

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Legislative/Lobby Committee will conduct a Special Meeting, at the following time and place, and will address the agenda listed below:

### CITY HALL 455 North Rexford Drive 4th Floor Conference Room A Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Tuesday May 30, 2017 11:00 AM

### **AGENDA**

- 1) Public Comment
  - a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.
- 2) Consider taking a position on Senate Bill 268, as amended, Mendoza. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- 3) Overview of Governor's May revise to the state budget
- 4) Consider taking a position on the Governor's proposal for Proposition 64 (Adult Use of Marijuana Act) Implementation
- 5) Review Proposed Legislative Platform
- 6) Update on federal budget

7) Adjournment

Byron Pope, City Clerk

Posted: May 26, 2017

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May 24, 2017

**To:** Cindy Owens, City of Beverly Hills

From: Andrew K. Antwih, Partner, Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.

Christopher Castrillo, Legislative Advocate, Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc. Melissa Immel, Legislative Advocate, Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.

Re: SB 268 (Mendoza) Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Attachments: 1) SB 268, as amended, Mendoza. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation

Authority

2) Summary of Changes for SB 268

### **Existing Law**

Currently, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors is comprised of 14 members: 5 members of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the Mayor of Los Angeles, two public members and one Los Angeles City Council Member (appointed by the Mayor of Los Angeles), four members selected by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, and one non-voting member appointed by the Governor. Existing law requires Metro to submit a plan within 60 days to the Legislature for revising the composition of the Authority, if the number of members on the County Board of Supervisors is increased.

### **Legislative Background**

Last year, Senator Mendoza introduced SB 1472 to expand Metro's governing board to 22 members to expand geographic representation. The bill remained in the Senate but did not move through the legislative process. Senator Mendoza then gutted and amended SB 522 (Mendoza) to serve as a legislative vehicle in another attempt to change Metro's governing structure to expand it the Board of Directors to 24 members, but that bill died as well. Over the past year, Senator Mendoza engaged local stakeholders and reintroduced the effort this year in SB 268.

#### This Bill

SB 268 (Mendoza) would delete the requirement that Metro submit a plan for revising the composition of the Authority, and seeks to make adjustments to the membership. As proposed, the bill will reduce the number of Board Supervisors from 5 to 2 members and require one Supervisor to represent the largest population in the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles. The bill will also remove the appointment of two public members to the Board. The bill will increase the Los Angeles City Council from 1 to 5 members and add the County Auditor as a non-voting member of the Board. All appointees will be required to serve a 4-year term without limitation or until the term of their elected office expires.

SB 268 is headed to the Senate Floor.

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### **Arguments in Support**

Senator Mendoza stated, "The current distribution of the MTA Board is unrepresentative of LA County and has resulted in uneven allocation of resources and services. SB 268 will realign and expand the MTA Board to provide better representation for the entire County of Los Angeles, including the unincorporated areas."

### **Arguments in Opposition**

Stakeholders in opposition note that the composition of the Metro Board was the result of a lengthy, local process which engaged local stakeholders to develop a consensus. Opponents of the bill have expressed concern that a mandated Board structure, rather than a bottoms-up, consensus-driven process, will perpetuate conflicts rather than seek compromise. Additionally, any abrupt structural changes to Metro's governance may be damaging to the forthcoming implementation of the multibillion dollar Measure M program.

### Support

California Contract Cities Association Lou LaMonte, Mayor of City of Malibu

WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff

**Opposition** County of Los Angeles Disabled Veterans Business Alliance Eric Garcetti, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic: FAST HDR Engineering, Inc. Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce (LALCC) Lynn Capouya, Inc., Landscape Architects Michael Baker International **Parsons Corporation** Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) State Building and Construction Trades Council of California (SBCTC)

# Attachment 1

# AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 26, 2017 AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 1, 2017 AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 28, 2017

SENATE BILL

No. 268

### **Introduced by Senator Mendoza**

February 8, 2017

An act to amend Section 130051 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 268, as amended, Mendoza. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Existing law creates the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority with specified powers and duties relative to transportation planning, programming, and operations in the County of Los Angeles. The authority is governed by a 14-member board of directors that consists of the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, 2 public members and one Los Angeles City Council member appointed by the mayor, 4 members appointed from the other cities in the county, the 5 members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and a nonvoting member appointed by the Governor.

