



2024 STATE and FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM



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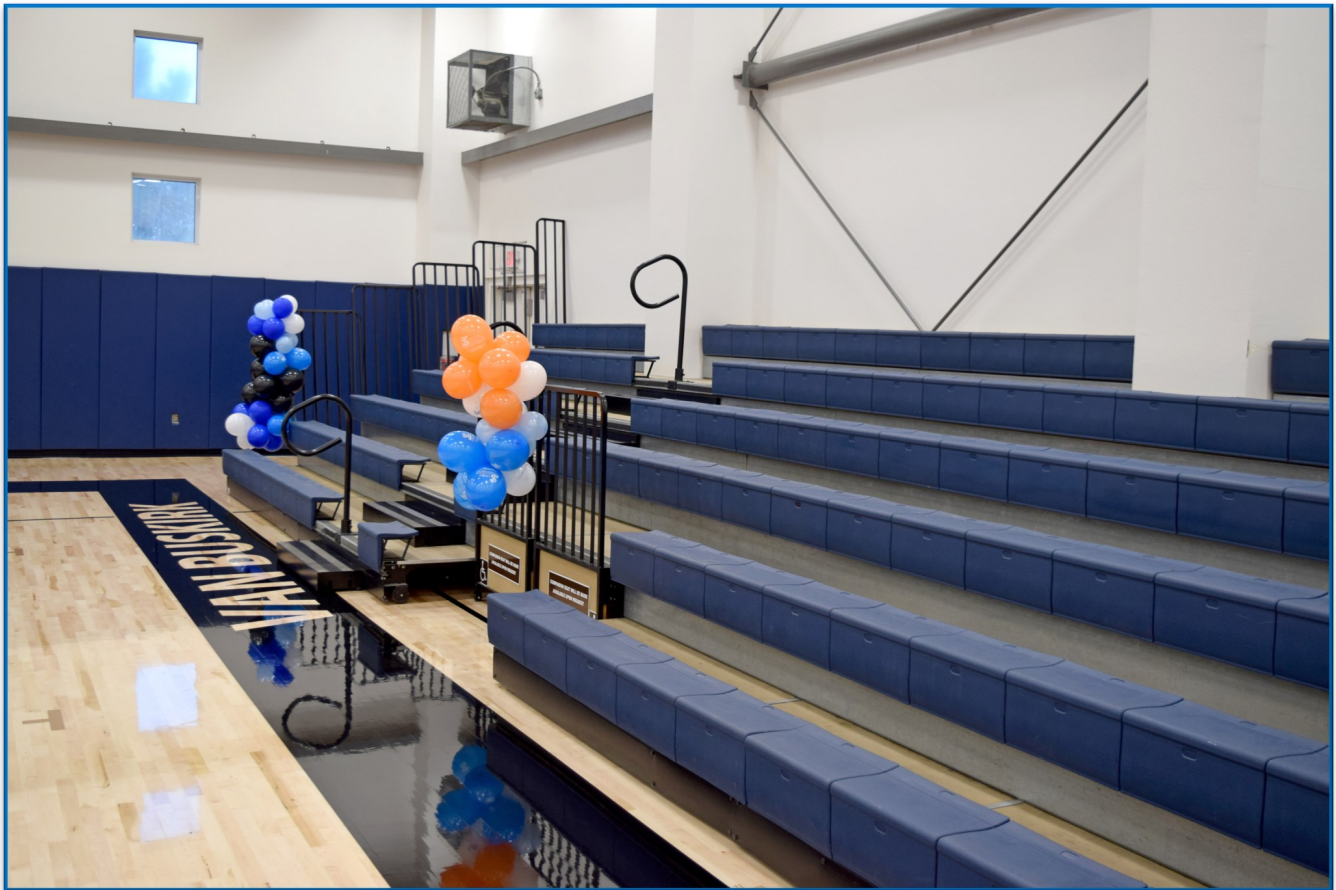
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Van Buskirk Community Center - New Gymnasium Floor

Legislative Program Summary

The Stockton City Council will adopt a Legislative Program in the beginning of each calendar year. The Legislative Program will set forth the City of Stockton's legislative priorities and interests, and will provide general authority and direction regarding advocacy efforts on behalf of the City to the City Manager's Office; City departments; and the City's state and federal legislative advocates.

