

City Council State and Federal Legislative Platform support and promote the following priorities:

1. Local Control: Preserving the City's Charter City status, and ability to self-govern.
2. Fiscal Sustainability: Promoting sound financial decisions and policies at the City, County, and State levels of government.
3. Housing and Land Use Planning: Support housing measures that promote the development and enhancement of safe and affordable housing and accessible housing within the City for all economic segments of the community.
4. Infrastructure: Supporting and encouraging existing infrastructure maintenance and new infrastructure development in the City, County, and State.
5. Public Safety: Promoting public safety by encouraging regional cooperation on fire and police issues.
6. Transportation: Supporting a coordinated, regional approach to transportation and parking issues.
7. Water: Continuing work with other Cities, the County, and the State in developing sustainable and responsible solutions to the Monterey Peninsula's water needs.
8. Environmental Stewardship: Supporting and promoting actions to assist with responsible and cost-effective coastal, forest, and ocean protections.

Actions to support the aforementioned priorities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Local Control:

1. Oppose proposed legislation with the potential to erode local control or to restrict local authority or decision-making
2. Oppose any legislation that would jeopardize the City of Pacific Grove's Charter City status
3. Oppose unfunded State or Federal mandates
4. Oppose legislation mandating "one-size-fits-all" rules and regulations that impinge on the City's flexibility in managing local affairs and development
5. Oppose legislation that diminishes decision-making authority over land use decisions or zoning
6. Oppose State or Federal efforts to further erode local government authority regarding the location of cellular towers or transmission sites
7. Support California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) legislative reform initiatives that eliminate redundant, costly and cumbersome mandates and restrictions
8. Support legislation that increases financial assistance to Cities to provide local library programs and literacy services

Fiscal Sustainability:

1. Oppose unexpected diversion of local funds by the State or Federal government – or major changes – that erode the ability of a City to plan and budget for short-and-long term service needs
2. Support base retention particularly by working with regional and state leaders

3. Support legislation which updates the tax structure to enhance local government revenues that have declined due to the expansion of e-commerce and other societal changes
4. Oppose legislation that reduces or eliminates payments to Cities for use of property and rights-of-way for telecommunications
5. Support legislation that provides reasonable, sustainable, and secure public pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Housing and Land Use Planning:

1. Support legislation regarding land use patterns that maintain safe residential neighborhoods, preserve open space, and enhance the overall quality of life
2. Support reasonable building, housing, and real estate regulations for the development of affordable housing
3. Support creating and preserving financing tools and other policies to expand affordable housing for tenant affordability and stability
4. Support efforts to strengthen the legal and fiscal capability of local agencies to prepare, adopt, and implement plans for orderly growth and development.

Infrastructure:

1. Support State and Federal legislation that provides additional funding for local infrastructure, transportation, housing, and other critical needs
2. Support legislation that promotes and funds disaster preparedness and recovery efforts including staff, resident and business owner- training

Public Safety:

1. Support state and regional cooperation on fire and police issues
2. Support expansion efforts for the funding of public safety technology to improve disaster preparedness and recovery, ensuring staff and community emergency readiness
3. Support Homeland Security and other grant and funding sources which fund police and fire equipment upgrades, training, and capital improvements

Transportation:

1. Support the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) legislative program
2. Support legislation that enhances the ability of local Cities and agencies to finance local transportation programs and facilities
3. Protect existing State and local shared revenues, including Measure X for local “self-help” transportation funding, and AB/SB1 gasoline tax funding for local and regional transportation and infrastructure projects
4. Support funding for Highway 68 improvements
5. Support developing long-term transportation funding reforms that strengthen our State’s infrastructure and provides our area with alternatives to motor vehicles
6. Support legislation that would increase funding for local transportation projects including road refurbishment projects, adding bicycle lanes, sidewalks and trails where appropriate, and enhancing pedestrian safety

Water:

1. Support sustainable and responsible solutions to the Monterey Peninsula’s water needs

2. Support legislation that encourages and provides incentives for water conservation and expands the production and use of all water sources
3. Support flood control and storm water management legislation - including new funding methods
4. Support legislation that expands financing options for storm water collection and clean-up
5. Support legislation that allows direct and indirect potable water reuse
6. Support legislation that helps ensure reliable and sustainable water supply for California

Environmental Stewardship:

1. Support legislation that will reduce the presence of toxic chemicals, pesticides, and herbicides in the local environment
2. Support legislation that funds maintenance and improvement of coastal pathways, parking lots, and ocean observation spots
3. Support legislation that protects environmental resources
4. Oppose the development under existing or new offshore oil and gas leases off the coast of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
5. Support the protection of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
6. Support State and Federal funding for acquisition, protection, preservation and restoration of natural resources, open space, coastal resources, and park development