



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Report to the City Council

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ATTENTION: Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
SUBJECT: Proposed 2017 State and Federal Legislative Platform
REFERENCE:

REQUESTED ACTION: Authorize 2017 Legislative Platform.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve requested action.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND:

The 2017 Legislative Platform defines the City of San Diego's Policy Guidelines and provides a means to advance and to protect the City's interests on priority issues at the federal and state levels. The Guiding Principles and Policy Priorities allow for flexibility so that Government Affairs, City officials and our legislative advocates can proactively act on and respond within the boundaries of the program without precluding the ability to address additional legislative, regulatory, administrative and budget issues that arise during the year.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

In pursuing the Policy Priorities reflected below under the categories of Jobs & the Economy, Infrastructure, Water Reliability & the Environment, Homelessness, Housing Affordability & Neighborhood Revitalization, Open Government & City Funding, Public Safety, Veterans Affairs, and Workforce Development & Youth Opportunities, three overarching principles of good government apply:

PRESERVE LOCAL CONTROL

Preserve and protect the City's charter powers, duties and prerogative to enact legislation and policy direction concerning local affairs, and oppose legislation that preempts local authority. Local agencies should preserve and enhance authority for revenues raised and services provided.

PROMOTE FISCAL STABILITY

Support measures that promote fiscal stability, predictability, and financial independence. Support measures that preserve the City's revenue base and local control over local government budgeting, recognizing that economic cost is a determinate in considering the merits and/or impacts of any proposed legislation or regulation. Oppose measures that make the City more dependent on the County, State or Federal Governments for financial stability, such as unfunded mandates or shifting of local funds to other levels of government with no guarantee of local reimbursement or offsetting benefits.

SUPPORT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Support opportunities that allow the City to compete and succeed in obtaining regional, state and federal funding, and that maintain funding streams. Opportunities may include competitive grants, or dedicated funding streams at the regional, state, and federal levels that allow the City to maximize local revenues, offset and leverage capital expenditures. Support funding that the City does not receive directly, but enables public and non-profit partner organizations or businesses to address City policy priorities in service delivery or economic growth.

CITY STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL(S)/OBJECTIVE(S):

Goal #2: Work in partnership with all of our communities to achieve safe and livable neighborhoods

Objective #3: Invest in infrastructure

Objective #4: Foster services that improve quality of life

Goal #3: Create and sustain a resilient and economically prosperous City

Objective #1: Create dynamic neighborhoods that incorporate mobility, connectivity, and sustainability.

Objective #2: Increase water independence

Objective #3: Diversify and grow the local economy

Objective #4: Prepare and respond to climate change

Objective #5: Enhance San Diego's global standing

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING INFORMATION (if applicable): N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTIONS: N/A

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS: The Mayor's Office has sought input from each City Council office as well as departmental staff and neighboring governing bodies.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: The citizens of San Diego will ultimately be affected by State and Federal policy decisions and funding opportunities.

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1. JOBS & THE ECONOMY

FOCUS 1.1: Innovation Economy

State

1. Support the growth of San Diego's key innovation industry clusters, including, but not limited to, biotechnology, life sciences, high tech, software, advanced manufacturing, sports and active lifestyle, digital economy, clean tech, blue tech and cyber security.
2. Support legislation to provide direct state incentives and grants, and/or ease barriers to private funding for companies, public-private partnerships, and other entities engaged in research, development and commercialization of key innovation industry clusters.
3. Support legislation that encourages, increases and eases technology transfer and commercialization from institutes of higher learning and research institutions to the marketplace.
4. Support San Diego's start-up community through legislation aimed at developing funding for emerging local entrepreneurs and companies.
5. Support legislation that facilitates and funds incubators, accelerators, makers and co-working space.
6. Support legislative or administrative action to fund and promote the iHub for our region.
7. Support legislation to boost San Diego's prominent craft beer and brew tech industry.
8. Oppose legislative and regulatory mandates imposed on San Diego's innovation economy.

