

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

(Priorities are listed by category, in alphabetical order for ease of reading. There is no ranking of the categories)

The legislative priorities guide the advocacy efforts of the Legislative Affairs team, which is comprised of City staff and the City's lobbyists teams in Sacramento and Washington, DC. The team works collaboratively to safeguard the City's interests and advance its strategic goals. The legislative priorities take into consideration the City's Mission Statement, Core Values, and the Vision 2020's Primary Strategic Goals (PSG) and/or Ongoing Strategic Programs (OSP).

The priorities, which are updated by the City Council at the beginning of each legislative session of the California Legislature and once a new Congress is installed, reflect the City's ongoing commitment to advancing the community's vision of a fair and just society. They also reflect the evolution of society's discourse and needed changes to achieve the goal of a diverse and more inclusive society.

The legislative priorities incorporate several policy positions adopted by the City Council over the years, including support for reforming policing practices and improving accountability and transparency among law enforcement agencies. This includes making changes to the hiring and training practices of law enforcement personnel with the ultimate goal of ending racial profiling, preventing use of excessive force, and dismantling systemic racism within the criminal justice system. In addition, the City Council is committed to pursuing reforms to ensure that every citizen is treated with the utmost respect, and in a fair and equal manner, independent of a person's race, national origin, physical or intellectual disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

The City Council also expressed an interest in supporting reforms to the cash bail system in California so that justice is dispensed in a way that it does not unduly burden low-income individuals. In addition, the Council specified any reform to the cash bail system should avoid the use of computerized systems that are inherently biased against minorities and people of color.

Appropriate levels of funding for public education, social, mental health/substance use and health services programs for low-income individuals and persons experiencing homelessness, and for construction of affordable housing continue to be a priority for the City Council. Adequate funding for these priorities is a crucial component to achieving the City's goals of dismantling systemic racism and promoting equity and justice. These priorities have led to the City Council adopting resolutions in support of local and statewide ballot initiatives aimed at expanding funds for the financing of such programs.

The adoption of policies that value diversity, equity and inclusivity remain a priority of the City Council as well. The City of West Hollywood was one of the first cities to become a sanctuary city to offer safe harbor to undocumented individuals who escaped violence and persecution in their home countries due to their religious beliefs, sexual orientation, political affiliations, etc. The City Council has supported legislative initiatives aimed at reforming the immigration system and remains committed to comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship for undocumented individuals living in the United States, including Dreamers.

The City of West Hollywood has actively advocated for the adoption of policies aimed at protecting the environment; as such, the City has supported legislation that sought to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and the number of miles traveled by motorists, improve the gas mileage and overall efficiency of vehicles. Consistent with this position, the City Council supported the Paris Climate Agreement (PCA) and then, in 2017, rejected President Donald Trump’s decision to remove the United States from the PCA. In addition, the City joined an international network of cities to keep working towards the common goal of preventing further increases of global temperature. Furthermore, and consistent with the City’s commitment to protecting the environment, the City Council joined efforts with other cities and elected officials to further decarbonize the economy and end oil and gas exploration activities in California.

As the City nears its 40th year of existence, it remains committed to protecting women’s right to choose, to advance humane policies for treatment of animals as sentient beings, to advocate for the needs of our older adult community, and people with disabilities, the right to full equality under the law for LGBTQ+ individuals, and to support the upper mobility efforts of traditionally marginalized communities. West Hollywood’s legislative priorities are a testament to the uniqueness of our City, a place that is the physical home to 37,000 residents and a welcoming place that reaches beyond our 1.9 square miles to the hundreds of thousands of people who visit WeHo and strongly relate with our core values and what the City stands for.

MISSION STATEMENT

“As a premiere city, we are proactive in responding to the unique needs of our diverse community, creative in finding solutions to managing our urban environment, and dedicated to preserving and enhancing its well-being. We strive for quality in all our actions, setting the highest goals and standards”.

