



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Betsy Shotwell

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

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INFORMATION

**SUBJECT: THE CITY OF SAN JOSE'S 2016 LEGISLATIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES
AND TOP FEDERAL AND STATE PRIORITIES**

On January 12, 2016, the City Council adopted the City of San José's Guiding Principles and top Federal and State Legislative Priorities for 2016. To assist in the sharing of this information, the attached brochure has been developed for distribution as needed. A printed 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:

2016 Legislative Guiding Principles and Top Federal and State Priorities
(double-sided trifold brochure)

City of San José's Top Federal Legislative Priorities for 2016

- **FAA Reauthorization** - Advocate for adjusting the ceiling for Passenger Facilities Charges (PFCs), maintain Airport Improvement Program Funding, support the modernization of the national air traffic control system, requires stronger environmental impact review criteria, and passage of federal legislation that provides a permanent exemption from the alternative minimum tax on airport bond funding. (Airport)
- **Federal HOME funding** - Ensure that the Administration and Congress protect HOME. (Housing)
- **Retiree Healthcare** - Secure Treasury/IRS approval regarding tax issues related to public retiree health care contributions. (City Manager's Office)
- **SJ TechHire** - Secure grant funding from the U.S. Department of Labor to fund SJ TechHire. (Office of Economic Development / work2future)

City of San José's Top State Legislative Priorities for 2016

- **Rental Inclusionary Housing** -- Support legislation to override the Palmer v. City of Los Angeles ruling that invalidated inclusionary housing. Priority pending BIA v. City of San José case at the U.S. Supreme Court. (Housing)
- **Smart Meters** - Conduct legislative and regulatory advocacy that reduces barriers to the implementation of emerging technologies. Formally request the CPUC to adopt tariff structures that allow for the widespread use of SmartMeters and accessory devices to enable the installation of Internet of Things devices and next generation communications technologies. (Office of Economic Development)
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant** - Support legislation, that promotes state mandated Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction (AB 32) in particular, wastewater treatment plant exemptions from GHG reduction. (Environmental Services)

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City of San José 2016 Legislative Guiding Principles And Top Federal and State Priorities



The Following Legislative Principles Form the Foundation of the City's Advocacy Efforts in 2016:

- **Protect Local Control**
The City values its ability and authority to exercise local control, enable excellent public services and protect and enhance the quality of life for San José residents and businesses. The City supports efforts to streamline regulations that simplify the job of running the City and opposes efforts that erode the City's authority to control its own affairs.
- **Ensure Region's Competitiveness Through Strategic Economic Development**
The City embraces efforts to obtain funding for economic development and environmental initiatives, including planning and implementation of regional transportation and traffic congestion relief projects, the creation of affordable housing, and the creation of a Clean Technology economic sector.
- **Protect and Increase Local Funding; No Unfunded Mandates**
Oppose legislation, policies, or budgets that have negative impacts on City services, revenues or costs. Support legislation that aids recovery of City costs stemming from state and federal mandates.
- **Pursue or Retain Federal and State Funding for Key Efforts**
In order to support the City's efforts and key policies to provide quality services, affordable housing, transportation, and public infrastructure for its residents and businesses, it is necessary that the federal and state governments act as partners with local government and provide appropriate levels of funding for these City and regional efforts.

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- **Create New Financing Tools for Local Government to Support Economic Development and Build Affordable Housing**
The City supports legislation and policies that support local initiatives to develop or redevelop the community to strengthen the local and regional economy and to accommodate local workers' housing needs in places close to transit and jobs.
- **Promote Livability, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection**
The City supports legislation and policies that emphasize sustainable development; improve environmental standards and the regulatory process; provide incentives and financial support for preservation of natural resources; promote sustainable energy policies; and are consistent with the Green Vision.
- **Ensure High Quality of Life for all San José Residents that will Help the Community Thrive**
The City embraces efforts to advance equitable policies and practices that benefit the whole community. The City values a sustainable high quality of life in an urban environment, including child care, aging and youth services, urban parks and open space, recreation facilities, housing, vibrant libraries, arts and culture.
- **Support Efforts to Keep San José Safe**
The City supports legislation and policies that enable local officials to access resources to provide quality police, fire, emergency management, emergency medical services, youth violence prevention initiatives, and to engage the community in its own safety.
- **Promote Investment in Infrastructure Maintenance and Rehabilitation**
The City supports legislation and policies that promote investing in the maintenance and rehabilitation of aging infrastructure and build system capacity expansion to support smart growth principles.

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City of San José's Top Federal and State Legislative Priorities for 2016

- **BART to Silicon Valley** – Support policies that promote the funding and development of this key project. (Transportation)
- **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. (Housing)
- **Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF)**
Seek Department of Justice (DOJ), California Gang Reduction Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) and other funding that supports the efforts of the MGPTF that includes the City's Youth Intervention Services and the San José Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (BEST) community based organizations. (Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services)
- **Transportation Funding** – Support legislation that generates transportation funding for pavement maintenance and rehabilitation of local streets and roads. (Transportation)
- **Vision Zero** – Support policies that promotes the goals of Vision Zero and allows for the use of automated speed enforcement and other technologies that address transportation safety. (Transportation)
- **Water Infrastructure & Sustainability** - Advocate for funding for projects for potable water and reuse projects, wastewater treatment, nonpoint source pollution control, and watershed and estuary management. Accelerate authorization for indirect and direct potable reuse projects. Support legislation to generate additional revenues for water infrastructure improvements and provides for the funding of programs mandated for compliance and to address drought resilience. (Environmental Services)

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