Existing law requires the authority to submit a plan to the Legislature for revising the composition of the authority, if the number of members of the board of supervisors is increased, within 60 days of the increase.

This bill would delete this requirement and would add the county auditor as a nonvoting member of the board of directors. requirement. The bill would also reduce the *number of* members of the board of supervisors on the board of directors of the authority from 5 to 2

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members and would require that one supervisor represent the largest population in the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles. The bill would delete the appointment of 2 public members and require the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles to appoint 5 members of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles who represent contiguous clusters of 3 council districts. The bill would require the city council to determine contiguity. The bill would provide for 7 members to be appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee to represent the other cities in the County of Los Angeles from 4 specified sectors. The bill would require every appointee to serve a 4-year term without limitation or until the expiration of the term of his or her elected office.

By imposing new duties on local government within the County of Los Angeles, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 130051 of the Public Utilities Code is amended to read:
- 3 130051. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation 4 Authority consists of 14 16 members, as follows:
- 5 (a) Two members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. One supervisor shall represent the largest population 7 in the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles.
  - (b) The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles.

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- 9 (c) Five members of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles, 10 appointed by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, who represent 11 contiguous clusters of three council districts. The city council shall 12 determine contiguity.
- 13 (d) (1) Four Seven members, each of whom shall be a mayor 14 or a member of a city council, appointed by the Los Angeles 15 County City Selection Committee. For purposes of the selection

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1 of these—four—seven members, the County of Los Angeles, 2 excluding the City of Los Angeles, shall be divided into the 3 following four sectors:

- (A) The North County/San Fernando Valley sector.
- (B) The Southwest Corridor sector.
  - (C) The San Gabriel Valley sector.
  - (D) The Southeast Long Beach sector.
- (2) The League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division, shall define the sectors. Every city within a sector shall be entitled to vote to nominate one or more candidates from that sector for consideration for appointment by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee. A city's vote shall be weighted in the same proportion that its population bears to the total population of all cities within the sector.
- (3) The members appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall be appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee upon an affirmative vote of its members who represent a majority of the population of all cities within the county, excluding the City of Los Angeles.
  - (e) One nonvoting member appointed by the Governor.
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- (f) All members appointed pursuant to this section shall serve four-year terms, with no limitation on the number of terms that may be served by any individual, or until the expiration of the term of the elected office.
  - (e) One nonvoting member appointed by the Governor.
  - (f) The county auditor shall serve as a nonvoting member.
- SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

## **Attachment 2**

## Senate Bill 268, As Amended, Mendoza. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The table below reflects the current Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Board composition compared to the proposed changes of Senate Bill 268, as amended, Mendoza.

| Current  | Proposed   |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Five members from LA County Board of   | Two members from LA County Board of Supervisors                |  |  |
| Supervisors  | (Reduced)  |  |  |
| Mayor of Los Angeles   | Mayor of Los Angeles (No Change)                               |  |  |
| Two public members and one LA City   | Five members of the LA City Council (Removed two               |  |  |
| Council member   | public members, Increased number of City Council               |  |  |
|  | members)   |  |  |
| 4 members from the LA County City  | 7 members from the LA County City Selection                    |  |  |
| Selection Committee divided into the   | Committee (increased) divided into the following               |  |  |
| following sectors  | sectors  |  |  |
| a. North County/San Fernando Valley sector   | a. North County/San Fernando Valley sector (no change)         |  |  |
| b. The Southwest Corridor sector   | b. The Southwest Corridor sector (no change)                   |  |  |
| c. The San Gabriel Valley sector   | c. The San Gabriel Valley sector (no change)                   |  |  |
| d. The Southeast Long Beach sector   | d. The Southeast Long Beach sector (no change)                 |  |  |
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| One nonvoting member appointed by the  | One nonvoting member appointed by the Governor                 |  |  |
| Governor   | (no change)  |  |  |
| Total Members: 14  | Total Members: 16  |  |  |



