

MEETING DATE:

May 18, 2009

AGENDA ITEM:

Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Implementation of the Legislative Advocacy Program for 2009-10 and Rescinding Resolution No. 2008-R005.

ATTACHMENTS

	<u>Pages</u>
1. Proposed Resolution	1-2
2. Redlined Culver City Legislative Advocacy Program for 2009-2010.	3-10

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WHEREAS, since 1978, the voters of California have enacted several measures that have had the effect of limiting the financial autonomy of local governments;

WHEREAS, the City of Culver City desires to maintain control over its revenues and all decisions that affect Culver City;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Culver City to increase the level of attention it pays to all legislative matters;

WHEREAS, the Culver City Legislative Advocacy Program for 2009-2010 will coordinate and streamline legislative activities, and respond to various governmental relations situations comprehensively; and,

WHEREAS, the Culver City Legislative Advocacy Program for 2009-2010 will set the principles for policies and procedures and guidelines for action.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California,
2 DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, as follows:

3 1. The City Council of the City of Culver City does hereby approve the
4 implementation of the Culver City Legislative Advocacy Program for 2009-2010, which is
5 attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

6 2. Resolution No. 2008-R018 is hereby rescinded.
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9 APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2009.
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14 ANDREW WEISSMAN, MAYOR
City of Culver City, California

15 ATTEST:

16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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18 MARTIN R. COLE
City Clerk

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20 CAROL A. SCHWAB
21 City Attorney
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Exhibit "A"

Culver CITY

Legislative Advocacy Program for ~~2008~~2009-2010

**PRIORITY ISSUES for the
~~2008-2009~~ State Legislative Session and the
~~110th-111th~~ Congress**

**City Council of the
City of Culver City**

Adopted:_____

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Program Overview

All broad policy statements in the Legislative Advocacy Program apply to legislative actions that would positively or negatively affect the City of Culver City's administration of programs, projects or services, and including fiscal impacts.

Economic Stability & Financial Development

Economic Development

- Support efforts to develop and promote policies, legislation and grants that help urban areas foster greater economic opportunity.
- Support efforts to retain, expand, and attract businesses to the City that create jobs compatible with the local workforce and tax revenues for the local economy.
- Support efforts to ensure that requirements and government mandates for local businesses are reasonable.

Tax Base

- Support legislation that protects the distribution of sales tax to the City.
- Support legislation that addresses issues created by Culver City's status as a "low property tax" City.
- Support legislation that mitigates the impacts of the "Triple Flip" as well as other modes that have delayed or inhibited the City's ability to receive revenues.
- Support efforts to simplify the collection of sales taxes nationwide and provide an equitable method for collecting sales taxes for Internet and catalog sales.
- Support efforts to exempt cities from paying State sales tax.
- Oppose any actions that the state or federal government may take to divert revenues from local cities.
- Oppose legislation that compromises the City's ability to require and/or collect appropriate business license fees from Culver City businesses.
- Support legislation that assists the City in its efforts to create an overall revenue structure which balances stable and economically sensitive sources.
- ~~Support legislation that insures equitable revenue distribution from telecommunications, cable and broadband services under AB 2987.~~

State and Federal Mandates

- Support legislation that provides funding for state and federal mandates placed upon local government.

- Oppose any legislation that would place a mandate on the City without providing the funds necessary to carry out the mandated program. Render mandates invalid if not fully funded.
- Oppose any legislation that would require any mandated obligations to continue after funding for the mandate has been eliminated.

City Revenues

- Support legislation that would favorably address the State/local government fiscal relationship, including the capping and or return of ERAF (Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund) dollars to cities.
- Oppose legislation that would reduce revenue which the City or Redevelopment Agency receives from or which is collected by the state.
- Oppose any legislation that would reduce the City's autonomy and flexibility in dealing with the financing of public service.
- Support efforts to include funding for Culver City's projects in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; the Federal Reauthorization program; Appropriations Requests and other funding opportunities.

