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2. Resolution No. 2024-R081 is hereby rescinded.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2025.

DAN O' BRIEN, Mayor
City of Culver City, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JEREMY BOCCHINO
City Clerk

HEATHER BAKER
City Attorney



Legislative and Policy Platform

City of Culver City
City Council
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2025 LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY PLATFORM

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 and a growing array of tech and creative firms, including Amazon and Apple, which contribute to its evolving identity.

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.

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 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.

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.

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 approved and 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.



Legislative and Policy Platform Key Priority Areas

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

- 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

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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.

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.



Culver City Legislative and Policy Statements



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 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 the 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.

State and Federal Mandates

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

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.
- 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, 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.
- 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:

- 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.
- Invest in community-based public safety strategies that include violence prevention, alternative crisis response, and restorative justice models.
- Oppose legal requirements and constraints that would inhibit the City's ability to perform nuisance abatement related to conditions, activities, and places.

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.

- 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).
- Construct or replace 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.

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, traffic accident, follow-up investigations, specialized investigations such as identity theft, vice offenses, and similar crimes.
- Advance the Police Department's 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.
- Make the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (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.
- 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.

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 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 and cyclist rights of way.
- Ensure that the City maintains public rights-of-way control and is allowed to collect fair compensation for its use.
- 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.
- Maintain local autonomy over construction contract management, including retention amounts, and the payment of prevailing wages.
- Identify funding to upgrade City-owned facilities.

Oppose efforts that:

- Put additional responsibility on municipalities for the maintenance of sidewalks and other public infrastructure without adequate funding.
- Compromise local autonomy in regard to refuse collection, recycling, hazardous materials handling, landfill operations, and the safe transport of waste both interstate and intrastate.
- Compromise local autonomy in regard to sewer operations and treatment.

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.
- 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, 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).
- Secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding at least at the current annual levels.

Youth and Education

Support efforts to:

- Design, develop and create greater youth opportunities, including opportunities for more 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.
- Reform the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to make development of affordable housing projects less costly and faster while minimizing legal exposure.
- Recognize the production and protection of all housing types in the City for the State's 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.

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 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 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 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 locally.

INCREASE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Support efforts to:

- Provide for 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).