

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: <u>03/26/13</u>		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: (1) Presentation and Discussion of an Overview of Proposed Legislation (Bills) for the 2013-2014 State Legislative Session and (2) Direction to the City Manager Related Thereto.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒	Attachments: ☒
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
Public Notification: (Email) Meetings and Agendas – City Council (03/19/13)			
Department Approval: Martin R. Cole (03/19/13)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (03/19/13)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (03/19/13)		City Manager: John Nachbar (03/19/13)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council (1) receive a presentation and discuss proposed legislation that has been introduced for the 2013-2014 state legislative session and (2) direct the City Manager as deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

At the December 10, 2012 City Council meeting, the City Council took several actions, including approving the implementation of the Legislative Advocacy Program and requesting the preparation of an annual overview of new legislation for presentation to the City Council in March of each odd numbered year.

All new legislation for the 2013-2014 Legislative Session was introduced by the February 22, 2013 deadline as determined by the two Houses of the State Legislature. Many of the bills that have been introduced are placeholder bills, the content of which may develop more fully as the legislative session progresses. Additionally, especially as the legislative session nears an end, bills may undergo significant change and, in some cases, may transform significantly from their original subject matter or intent (via the "gut and amend" process)

DISCUSSION:

Over the past few weeks, staff has been reviewing potential bills of interest for the City (Attachment 1), based on the City Council adopted Legislative Priorities (Attachment 2). Based on currently available information, staff recommends the City Council take positions on the following bills as they exist in their current form:

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1. AB 564 Community redevelopment: successor agencies. (Support);
2. AB 981 Redevelopment dissolution. (Support);
3. SB 7 Public works: charter cities. (Oppose); and
4. SB 135 Earthquake early warning system. (Support).

Staff believes that the Legislative Advocacy Program will provide sufficient guidance to staff to prepare City position letters on additional bills on an as-needed basis. Also, as the legislative session moves forward, staff will also monitor bills, with special emphasis on those four enumerated above, in the case either the intent or the subject matter should change. Significant changes may result in a change to or update of the City's position.

Further, on an ongoing basis, staff will identify and monitor federal legislation. Federal and state legislation which may not clearly comport with the adopted Legislative Advocacy program may necessitate staff bringing an item to City Council for discussion and direction for a position on a bill. This evening, the City Council is invited to discuss legislation as part of the overview on new bills. Pursuant to City Council direction and following tonight's discussion on the overview of new legislation, staff will begin to schedule the first of the quarterly meetings with state legislators.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no cost to discuss this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. City of Culver City Potential Bills of Interest Report
2. Culver City Legislative Advocacy Program

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Receive and file the Overview of Legislation for the 2013-2014 Legislative Session; and,
2. Discuss the new proposed legislation and direct the City Manager as deemed appropriate.