Community Development

Housing

- Support legislation that allows local government to make decisions regarding housing density levels.
- Support legislative efforts and seek grants that support the development and improvement of affordable housing within the City.
- Support advocacy efforts to raise the funding levels and allowable fair market rents (FMRs) for the City's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) to improve access to rental housing units by low income households and increase the level of the number of households served.

Redevelopment

- Support legislation that supports redevelopment agencies' efforts to spur economic development, revitalize communities and remove blight.
- Oppose legislation which impairs redevelopment agencies' ability to meet existing legal and contractual obligations.
- Oppose anything that impairs the Redevelopment Agency's ability to carry out its core mission of eliminating blight and improving the economic vitality of the area.
- Oppose mandates or restrictions placed on the use of redevelopment funds or eminent domain practices.
- Oppose efforts to usurp local zoning authority.

- Support legislation that upholds the Culver City Redevelopment Agency's Redevelopment Plan.

Employment

- Support efforts that will enhance the City and the region's ability to create a strong, viable, and productive workforce.
- Support efforts to reform workers' compensation statutes to simplify the system and reduce costs to employers.
- Monitor mandates relative to health care costs in the public and private sector.
- Oppose legislation that precludes the City's right to negotiate employee pension benefits.
- Support legislation that would allow local governments to withdraw from participation in FICA and Social Security if they have other retirement programs in place.
- Support legislation to enhance the City's ability to fund retiree medical insurance costs.

Environment

Air/Water Quality

- Support efforts and seek grants, including partnerships with the private sector, to provide assistance to environmental clean-up projects.
- Support efforts to improve clean-up and improvements for waterways that affect the City.
- Seek state and federal funds to support the assessment of water quality and the cleaning of Ballona Creek.
- Support reasonable environmental regulations aimed at enhancing air and water quality and reducing stormwater pollution that will provide for corresponding funding mechanisms and will not become a financial burden to the City.
- Support measures that would promote the use of reclaimed water.
- Support legislation that improves air quality in Culver City and surrounding areas.
- Support legislation and grants that encourage the use of innovative, clean burning alternative fuels for vehicles.
- Support measures that would reduce the cost of compliance with environmental regulations.

Energy

- Support efforts to preserve municipalities' opportunity to provide energy alternatives to residents and businesses and to maintain a utility established rate structure that is fair and equitable for the City and its residents.
- Support legislation that promotes reliable affordable energy for businesses and residents.
- Support Community Choice Aggregation that permits any city, county or city and county to aggregate the electric loads of residents, businesses and municipal facilities to facilitate the economical purchase and sale of electrical energy. Balance the abilities of both municipal utilities and independently operated utilities. Oppose fees and penalties that tend to make Community Choice Aggregation cost prohibitive.

Community Safety**Public Safety & Crime Prevention**

- Seek funding for the construction of a new Fire Training Drill Facility that is shared with the Cities of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles's Fire Departments.
- Support legislation and pursue grants to fund new technology and equipment and improve and replace existing technology and equipment for Police and Fire, including resources to support the Interagency Interoperability Communications System (ICIS).
- Support legislation and pursue grants that would provide funding for public safety facilities, including resources to support the construction of Fire Station #3.
- Support legislation that provides funding for equipment, training, educational materials and exercises that enhance local capabilities to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from small to large scale incidents and emergencies.
- Support efforts to maintain City reimbursements for personnel costs paid to public safety employees for training and required appearances in state and/or County courts.
- Support the availability of regional healthcare facilities such as hospitals, including Brotman Medical Center.

Neighborhood Development**Homeless Assistance**

- Support efforts to reduce homelessness and increase services to the homeless both locally and regionally.
- Seek grant funding to assist with the City's homeless programs.

Arts

- Support legislative efforts and grant opportunities that help fund the City's community arts programming.