CORE CITY VALUES

Respect and Support for People

We recognize and celebrate the diversity of our community by treating all individuals with respect for their personal dignity and providing a wide array of specialized services. We promote mutual respect, courtesy, and thoughtfulness in all interactions.

Responsiveness to the Public

We hold ourselves accountable to the members of our community and are committed to actively seeking public participation. We promote a public process whereby we can respond to the community's needs while balancing competing interests and diverse opinions.

Idealism, Creativity and Innovation

We value our artistic richness and support idealism and creativity. We are dedicated to consistently finding innovative and better solutions to provide the best public service possible.

Quality of Residential Life

We maintain a balanced sense of community by protecting quality of life, conserving our historic neighborhoods, safeguarding housing affordability, and proactively governing growth with care and thought.

Promote Economic Development

We recognize that economic development is essential to maintaining quality of life for the total community. We support an environment where our diverse and eclectic businesses can flourish and seek mutually beneficial relationships with the business community.

Public Safety

We protect the personal safety of our constituents and safeguard the community from the threats of natural, technological, and other man-made hazards. Through preparation and planning, we minimize the effects of these disasters.

Responsibility for the Environment

We make it our responsibility to protect and improve our natural and built environments, pursuing opportunities to preserve and create open and green space in our urban setting. We initiate partnerships with other cities and agencies to address regional and global environmental challenges.

PRIMARY STRATEGIC GOALS

- Maintain the City's Unique Urban Balance with Emphasis on Residential Neighborhood Livability
 - Recognize diverse and competing interests, and work to find balance.
- Develop Parking Opportunities
 - Explore the creation of off-street parking opportunities near all business districts.
- Affordable Housing
 - Protect and enhance affordable housing opportunities, with emphasis on Rent Stabilization laws.
- Fiscal Sustainability
 - Monitor, protect and increase City resources.
- Enhance City Parks and City Library
 - Expand and Enhance City's Green and Public Spaces
 - Complete the Park(s) Master Plan process and Library Project,
 - Create and encourage more public spaces wherever feasible.

ONGOING CITY STRATEGIC PROGRAMS

- Adaptability to Future Change
 - Through strategic planning anticipate and plan for the future to ensure that we are providing relevant programs and policies are provided.
- Institutional Integrity
 - Maintain and enhance government integrity in all City operations and the efficient delivery of services.
- Promote Economic Development while Maintaining Business Vitality & Diversity
 - Recognize the strength of our City's and diversity of the City's business economy.
- Upgrade Existing Buildings & Infrastructure
 - Recognize the need to shore up aging housing and make other private improvements, as well as invest in the City's infrastructure.
- East Side Revitalization
 - Through the Community Director's Commission and the PAC, continue to explore opportunities to enhance the East Side.
- Transportation System Improvement
 - Work to improve vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic.
- Adaptability To Future Change
 - Through strategic planning, anticipate and plan for the future to ensure that we are providing relevant policies are implemented and programs are provided.
- Institutional Integrity
 - Maintain and enhance government integrity in all City operations.
- Community Education
 - Encourage civic engagement through public outreach.
- Actively Participate in Regional Issues
 - Effectively work and partner with our neighboring governmental agencies.
- Support People through Social Services
 - Continue and expand social services programs as appropriate to needs and changing demographics.
- Value and encourage the broad diversity of cultures

- Provide an environment that nurtures the diverse ethnic cultures, ethnicity, age and sexual orientation of residents that uniquely defines the City of West Hollywood.
- Collaborative Public Safety
 - Promote traditional and non-traditional approaches to public safety, recognizing diversity and community involvement.
- Enhance Technology and Access for the City and its Citizens
 - Recognize the need to maintain the City's technology infrastructure and expand access of resources to City residents and visitors.
- Enhance and Expand Disability Access throughout the City
 - Encourage greater awareness and implementation of the American with Disabilities Act regulations.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ANIMAL WELFARE (AW)

The City's concern for the well-being of animals dates back to the first years of Cityhood and is a priority aligned with the City's core values. The City of West Hollywood is "cruelty-free" and is the first City in North America to prohibit the practice of Onychectomy, popularly known as declawing. The City has also supported many legislative initiatives that advance more humane treatment of animals.

