

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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PRESENTATION

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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**LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
UPDATE**

Legislative Program Update

Adopt a Resolution Updating the City of Hayward's Legislative Program

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About the Legislative Program

- The City's Legislative Program establishes the City's legislative priorities at the state and federal levels of government
- The document serves three key purposes:
 1. States the City's positions on major policy issues
 2. Provides direction to City's legislative advocates
 3. Is a foundation for City actions regarding Federal and State legislation, regulations, referenda, ballot measures, state and federal budgets, and public grant funding opportunities
- The current Legislative Program was adopted by Council in 2017

Updating the Legislative Program

- Worked with staff, legislative advocates, and Executive Team to review and make changes to existing document
- Aligned with Strategic Roadmap goals and projects
- Incorporated COVID-19 response and recovery, racial equity

Fundamental Legislative Priorities Remain

1. Enhancing and preserving City revenue sources
2. Maintaining home rule authority

Two New Priority Categories

- Community and Economic Development
- Educational, Neighborhood, and Social Services
- Public Safety
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Environmental Sustainability
- Homelessness, Housing, and Housing Development
- Finance/Human Resources
- **Immigration**
- **Voting Rights**

Key Updates: Immigration

- Support legislation that promotes the health and well-being, removes barriers to health services and economic success, fosters civic engagement, and streamlines integration for immigrants and immigrant families.
- Support DACA and any legislation that protects undocumented children.
- Support legislation that funds education and outreach efforts for hard to count populations, such as immigrants and limited English speakers, during the U.S. Census.
- Oppose federal regulations or proposals that would withhold funding as a penalty for noncompliance with federal immigration policies.

Key Updates: Voting Rights

- Support legislation that establishes or expands early voting opportunities and increases physical voting accessibility for elderly and disabled voters.
- Support legislation that expands voter registration opportunities by establishing or expanding automatic voter registration and same-day or Election Day registration.
- Oppose ballot initiatives that restrict mail-in voting ballot eligibility, accessibility to drop boxes, or ability to remain on an absentee voting ballot list.
- Oppose ballot initiatives that impose harsher in-person voting requirements or limit the number and accessibility of polling locations.
- Oppose ballot initiatives that restrict voter registration or expand voter roll purging.

Key Updates: COVID-19

- Support legislation that would provide economic relief for local businesses and commercial property owners affected by the COVID-19 shut-downs and stay-in-place orders.

Key Updates: Racial Equity

- Support legislation, policies and programs that are explicitly designed to address racial disparities by advancing racial equity and anti-racism.
- Support legislation that aims to advance racial equity by improving the standard of living for historically disenfranchised groups and low-income families.

Next Steps

If the Council adopts the attached resolution, staff will:

1. Post the updated Legislative Program on the City's website
2. Direct the City's legislative advocates to implement the new legislative priorities
3. Continue to provide analysis and support of Council legislative support and opposition in alignment with the adopted plan

Questions

