costs.
- Support legislation that promotes and protects the retention of local point of sale revenues.
- Oppose legislation that diminishes or eliminates the collection of local franchise fees or diverts its collection by the state or federal government.



**5. Transportation and Infrastructure:** Support legislation that provides State and Federal funding for roads, accelerates projects that reduce congestion and that safely accommodate all users. Support the development of programs and funding to expand investment in infrastructure.

- Support legislation that provides for effective and efficient transportation alternatives.
- Oppose transportation proposals that would adversely affect the quality of life in North San Diego County by causing traffic congestion, air pollution or other problems.
- Support Federal Aviation Administration programs that provide funding to facilitate improvements at the Oceanside Municipal Airport.
- Support funding to improve the flow of traffic on state highways 5, 78, and 76 through Oceanside.

**6. Smart and Sustainable City:** Support funding opportunities that maximize sustainability initiatives. Support legislation protecting existing water supply and facilitating development of future water sources in Southern California. Support funding to implement technologies that improve the efficiency of City services.

- Support measures that increase water supply and storage facilities within the region and allow for economically feasible water transfers within the system.
- Support efforts to assist in the production and distribution of reclaimed water.
- Support funding opportunities to help implement solid waste and green waste mandates.
- Support incentives which reduce, reuse and recycle waste products in accordance with the Council-adopted Zero Waste Plan.
- In support of the City's adopted Climate Action Plan (2019), support legislation that increases the diversity of the region's energy resources, particularly increasing the use of higher-efficiency, clean distributed generation and renewable resources.
- Support efforts to strengthen the legal and fiscal capability of local agencies to prepare, adopt and implement plans for orderly growth, development, beautification and conservation of local planning areas.

**7. Coastal Protection and Enhancement:** Support legislation which provides funding and assistance in beach sand retention and replenishment. Support ecosystem enhancing legislation.

- Support the safe deconstruction of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and protect the City of Oceanside from radioactive impacts.
- Advocate for continued annual dredging of the Oceanside Harbor at Federal expense, completion of the Shoreline Study and implementation of measures to mitigate the impact of the Federal Harbor on the City's beaches and shoreline.
- Support legislation which provides State/Federal funding for beach restoration activity.
- Support legislation which would provide Federal funding for Harbors of Refuge.
- Oppose legislation which would permit offshore oil leasing or drilling along the Southern California coast.

**8. Local Control:** The City of Oceanside strongly promotes local control and will support or oppose legislation based on whether it impacts local control over City revenues, land use, community development, and other municipal policies.

- Support legislation which would expand local autonomy / home rule authority to govern municipal affairs.
- Oppose any legislation that preempts local authority or weakens the independence of charter cities.
- Support legislation that maintains local control over cities' ability to enforce their municipal code.
- Support legislation and regulations of telecommunications facilities and services that maintain local control over public right-of-ways and provide just compensation for use of right-of-ways.