- AW 1: Support legislation and policies for the prevention of cruelty to animals and that improve animal welfare.
- AW 2: Support legislation that creates mechanisms to prevent the adoption of animals for a certain number of years by persons convicted for violations to California statutes and/or U.S. Codes on animal cruelty and domestic violence.
- AW 3: Support legislation and policies that aim at keeping animal companions and unhoused individuals together while accessing homeless shelters, and that provide funding for veterinary care of companion animals of unhoused individuals.
- AW 4: Address the needs of individuals with companion and service animals following a major disaster or emergency.
- AW 5: Continue to advocate for the humane sheltering of animals and the development of additional animal care and control facilities in the Westside of Los Angeles County.
- AW 6: Support policies that implement No Kill Shelters including fostering and adoption programs.
- AW 7: Support policies that seek to reduce animal overpopulation, and appropriate funding for spay and neutering programs.

CANNABIS & PSYCHEDELICS (C&P)

The City of West Hollywood was among the first cities in the country to support medicinal cannabis and California Proposition 215 in 1996. The City also supported California Proposition 64 in 2016, which legalized the sale, possession, use and cultivation of cannabis. In addition, the City has supported legislative initiatives aimed at decriminalizing the possession of psychedelics such as psilocybin, psilocyn, dimethyltryptamine (DMT), and mescaline, for personal use as defined under the legislative initiative.

- C&P 1: Support legislation that protects local governments' discretionary authority to regulate cannabis businesses.

- C&P 2: Support legislation for the reclassification of cannabis and its removal from Schedule I of the U.S. Controlled Substances Act (CSA) of 1970.
- C&P 3: Support legislation for a fair and equitable tax structure.
- C&P 4: Support legislation that decriminalizes the use and possession of psychedelics for personal use, research, and therapeutic purposes.
- C&P 5: Support legislation that would allow localities to allow the preparation or sale of non-cannabis pre-packaged food or beverage products by a licensed retailer or microbusiness in the area where the consumption of cannabis is allowed.

EDUCATION (ED)

The City of West Hollywood has long advocated for adequate funding levels for education, supported public education and legislative initiatives to protect all students from harassment and discrimination.

- ED 1: Support legislation that improves safety in schools and that prevents bullying and other forms of harassment and violence.
- ED 2: Support legislation that ensures an educational environment that eliminates discrimination and harassment of students.
- ED 3: Support legislation that will provide funding for improvements to public schools that directly benefits and enhances students' education, including curriculum, instructional materials, and infrastructure needs.
- ED 4: Support career technical education in public schools.
- ED 5: Support legislation and funding for the restoration and/or enhancement of arts programs in public schools.
- ED 6: Monitor the implementation of the Fair Education Act, Chapter 81, Statutes of 2011 that requires California public schools provide Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful representations of the State's diverse ethnic and cultural population in the K-12 grade history and social studies curriculum.
- ED 7: Support policies that allow parents to enroll their children in public schools of their choice instead of limiting enrollment to the families' residence's ZIP code.

EMPLOYMENT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (EM/ED)

The City of West Hollywood has advocated for legislation that funds employment training programs and eliminates barriers to entry for Californians. In addition, the City has advocated raising the California and federal minimum wage rates.

- EM/ED 1: Support legislation that will increase job opportunities in the City and throughout the State, and that expand access to job development and professional opportunities to traditionally marginalized communities and populations such as transgender, gender non-conforming individuals, Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), etc.
- EM/ED 2: Support legislation that increases the California and federal minimum wage.
- EM/ED 3: Support programs to provide training for job entry and career advancement that will enable City residents to enter the job market and progress to higher-paying, higher-skilled jobs that lead to self-sufficiency.
- EM/ED 4: Support legislation that assists workers in balancing home/family/work, including appropriate sick leave and paid family leave benefits.
- EM/ED 5: Support legislation and initiatives that support the entrepreneurial efforts of traditionally marginalized communities such as BIPOC, transgender, gender non-conforming individuals, etc.
- EM/ED 6: Support legislation and regulations that allow localities to regulate hours of alcohol service within certain areas of each locality.

ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION (ES&I)

The City of West Hollywood has taken an early lead in adopting forward-thinking policies to reduce its carbon footprint. The City is one of the first municipalities in the United States to adopt a green building ordinance. In addition, the City has long advocated for reduction of waste, maximizing reuse, repurposing and recycling opportunities, and the use of renewable energies. Furthermore, the City's Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP) has been recently updated to include new policy trends related to climate action.

- ES&I 1: Support legislative and administrative efforts to decrease greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and reduce air pollution throughout the State.
- ES&I 2: Support legislation that aims to decarbonize the economy and incentivizes the use of alternative technologies aimed at protecting the environment, promoting renewable energy, reducing energy consumption, and mitigating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

- ES&I 3: Support legislation that promotes and provides funding and incentives, and technical assistance for retrofitting existing buildings to meet green building standards.
- ES&I 4: Support State, county and local programs that promote the ongoing adoption of progressive green building and energy codes and encourage the incorporation of climate adaptation and resiliency measures in design and construction practices for commercial and residential development.
- ES&I 5: Support the expansion of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) initiatives across the State.
- ES&I 6: Support economic incentives and assistance to innovative in-State businesses that utilize local and recycled materials as an alternative to shipping refuse overseas.
- ES&I 7: Support effort to further reduce the State's dependence on landfills.
- ES&I 8: Support legislation requiring manufacturers to be responsible for safe disposal or for reuse of their products and by-products, e.g., sharps and fluorescent lights.
- ES&I 9: Support legislation that promotes the utilization and equitable expansion of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure across the State, particularly in areas with high-density multi-unit dwellings.
- ES&I 10: Support legislation that removes obstacles for and provides funding and tax incentives to residential and commercial property owners for the purchase and/or installation of renewable energy and battery storage technologies.
- ES&I 11: Support efforts to rebate and/or credit residential and commercial property owners for returning into the grid, excess onsite-generated power.
- ES&I 12: Support legislation that promotes water conservation and efficiency in California, including drought preparedness even when there is not a statewide drought mandate.
- ES&I 13: Support legislation that promotes and protects the ocean and ocean resources.
- ES&I 14: Support legislation that promotes tree plantings, mature tree preservation, wildlife and habitat protection, and biodiversity.
- ES&I 15: Support legislation that mandates the closure of all abandoned/idled oil and gas infrastructure.
- ES&I 16: Support legislation that requires or incentivizes net zero emissions in construction.

- ESI 17: Support legislation that expands recycling and/or compost programs, including for multi-unit private dwellings.
- ES&I 18: Support legislation, programs, and funding to close the digital divide and maximize access to broadband and 5G technologies to all Californians.
- ES&I 19: Support legislation and funding for the conversion of streetlights to high efficiency technologies such as LED.
- ES&I 20: Support legislation, regulations, and funding to increase cities' resiliency during and after major emergencies.

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY (FS)

The City of West Hollywood has exercised fiscal prudence and successfully managed its financial affairs. The City has made it a priority to maximize revenues and keep liabilities in check. As such, the City has enjoyed very high credit and bond ratings.

- FS 1: Support legislation that strengthens and expands ongoing revenues for the City.
- FS 2: Oppose any legislation or initiative that would undermine voter-approved initiatives to guarantee ongoing revenue sources for local governments.
- FS 3: Monitor the State’s implementation of changes in State/local fiscal relationship.
- FS 4: Oppose any legislation or initiative that undermines and preempts local authority over local taxes and fees.
- FS 5: Support legislative reforms that would remove unwarranted, State-imposed mandates or barriers in the execution of local government programs.
- FS 6: Support legislation to streamline the process for State reimbursement of State-imposed mandates.
- FS 7: Identify and pursue potential funding sources for City projects, services, and infrastructure needs, including libraries, parks, recreational facilities, etc.
- FS 8: Monitor the actions of CalPERS as it relates to any changes in the calculation of State and municipal workers’ pension benefits that could potentially impact the fiscal sustainability of the City.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (H&HS)

One of the drivers behind the City's incorporation was the desire by many community members to have discretion over revenues and how those revenues were invested. The City Council has, since the City's incorporation, continuously funded health and human services exceeding what is expected from or legally required of municipal governments.