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Re: May Revision to the Governor's Proposed 2017-18 State Budget

In January, Governor Brown proposed to spend about \$122.5 billion from the General Fund. In the May Revise, revenues are revised upward by \$2.5 billion and the Governor proposes to spend approximately \$124 billion from the General Fund during the 2017-18 fiscal year. The proposed 2017-18 Budget at the May Revision also includes \$56 billion special funds and \$3.4 billion bond funds, bringing the total package to about \$183.4 billion.

The proposed budget notes that revenues are expected to continue to increase, although at a reduced rate. Consequently, the budget projects a \$1.6 billion deficit in the coming year – the first deficit in four years – without "corrective action." Governor Brown's 2017-18 Proposed Budget emphasizes preparation for an inevitable recession and is proposing to deposit an additional \$1.15 billion to the state's Rainy Day Fund, bringing the total to \$8.5 billion by the end of Fiscal Year 2017-18, reaching 66% of the constitutional target.

The improved fiscal forecast compared to January allows for the May Revise to include funding for several of Governor Brown's key priorities:

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Mitigating increased costs to counties for In-Home Supportive Services.

Restoring the \$500 million child care package from the 2016 budget.

Reducing state pension liabilities by providing a \$6 billion supplemental payment to CalPERS. The Governor's office estimates this will save the state \$11 billion over the next two decades.

The May Revision also includes the following that may be of interest to the City of Beverly Hills:

- \$2.8 billion in funding from SB 1, the transportation deal that was adopted earlier this year, to:
  - Focus on "fix-it-first" investments to repair neighborhood roads and state highways and bridges.
  - Make key investments in trade and commute corridors to support continued economic growth and implement a sustainable freight strategy.
  - Match locally generated funds for high-priority transportation projects.
  - o Invest in passenger rail and public transit modernization and improvement.

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- Establishment of a Natural Resources and Parks Preservation Fund, starting with an initial transfer of \$65 million in General Fund dollars from previous appropriations for deferred maintenance at state parks.
- Legislation that will transfer specified transportation functions from the California Public Utilities Commission to the other state Departments.
- Proposed changes to the Community Based Transitional Housing program to allow cities and counties additional flexibility in their use of these funds.



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Re: Trailer Bill Implementing Proposition 64: Adult Use of Marijuana Act

### **Legislative Background**

In 1996, voters approved Proposition 215, the Medical Use of Marijuana Initiative. Since 2014, the League of California Cities and the California Police Chiefs have made efforts to protect citizens' rights to access medical marijuana while preserving the city's land use authority over medical marijuana businesses within their jurisdiction.

In 2016, AB 266 (Bonta), AB 243 (Wood), and SB 643 (McGuire), the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA) were signed into law. The MCRSA serves three main purposes: to advance local control, protect public safety, and create uniform health and safety standards to ensure the lawful distribution of medical marijuana in cities and counties in which it is authorized.

### **This Bill**

The Trailer Bill intends to "reconcile" Proposition 64 with MCRSA. However, it proposes to delete the MCRSA along with a number of the local control, public health and public safety provisions that the MCRSA contains. Some of the provisions that are not carried over in the Trailer Bill include:

- **Definition of "volatile solvent"** Repealing this definition will undermine local regulation and enforcement vis-a-vis manufacturing operations.
- **State Medical Marijuana ID Card program** Repealing this program will result in locals taking a hit in sales tax revenue.
- **Fire Safety Standards** Repealing this language will set cities up for litigation when they try to enforce the Fire Code. This language should be left intact and amended to expressly authorize cities to enforce the Fire Code.
- Allow non-storefront retail operations Failure to allow non-storefront businesses goes against the advice of local law enforcement in some cities.
- **Codify local agency right of inspection** Failure to codify this could set cities up for unnecessary litigation when they undertake routine regulatory duties.
- Provision regarding state agency response time (amended) This gives locals assurance that state agencies will at least begin an investigation by a date certain once a local permit has been revoked. The trailer bill proposes to delete it. It should instead be amended to give the state more time to respond.

