

Tracked Changes Comparison: Between Adopted 2024 and Proposed 2026 Legislative and Policy Platform

Legislative and Policy Platform

City of Culver City

City Council

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2026 LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY PLATFORM

Legislative and Policy Platform Purpose Statement

Culver City, situated in the heart of Los Angeles County, California, is a dynamic and diverse community known for its rich cinematic history, vibrant neighborhoods, and commitment to broadminded values. With a population of just over 40,000 residents, Culver City strikes a unique balance between small-town charm and big-city innovation. It has long served as a hub for the entertainment industry, home to major studios such as Sony Pictures Entertainment and a growing array of tech and creative firms, including Amazon and Apple, which contribute to its evolving identity.

The City's Legislative and Policy Platform (Platform) provides a framework for the City of Culver City's legislative program and policy positions. Adopted by the City Council as needed, the City's Platform is the foundation of a focused advocacy strategy and serves as a reference guide for legislative and policy positions, and objectives that provide direction for the City Council and staff throughout the year.

In addition to its cultural and economic significance, Culver City has established itself as a leader in local governance and civic engagement. The City is deeply invested in shaping public policy that reflects the needs and aspirations of its residents and businesses. Through proactive legislation and policy advocacy, Culver City addresses a broad range of issues, including environmental sustainability, affordable housing, public safety, equity, and transportation. The City Council and various commissions, committees and boards work collaboratively with community stakeholders, regional agencies, and lawmakers to influence decision-making at all levels of government.

Legislative and Policy Program Overview

Culver City's approach to legislation and advocacy is rooted in transparency, inclusivity, and long-term vision. Whether by adopting local ordinances or engaging in broader policy advocacy efforts, the City consistently seeks to champion initiatives that enhance quality of life and promote equity. This commitment positions Culver City not just as a municipality but as a forward-thinking model of civic responsibility and innovation.

The primary objective of the Platform is for the City Council to adopt official City positions on specific legislative issues and policies. By doing so, the City Council's approval process is streamlined, because the City Council is providing clear direction to staff on pertinent legislative issues. The Platform is developed and maintained using the goals and objectives of the City Council adopted Work Plan; a review of legislative priorities; input from City Council and staff; research on current law; and the review of pending legislation.

The City of Culver City's Legislative and Policy Platform (Platform) provides a framework for the City's collective principles on legislative matters and regional issues. The City Council recognizes the importance of an active legislative program to safeguard the City's interests in the region, Sacramento, and Washington, D.C. This document outlines the City's positions on legislative matters.

Federal, state, and regional legislative proposals, principles, and policies consistent with the Platform may be supported by the City. Those policies or proposals inconsistent with

~~this agenda may be opposed by the City. For proposed legislation, either consistent with the Platform or consistent with positions the City has taken in the past, City staff shall be authorized to prepare position letters for the Mayor's signature. In the absence of the Mayor, the Vice Mayor may sign position letters on behalf of the City. If any City Council Member chooses to transmit their position on any issue as an individual Council Member, they must clearly state they are not addressing the issue on behalf of the City Council or the City~~

The City Council has approved the implementation of this Platform, which streamlines the process for staff to follow when the City receives a request to take a position on legislative issues. Updated and adopted by the City Council as needed, the Platform serves as the foundation of a focused advocacy strategy, and it acts as a reference guide for legislative positions and objectives. Its purpose is to provide clear direction to staff when determining the City's stance on legislation. The Platform is developed and maintained based on the City Council's goals and objectives and incorporates guiding principles. It is shaped by input from both the City Council and staff.

~~Additionally, the City Council would need to provide direction to staff at a City Council meeting, if:~~

The City may support legislation that aligns with the Platform, while legislation that conflicts with the Platform may be opposed. At times, the City will support the legislative positions of its partner organizations. However, there may be instances where the City does not support a specific position taken by a partner organization. In such cases, City staff will use the principles and goals outlined in this Platform to guide the City's position.

When the City supports or opposes legislation based on the Platform, City staff will prepare position letters to be signed by the Mayor. Legislation not addressed in the Platform may require further direction from the City Council. Generally, legislative priorities focus on issues directly related to or impacting the provision of municipal services.