Health Services

- H&HS 1: Support local and State efforts that encourage use of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to protect young people against the HPV virus.
- H&HS 2: Support legislation that promotes and protects women's reproductive health and personal choices.
- H&HS 3: Support legislation and funding prevention and treatment for HIV/AIDS/Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), and that remove barriers to accessing preventative therapies such as PrEP and PEP.
- H&HS 4: Support legislation that funds preventative health care services for all persons, including diagnostic examinations and laboratory services.
- H&HS 5: Support federal efforts to preserve the right of terminally or chronically ill patients to use medical cannabis.
- H&HS 6: Oppose legislation that would reduce access to affordable medical care.
- H&HS 7: Oppose legislation that repeals or further dismantles the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- H&HS 8: Support legislation that aims at making prescription medications more affordable.
- H&HS 9: Support legislation and funding for programs that provide for the medical care of undocumented immigrants.
- H&HS 10: Continue to support legislative efforts for the enactment of a "single payer" health system in California and the United States.
- H&HS 11: Support legislation and funding for appropriate health, mental health, and social services programs for transgender individuals, including gender-affirming medical procedures.
- H&HS 12: Support legislation and funding for harm reduction and substance use disorder services programs, including, but not limited to, residential detoxification (detox) and treatment programs, safe injection sites/overdose prevention programs,

methadone clinics, syringe services programs, etc.

H&HS 13: Support and advocate for stronger oversight of long-term care and residential care facilities for the chronically ill (RCFCI) to ensure that patients are cared for properly, particularly those who have no relatives or caregivers.

Human Services

H&HS 14: Support legislation and funding that enables seniors and people with disabilities to remain in their homes and that provides needed social services, and allows modifications to existing dwellings, and/or moving to units within same buildings without changes to terms of tenancy to accommodate mobility restrictions.

H&HS 15: Support legislation to assist at-risk youth.

H&HS 16: Support legislation that will increase State and federal funding for the care of injured and disabled veterans of all ages.

H&HS 17: Support legislation that addresses the need for housing and supportive services, e.g., health, mental health and substance use disorder services and social services for the City's unhoused population. This includes the expansion of MediCal to cover ancillary support services.

H&HS 18: Support legislation, programs and policies that focus on alleviating food insecurity locally, nationally, and internationally.

H&HS 19: Support legislation that encourages policies and programming that promote healthy lifestyles, e.g., physical activity, preventative screenings, healthy eating habits, and core wellness for people of all ages and abilities.

H&HS 20: Support legislation to increase funding of and access to community health, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment services.

H&HS 21: Support legislation aimed at reforming the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act so that individuals who are gravely mentally ill can be placed under a court-ordered conservatory to prevent harming themselves or others.

H&HS 22: Support legislation that creates meaningful enforcement mechanisms to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and that provides technical assistance and funding to businesses to comply with legal requirements.

H&HS 23: Support legislation and funding for programs that support individuals experiencing disabilities.

HOUSING & RENT STABILIZATION (H&RS)

Housing and Rent Stabilization is another priority area that is a quintessential part of the City's history. As the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles voted to end rent control in 1984, area seniors, LGBTQ+ people, and tenants, faced massive evictions, they rallied, and organized a successful city incorporation drive in 1984.

