

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 02/13/06		Item Number: <u>A-2</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the Legislative Advocacy Program for 2006 and to Rescind Resolution No. 2005-R003.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master Notification List (02/08/06); Copeland Lowery Jacquez Denton & White (02/08/06); Joe A. Gonsalves and Son (02/08/06).			
Department Approval: Martin R. Cole (02/06/06)		CAO Approval: Martin R. Cole for Jerry B. Fulwood (02/06/06)	
City Controller Approval: n/a			
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution (Attachment 1) approving the implementation of the Culver City Legislative Advocacy Program for 2006 for use in outlining legislative policies and activities and rescind Resolution No. 2005-R003. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> Since 1978, legislators and voters of California have enacted several measures that have had the effect of limiting the autonomy, financial and otherwise, of local governments. This has left many cities vulnerable to the impact of legislation that diverts funds from local government coffers to help balance the State's budget. These past circumstances have created the necessity for local governments to raise the level of attention paid to all legislative matters. <i>2005 Legislative Advocacy Program</i> At the January 24, 2005 City Council meeting, the Council adopted Resolution No. 2005-R003 which activated the Legislative Advocacy Program for 2005. The goal of the 2005 program was to address the legislative needs of the City, define legislative policy and set procedures. The adoption of these policies and procedures streamlined City legislative activity and allowed City staff to respond to issues of importance without seeking City Council direction on each and every item. The previous legislative agendas were prepared with the input of City Departments and members of the Legislative Liaison Committee, comprised of management level staff members assigned to this task by their Department Head.			

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DISCUSSION:

The proposed Culver City Legislative Advocacy Program for 2006 (Attachment 1) has taken into consideration prior legislative actions and the core principles of the Advocacy Program, resulting in a working document that addresses the City's legislative priorities at both the State and Federal levels.

The core principles and positions of the 2006 Legislative Agenda include a broad range of topics:

Air/Water Quality	Preemption of Local Authority
Arts	Public Notification
City Revenues	Public Safety & Crime Prevention
City's Liability	Public Works
Economic Development	Redevelopment
Employment	Senior & Social Services
Energy	State Mandates
Entertainment	Tax Base
Homeless Assistance	Telecommunications
Housing	Transportation
Parks & Recreation	Youth & Education

The creation of the proposed Legislative Advocacy Program for 2006 included a review of the Legislative Program from 2005. City departments also reviewed and contributed to the proposed position statements. The use of the Legislative Advocacy Program will supplement the efforts of the City's lobbyist Copeland Lowery Jacquez Denton & White (Federal) and Joe A. Gonsalves and Son (State).

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution and Culver City Legislative Advocacy Program for 2006.

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MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Rescind Resolution No. 2005-R003; and
2. Adopt the Resolution approving the implementation of the Culver City Legislative Advocacy Program for 2006; and
3. Authorize and direct the Mayor, Redevelopment Agency Chair, or designee as agent for the City of Culver City, to submit the appropriate documents and correspondence in keeping with the goals of the Culver City Legislative Advocacy Program for 2006.