Federal

1. Support funding and proactively pursue participation in new federal agency initiatives relevant to growing San Diego's industry clusters, such as biotechnology, life sciences, high tech, advanced manufacturing, sports and active lifestyle, digital economy, clean tech, blue tech and cyber security.
2. Support legislation to provide direct incentives and/or ease barriers to private funding for companies, public-private partnerships and other entities engaged in research, development and commercialization of key innovation industry clusters.
3. Support legislation to encourage domestic reinvestment of foreign profits generated by U.S. companies into emerging technology research and commercialization as well as job creation.
4. Support a strong patent system that drives innovation, protects and values the enforceability of patents, stops the diversion of fees from, and fully funds the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).
5. Support the repeal or reform of the Medical Device Excise Tax to help our local life science industry.
6. Support federal research and development funding and incentives critical to San Diego clusters, research institutes and local universities from such sources as the National institute of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), U.S. Department of Energy, Small Business Innovation/Technology Transfer programs, SPAWAR, SSC-Pacific and other U.S. Department of Defense agencies.
7. Pursue designation of San Diego as a TechHire City.

FOCUS 1.2: Economic Development

State

1. Support legislation that strengthens the city's business expansion, attraction and retention efforts.
2. Support legislation that strengthens the city's three key traded industries: defense, tourism and innovation.
3. Support legislation that preserves and expands community and economic development tools and funding options for city services, including the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) programs which finance public infrastructure and private development.
4. Support local businesses in successfully competing for California Competes funding, including the prioritization of former enterprise zone businesses.
5. Support state reform of the minimum franchise tax and other taxes/fees to avoid charging businesses prior to their bringing in revenue and when the business is inactive or operates at a loss.
6. Support changes to legislation related to Community Revitalization & Investment Authority (CRIA) and Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) which make it easier and more effective to establish and administer these tools.

Federal

1. Support federal legislation or guidelines that would allow intellectual property to be used as collateral for Small Business Administration loans.
2. Advocate for a permanent extension and oppose any efforts to eliminate the New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) and Research & Development credit.
3. Support efforts to provide tax incentives related to designated Promise Zones.
4. Support legislation that strengthens small business loans provided through the U.S. Small Business Administration and efforts to allocate revenues to small businesses incentive programs that will encourage innovation and business opportunities, stimulate investment in neighborhoods, as well as create new, real jobs and train workers.

FOCUS 1.3: Exports, Foreign Direct Investment & Bi-National

State

1. Support foreign direct investment (FDI) initiatives which increase economic opportunities locally.
2. Support export opportunities including efforts to reinstate the establishment of a California Export Finance Office to help firms, especially small businesses, overcome hurdles to entering new export markets.
3. Support additional California Trade Offices (CTOs) in Europe, Asia, and Mexico.
4. Support legislation that would expand economic relations with Mexico and leverage cross-border ties to maximize trade potential of the CaliBaja Bi-National Mega Region.

Federal

1. Support federal funding to execute tailored regional export and FDI strategies.
2. Advocate for policies and resources that facilitate international trade opportunities benefiting San Diego companies, such as border infrastructure investment, regulatory and process reforms that reduce transaction costs to businesses, completion of free trade agreements that open foreign markets and better access to Commercial Service staff in high-priority countries.
3. Support long-term reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank and restore bank to its full functionality.
4. Advocate for both the preservation and increase of federal research and development in key San Diego traded sectors, including life sciences, technology, and energy and manufacturing activities.
5. Seek an increase of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) staffing levels at land, air and sea ports.
6. Support efforts to facilitate customs processing at the Port of San Diego.
7. Support capital funding increase to the North American Development Bank (NADB).
8. Support efforts to update and synchronize Trusted Traveler programs.

FOCUS 1.4: Homeland Security, Defense Industry and Military

State

1. Support investment incentive programs and other funding for local and regional defense industry.
2. Support legislation that facilitates technological innovations in the defense industry including shipbuilding, aerospace, and cyber security fields.

Federal

1. Preserve and enhance funding allocations as an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant recipient, including ensuring accurate risk assessment criteria.
2. Support the continuation of the federal Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) and the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) as separate and independent grants, and pursue grant funding through these programs.
3. Advocate for protection of defense funding priorities in annual appropriations and sequestration negotiations, including SPAWAR, SPAWAR Systems Center Pacific (SSCPAC) and integrated Industries Including Cyber Security and Unmanned Systems (UAS) and other specific assets that are unique to San Diego and critical to the broader regional economy.
4. Support critical infrastructure upgrades needed to homeport a greater number of navy ships and the homeporting of a third carrier in San Diego.
5. Protect shipbuilding and ship repair operations in San Diego.
6. Protect Fleet Readiness Center Southwest (FRCSW).
7. Protect Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) and United States Marine Corps (USMC) West recruiting in San Diego.
8. Support continued funding for construction of needed training facilities at the

Coastal Campus of Naval Special Warfare Command in San Diego.