- H&RS 1: Support legislation and funding that encourages the production of a diverse housing stock in new developments to address the needs of all socio-economic segments of the community.
- H&RS 2: Support legislative, administrative and regulatory efforts that will expand and/or supplement funding for services targeting disabled and frail seniors that enable them to live independently in their naturally occurring retirement communities (NORC).
- H&RS 3: Oppose legislation that would prohibit inclusionary housing/zoning unless government subsidies are available for the affordable units.
- H&RS 4: Oppose legislation that would preempt local governments' ability to regulate condominium conversions.
- H&RS 5: Support increases in State funding for enhancement and expansion of residential code enforcement and other programs that will preserve the quality of the existing housing stock.
- H/RS 6: Support efforts to strengthen rent control laws at the State level.
- H&RS 7: Support legislation that repeals or amends the Ellis Act.
- H&RS 8: Support legislation that authorizes cities to increase relocation benefits for those who are displaced under the Ellis Act.
- H&RS 9: Support legislation to repeal or amend the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act.
- H&RS 10: Monitor legislation addressing Notice of Change in Terms of Tenancy.
- H&RS 11: Support legislation that would provide funding for seismic retrofitting of buildings.
- H&RS 12: Support legislation that establishes a formula for the fair and equitable allocation of housing units under the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) regulations.
- H&RS 13: Support legislation to strengthen the regulation of short-term rentals, including measures to gather information on the number of short-term rentals in the State

of California and the impact short-term rentals have had on the housing market.

H&RS 14: Support and advocate for legislation that more tightly regulates landlords' responsibilities related to the refunding of security deposits for rental units.

H&RS 15: Support legislation that further regulate the use of no-fault just causes by landlords to evict tenants under the terms of the State's Ellis Act.

H&RS 16: Support legislation and regulations that aim at reducing the construction costs of buildings and that will only require single-exit, single stairway in multiunit residential buildings.

INSTITUTIONAL INTEGRITY & GOVERNANCE (II&G)

The City has made significant efforts to increase transparency in all its affairs and has worked diligently to make City data available to the public.

II&G 1: Support greater transparency in all levels of governmental institutions.

II&G 2: Support reforms and more stringent accountability for CalPERS as the provider of health and retirement benefits for most California public employees.

II&G 3: Support legislation that seeks to implement publicly funded elections.

II&G 4: Support legislation that seeks to compensate part-time elected officials more adequately.

II&G 5: Support legislation that would allow advisory boards to meet virtually, provided the public's access to the decision-making process is guaranteed.

LGBTQ EQUALITY (LGE)

The City of West Hollywood is home to a large LGBTQ population and a leading advocate for full equality. It is one of the first municipalities in the world to implement a domestic partnership program, well before any government had considered treating LGBTQ people equally.

LGE 1: Support legislation, locally and at the State and federal levels, that assures everyone the right to equal treatment in all government-sponsored benefits or funded programs.

LGE 2: Support legislation at the State and federal levels to protect the civil, fair housing, and equitable employment rights of all persons.

LGE 3: Support legislation that prohibits conversion therapy aimed at LGBTQ+ people.

LGE 4: Support legislation that protects transgender persons from discrimination and violence.

- LGE 5: Support legislation that creates/mandates gender-neutral multi-stall bathrooms.
- LGE 6: Support federal legislation, such as the Equality Act, that will grant full equality to LGBTQ+ people in all states and territories of the United States.
- LGE 7: Support legislation and/or ballot initiatives that enshrine the right to marriage equality in the California and/or United States Constitution.
- LGE 8: Oppose legislation that will require school principals or teachers to oust students' fluid gender identity to their parents/guardians.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE & OPEN SPACE (PI&OS)

Through prudent fiscal management, the City has built reserves and used some of those funds to build new infrastructure and maintain existing facilities. The City, however, cannot do it all and supports legislative initiatives that fairly distribute State and County funds for infrastructure and public parks.