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- Clarify local government ability to apply for grants This addresses a question many cities have asked: Can we have clearer rules on what can and cannot be banned, and still allow a city to retain eligibility for grant monies?
- Effect of revocation of local permit Not included in initial draft of Trailer Bill. Local permits, once revoked should suspend a state license pending a resolution of the defect that led to the local revocation.

The Trailer Bill will be heard in the Assembly Budget and the Senate Budget & Fiscal Review committees this week.

### **Recommendation:**

The League of California Cities is strongly opposed to the proposed Trailer Bill Language due to its detrimental impact on local control and local sales tax revenue. The City of Beverly Hills may wish to join in voicing opposition for the reasons outlined above.



### **CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

### **POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City Council Liaison/Legislative/Lobby Committee

**FROM:** Cindy Owens, Senior Management Analyst

**DATE:** May 30, 2017

**SUBJECT:** 2017 Legislative Platform

**ATTACHMENT:** 1. 2015 Legislative Platform

2. 2015 Legislative Platform – Markup

3. 2017 Legislative Platform

### **INTRODUCTION**

Each year, the City establishes a Legislative Platform which embodies key legislative themes and priorities for the upcoming year. The legislative platform provides direction for our legislative advocates and City staff as they work to secure clear and strategic initiatives locally as well as in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. The City's current legislative platform was last adopted by the City Council in 2015.

The legislative platform was reviewed by the Legislative/Lobby Liaison Committee on January 24, 2017. Input was received from the Legislative/Lobby Liaison Committee members and staff has adjusted the legislative platform based on their feedback.

### **DISCUSSION**

The objective of the legislative platform is to outline the City's position on legislative matters and serve as the foundation for the City to support or oppose various local, state and federal legislation. This platform seeks to not only secure critical resources for our City, but also outlines policy statements that will allow City staff and our legislative lobbyists to more effectively respond to and influence legislation at the local, state and federal level. This platform is meant to be an evolving document that will be amended from year to year by City Council.

The legislative priorities were established to encompass the objectives of the City Council and the interests of the City of Beverly Hills. The priorities are arranged by category and significance as listed below:

- 1. Local Control
- 2. Pension Reform
- 3. Fiscal and Administrative Initiatives
- 4. Electoral Process
- 5. Public Safety
- 6. Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security
- 7. Housing and Land Use

- 8. Transportation
- 9. Environmental Sustainability
- 10. Community Services
- 11. Public Health
- 12. General Government
- 13. Public Works Stormwater
- 14. Public Works Water & Utilities

**RECOMMENDATION**Staff recommends that the Committee approve the Legislative Platform and have it placed on the City Council Consent Calendar for the June 20, 2017 City Council Meeting for formal adoption.

# Attachment 1

## City of Beverly Hills STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

### **Platform Overview**

The Legislative Platform contains broad policy statements pertaining to a variety of issues that impact the City of Beverly Hills. The Legislative Platform provides a policy framework for the City to respond to legislative issues in a timely manner.

The City's primary legislative focus includes protecting local government control, maintaining local government revenue, pursuing homeland security funding, obtaining funding for environmental sustainability, transportation, recreational, technology and infrastructure improvements.

### **Local Control**

Support legislation that enhances local control of resources and that allows cities to address the needs of local constituents within a framework of regional cooperation. Encourage the use of federal and state incentives for local government action rather than mandates (funded or unfunded). Oppose preemption of local authority whether by state or federal legislation or ballot propositions.

