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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Betsy Shotwell

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

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## INFORMATION

**SUBJECT: THE CITY OF SAN JOSE'S 2017 LEGISLATIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES  
AND TOP FEDERAL AND STATE PRIORITIES**

On January 10, 2017, the City Council adopted the City of San Jose's Guiding Principles and top Federal and State Legislative Priorities for 2017. To assist in the sharing of this information, the attached brochure has been developed for distribution as needed. A printed hard copy will be delivered to each of your mail boxes. Please let the Office of Intergovernmental Relations know if you would like additional copies.

/s/

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Attachment:

Brochure re: 2017 Legislative Guiding Principles and Top Federal and State Priorities

## City of San José's Top Joint Federal and State Legislative Priorities for 2017

- **BART to Silicon Valley** – Support VTA's federal appropriations requests through the New Starts Program for the BART Phase I project. Support VTA's efforts in securing a full funding grant agreement for Phase II. Support early investment in planning, design and infrastructure that supports Phase II.
- **Connected and Autonomous Vehicles** – Support regulatory and legislative efforts to encourage the development of connected and autonomous vehicles with the goal of accelerating their mobility, safety, community, and economic benefits.
- **End Homelessness** - Support legislation and secure funding sources to end homelessness to benefit unhoused veterans, youths, families, individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities, and victims of domestic violence. Advocate for State and Federal agencies that separately fund capital development and supportive services to coordinate funding availability and awards.
- **Extended Producer Responsibility** – Support Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation that requires producers to be responsible for single-use and/or hazardous product disposal to drive environmentally sustainable product design.
- **Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF)** – Seek funding that supports the efforts of the MGPTF that includes the City's Youth Intervention Services and the San José BEST community based organizations.
- **Transportation Funding** – Support legislation and policies that protect and increase transportation funding necessary for a safe, efficient, and well-maintained transportation system. Support legislation for innovative partnership and financing mechanisms and legislation to reduce the approval of taxes and bonds for infrastructure measures to less than two-thirds majority.



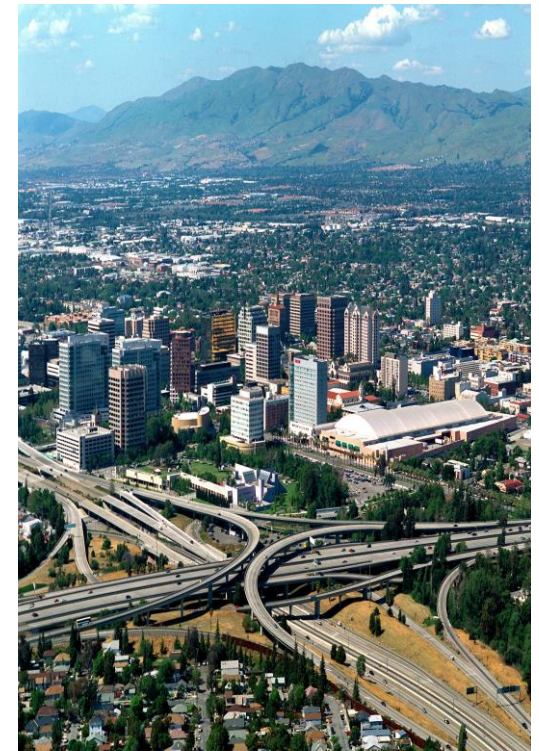
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# City of San José

## 2017 Legislative Guiding Principles and Top Federal and State Priorities



## The Following Legislative Principles Form the Foundation of the City's Advocacy Efforts in 2017:

- **Protect Local Control**
- **Ensure Region's Competitiveness Through Strategic Economic Development**
- **Protect and Increase Local Funding; No Unfunded Mandates**
- **Pursue or Retain Federal and State Funding for Key Efforts**
- **Create New Financing Tools for Local Government to Support Economic Development and Build Affordable Housing**
- **Promote Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection**
- **Provide Services that Promote Health, Economic Self-Sufficiency, Education and High Quality of Life for All San José Residents**
- **Support Efforts to Keep San José Safe**
- **Promote Investment in Infrastructure Maintenance and Rehabilitation**

## City of San José's Top State Legislative Priorities for 2017

- **Cap & Trade Program** – Support continuing the Cap & Trade program to fund infrastructure and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as the Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities Program and the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program.
- **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)** - Support legislation that establishes and prioritizes the role of local government in energy decisions, including renewable energy and energy conservation and efficiency.
- **Permanent Source Housing** – Support legislation pertaining to the creation and implementation of a new permanent source of funding for affordable housing. Support proposals that equitably direct funds to large jurisdictions by formula or need, and support the use of funds for new construction and rehabilitation of existing rental affordable units affordable to extremely-low and very low-income families. Support legislation/programs that direct funding to cities performing their fair share housing needs.
- **Permit and Fee Requirements** – Oppose legislation that reduces or eliminate the Airport's authority to require permits and fees for companies providing ground transportation services at the Airport.
- **Rental Inclusionary Housing** – Support legislation to override the Palmer vs. City of Los Angeles ruling that invalidated inclusionary housing.
- **Support New and Existing Financing Tools for Local Governments to Maximize Resources for Economic Development, Affordable Housing, Transportation and Sustainable Development** – Support legislation and policies to build our City's infrastructure, and provide affordable housing for San José residents.
- **Trails** – Seek funding through the State Active Transportation Program (ATP) to support the expansion of trails, paths, and bikeways.
- **Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)** – Support legislation or regulations that require biometric verification of identification and criminal data of TNC and other state-regulated transportation providers.
- **Vision Zero and Automated Speed Enforcement** – Support state and federal policies that improve traffic safety with a goal of reducing and eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries. Sponsor state legislation that would allow a pilot program in San José for Automated Speed Enforcement.
- **CEQA Reform** – Reform and streamline the CEQA process, to promote, as an example, infill and high-density housing and employment near public transportation corridors.

## City of San José's Top Federal Legislative Priorities for 2017

- **Customs and Border Protection & Transportation Security Administration** – Support legislation that increases funding for the hiring of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) personnel to process and clear arriving and departing passengers.
- **Ensure Federal Funding Assistance for Local Government** – Oppose any Congressional proposals or federal regulations that would withhold grant or other funds as a penalty for noncompliance with federal justice or immigration policies.
- **FAA Reauthorization Legislation** – Support the passage of FAA reauthorization legislation.
- **Fair Housing & Anti-Displacement** – Support the existing Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule and oppose any amendments to federal rules that undermine or weaken fair housing regulations.
- **Federal HOME Funding** – Ensure that the Administration and Congress protect HOME.
- **FirstNet** – The National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) is estimated to cost over \$30 Billion. San José will continue to support the BayRICS General Manager who is the primary Bay Area representative at the State and Federal levels. San José will continue to attend BayRICS, CalOES and FirstNet meetings to monitor progress towards the completion of this network.