9. Support efforts in D.C. to collaborate with stakeholders concerned about San Diego military and defense industry through participation in Operation San Diego.
10. Support investment incentive programs and funding opportunities, to strengthen San Diego's defense ecosystem.

FOCUS 1.5: Tourism and City Promotional Activities

State

1. Support initiatives that promote tourism, including cultural tourism through arts and culture.
2. Continue to support measures that develop and promote the entertainment industry locally including opportunities for local film and TV industry workers.
3. Continue to support and advocate for additional expansion of the state's film tax credit program.

Federal

1. Support initiatives that promote tourism, including cultural tourism through arts and culture.

2. INFRASTRUCTURE, WATER RELIABILITY & THE ENVIRONMENT

FOCUS 2.1: Transportation Infrastructure

State

1. Support legislation and opportunities to improve transportation, including, but not limited to, improving traffic flow, repairing local roads and highways, and supporting noise abatement for properties near freeways.
2. Support existing and expanded funding for local and regional transportation infrastructure, including Transit Orient Development (TOD) projects.
3. Support legislation, administrative action, and opportunities to increase and maximize funding and flexibility to improve mass transit and alternative transportation, including local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility and accessibility projects, safety, such as Safe Routes to School, and infrastructure improvements.
4. Support efforts to increase funding and remove legislative and regulatory barriers for infrastructure improvements that improve connections to and facilities around public transit, buses, streetcars, and trolley lines.
5. Oppose legislative and regulatory mandates imposed on Transportation Network Companies.

Federal

1. Pursue opportunities created through the FAST Act (Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act) and administration infrastructure proposals, and support long-

- term funding certainty, innovative financing tools, strengthening national freight transportation policy along key goods movement corridors, including cross-border entries.
2. Support existing and expanded funding targeted for allocation to local and regional mass transit and transportation infrastructure.
 3. Support legislation and administrative action that increases funding and flexibility in both operation and capital funding for mass transit and alternative transportation.
 4. Support legislation and programs that provide funding to improve local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility networks and accessibility.
 5. Support funding, legislative and regulatory efforts to ensure that projects from San Diego are eligible for federal funding of Transit Oriented Development projects (TOD).
 6. Support future rounds of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery or "TIGER Discretionary Grants."
 7. Support the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program.
 8. Support infrastructure financing proposals.
 9. Continue to support New Starts Program funding for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit project.
 10. Support passage of a long-term FAA reauthorization, including language to ensure that the review process on proposed flightpath changes being considered by the FAA provides adequate notice and opportunity for input by the local community.
 11. Support Vision Zero programs and prioritization of discretionary funding to cities that have adopted Vision Zero initiatives.

FOCUS 2.2: Border Infrastructure

State

1. Support funding for border infrastructure and economic development to enhance international trade and cross-border relations through better trade facilitation and port of entry infrastructure.
2. Support efforts to continue to decrease border wait times to reduce lost economic output.

Federal

1. Support funding for border infrastructure and economic development to enhance international trade and cross-border relations through better trade facilitation, clearance processes, security staffing and port of entry infrastructure.
2. Support funding for the Southbound truck route and border infrastructure to support and sustain binational trade and economic growth in our region.
3. Support funding for the Otay Mesa Port of Entry modernization.
4. Support the financing and operation of State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry.
5. Seek an increase of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) staffing levels at land, air, and sea ports.
6. Pursue opportunities that increase federal investment and intermodal goods movement corridors of national significance, including border mobility, which will enhance

competitiveness of San Diego and reduce the disproportionate financial burden the region bears for the benefit of the nation.