### **Fiscal and Administrative Initiatives**

Support fiscal sustainability and 'best in class' administrative initiatives to ensure the delivery of superlative city services. Monitor initiatives which seek changes in fiscal relationships at the local, state and federal level, and support legislation that guarantees ongoing revenue sources for local government.

Pursue funding opportunities for public facilities and services including capital improvement projects, public works projects, homeland security, library, parks and social service facilities.

### **Electoral Process**

Monitor legislative or other initiatives which may address the integrity of the electoral process. Encourage safeguards ensuring that all eligible voters are provided with the mechanisms to exercise the right to vote. Support initiatives which promote government transparency.

### **Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security**

Support strategies and legislation that promotes emergency preparedness and recovery efforts. Advocate for ICIS (Interagency Communications Interoperability System) participation among jurisdictions and funding for equipment and operations. Support funding opportunities for UNITE local homeland security programs including new technology and equipment (e.g., closed circuit television) that does not supplant other City funding, services or operations. Seek grants and pilot project/demonstration project funding for City homeland security priorities.

### **Housing and Land Use**

Pursue incentive-based housing legislation to encourage expanding the housing supply in our area including more flexibility for local jurisdictions to work together to provide housing that counts toward RHNA requirements. Prioritize funding for necessary infrastructure. Emphasize local control related to land use planning.

### **Transportation**

Support state and federal legislation that enhances the safety of the City's streets for automobile and pedestrian traffic, including issues related to photo speed radar enforcement, traffic congestion reduction programs and regional transportation improvements. Promote funding, policy goals and visibility for the development of autonomous vehicles.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

Advocate for cost-effective, sustainable, and responsible environmental policy and programs in the areas of energy efficiency, greenhouse gases, climate change, potable water, wastewater, solid waste removal and storm water, among others.

### **Community Services**

Support legislation related to the Internet and filtering in public facilities, funding for literacy and English-as-a-second language programs and protection against censorship and restriction of free speech. Support funding for ADA facility and park upgrades. Promote legislation that provides for increased services to or funding for at-risk populations such as the frail elderly, homeless, disabled and other challenged populations.

### **Public Health**

Continue to promote legislation that enhances the health of the general population, with an emphasis on programs that focus on youth, the elderly and at-risk populations. Monitor opportunities to expand the City's 'Fresh Air Dining' ordinance to other communities or through state legislation.

### **Pension Reform**

Monitor legislative initiatives designed to achieve public employee pension reform. Inform the City Council of future legislative bills, statewide initiatives or other options as they emerge.

## **Attachment 2**

# CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLATFORM



**2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION** 

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### City of Beverly Hills STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

### **Platform Overview**

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The legislative platform sets forth the City's legislative objectives for the 2017 legislative session and provides direction for our legislative advocates as they work to secure clear and strategic initiatives in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Approval of the legislative platform also streamlines the City's process and allows the City's Executive team to effectively respond and take immediate action on pressing legislation under City Council direction.

The policies established within the platform do not preclude City Council consideration of additional legislative matters arising throughout the year that may be brought forward for City Council action as presented to the City Council Legislative/Lobby Liaison Committee.

The City's primary legislative focus includes protecting local government control, maintaining local government revenue, pursuing homeland security funding, obtaining funding for environmental sustainability, transportation, recreational, technology and infrastructure improvements.

### Local Control

- Support legislation that enhances local control of resources and that allows <a href="mailto:citiesBeverly Hills">citiesBeverly Hills</a> to address the needs of local constituents within a framework of regional cooperation. <a href="mailto:Encourage">Encourage</a>
- Support legislation that encourages the use of federal and state incentives for local government action rather than mandates (funded or unfunded).
- Oppose preemption of the City of Beverly Hills' local authority whether by state or federal legislation or ballot propositions.
- Oppose any state or federal mandates without the direct or indirect reimbursement for the costs associated with complying with new and/or modified laws, regulations, policies, procedures, permits and/or programs.