~~* The item is not addressed in the City's Platform; or~~

~~* The City Council position may result in an increase in taxes or fees for Culver City residents or businesses; or~~

~~* The City Council position would result in a financial burden to the City (for example increased staff time or other resources); or~~

~~* If the potential City Council position poses a conflict between two or more Platform goals or those of City departments; or~~

~~* If the City Council wishes to take a position on a non-Culver City ballot measure.~~

~~The Platform priorities included herein are principally intended to provide direction on matters that affect the funding, programs, projects, and operations of the City of Culver City as a municipal organization; however, the City may advocate a position on current social or international issues, if directed to do so by the City Council. While the City Manager's Office is primarily responsible for legislative issues, City departments should monitor and be knowledgeable of any legislative issues related to their discipline. Any requests for the City to take a position on a legislative matter must be directed to the City Manager's Office. City departments may not take positions on legislative issues without~~

~~the City Manager's Office review and approval, particularly since the Mayor signs all position letters on behalf of the City. The City Council must give its majority consensus to request staff to agendize taking a position on any non-Culver City ballot measure.~~

~~Guiding Principles~~

~~Preserve Local Control~~

~~Preserve and protect the City's powers, duties, and prerogatives to enact local legislation and policy direction concerning local affairs and oppose legislation that preempts local authority. Local agencies should preserve authority and accountability for revenues raised and services provided. The City supports efforts to protect and/or expand the City's authority and rights over its municipal affairs. The City opposes efforts that preempt the current authority possessed by the City and delegate that authority to federal, state or other government agencies, or American Indian tribes unless it clearly promotes the City's policy goals, consistent with the Legislative and Policy Platform, or is required by federal or state law.~~

Legislative and Policy Platform Key Priority Areas

~~Promote Fiscal Stability~~

~~The Platform centers around the annual City Council-adopted Work Plan and the following 2024-2029 City Council Strategic Goals and Priorities:~~

~~Support measures that promote fiscal stability, predictability, financial independence, and preserve the City's revenue base and maximum local control over local government budgeting. Oppose measures that shift local funds to county, state or federal governments and/or make cities more dependent on county, state or federal governments for financial stability, such as unfunded mandates or mandated costs with no guarantee of local reimbursement or offsetting benefits.~~

- Ensure Long-Term Financial Stability
- Promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Promote Public Safety
- Enhance Mobility and Transportation
- Improve and Maintain Public Infrastructure and Community Spaces
- Provide High-Quality Public Services
- Improve Housing and Homeless Services
- Advance Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action
- Increase Community Engagement

Support Funding Opportunities

Further, in 2026, the City Council determined to focus on the following three one-year strategic priorities for 2026:

~~Support opportunities that allow the City to compete for its fair share of regional, state and federal funding. Support funding for programs with combined benefits to air quality, water quality, affordable housing, infrastructure (including multi-modal transportation systems), public safety, and public health. Explore legislation and seek grants that are intended to serve dense urban areas.~~

- ~~• Strengthening long-term financial sustainability;~~
- ~~• Investing in public infrastructure and community spaces; and~~
- ~~• Enhancing overall affordability, addressing housing and homelessness.~~

Program Goals and Strategies/Actions

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

~~The Platforms Program Goals and Strategies/Actions are outlined below.~~

~~The City's basic principles are to: retain the City's self-governance; promote fiscal stability; and support funding opportunities through collaboration with municipalities, local government agencies, special districts, regional governmental agencies, organizations, and local, state, federal elected representatives, and other sources.~~

~~Program Goals~~

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POSITIONS

~~The City will transmit any of the following position statements to federal, state, and county legislators, bill author(s), committees, and partners through correspondence, phone calls, public testimony, and in-person meetings as follows: Support, Oppose, Oppose Unless Amended; Support if Amended or simply monitor legislation relevant to City departments.~~

- ~~• Advocate for the City's legislative interests at the federal, state, and regional levels.~~
- ~~• Review legislative proposals initiated by Culver City's legislators.~~
- ~~• Inform and share information with Culver City's legislators, City Council, and staff on the issues, legislative process, and legislation that could have a potential impact on the City.~~
- ~~• Serve as an active participant with other local governments, the Westside Cities Council of Governments, the Southern California Association of Governments, the Independent Cities Association, the League of California Cities, the National League of Cities, the United States Conference of Mayors, and professional organizations on legislative issues that are important to the City and its region.~~

Strategies/Actions

Communicate the City's legislative positions on proposed federal, state, and county legislation, measures, and initiatives through the following process:

- ~~Work with City departments and regional agencies to develop positions on proposed federal and state legislative measures.~~
 - ~~Review the positions and analysis done by government and/or professional associations in formulating our positions.~~
 - ~~Track key bills through the legislative process.~~
 - ~~Take positions only on issues that clearly impact the City or are a threat to local control or the City's interest or governance.~~
 - ~~Transmit any of the following position statements to federal, state, and county legislators, bill author(s), and committees, through correspondence, phone calls, public testimony, and in-person meetings as follows:~~
 - ~~–Support: Legislation that the City should support as drafted.~~
 - ~~–Oppose: Legislation that the City should oppose as drafted.~~
 - ~~–Oppose unless amended: Legislation the City opposes unless amended.~~
 - ~~–Support if amended: Legislation the City supports if amended.~~
 - ~~–Watch: Legislation that the City should continue to monitor.~~
 - ~~Work cooperatively with other cities, associations, the Culver City Unified School District, and other public agencies to advocate our legislative positions when appropriate.~~
 - ~~Participate, as necessary, in the drafting and amending of measures that have the potential to significantly impact the City.~~
 - ~~Provide a copy of the Platform to all legislators who represent Culver City.~~
 - ~~Schedule meetings with City Council Members, the City Manager or the City Managers designee, legislators and their representatives, as well as other government officials on an as-needed basis, to discuss local government issues, proposed legislation, requests for funding assistance, and City programs and services.~~
 - ~~Seek public, foundation, and private funding through grants, and other discretionary funding for City projects, services, and programs.~~
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- ~~Provide information to City departments on potential grant funding opportunities and recognition programs.~~
- ~~Advocate and request letters of support for City projects and grant applications or other resources that are being considered for federal, state, county, or regional, funding from Foundations.~~

~~* Work closely with other local governments, the Westside Cities Council of Governments, the Southern California Association of Governments, the Independent Cities Association, the League of California Cities, the National League of Cities, the United States Conference of Mayors, and local professional organizations in advocating for the City's federal, state, county, and regional legislative interests.~~

~~* Actively participate with the aforementioned bodies, including involvement in League of California Cities Policy Committees and other organization briefings, and activities in order to stay updated on trends, upcoming initiatives, and pending legislation.~~

~~* Cooperate with other cities on issues of mutual concern or impact.~~

~~* Interact with regional groups that are involved with legislative programs.~~

~~* Review and consider action on requests from community members, nonprofit organizations, or other governmental and regional organizations to consider advocating for their legislative positions and/or funding requests.~~

~~* Consider providing letters of support for those who are requesting funding from other agencies or nonprofit organizations, when those requests are clearly consistent with the Platform and directed by the City Council.~~

~~* Share information with the City Council, City staff, and the community on legislative issues.~~

~~* Work with department heads and staff to determine their legislative priorities and funding needs as needed.~~

~~* Provide updates on legislative issues throughout the year, educating the community on the City's advocacy efforts on legislative issues.~~

Culver City Legislative and Policy Statements

~~Government Transparency, Participation, Accessibility, and Public Notification~~

Support efforts to:

~~* Provide for greater opportunities for transparency, enhanced delivery of government information, government accountability, and public access for the community.~~

~~* Allow electronic communications (e-mail, social media) as an accepted form of communication for mandated notifications.~~

ENSURE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL STABILITY

Tax Base

Support efforts to:

- Enhance the distribution of sales tax to the City.
- Address issues created by Culver City's status as a low property tax City.
- Simplify the collection of sales taxes nationwide and provide an equitable method for collecting sales taxes for Internet and catalog sales.
- Exempt cities from paying state sales tax on purchases.
- Assist the City in its efforts to create an overall revenue structure which balances both economically stable and volatile sources.

Oppose efforts that:

- Divert revenues from cities by federal or state government.
- Compromise the City's ability to require and/or collect reasonable business license fees from Culver City businesses.
- Divert City collected sales tax on a per capita basis or any other basis for redistribution in the state.

City's Liability

Support efforts to:

- Shield cities from being treated as deep pockets.
- Limit liability to instances when cities have acted negligently.

- Limit the instances when cities have to pay damages without having acted negligently.
- Preserve and enhance/expand governmental immunities.

Oppose efforts that:

- Impair the City's ability to meet existing legal and contractual obligations.