Legislative Program Descriptions

Legislative Principle

Legislative Principles are foundational statements of broad legislative objectives or philosophies that form the basis for establishing Legislative Priorities and Positions.

Legislative Priority

Items receive designation as Legislative Priorities within the Legislative Program when it is anticipated that they will (1) have a significant impact on the City of Stockton; (2) require significant effort by City staff and/or the City's state/federal advocates; and (3) have a strategic action identified to address a high-level priority for the City.

Legislative Position

The City of Stockton has numerous legislative interest areas beyond those that rise to the surface as Legislative Priorities. The City prepares position statements for both the themes of legislation and funding that regularly recur at the state level, as well as new issues that arise each year in the legislative process. Legislative Positions provide background as to the importance of the issue to the City of Stockton and state the position of the City and any action that will be pursued to address it.



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City Council Strategic Plan

One Page Strategic Plan® (OGSP®)

Strategic Targets

- Housing / Homelessness
- Crime Reduction
- Economic Development
- Quality of Life / Youth Workforce and Programs
- Community Wellness

Council Priority Goals

- Develop solutions to address homelessness, including increasing the affordable and workforce housing supply
- Focus on crime reduction in identified areas
- Prioritize inclusive economic development to grow the local economy and create employment opportunities for residents
- Work with partners to improve quality of life, increase literacy, develop the youth and general workforce, and expand youth programming
- Leverage City and partner resources in impacting overall public health, community wellbeing, and community resiliency



Stockton Lantern Festival

Legislative Program

Purpose

Throughout each year, the State Legislature proposes and enacts legislation, some of which affects local municipal government. The League of California Cities and contracted legislative advocacy firms keep the City of Stockton informed opposed legislation from these bodies. At times, it is in the interests of the City to take a position on proposed legislation. The State Legislative Program establishes Legislative Principles, Priorities and Positions that provide direction for advocating for the City of Stockton with the State government.

Process

For proposed legislation, either consistent with the City's Legislative Program or consistent with legislative positions the City has taken in the past, City staff shall be authorized to prepare position letters for the Mayor's signature. Should availability be an issue, at times in which the City has a Vice Mayor, the Vice Mayor or City Manager shall be authorized to sign position letters in lieu of the Mayor. All members of City Council shall receive copies of submitted position letters. The City's advocacy firm may also be authorized to express the City's position in person to legislative representatives.



Items not addressed in the City's Legislative Priorities may require they be brought to the City Council for consideration. These legislative priorities may only address issues directly relevant to or impacting the provision of municipal services. Generally, the City will not address matters that are not pertinent to the City's local government services such as partisan, socially divisive, or international issues.

Legislative Principles

In its relationship with the State and Federal governments, **the City will always:**

- Seek the broadest authority for our citizens and the City Council to make decisions locally
- Seek out, develop, and support legislative and budget efforts that protect and/or enhance local government's revenues, maximize the City's access to funding, and/or increase local funding flexibility
- Support legislative and budget action that will provide robust funding for domestic infrastructure, public safety, community development and environmental programs which support City efforts to maintain and enhance the quality of life
- Encourage and seek legislation to facilitate orderly and sustainable economic expansion and growth, and increase the opportunity for discretionary revenues and programmatic and financial flexibility for the City
- Seek opportunities to help our partners achieve success in order to further improve the community
- Support legislation that furthers the adopted City Council Goals
- Oppose legislative or administrative actions that have negative fiscal impacts to the City
- Oppose legislative or administrative actions which would create unfunded mandates and/or preempt local decision-making authority

It is within this philosophy that the attached State and Federal Legislative Priorities and Positions are adopted.



Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium

2024 State Legislative Priorities

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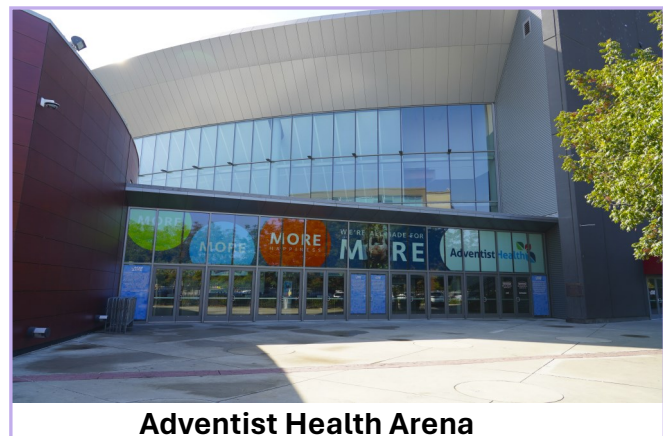
Background: The Animal Shelter is in the 100% architectural design phase with an anticipated Request for Proposals (RFP) for the construction project anticipated to be issued in Q4 of FY 2024 , and construction to begin in October 2024. While the scope of the project has remained limited to the original needs, rising costs in materials and labor have necessitated an increase in budget. An increased budget of \$4 Million is needed to complete the project as designed.