7. Support efforts to reestablish and opening of a functioning binational railway.

FOCUS 2.3: Water Sustainability and Reliability

State

1. Support legislation and regulations which support and protect the Pure Water program.
2. Support legislation and administrative actions which ensure the City's ability to obtain a fair share of grant funding made available by Proposition 1 (the water bond), the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF), and any other state funds for which the City can compete.
3. Support legislation that maintains the City's authority and increases certainty and streamlining of the regulatory process, as well as seeking funding, for both indirect (IPR) and direct potable reuse (DPR) to ensure this sustainable source of clean drinking water and the favorable resolution of the current Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge Permit renewal process.
4. Support legislation and administrative action to access low-cost loans for the planning, design and construction of various water infrastructure as well as for the replacement of aging water and sewer systems and to meet new regulatory requirements (i.e. State Revolving Loan Fund, Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Authority (WIFIA), etc.).
5. Work with partners to support legislation to improve the state's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program.
6. Support efforts to streamline storm water channel clearing.
7. Support legislative options to provide rate assistance to low income customers.
8. Support legislative options to structure sustainable water conservation pricing while maintaining ratepayer protections.
9. Support funding for economic incentive programs for residential and commercial water conservation.
10. Support fairly adjusted water mandates for conservation in San Diego that account for local infrastructure investments and development of new water supply.
11. Support funding and grants for improving technology for regional desalination projects.
12. Monitor policies regarding California's Bay-Delta infrastructure.
13. Oppose legislation aimed at reducing wastewater ocean discharges absent inclusion of funding to offset the significant costs associated with such a mandate.
14. Support statewide framework for long-term water-use metrics while preserving local agency water rights.
15. Support water quality policies that achieve water quality goals while minimizing impacts to City ratepayers and waste supply management.

Federal

1. Pursue federal partnership opportunities to advance the City of San Diego's Pure Water program, including efforts to resolve the secondary equivalency issue at

- the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Facility.
2. Support funding for low-cost loans, such as EPA's Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) for the planning, design and construction of various water infrastructure as well as for the replacement of aging water and sewer systems and to meet regulatory requirements.
 3. Support implementation and funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Authority (WIFIA).
 4. Support any efforts by Congress to create the Reclamation Infrastructure Finance Act (RIFIA), program and authorize funding.
 5. Support Title XVI (Water Reclamation and Reuse Program), Increase Title XVI San Diego authorization amount, and increased project cap to help fund recycled water efforts and offset demands for imported water.
 6. Support funding and additional authorization for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)'s WaterSMART Program
 7. Support re-establishment of BOR Title XVI program as a competitive grant program with Congressional oversight.
 8. Seek funding for economic incentive programs for residential and commercial water conservation and water efficiencies.
 9. Support funding for desalination projects and improving relevant technology, and reforms to streamline the regulatory process for desalination projects.
 10. Encourage expedited project environmental review to speed the delivery of new water supply.
 11. Support policies and federal funding to enable San Diego to diversify its water supply.
 12. Support efforts to update the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) affordability guidance.

FOCUS 2.4: Environment and Energy

State

1. Support legislation and funding that would help the City meet the goals of the Climate Action Plan (CAP), including greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction.
2. Support the equitable distribution of Cap-and-Trade revenues to support the GHG reduction goals of AB 32, SB 375, SB 32 and the CAP.
3. Support funding for low-impact development (LID) capital improvement projects.
4. Support legislation and policy that provide incentives, reduce barriers and lower costs for energy efficiency, energy conservation, alternative and renewable energy sources including solar, fuel-efficient vehicles and electric vehicles.
5. Support efforts to increase the Renewable Portfolio Standard for investor-owned utilities, electric service providers, and community choice aggregators provided excessive costs are not mandated on consumers.
6. Support CEQA reform to streamline the environmental review process, expedite litigation and reduce compliance costs.
7. Support legislation and funding for the identification and maintenance of parks and open space areas.
8. Support streamlining the Coastal Commission process to expedite approvals.

9. Pursue support for funding, legislation and regulatory items that would assist in complying with Zero Waste Plan requirements and goals.

Federal

1. Support legislative or administrative changes to the Federal Housing Finance Authority interpretations that impede local Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs from use for single family residential homes, and other measures that enable expansion of both commercial and residential PACE.
2. Seek federal funding for low-impact development (LID) capital improvement projects.
3. Support legislation, policy, and programs that provide incentives, reduce barriers and lower costs for energy efficiency, renewable energy, fuel-efficient vehicles and electric vehicles, including extension of federal tax credits for new and existing home energy improvements, alternative fuel refueling property, biofuels and biodiesel production, improve energy conservation, including retrofitting municipal buildings and similar activities.
4. Support funding that will further enable the City to pursue the goals outlined in the City of San Diego Climate Action Plan.

FOCUS 2.5: Storm Water Regulatory Relief and Water Management

State

1. Support funding, legislative and regulatory opportunities to improve and maintain the city's storm water management programs and facilities for recharge of ground water basins and storm water capture and reuse as potable water.
2. Support the removal of barriers to local and regional funding for water and storm water projects
3. Support funding, legislative and regulatory options for storm water channel clearing, and to address the flood risk management and sediment removal.