County, State and Federal Mandates

Support efforts to:

The City will always evaluate county, state and federal mandates that impact the City of Culver City.

- ~~Render mandates invalid if not fully funded.~~

Oppose efforts that:

~~Place a mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the mandated program.
Require any mandated obligations to continue after funding for the mandate has been eliminated.~~

City Revenues

Support efforts to:

- Favorably address the state/local government fiscal relationship.

Oppose efforts that:

- Decrease revenue the City receives from or is collected on behalf of the City by the state.
- Reduce the City's autonomy and flexibility in dealing with the financing of public services.

Economic Development

Support efforts to:

- Foster the City's efforts to spur economic development, revitalize neighborhoods, and remove blight.
- Develop and promote policies, legislation, and grants that help urban areas foster greater economic opportunity.

- ~~Retain, expand, and attract businesses to the City that create jobs compatible with the local workforce and tax revenues for the local economy.~~
- Retain, expand, and attract businesses to the City that create full-time permanent unionized jobs that pay a living wage and are compatible with tax revenues for the local economy.
- Work with community partners and government agencies to offer training and development opportunities that enhance the cooperation among them and secure more resources to prepare youth, veterans, formerly unhoused and incarcerated individuals, and underemployed people for jobs in the 21st Century that match Culver City's workforce needs.
- ~~Ensure requirements and government mandates for local businesses are reasonable.~~
- Promote the Creative Economy, including film production, within Culver City and California.
- Assist the City's ongoing initiatives to help local businesses thrive and prosper, including the availability of financial support for small enterprises, such as loans for business enhancement and tax incentives for businesses.
- ~~Call for the elimination of any rules or regulations that create unnecessary burdens or barriers for businesses.~~
- Pass laws that will make resources available to support ongoing economic growth, including programs to offer financial aid for business loans, building upgrades, and infrastructure enhancements, such as public art, road/sidewalk repairs, landscaping, and more.

Oppose efforts that:

- Impair the City's ability to carry out its mission of improving the economic vitality of the area while preserving the quality of life.
- ~~Mandate or restrict the use of economic development funds.~~
- ~~Usurp local zoning/land use authority.~~

PROMOTE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Civil and Human Rights

Support efforts to:

- Encourage equality, equal pay, marriage equality, religious freedom, immigrant rights, diversity, social justice, and anti-hate policies.

- Condemn all hateful speech and violent actions.
- Commit to pursuing a policy agenda that affirms civil and human rights and ensures that those targeted on the basis of race, religion, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, or immigration status can turn to government without fear of recrimination.
- Reject political tactics that use fear to manipulate voters or to gain power or influence.
- Reaffirm the value of a pluralistic society, the beauty of a society composed of multiple cultures, and the inalienable right of every person to live and practice their faith without fear.
- Strengthen our sense of cultural unity through recognizing our cultural diversity and strengthening our community's image and sense of place in collaboration with community members and groups, employers and employees.

PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY

Support efforts to:

- Invest in a continuum of community-based public safety strategies, including traditional police services as well as unarmed, non-police responses, that include violence prevention, alternative crisis response, and restorative justice models.
- Support nuisance abatement efforts focused on objective public health and safety concerns, implemented with appropriate safeguards, transparency, and accountability, and aligned with service-first, non-police responses whenever feasible.
- ~~Identify and~~ Fund and expand mental health and wellness programs for public safety personnel, including regular mental health screenings, peer support, trauma-informed care, and access to culturally competent mental health providers.

Fire Services

Support efforts to:

- Strengthen Fire Service's role in safeguarding lives and properties from fire hazards, disasters, hazardous materials, specialized rescue, and other emergencies, as well as cities' power and choice to offer all emergency services to their residents.
- Protect the local authority of cities to regulate and oversee the quality and scope of pre-hospital emergency medical services, including ambulance transport, that are provided within their jurisdictions for the purpose of enhancing the level of pre-hospital emergency medical care.

- ~~Provide funding for:~~
- Local agencies to Recoup the costs associated with fire safety in the community and timely mutual aid reimbursement for disaster response services in other jurisdictions.
- Provide resources for new technology and equipment and improve and replace existing technology and equipment for Fire and Police, including resources to support the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICI System).
- Construction or replacement of public safety facilities.
- Provide equipment, training, educational materials and exercises that enhance local capabilities to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from small to large scale incidents and emergencies, including hazardous materials accidents.
- Maintain City reimbursements for personnel costs paid to public safety employees for training and required appearances in state and/or county courts.
- ~~Continue the availability of regional healthcare facilities, such as Southern California Hospital at Culver City; Cedars-Sinai Urgent Care facility; UCLA Behavioral Health Associates – West Washington; and Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services.~~ Continue the availability of regional healthcare facilities.