Action: This project provides a new public-facing building with dedicated space for adoptions and pet interaction to a facility that is almost 60 years old. The new facility will provide a cattery, updated medical facilities, and the ability to offer low or no cost spay and neutering to the public.

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Adventist Health Arena

2024 State Legislative Positions

1. Protect Local Control
2. Protect Local Revenues and Funding for Vital Community Services
3. Public Safety
4. Infrastructure Investment
5. Improve the Quality of Life and Sustainability of the City
6. Delta Protection and Enhancement

1. Protect Local Control

Support efforts that are consistent with the doctrine of "home rule" and the local exercise of police powers, through planning and zoning processes, over local land use.

Oppose legislation that negatively impacts the City Council's authority to manage and control the public right-of-way and for the City to receive compensation for its use.

Oppose any legislation that attempts to limit the ability of the City to avail ourselves of the protections offered under Chapter 9 or any other action that undermines the City's ability to restructure our finances. Oppose any legislation that limits the ability of the City to move beyond chapter 9 protection or places burdens or mandates on municipalities exiting chapter 9 protection.

2. Protect Local Revenues and Funding for Vital Community Services

Support full reimbursement to cities for all State mandates.

Support legislation that protects the ability of cities to recover the costs of mandated programs through fees that are exempt from Proposition 218 as well as potential exemptions for stormwater infrastructure projects.

Support efforts to restore local authority and control over revenues, governance, and service delivery as well as to protect local governments against unfunded mandates.

Support efforts to allocate State Cap-and-Trade revenues to local government projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Advocate for grants or loans to upgrade municipal irrigation systems and install smart controls. This will reduce water use due to leakage loss and over-irrigation. Advocate for further grants to upgrade and maintain the urban forest.

Advocate for state taxation policies and procedures that ensure that taxing authorities and services provided by the City are fairly and adequately funded.

Support legislative efforts that maximize reimbursement to local governments for medical transport and fire responder paramedic services to individuals that are beneficiaries of state and federal medical coverage.

Support legislation and regulations that protect Proposition 64 funding for local agencies and maintain local control of cannabis regulations, both medicinal and recreational.

Oppose efforts that capture or divert local revenue or efforts which shift responsibility for State services or programs to local government without commensurate revenue.

Oppose legislation that eliminates or restricts the taxing authority of cities; weakens existing Government Code section 66000 fee authority; or redefines any development tax, condition, or other monetary change as development fees.

Oppose any legislation that attempts to allocate additional general liability exposure to cities or that seeks to prohibit the ability of cities to seek maximum indemnification from other parties in the contractual process.

3. Public Safety

Support funding for local law enforcement equipment, services, or personnel.

Support legislation that allows use of state public safety grants for intervention and prevention efforts to curb group gun violence and youth violence.

Support legislation that would provide cities with a greater share of fines and forfeitures.

Support legislation that allows law enforcement to better combat gun violence through investigation, interdiction, and prevention of firearm-related crimes.

Support legislation that allows use of state public safety grants for maintenance efforts in addition to service increases.

Support legislation and administrative actions that protect the City's interests related to the AB109 public safety realignment initiative, including but not limited to equitable distribution of funding and policies that do not unfairly impact Stockton and San Joaquin County.

Support legislation and administrative actions that protect the City's interests related to Proposition 47, the Safe Neighborhood and Schools Act of 2014, which reduced penalties for certain lower-level drug possession and thefts under \$950 from a felony to a misdemeanor.

Support funding for local emergency operations including equipment, services, and personnel.

Ensure local discretion in the adoption and implementation of health and safety standards contained in the building and fire codes.

Oppose legislation that mandates local building and fire code standards which negatively impact the health and safety of the community and add undue burden and investment in the City.