- PI&OS 1: Support legislation and funding that aim to support the development and maintenance of urban parks and green space.
- PI&OS 2: Support legislation to develop infrastructure for local performing art centers and recreational facilities.
- PI&OS 3: Support legislative efforts to maintain and upgrade aging infrastructure.
- PI&OS 4: Support legislative efforts that promote and strengthen public green infrastructure such as parkways, urban forest canopy, bioswales, on-site stormwater management, etc.
- PI&OS 5: Support legislation to streamline historic preservation regulations and procedures for the designation of properties as historic resources.

PUBLIC SAFETY (PS)

The City has invested in public safety and has made strides to be fully prepared in case of emergencies. In addition, the City Council is committed to ensuring that law enforcement agencies are diverse, representative of the neighborhoods where they serve and that their practices are oriented to serving the entire community without prejudice and void of discriminatory practices.

- PS 1: Support enhanced strategies, legislation, and funding for public safety needs (fire, police, commercial code compliance, and disaster preparedness) and coordinated recovery efforts that do not supplant other City funding, services and/or operations.

- PS 2: Support legislation to enhance control of access to guns.
- PS 3: Support programs to prevent domestic violence and child abuse.
- PS 4: Monitor implementation of State’s effort to assure that all rape kits are tested, and that any backlog is cleared.
- PS 5: Support legislation and policies that address the needs of seniors, individuals with disabilities, and at-risk youth following a major disaster or emergency.
- PS 6: Support efforts to eradicate human trafficking.
- PS 7: Support efforts to reform law enforcement agencies’ hiring and training practices aimed at preventing racial profiling and ensuring equal treatment without regard of race/ethnicity.
- PS 8: Support legislation and funding for social services personnel and behavioral health professionals to respond to emergency calls involving individuals experiencing a mental health crisis and/or substance use challenges.
- PS 9: Support legislation that requires law enforcement officers to wear body cameras. Ensure that any technology used for this initiative does not violate community members’ right to privacy.

SOCIAL JUSTICE (SJ)

The City’s incorporation was also driven by an intense belief in social justice and the need to end discrimination against LGBTQ+ people as well as minorities. Thus, social justice issues are of concern to the City. In recent years and responding to changes in community needs, the City Council has advocated for laws and initiatives that eradicate systemic racism and that address disparities in the treatment of people of color. In addition, the City Council has supported initiatives aimed at reforming the justice system and its sentencing practices and supported the alternatives to incarceration initiatives proposed by community stakeholders in Los Angeles County. In 2021, the City Council approved the creation of a Social Justice Task Force, which was later converted to a standing Advisory Board.

- SJ 1: Encourage and support adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) as the 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- SJ 2: Support legislation and initiatives that place emphasis on rehabilitation and successful transition of incarcerated individuals back into their communities.

- SJ 3: Support legislation and initiatives that seek to reform the criminal justice system’s sentencing guidelines and practices that have disproportionately impacted people of color.
- SJ 4: Support legislation and initiatives that promote alternatives to incarceration and that aim to end systemic racism and disparities in the treatment of Black people, indigenous people, and people of color within the criminal justice system.
- SJ 5: Support legislative efforts to end cash bail in California and to implement an arraignment system that ensures the equitable and fair treatment of defendants in the criminal justice system.
- SJ 6: Support legislation that requires law enforcement officers to wear body cameras using technology that protects community members’ privacy.
- SJ 7: Support legislation and funding for training/education programs of all State and local governments’ employees on anti-systemic racism and cultural biases.
- SJ 8: Support legislation that de-certifies law enforcement officers who have committed serious misconduct.
- SJ 9: Support legislation and regulations for the creation of a national database that includes, but not limited to, personnel background information of law enforcement officers who have been dismissed from law enforcement agencies due to misconduct and grievous acts against community members.
- SJ 10: Support policies that prevent law enforcement officers from using certain tactics such as carotid restraints or chokeholds, which can lead to the death of a detainee.
- SJ 11: Support legislation that ends or limits qualified immunity.
- SJ 12: Support legislation, policies and programs that support the entrepreneurial efforts of traditionally marginalized communities.
- SJ 13: Support legislation and funding that would assist smaller, minority-run non-profit organizations that support BIPOC and traditionally marginalized communities through social and human services.