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- Support measures increasing local autonomy, protecting privacy and maintaining local authority over public records. This includes measures that provide for the recovery of costs with regard to public records requests.
- Support transparent government and the role of the California Public Records Act while simultaneously observing and protecting the current Rule of Law in
- California including better legislation in regards to protecting the privacy of public records and enhancing laws related to digital records.

### **Pension Reform**

- Monitor legislative initiatives designed to achieve public employee pension reform.
- J Inform the City Council of future legislative bills, statewide initiatives or other options as they emerge.
- Continue to influence, where necessary and applicable, any future efforts that may impact Beverly Hills ability to achieve and/or maintain sustainable pensions.

### **Fiscal and Administrative Initiatives**

- \_\_Support fiscal sustainability and 'best in class' administrative initiatives to ensure 
  the delivery of superlative city services. 
  Monitor initiatives which seek changes in 
  fiscal relationships at the local, state and federal level, and support legislation 
  that guarantees ongoing revenue sources for local government.
- <u>J Monitor initiatives which seek changes in fiscal relationships at the local, state</u> and federal level.
- <u>J Support legislation that guarantees ongoing revenue sources for local government.</u>
- Pursue funding opportunities for public facilities and services including capital improvement projects, public works projects, homeland security, library, parks and social service facilities.
- Doppose any legislation that would undermine voter-approved initiatives to guarantee ongoing revenue sources for Beverly Hills.
- Oppose legislation that would preempt the City's authority over local taxes and fees.
- Protect the City's right to levy and collect Transient Occupancy Taxes from hotels, including online hotel intermediaries.
- Oppose any federal or state legislation that would provide immunity to online hotel intermediaries and/or prohibit the City from collecting (retroactively or otherwise) Transient Occupancy Taxes.
- Support continued or expanded funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

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- Oppose the reduction to Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Grants.
- Oppose any attempt to eliminate or limit the traditional tax exemption for municipal bonds.
- <u>borrowing, raiding or otherwise redirecting local government funds (local taxes, property taxes, etc.).</u>
- Continue to promote increased flexibility for the utilization of municipally generated revenues.
- Support California League of Cities legislative efforts for pension reform and other post-employment benefits (OPEB) unfunded liability.

### **Electoral Process**

- Monitor legislative or other initiatives which may address the integrity of the electoral process.
- Encourage safeguards ensuring that all eligible voters are provided with the mechanisms to exercise the right to vote. Support initiatives which promote government transparency.
- Support initiatives which promote government transparency regarding election processes.

### **Public Safety**

- Oppose legislation or other administrative actions that seek to limit the Beverly Hills Police Department's ability to collect and utilize asset forfeiture funds for a wide variety of police services.
- J Support legislation that provides frontline funding to the Beverly Hills Police

  Department for costs associated with the early release of state prisoners as a result of state-mandated criminal justice realignment provisions.
- J Support the development and use of new firefighting technology in order to produce higher levels of health and safety for the Beverly Hills Fire Department.
- Advocate for legislation/funding that would take advantage of current technology to prevent crime in Beverly Hills (i.e. the ability to use surveillance cameras and automatic license plate recognition technology).
- Support the deployment and research of new and emerging technologies that will provide the Beverly Hills Police Department with tools to provide the highest level of service including:
  - Next Generation 911
  - Mobile and Body Worn Cameras
  - New Generation Investigative Technology including unmanned aircraft
  - Digital Evidence support funding for local jurisdictions to collect, store and retain digital evidence.