4. Infrastructure Investment

Advocate for state funding and transportation re-authorizations that support City infrastructure projects and City programs, including projects adopted in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Support increased funding to enhance existing public transportation programs.

Advocate for state funding for street, road, and alleyway repair within the City of Stockton.

Advocate that fundamental responsibility for transportation decision-making should be at the local level.

Support equitable long-range, statewide infrastructure investment.

Advocate for fair implementation and distribution of state infrastructure bond funds to assure the City receives an adequate share for local improvements and programs.

Support efforts to provide high-speed capacity broadband provisions for all libraries to ensure full, equitable electronic services.

Support legislation and regulations that provide additional funding for public parks, and advocate that Stockton receive equitable funding from statewide revenues.

Advocate for state funding opportunities that support energy-efficient technology initiatives (i.e. Green data center) or those that support Digital Cities initiatives (i.e. Mobile City Hall, Public Wi-Fi).

Oppose any state reductions to existing transportation grants and programs.

Oppose legislation that limits and/or decreases the existing amount of retention proceeds withheld from any payment by a public entity to a contractor on a public project.

5. Improve the Quality of Life and Sustainability of the City

Support efforts that impact the City's ability to enhance well-being, quality of life, health, and safety of residents; stabilize and enhance jobs and economic growth; improve environment.

Support legislation that provides economic development and redevelopment tools and programs for municipalities, particularly tools to assist urban revitalization.

Support legislation and State funding that is consistent with the City's Economic Development Strategic Action Plan.

Support legislation and State funding that would support educational efforts in the City of Stockton and improve educational outcomes.

Support legislation and State funding that would increase access to higher education for Stockton residents.

Support and work in coalition to bring a CSU Stockton Campus to our community.

Support legislation that provides financial assistance for local public libraries without the imposition of new taxes.

Support legislation that makes funds available to upgrade, remodel existing libraries, and build new libraries.

Ensure that funding and support for technology are present for workforce development efforts, individual learning, entrepreneurial/business centers, and lifelong learning.

Support legislation that provides financial support and incentives, and protects and maintains programs which provide affordable housing for disabled and low-income residents, families, and senior adults.

Support legislation and funding for energy-efficiency projects and programs for public buildings and facilities.

Support legislation providing funding for the acquisition and restoration of wildlife habitat.

Support statewide funding for rehabilitation, development and capital improvements for local and state park and recreation agencies.

Support the enactment of policies and encourage state funding opportunities to assist agencies in meeting sustainability objectives including energy and water efficiencies, non-motorized trail development and connectivity, carbon sequestration through natural environment management, protection, and enhancement.

Advocate for legislation that requires manufacturers and retailers to address hazardous, expensive, or difficult to manage waste streams that are a burden to local governments.

Support access for all Californians to physical activity and nutrition through parks and open space, active transportation (bicycles and pedestrians, trails, complete streets, use of easements), healthy foods, youth programs, and joint use of schools.

Reduce barriers to development, including funding for Brownfields cleanup and infrastructure and infill development.

Oppose legislation that reduces funding for libraries, including public library funds.

Oppose legislation that has a negative impact on park and recreation agencies including the sale of parks and open space.

6. Delta Protection and Enhancement

Advocate for balanced processes and equitable sharing of resources related to new State funding sources or State Bond issuances. Advocate for equity in allocating new funding for water resources, groundwater management, floodplain management, and critical utilities.

Support programs and funding opportunities for Integrated Regional Water Management, Delta Water Quality, Drought Protection and Sustainable Groundwater Management within the Eastern San Joaquin Sub-Basin.

Support coalition-building and funding opportunities at the State and Federal level with those that share common interests in prudently and equitably allocating funding for water projects, programs, mitigations and/or those that share common interests in protecting water rights and quality within the Delta.

Support programs and funding opportunities for 200-year level of flood protection in needed areas of the City of Stockton and the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency regional floodplain management and protection activities.

Protect the City's interests in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta

Background: Stockton is the largest municipality wholly within the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. Stockton derives a substantial percentage of its municipal water supply from Delta surface waters. The current and future well-being of the City, its residents, and economy is inextricably linked to the Delta, the quantity and quality of Delta water supplies, and the Delta ecosystem. Stockton and its water supply could be uniquely impacted by the State's Delta Conveyance Project and a changing climate. It is critical that the State's Water Resilience Portfolio Initiatives prioritize and protect the health and safety of Stockton, its Delta economy and environment.