Parks & Recreation

- Support legislation, grants, and funding for parks and recreation, programs, maintenance, parkland acquisition, and capital improvements, to increase the quality of life for Culver City residents.
- Explore legislation and seek grants that are intended to serve dense urban areas.
- Support legislation that limits the City's liability at park and recreation facilities to instances when the City has acted negligently.

Senior & Social Services

- Support efforts to maintain or increase funding for senior housing and nutrition programs, disabled services, paratransit services, and intergenerational care programs.
- Support legislation that funds educational, recreational and physical fitness related programs for seniors.
- Support legislation and seek grants that provide financial relief for cities in making facilities and other public places accessible as mandated by the ADA.
- Support Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding at least at the current annual funding levels.

Youth & Education

- Support legislation and grants that promote the efforts of the City's youth diversion and intervention programs.
- Support legislation and seek grants that enhance the services provided to children, parents, and families, including early education programs.
- Support and collaborate with Culver City Unified School District to secure funding that assists in enhancement and further development of education and the Youth Health Center.

Transportation

- Support efforts to enhance and protect state, local and federal funding for Culver City's mass transit programs, transportation, circulation and capital improvement projects, including but not limited to the Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill as a funding source.
- ~~Support efforts to maintain and increase funding for transportation operations, programs and projects throughout the City.~~

- Support the implementation ~~the~~ and the completion of the Metro Exposition Light Rail Project with ~~grade-separated crossings and an~~ the aerial station in Culver City.
- Support efforts to increase funding for other regional rail projects, when they do not compromise funding for the completion both Phase I and Phase II of the Metro Exposition Light Rail Project.
- Support efforts to fund the I-10/Robertson Interchange and other projects that will help relieve traffic congestion in the Westside subregion.
- ~~Support efforts to enhance and protect state, local and federal funding for Culver City's mass transit and transportation projects.~~

Public Works

- Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City maintains public rights-of-way control and allow the City to collect fair compensation for its use.
- Support efforts to maintain and increase funding for streets and roads maintenance and transportation infrastructure programs throughout the City.
- Oppose legislation that would compromise local control in regards to refuse collection, recycling, hazardous materials handling, landfill operations, and the safe transport of waste both interstate and intrastate.
- Oppose legislation that would compromise local control in regards to sewer operations and treatment.
- Advocate for funding for the City's aging sewer system.
- Support legislation that preserves the right of local government to set fee structures.
- Support efforts to identify funding for cogeneration unit upgrades or installations.
- Support legislation that promotes funding solar energy and photovoltaic technology.
- Advocate for funding and policies to establish cost effective measures for the reduction greenhouse gas emissions and the impacts of climate change.
- Support legislation to eliminate site-specific "net metering" requirements for municipalities that wish to acquire solar, wind or other renewable energy systems.
- Support efforts to identify increased funding and grants for traffic mitigation and congestion management.

Telecommunications

- Support legislation that provides individual universal access to the Internet along with schools and libraries.

- Support legislative efforts to ensure that the City receives the maximum benefit from Internet commerce.
- Support legislation that enables Municipal Broadband Wireless Deployment.

Additional Issues

Preemption of Local Authority

- Oppose any legislation intended to preempt the current authority possessed by the City and delegates that authority to the State, ~~or other~~ government agencies or utilities.
- Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs.

Entertainment

- Support legislative efforts to keep film, television, and commercial advertisement production and post production in the State of California, especially in Culver City.
- Support the California Legislature and the federal government in their efforts at the federal level to maintain film and television production in the United States.

City's Liability

- Support legislation and policies that shield cities from being treated as deep pockets.
- Support legislation that limits liability to instances when cities have acted negligently.
- Support legislation limiting the instances when cities have to pay damages without having acted negligently.

Public Notification

- Support legislation that allows electronic mail (e-mail) as an accepted form of communication for mandated notifications.

Code Enforcement

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