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# Updated City Council Policy and 2020 Legislative Platform

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 2019





# Background

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- **On January 25th, the City Council directed the City Manager to:**
  - ❑ **Update City Council Policy 2: Legislative Advocacy and Official City Positions; and**
  - ❑ **Bring forward an annual legislative platform in the fall.**
- **On October 30, staff met with City Council Policy Committee to consider changes to Council Policy 2 and develop a legislative platform.**



## Summary – City Council Policy 2

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### ➤ **Changes include:**

- Added a “Legislative Platform” section with an adoption deadline of January 1 every year**
- Moved “Guiding Principles” section to legislative platform**
- Authorized Mayor to submit advocacy letters if proposed legislation clearly follows Council-approved legislative platform**
  - If Mayor is unavailable, Mayor Pro Tem or City Manager is authorized to do the same**



## Summary – City Council Policy 2

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- Proposed legislation that does not clearly follow the legislative platform or is highly politicized will be brought to the City Council for consideration and action
- Staff to provide periodic updates to the City Council
- Minor grammatical changes



# Summary – 2020 Legislative Platform

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- **Many cities use legislative platforms to guide legislative advocacy efforts during the year**
- **Cities are often asked to submit advocacy letters**
- **Timing doesn't always coincide with City Council meetings; especially "gut-and-amend" legislation**
- **Adopting a legislative platform will enable the City to actively participate in the legislative process**



# Summary – 2020 Legislative Platform

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## ➤ **Draft 2020 Legislative Platform divided into two sections:**

### **1. Guiding Principles**

- **Preserve Local Control**
- **Promote Fiscal Stability**
- **Promote Economic Development**
- **Support Funding Opportunities**

### **2. Policy statements**



# Fiscal Impact

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➤ **None.**



# Recommendation

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- **It is recommended that the City Council:**
  - 1. Adopt amended City Council Policy 2: Legislative Advocacy and Official City Positions; and,**
  - 2. Adopt the City of La Palma's 2020 State and Federal Legislative Platform**





# Questions/Discussion

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