Position: No actions should be taken related to the Delta that negatively impact the City's water rights, water supply, water quality, air quality, economic vitality, and local land use

control in the Delta.

Advocate for the City's interest throughout the review and development of the Delta Conveyance Project. Work proactively to protect City's rights and interests related to water resources, flood protection and the achievement of tangible near-term progress on economic benefits and workforce development needs for the community.

Advocate for close interaction and active engagement with those agencies responsible for development for the Delta Conveyance Project to ensure that the City of Stockton's goals and objectives are achieved as a measure of any successful negotiation or discussion.

Support legislation that maintains local control of water rights, water supplies and land use.

Support legislation and other processes that address the needs and concerns of Delta communities in a balanced and objective manner to improve the economics, work-force opportunities, and quality of life for the region.

Oppose any legislation or administrative action that negatively impacts the City of Stockton's interests in the Delta.

Oppose changes that would alter operation of the Delta Cross Channel in a way that would negatively affect water quality at the Delta Water Supply Project (DWSP) intake or at the discharge location for the RWCF.

Delta Water Supply and Quality Protection

Advocate for the State to take full responsibility and establish concrete assurances in the form of Delta Conveyance Project design and operation commitments that avoid or fully mitigate adverse effects on Stockton's water supply, including water quality and availability.

Advocate for the State to construct permanent improvements that build the capacity of the City and its surrounding Delta community to withstand floods, droughts, and a changing climate.

Advocate for the State to take full responsibility and carry out the necessary actions for the remediation of harmful algal blooms (HABs) and the removal of invasive species that negatively impact the Delta, in particular the annual infestation of water hyacinth in local waterways.

Support administrative actions and funding to promote channel dredging, aquatic weed removal and other maintenance of waterways within the Delta.

Sustainable Groundwater Management of the Eastern San Joaquin Sub-basin

Support programs and funding opportunities for the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan project investigation, development, and implementation.

Support legislation or other administrative actions that protects the interests of the City regarding groundwater management in the basin, the consolidation of water districts or other agencies and reinforces the powers and improves collaboration between groundwater sustainability agencies.



Delta Water Treatment Plant

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Background: A key redevelopment strategy is the pursuit of acquisition and development funds to incentivize revitalization efforts and to address blighted properties. Focusing on land assembly within the Downtown Core will help spur development and unlock opportunities to provide jobs, housing, and services to members of the Stockton community.

Action: Pursue the receipt of resources that can be deployed for strategic acquisition and demolition of blighted properties, promoting land assembly opportunities for the City of Stockton .

3. Foster emergency preparedness of infrastructure of vacant buildings in Historic Downtown.

Background: A barrier for revitalization within the Historic Downtown is the lack of adequate infrastructure and interior improvements that would make vacant buildings suitable for occupancy. Having flexible resources to address needed improvements at vacant buildings will prime them for redevelopment opportunities, while also ensuring that building safety and fire compliance requirements are met.

Action: Pursue the receipt of resources that would enable the creation of programs and incentives that can be used to address infrastructure and interior improvement deficiencies at vacant buildings in the Historic Downtown. This could include seismic retrofitting, installation of fire suppression systems, and other capital improvements that will be required for vacant buildings to be safely occupied.

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Constitution Park

7. Plant and maintain trees throughout Stockton for Urban Forest Development.

Background: The City of Stockton has an aging urban forest in need of renovation. New trees were not planted for several years outside of capital improvement projects. While the City has invested in maintenance and planting, it has been limited to smaller areas. A citywide tree inventory/assessment is being prepared and funding is required for future growth.

Action: Funding will allow for citywide tree planting in all disadvantaged neighborhoods and often provides a mechanism to fund workforce training with partnering community-based organizations who work on tree maintenance activities. Concurrent work on City tree policies will allow for urban forest growth, and community engagement will grow support for the same. Increased tree canopy will provide a healthier community through reducing greenhouse gas and carbon emissions, cool heat islands and natural infrastructure for better mental and physical health.

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Equestrian Unit, Stockton Police

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Support efforts to restore local authority and control over revenues, governance, and service delivery as well as to protect local governments against unfunded mandates.

Support legislation that would allow local discretion in expending Public Education Government (PEG) Access fee revenues; advocate in particular for legislation that identifies programming and operating costs as allowable expenditures.

Oppose legislation that would negatively impact the City's ability to issue municipal bonds, including elimination of the tax-exempt status for municipal bonds.