Oppose efforts to:

- Implement legislation, regulations, and standards that impose minimum staffing and response time standards for City Fire and EMS services since such determinations should reflect the conditions and priorities of individual cities.

Law Enforcement

Support efforts to:

- ~~Promote the Police Department's mission of providing visible patrol; criminal investigations; follow-up investigations; traffic accident investigations; and specialized investigations such as identity theft, vice offenses, and similar crimes.~~
- Support public safety functions, including patrol and investigations, within a framework that emphasizes necessity, effectiveness, accountability, and the appropriate use of police resources, alongside expanded civilian, non-police, and unarmed services where they can achieve better outcomes
- Support community safety efforts that include the Police Department's role in crime prevention and enforcement, while recognizing the distinct responsibilities of the courts, service providers, and community organizations in accountability, prevention, and education.
- ~~Advance the Police Departments goals to enhance community safety through the deterrence/prevention of crime, the apprehension of offenders, and the education~~

~~of the public in self-protective measures to minimize victimization.~~

- Develop and recruit diverse Police candidates.
- ~~Revisit Proposition 47 (2014) to address negative impacts on communities, specifically regarding repeat theft offenses, work with coalition partners to continue educating the public on the impacts of Proposition 47 and work collaboratively towards a legislative solution.~~
- ~~Revisit Proposition 57 (2016), which lets the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) release inmates early, when they committed serious or violent crimes and have harmed many victims, and limit who can get early release.~~
- Make the CDCR more transparent and accountable and give victims and their families a say in the parole process to make the criminal justice system fairer and more balanced, while still allowing non-violent offenders to rehabilitate and reintegrate.
- Address ongoing threats made against schools, religious institutions, hospitals, and other fixed targets, which have continued to demand a swift law enforcement response whenever they occur, especially in the face of recurring mass shooting events. ~~and support legislation to make any threat made against schools or places of worship a criminal violation.~~
- Expand existing law and allow non-sworn civilian community service officers (CSOs) with Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) to introduce hearsay statements at preliminary hearings only for specified offense categories, under sworn supervision, with judicial discretion, reporting requirements, and a sunset provision to ensure ongoing oversight and accountability.
- ~~Regulate the use of biometric surveillance software in conjunction with an officers camera, specifically facial recognition technology (FRT) and support reasonable safeguard, protections, and prohibitions on the use of FRT, which allows for the ongoing use of these technologies as a critical investigative tool.~~

Code Enforcement

- Oppose legal requirements and constraints that would inhibit the City's ability to perform nuisance abatement related to conditions, activities, and places.

ENHANCE MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION

Support efforts to:

- Maintain and increase funding for a wide range of transportation and mobility operations, programs, infrastructure, and projects throughout the City - including public transit, last-mile micro transit, shared use vehicles, pedestrian and bicycle projects, to enhance safety, reduce congestion, and increase accessible, efficient

circulation in the City.

- Encourage the use of innovative, efficient, clean, and renewable alternative fuels for vehicles.
- Permanently extend tax credits for a range of fuels and related infrastructure, including electric and hydrogen energy.
- Advocate for the preservation and enhancement of funding for the *Safe Routes to Schools* Program.
- Increase funding for regional rail projects.
- Fund projects that will help rationalize the movement of traffic and facilitate the movement of sustainable mobility options in the Westside subregion.
- Enhance and protect federal, state, and regional funding for Culver City's mass transit and transportation projects.
- Implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) policies, programs, and strategies to encourage the use of and increase sustainable mobility choices.
- Maintain local ~~control~~ autonomy over the use of autonomous vehicles within City limits.
- Implement the *Vision Zero* initiative and other programs, policies, or initiatives that prioritize transportation safety and pursue the elimination of death and severe injury crashes on our roadways.
- Use public and private partnerships to successfully influence favorable policy outcomes.
- Prioritize opportunities for people with limited mobility.
- Implement the recommendations in all of the City's mobility plans.

IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SPACES

Mobility

Support efforts to:

- ~~Expand and make safer pedestrian rights-of-way.~~ Expand and make pedestrian and cyclist rights-of-way safer.
- Ensure that the City maintains public rights-of-way control and is allowed to collect fair compensation for its use.

- ~~Maintain~~ Increase funding for streets, roads, alley maintenance, the City's aging sewer system, and transportation infrastructure programs throughout the City.
- Reduce barriers to local governments implementation of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, including innovative treatments.
- Preserve the right of local government to set fee structures.
- Identify increased funding for traffic mitigation and congestion management.
- Preserve local ~~control~~ authority over construction contract administration to ensure timely payment practices and strong enforcement of prevailing wage standards.
- Identify funding to upgrade City-owned facilities.

Oppose efforts that:

- Shift ~~Put~~ additional responsibility to ~~on~~ municipalities for the maintenance of sidewalks and other public infrastructure without providing adequate and sustainable funding necessary to maintain high-quality public services.
- ~~Compromise local control in regard to refuse collection, recycling, hazardous materials handling, landfill operations, and the safe transport of waste both interstate and intrastate.~~
- Impose state mandates on refuse collection, recycling, hazardous materials handling, landfill operations, or the safe transport of waste both interstate and intrastate without sufficient funding or flexibility to allow municipalities to deliver effective, locally responsive services, while recognizing the value of state guidance and standards.
- Limit local authority over sewer operations and treatment through unfunded or inflexible requirements that undermine service quality, while supporting collaborative state-local approaches that protect public health and the environment.

Telecommunications

Support efforts to:

- Promote "Culver Connect", the municipal fiber network facilitating high speed data connectivity to Culver City businesses in order to promote economic development.
- Provide individual universal access to the Internet.
- Ensure that the City receives the maximum benefit from Internet commerce.

- Maintain, facilitate, and protect Municipal Broadband Wireless Deployment.
- Improve and/or enhance cellular phone coverage throughout Culver City.
- Strengthen cellular and all other types of phone connectivity from major providers.
- Ensure telecommunications safety, etc.

PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICES

City Human Resources

Support efforts to:

- Ensure and enhance quality public services by fulfilling the human resource and employee relations needs of the City.
- Reform workers compensation statutes that streamline the system and provide adequate benefits for injured workers, while continuing to control employer costs.
- Ensure that employee benefits comply with applicable statutes and regulations and monitor mandates relative to health care costs and services.
- ~~Ensure the consistent application of~~ Implement workplace rules and policies to ensure fairness and avoid claims of discrimination.
- Monitor organizational training goals and objectives to develop training opportunities that address any skill gaps.

Arts and Entertainment

Support efforts to:

- Expand arts opportunities for the public.
- Identify funding for the City's community arts programs and arts education in schools.
- Retain and expand film, television, streaming, theater, performing arts, dance, music, art galleries, and commercial advertisement production and post-production in Culver City, the state of California, and the United States.
- Recognize and preserve the arts as an economic value and resource to the City.
- Expand and conserve the City's public art.

Parks & Recreation

Support efforts to:

- Preserve and enhance Culver City's quality of life by improving and protecting our parks and natural resources through environmental best practices; making our parks safer, cleaner and healthier; facilitating and providing recreation and leisure opportunities; promoting health, wellness and human development.
- Fund parks and recreation, programs, maintenance, parkland acquisition, and capital improvements, to increase the quality of life for Culver City residents.

Senior and Social Services

Support efforts to:

- Maintain or increase funding for senior housing and nutrition programs, disabled services, paratransit services, and intergenerational care programs.
- Fund educational, recreational and physical fitness related programs for seniors.
- Seek funding for making facilities and other public places accessible as mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). ~~The ADA requires state and local governments to provide equal access to public services, programs, and activities for people with disabilities.~~
- Secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding at least at the current annual levels.

Youth and Education

Support efforts to:

- ~~Promote services for the City's youth including youth employment, mentoring, diversion, and intervention programs.~~
- Develop greater youth opportunities, including opportunities for greater civic engagement for the City's youth, youth employment, mentoring, diversion, and intervention programs.
- Enhance the services provided to children, parents, and families, including early education programs.
- Collaborate with Culver City Unified School District to obtain funding for education enhancement, Youth Health Center development, and safety programs in youth-serving settings.

