



CITY *of* CALABASAS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MICHAEL MCCONVILLE, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

MEETING
DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2024

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Provide direction to staff on the development of the 2024 Legislative Platform.

BACKGROUND:

The development of a Legislative Platform is adopted as a Group B Item on the Future Agenda Items Prioritization listing.

The purpose of a Legislative Platform is to establish the City Council's positions on various legislative topics and matters of interest to the City, and to provide a policy framework for City staff to respond to proposed legislation in a timely manner.

Specifically, the statements outlined within a Legislative Platform are intended to assist the Mayor, Councilmembers, and staff, to pro-actively and appropriately address legislation that impacts the City's interests. Examples include correspondence from the Mayor or City Manager to the County, Legislature and/or Congress, and collaborating, when appropriate, with the League of California Cities.

At the June 19, 2024 City Council meeting, the City Council discussed the development of the 2024 Legislative Platform. Staff was directed to meet individually with Councilmembers to receive additional input, and to return with a draft document that could be finalized by the full Council.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

During the one-on-one meetings, Councilmembers were asked to consider (1) the principles or priorities the Legislative Platform should highlight, and (2) how the Legislative Platform should be used. The following direction was provided during these meetings:

Items Discussed or Proposed with Majority Support

- Keep Legislative Platform “high level”: Getting too specific would inhibit the City’s ability to be nimble and flexible in its advocacy approach.
- Review every two years: Reviewing the Legislative Platform every two years allows newly elected Councilmembers the opportunity to propose amendments.
- Proceed with the Draft Legislative Platform: The content in the Draft Legislative Platform, with minor revisions, is recommended for full Council review.
- Councilmember Liaison and Committee Voting Authority: Councilmembers who have been appointed to their respective assignments are empowered to use their best judgment when taking a position or voting on behalf of the City. No discussion is needed unless the respective Councilmember believes that the full Council should discuss.

Items Discussed or Proposed without Majority Support

- Specifying Purpose of Legislative Platform: One Councilmember suggested *"To be used in a fair, reasonable, and rational manner that benefits all Calabasas constituents."*
- Mirror League of CA Cities Advocacy: Procedure for implementing Legislative Platform would be as follows: (1) forward League monthly position overview to Councilmembers; and (2) Councilmembers would agenize bills for Council discussion.

Items Requiring Further Direction

- Procedures for issuing formal support or opposition without Council review: For efficiency, staff seeks City Council guidance on whether the City Manager or Mayor should formally express support or opposition to issues

highlighted in the City's Legislative Platform, without prior City Council review.

The DRAFT 2024 City of Calabasas Legislative Platform is attached with proposed revisions resulting from the one on one meetings with Councilmembers.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There is no fiscal impact to the budget for the development of the 2024 Legislative Platform.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Provide direction to staff on the development of the 2024 Legislative Platform.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. DRAFT 2024 City of Calabasas Legislative Platform
- B. 2021 City of Agoura Hills Legislative Platform
- C. 2021 City of Westlake Village Legislative Platform