STATE BUDGET (SB)

The legislative affairs team monitors the State budget as soon as it is released in January of each year and then provides comments to the City's State representatives on items that are of interest or concern to the City.

- SB 1: Support State budget that includes funding for social and human services to address the needs of vulnerable communities such as persons with mental health, substance use disorder, and/or disabilities, individuals experiencing homelessness, frail seniors, and low-income working families.
- SB 2: Support State budget that funds the development of new public infrastructure and the maintenance of roadways and public facilities.
- SB 3: Support State budget that includes funding for affordable housing for very low, low, moderate-income families.
- SB 4: Support State budget that funds food and nutrition, and education support programs for low-income families.
- SB 5: Support funding for programs that can assist the most vulnerable in our community during emergencies with emergency shelter, food and nutrition, rental assistance in case of loss of income, etc.
- SB 6: Support policies that can provide financial assistance and other forms of legal relief to small real estate businesses and landlords during emergencies that result in tenants' loss of income and their inability to pay rent.

TRANSPORTATION (T)

The City has advocated for and continues to support the creation of new funding sources for transportation programs and maintenance of roadways and bridges across California. In addition, the City has long been a champion of public transportation and advocated for expansion of Metro rail service in Los Angeles County and through West Hollywood.

- T 1: Support current State and federal funding levels and encourage increased funding and flexibility in both operating and capital funding for mass transit.
- T 2: Support legislation that provides incentives for the development of local transportation corridors.
- T 3: Support legislation that promotes and accelerates local, regional, and statewide clean and equitable mobility options, transportation electrification and zero emissions goods movement.
- T 4: Support local, regional, State, and federal legislative, administrative, and

regulatory efforts that will expand and/or supplement funding for maintaining transportation service program funds for employee benefits or for specific Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) transportation programs and passenger rail service.

- T 5: Support local, regional, State, and federal legislative, administrative, and regulatory efforts that will expand and/or supplement funding for maintaining and upgrading major thoroughfares in the City.
- T 6: Support State strategies that support transit-oriented residential development through direct funding, tax credits and technical assistance.
- T 7: Support increased State and federal resources to mitigate traffic congestion and vehicles miles traveled (VMT) on City streets and rebuild and maintain roads.
- T 8: Support legislation that promotes multimodal, complete streets to ensure the safety and comfort of all users of City streets, such as vehicle drivers, bicyclists, scooter users, users of parklets, and pedestrians.
- T 9: Support legislation and funding of distracted driver education programs.
- T 10: Support legislation and funding that reimburses cities for the “wear and tear” on city streets caused by public transit heavy buses.
- T 11: Support legislation that expedites legal challenges to environmental review (CEQA) of urban rail projects.
- T 12: Support policies such as Vision Zero that can make mobility safer and can lead to a reduction of traffic accidents and fatalities in local streets. In addition, and consistent with this policy priority, support the implementation of safety systems such as speed cameras to deter and penalize speedy drivers.

URBAN BALANCE/LAND USE (UB/LU)

The City works constantly to balance the needs of local residents and the activities that are customary for a densely populated urban area that is a nightlife and entertainment destination. As such, the City has advocated for State land use legislation that provides for a balanced approach to community development and does not arbitrarily limit local determination.

- UB/LU 1: Support legislation that provides protection for individual homeowners while allowing local governments to utilize the right of eminent domain in an appropriate and fair manner.
- UB/LU 2: Oppose legislation that preempts local governments’ ability to incidentally regulate and exercise its enforcement powers.

- UB/LU 3: Oppose legislation and regulations that preempt local governments' land use authority.
- UB/LU 4: Support smart growth initiatives that provide incentives to local governments that promote balanced growth.
- UB/LU 5: Advocate for equitable distribution of recycling centers across Southern California to preserve quality of life of residential neighborhoods.
- UB/LU 6: Support legislation that facilitates the abatement of excessive noise in the City.