IMPROVE HOUSING AND HOMELESS SERVICES

Support efforts to:

- Streamline entitlement and construction processes for residential projects.
- Recognize the production and protection of all housing types in the City for the States Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) purposes.
- Encourage the production of a diverse housing stock in new developments to address the needs of all socio-economic segments of the community.
- Create a permanent source of State funding for affordable housing to replace the housing funds lost through the dissolution of Redevelopment.
- Provide incentives to local governments that promote smart growth and facilitate a jobs/housing balance.
- Continue to identify mental health resources available through partnerships, such as the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and local nonprofit organizations for response, care and treatment of individuals in need.
- Pursue opportunities for new mental health programs.
- Provide federal and state funding, and grants that support the creation of and maintenance of existing affordable housing within the City.
- Implement a system-wide process to ensure fair access to homelessness assistance, assessment, prioritization and referrals helping people experiencing a housing crisis get connected to resources efficiently.
- Explore local and Westside Cities trust funds that may be eligible for, but not limited to, the production or preservation of affordable housing/services through the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and/or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities.
- Raise the funding levels and allowable fair market rents for the City's federal ~~Section 8~~ Housing Choice Voucher Program to improve access to rental housing units by low-income households and increase the number of households served.
- Reduce homelessness and increase services to unhoused individuals both locally and regionally.
- Increase funding for projects and programs to provide housing and supportive services to unhoused individuals.
- Participate in the County's effort to combat homelessness and further explore and collaborate with the County to identify and enhance support available for community members who are experiencing homelessness.

Environment and Sustainability

ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION

Water Conservation, Water Quality, and Air Quality

Support efforts to:

- Seek the expanded use of recycled water, through stormwater activities and environmentally sustainable water recovery from reclaimed water.
- Identify and fund City water conservation programs to reduce demands on the local water supply.
- Conserve water and increase a sustainable, affordable, local water supply for Culver City.
- Continue partnerships to advance recycling, groundwater cleanup, and stormwater capture as the primary goals for the community's future water portfolio.
- Invest in projects and partner with businesses to improve water use-efficiency to help meet new demands.
- Seek grants, including partnerships with the private sector, schools, public agencies, and non-profit organizations, to assist with environmental clean-up projects.
- Advance clean-up of and improvements for waterways that affect the City.
- Assess water quality and the clean-up of Ballona Creek.
- Adopt reasonable environmental regulations aimed at enhancing air and water quality, reducing stormwater pollution, and providing opportunities for corresponding funding mechanisms.
- Ensure that Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements, which represent the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards, are achievable and cost-effective. Also, support efforts to provide the resources necessary to meet TMDL requirements.
- Protect municipalities from litigation if they are making good faith efforts to meet TMDL requirements.
- Increase the City's ability to comply with environmental regulations.
- Improve air quality in Culver City and surrounding areas.

- Help municipalities plan for and fund an array of fuel vehicle infrastructure (including electric and hydrogen).
- Conduct greenhouse gas inventories, climate action plans, and other work that will help further the goals of AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and related legislation.
- Reduce the City's financial responsibility for the disposal of various products and increase Extended Producer Responsibility.
- Recognize the importance of and continue to move toward California's clean energy transition and protection of California communities.
- Prioritize public health and safety and the environment, including protection of air quality and groundwater resources.
- Support the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) with its ongoing rulemaking efforts that prioritize protecting public health, safety, and the environment, including establishment of health protection zones, and supporting operator financial responsibility in its oversight of the oil, natural gas, and geothermal industries in California.
- Ensure that oil and gas wells are properly plugged and abandoned, that oil and gas premises are adequately remediated and restored to near natural conditions as practicable and that oil lease decommissioning costs remain the financial responsibility of the oil operators and property owners as applicable.

Energy

Support efforts to:

- Preserve municipalities opportunities to provide competitive energy alternatives from any supplier to deliver service to residents and businesses and establish a rate structure that is fair and equitable for the City, its residents, and its businesses.
- Promote reliable, affordable, and renewable energy for businesses and residents.
- Decouple the distribution of energy (the grid) from the production of energy.
- Develop and implement programs that increase local ~~control~~ autonomy over the purchase and development of renewable energy resources to increase consumer access to renewable, carbon-free energy at stable, competitive rates, and to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.
- Allow California cities to exercise the right to form their own or join existing CCA entities, as an effective method to increase local ~~control~~ autonomy over power production and supply.