Federal

1. Advocate to address the flood risk management and sediment removal responsibilities in the Tijuana River Valley through IBWC Treaty Minute 320 and subsequent treaty minutes that will enable U.S. federal agencies to undertake measures to address flooding and excess sediment and trash transported in the Tijuana River across the international border from sources within Mexico.
2. Support funding opportunities for IBWC and the Army Corps of Engineers to address the flood risk management and sediment responsibilities in the Tijuana River Valley.
3. Support Army Corps of Engineers' efforts to improve the City's storm water management programs
4. Support funding opportunities and monitor regulatory actions to improve the City's storm water management programs.

3. HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING AFFORDABILITY & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

State

1. Support legislation and grants to provide funding and incentives for programs that provide adequate affordable and accessible housing for all economic segments of the community including the homeless, elderly, disabled, veterans and low-income persons.
2. Support streamlining of affordable housing regulations to bring them more in line with market rate housing.
3. Support legislation that promotes neighborhood revitalization through mixed income housing, and that could be used in the creation of 'economic opportunity zones' to incentivize revitalization of low-to-moderate income communities.
4. Support legislation and enhanced funding for parks, recreation, arts, and public libraries including internet access, capital improvements and programs.
5. Seek opportunities to capitalize on the Federal Promise Zone designation.

Federal

1. Pursue opportunities related to the Federal Promise Zone designation.
2. Oppose funding cuts to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and specifically, prevent reductions to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Housing Choice Voucher Program Section 8 Housing programs.
3. Pursue revision to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program for Homeless Services so funding for homeless services is allocated based on need.
4. Support an increase in funding for Veteran Assisted Supportive Housing (VASH) and Homeless Programs.
5. Support legislation that would fund more supportive housing and provide funding for comprehensive supportive services, including those related to veteran affairs and/or mental health.
6. Support legislation that expands the supply of affordable housing by adopting reforms that reduce barriers to improved planning and increases the financial resources available.
7. Support alternative transportation connectivity to mass transit efforts.
8. Support efforts to streamline Fair Market Rent (FMR) calculations to adequately reflect current rental market trends in areas such as San Diego.
9. Support efforts to reform and expand the Low Income-Housing Tax Credit of affordable housing units.
10. Support efforts to increase Federal Rental Assistance for affordable housing.
11. Support and monitor efforts to clarify and reform federal bank regulations to ensure compliance does not negatively impact the economic vitality of banks in border communities and ensure our border region has access to banking.
12. Support funding for arts programs.
13. Support legislation which provides funding for enhanced social and mental health services, housing, recreational programs and transportation, to address the diverse needs of our senior community.

14. Support federal legislation to restrict the sale of historically designated US Post Offices and preserving Saturday mail delivery.
15. Support efforts to designate Chicano Park as a National Historical Landmark.

4. OPEN GOVERNMENT & CITY FUNDING

State

1. Support legislation that strengthens, protects and expands ongoing revenue for the City.
2. Support legislation and grants to fund e-government initiatives.
3. Oppose measures that restrict the ability of local governments and charter cities to issue various long term obligations for local infrastructure under existing State statutory authority.
4. Oppose legislation that undermines and preempts local authority over taxes and fees.
5. Oppose any and all state efforts to start taxing interest income from investing in municipal bonds, as tax exempt bonds provide a low-cost and efficient way to finance critical infrastructure.
6. Support greater transparency in all levels of government institutions, including maximizing the use of electronic media where possible.
7. Support legislation providing funding and resources for retrofitting municipal buildings and public infrastructure to increase energy, including Energy Efficiency Block Grants) and water efficiency and conservation.
8. Oppose and legislation that places a state mandate on the city without providing the funds necessary to carry out the program.

Federal

1. Support legislation that strengthens, protects and expands ongoing revenue for the City.
2. Protect the ability of cities to effectively utilize municipal tax-exempt bonds by opposing efforts to eliminate or cap the allowance or impose additional regulatory burdens on issuers.
3. Support any legislative regulatory change that would maintain municipal bonds as high quality liquid assets (HQLA).
4. Support greater flexibility in the Federal restrictions to allow the City to utilize Public, Educational and Government Access Channel fees for all capital and administrative costs.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY

State

1. Support public safety related legislation and funding for activities, infrastructure, technology and equipment needs of police, fire, lifeguard, and gang prevention, intervention and diversion programs, including replacement or new construction of public safety facilities.
2. Support regulatory or other measures that will assist with police recruitment and retention.