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- Support legislation and seek funding that will assist in preventing and reducing crimes in Beverly Hills, primarily related to drugs, gang violence, mental illness, and pedestrian safety.
- Oppose legislation to expand "early release" for low-risk serious and violent offenders without an increase in sustained funding to ensure responsible supervision by parole agents and for local agencies that provide post-release supervision.
- Oppose any efforts to further decriminalize existing crimes in California or lessen the sentences of any offenses that would result in the release of serious criminals who would further harm the safety of the public and law enforcement personnel.
- Support interoperable communication solutions that meet radio spectrum needs of first responders.
- Support efforts to eradicate human trafficking.
- Support legislation that aids paramedics and other emergency medical service practitioners in their ability to be responsive to community needs.
- <u>J Seek grants and pilot project/demonstration project funding for public safety programs and priorities.</u>
- Support funding initiatives for Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) and other law enforcement support organizations.
- Support and encourage legislation and budget negotiations that retain funding the Beverly Hills Police Department that includes behavioral health treatment, drug and trafficking taskforces; crisis intervention teams; and adequate patrol staffing.
- J Identify opportunities for reimbursements to Beverly Hills for increased custodial and supervision costs resulting from prison realignment.
- Support funding for the increased demand being placed on Beverly Hills to respond to societal issues including homelessness; substance abuse and dependency; and unpredictable and potentially harmful behavior towards the public and peace officers.
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## **Attachment 3**

# CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLATFORM



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## City of Beverly Hills STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

### **Platform Overview**

The purpose of the legislative platform is to provide a means for summarizing the City's core legislative principles for the purpose of advocacy efforts at the regional, state and federal level. The Legislative Platform contains broad policy statements pertaining to a variety of issues that impact the City of Beverly Hills.

The legislative platform sets forth the City's legislative objectives for the 2017 legislative session and provides direction for our legislative advocates as they work to secure clear and strategic initiatives in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Approval of the legislative platform also streamlines the City's process and allows the City's Executive team to effectively respond and take immediate action on pressing legislation under City Council direction.

The policies established within the platform do not preclude City Council consideration of additional legislative matters arising throughout the year that may be brought forward for City Council action as presented to the City Council Legislative/Lobby Liaison Committee.

The City's primary legislative focus includes protecting local government control, maintaining local government revenue, pursuing homeland security funding, obtaining funding for environmental sustainability, transportation, recreational, technology and infrastructure improvements.

### **Local Control**

- Support legislation that enhances local control of resources and that allows Beverly Hills to address the needs of local constituents within a framework of regional cooperation.
- Support legislation that encourages the use of federal and state incentives for local government action rather than mandates.
- Oppose preemption of the City of Beverly Hills' local authority whether by state or federal legislation or ballot propositions.
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- Support measures increasing local autonomy, protecting privacy and maintaining local authority over public records. This includes measures that provide for the recovery of costs with regard to public records requests.
- Support transparent government and the role of the California Public Records Act while simultaneously observing and protecting the current Rule of Law in

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- Inform the City Council of future legislative bills, statewide initiatives or other options as they emerge.
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### **Fiscal and Administrative Initiatives**

- Support fiscal sustainability and 'best in class' administrative initiatives to ensure the delivery of superlative city services.
- Monitor initiatives which seek changes in fiscal relationships at the local, state and federal level.
- Support legislation that guarantees ongoing revenue sources for local government.
- Pursue funding opportunities for public facilities and services including capital improvement projects, public works projects, homeland security, library, parks and social service facilities.
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- Oppose the reduction to Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Grants.
- Oppose any attempt to eliminate or limit the traditional tax exemption for municipal bonds.
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### **Electoral Process**

- Monitor legislative or other initiatives which may address the integrity of the electoral process.
- Encourage safeguards ensuring that all eligible voters are provided with the mechanisms to exercise the right to vote.
- Support initiatives which promote government transparency regarding election processes.

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- Oppose legislation or other administrative actions that seek to limit the Beverly Hills Police Department's ability to collect and utilize asset forfeiture funds for a wide variety of police services.
- Support legislation that provides frontline funding to the Beverly Hills Police Department for costs associated with the early release of state prisoners as a result of state-mandated criminal justice realignment provisions.
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  - Mobile and Body Worn Cameras
  - New Generation Investigative Technology including unmanned aircraft
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