- Advance legislation and regulatory policies that preserve and support CCA autonomy in policymaking, procurement, and decision-making.
- Continue development of local renewable, carbon-free energy resources and supply, including protection of local autonomy to develop and administer energy efficiency and peak demand energy conservation programs, and develop integrated distributed energy resources.
- Provide complete transparency of all energy procurement practices, stranded costs, and departing load charges.
- Achieve fair competition in statewide energy markets for CCAs and municipal or other publicly owned utilities.
- Adopt legislation and regulatory policies that protect CCA customers from excessive or improper cost allocation.
- Leverage energy-related programs tailored to address local needs and concerns effectively.
- Promote funding to advance renewable carbon-free power production, power storage and green energy technologies as well as conservation programs such as energy efficiency upgrades to public and private facilities.
- Promote customer installation of solar, wind, geothermal, energy storage, micro hydro, or other carbon-free renewable energy and offset their cost by including a full retail rate credit for the energy they generate that is equivalent to their use of electricity.
- Eliminate site-specific “net metering” requirements for municipalities that wish to acquire solar, wind or other renewable energy systems, such as the current restrictions which prevent or make it difficult for the City to produce solar power at one facility and take credit for it on the bill at another facility.
- Promote programs, policies, incentive and rebate programs aimed at decarbonizing all buildings citywide through replacement of GHG-emitting equipment with zero-emission alternatives.
- Adopt building codes that meet California required decarbonization and energy efficiency requirements for new construction and when existing buildings undergo major remodeling or expansion.

Oppose efforts that:

- Pertain to legislation and regulatory policies that conflict with or diminish CCA procurement autonomy, unfairly disadvantage CCAs or CCA customers, reduce or undermine local decision-making independence by the CCA or its governing board.
- Establish unreasonable Investor-Owned Utility departing fees for CCA customers and penalties that negatively impact CCAs.

Sustainability

Support efforts that:

- Advance legislative strategies and programs that promote efficient and sustainable land use and building practices.
- Encourage the adoption of land use policies designed to reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create healthy, vibrant communities - consistent with smart growth policies and a sustainable Culver City.
- Encourage energy efficiency, water efficiency, and sustainable building practices in new and existing residential, commercial buildings, and facilities. This may include using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program or similar systems.
- Require products to be sustainably designed and labeled, offer financial incentives to consumers to properly dispose of e-waste, encourage recycling, reuse and collection programs by manufacturers, incentives to consumers to redeem or recycle e-waste, and fund a convenient collection infrastructure.
- Influence the political will to push for sustainable transportation revenues and alternative funding mechanisms.

Aircraft Overflights

Support efforts to:

- Require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to commission a study of the noise, air quality, health and other impacts of aircraft flights that result from living, working and going to school underneath flight paths. Studies should include the examination of the health impacts of airplane flights on residents, including asthma exacerbation, sleep disturbance, stress, and elevated blood pressure.
- Work with Congress and the FAA to obtain funding to mitigate the noise, air quality, health and other impacts identified in the studies.

- Perform specific studies of impacts on residents living partly or wholly within the land area underneath the flight paths most frequently used by aircraft flying, including during takeoff or landing, at an altitude lower than 10,000 feet.
- Require the FAA to research those impacts that manifest during the physical implementation of the NextGen RNAV program on flights departing from or arriving at Los Angeles International Airport.
- Monitor legislation around the use of drones.
- Identify and address the adverse impacts, including the negative effects on health, from all aircraft.
- Require the FAA to implement the recommendations in the recent report of the General Accounting Office, urging adoption of supplemental noise metrics, including Single Event and Time Above, to further elucidate the effects of noise on impacted populations.
- Ensure cities are full partners in advanced air mobility, e.g., air taxis.

Oppose efforts that:

- Modify flight paths that would result in negatively impacting noise levels and air quality.

INCREASE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Support efforts to:

- Provide greater opportunities for transparency, enhanced delivery of government information, government accountability, and public access for the community using multilingual and ADA-compliant communication.
- Promote inclusive civic participation by encouraging broader public outreach, town halls, and digital engagement tools that reach underrepresented communities.
- Allow electronic communications (e-mail, social media) as an accepted form of Communication for mandated notifications.
- Support funding and legislation that invests in civic tech infrastructure (e.g., open data portals, participatory budgeting platforms, community feedback apps).