3. Support reform of state regulations related to residential rehabilitation facilities in residential neighborhoods.
4. Support and enhance state policies and resources that help local authorities prevent and recover from wildfires, flooding, landslides and other natural disasters.
5. Support legislation that will strengthen community and law enforcement relationships and fund programs designed to foster positive interactions with law enforcement, helping to raise the trust and confidence of the communities they serve while addressing crime effectively.
6. Support legislation that reflects the City's opposition to racial profiling.

Federal

1. Protect funding for Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) separation of UASI from other homeland security grants, application of accurate risk evaluation criteria, and preservation of the City's status in order to assist our public safety professionals in addressing the terrorism preparedness needs.
2. Preserve funding for law enforcement activities, including public safety equipment, staffing, gang diversion, and similar initiatives, through formula and competitive programs, such as the COPS, Byrne, and Juvenile Justice grants.
3. Support funding for Homeland Security grant programs such as Combating Violent Extremism (CVE) and UASI.
4. Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's gang prevention, diversion, and intervention programs and would provide funding for innovative crime fighting strategies
5. Support legislation and grants funding for new apparatuses, technology and equipment for the Police and Fire departments.
6. Seek federal legislation and funding to address wildfire prevention and preparedness under the Cohesive Strategy and Fire Adapted Communities programs.
7. Support efforts to provide hazard mitigation assistance to communities damaged by wildland fires in order to prevent floods and landslides.
8. Support legislation at the federal level seeking clarity on e-cigarettes and vaping.
9. Support funding for the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.
10. Support efforts to strengthen community and law enforcement relationships and fund programs designed to foster positive interactions with law enforcement, helping raise the trust and confidence of the communities they serve while addressing crime effectively.
11. Support legislation that reflects the City's opposition to racial profiling.

6. VETERANS AFFAIRS

State

1. Support legislation that will increase state funding for care of veterans.
2. Support opportunities for employment and professional growth for veterans.

Federal

1. Support legislation that will increase federal funding for the care of injured and disabled veterans of all ages.
2. Support programs that provide funding for veterans housing homeless services.
3. Support endorsement and funding for military transition support projects in San Diego such as Zero8hundred and Vet's Community Connection (VCC) program.
4. Support opportunities for employment and professional growth for veterans.
5. Support efforts to promote and fund military and caregiver programs.

7. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

State

1. Support funding for local universities, colleges and technical trade education facilities to continue funding and developing career technical education, and technology-based career centers, including the Career Pathways program and STEAM education, to close the 'skills gap' and embrace industry opportunities.
2. Support efforts to attract and retain green collar jobs and provide workforce training in renewable energy, energy efficiency, green building and other related fields.
3. Support initiatives to improve the City's disadvantaged communities including but not limited to supporting legislation and grants that facilitate youth, at-risk youth, foster youth, disabled, veteran and ex-offender educational and employment opportunities.

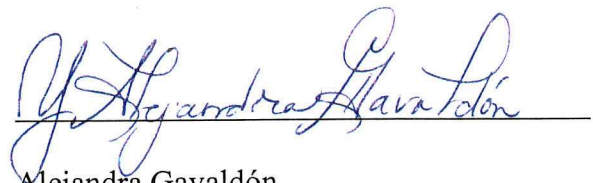
Federal

1. Engage in implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 through U.S. Department of Labor regulatory processes, to ensure alignment with San Diego structures and priorities, and support legislation that ensures funding and criteria that encourages efficient and results-oriented investments.
2. Support funding and initiatives for local universities, colleges and technical trade education facilities to strengthen and expand career technical education, and technology-based career centers, including the Career Pathways program, that address worker skill gaps and industry opportunities and opportunities for youth and low-skilled adults.
3. Support efforts to attract and retain green collar jobs and provide workforce training in renewable energy, energy efficiency, green building and other related fields.
4. Support initiatives to facilitate youth, at-risk youth, veteran and ex-offender educational and employment opportunities, and improve the City's disadvantaged communities.
5. Support increased funding for higher education through NIH/NSF Grants and the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).
6. Support reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and support the Federal Student Loan Refinancing Proposals.
7. Capitalize on federal mandates that require commercial lending institutions to provide valuable financial literacy education to prepare San Diego youths for the future.

8. Support federal comprehensive immigration reform that promotes efficient borders and services to immigrants, refugees and foreign students, to strengthen the regional workforce, attract talent and ensure successful integration into the economy and society.
9. Support policies and legislation that continue funding the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program to stimulate the economy.
10. Support efforts to raise the federal minimum wage.



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