Oppose legislation that would eliminate or limit existing local taxing authority including internet sales tax collection and broadband internet taxes; support legislation that would protect local control of taxing authority and revenue collection.

Oppose reductions to federal agency programs that fund local government services, particularly when communities have come to depend on federal funding to maintain services.

3. Public Safety

Support funding for local law enforcement equipment, services, or personnel.

Support legislation that allows use of federal public safety grants for intervention and prevention efforts to curb gang crime and youth violence.

Support legislation that would provide cities with a greater share of fines and forfeitures.

Support legislation that allows law enforcement to better combat gun violence through investigation, interdiction, and prevention of firearm related crimes.

Support legislation that allows the use of federal public safety grants for maintenance efforts in addition to service increases.

Ensure local discretion in the adoption and implementation of health and safety standards contained in the building and fire codes.

Support funding for local emergency operations including equipment, services, personnel.

4. Infrastructure Investment

Advocate for federal funding for transportation and other infrastructure that support City projects and City programs, including projects adopted in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Support increased funding to enhance existing public transportation programs.

Advocate for federal funding for street, road, and alleyway repair within the City of Stockton.

Advocate that fundamental responsibility for transportation decision-making should be at the local level.

Advocate for streamlining and greater efficiencies related to environmental restrictions and obstacles on major federally funded projects. Advocate for revisions to the transportation funding process to waive National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements in deference to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

Support executive actions or legislation that streamlines federal transportation and other infrastructure funding processes or the federal stimulus funding process, if applicable. Advocate to our delegation for legislative adjustments that would streamline the transportation and other infrastructure funding processes.

Support legislation or executive rule-making that balances scarcity of local infrastructure resources, scope of street resurfacing projects and the City's commitment to enhancing accessibility of City infrastructure. Advocate for revisions to Americans with Disability Act (ADA) rules requiring extensive accessibility modifications on street resurfacing projects without capacity improvements or geometric changes.

Support legislation and executive programs providing funding or tax credits for broadband internet infrastructure to public facilities.

Support legislation or executive programs that provide local communities with low-cost loans to build networks of sidewalks, bikes lanes and paths.

Support federal funding for parks and recreation infrastructure in metropolitan areas, including appropriate revisions to the Land and Water Conservation Fund that would provide for a larger allocation of state and local grants for recreation and conservation.

Support legislation and regulation that respond to recurring drought conditions and earthquake preparedness and provide increased opportunity for water conservation, storage, watershed planning, and water infrastructure improvement.

Oppose any federal reductions to existing transportation grants and programs.

Oppose legislation that limits and/or decreases the existing amount of retention proceeds withheld from any payment by a public entity to a contractor on a public project.

5. Improve the Quality of Life and Sustainability of the City

Support efforts that impact the City's ability to enhance the well-being, quality of life, health, and safety of residents; stabilize and enhance jobs and economic growth; and improve the environment.

Support legislation and funding that is consistent with the City's Economic Development Strategic Action Plan.

Support legislation that provides financial support and incentives, and protects and maintains programs that provide affordable housing for disabled and low-income residents, families, and senior adults.

Support legislation which addresses the health, welfare, and economic needs of older individuals.

Support federal funding of programs providing nutrition for children, older individuals, and other at-risk populations.

Support legislation or executive programs that strengthen and expand environmental education and encourage partnerships between school districts, parks, and other community-based organizations in an effort to help children and families be more physically active outdoors.

Support legislation and funding for energy-efficiency and water conservation projects and programs for public buildings and facilities.

Support legislation providing funding for the acquisition and restoration of wildlife habitat. Support legislation that would provide cities with a greater share of fines and forfeitures.

Support the enactment of policies and funding opportunities to assist agencies in meeting sustainability objectives including energy and water efficiencies, non-motorized trail development and connectivity, and carbon sequestration through natural environment management, protection, and enhancement.

Reduce barriers to development including funding for Brownfields cleanup and infrastructure and infill development.

Oppose legislation that has a negative impact on park and recreation agencies, including the sale of parks and open space.

6. Delta Protection and Enhancement

Action: Advocate for the Federal Government to support programs and continue funding opportunities for water supply and quality protection, groundwater sustainability & management and flood control/protection, planning, investigations and infrastructure projects in the City of Stockton, its Critical Infrastructure and Eastern San Joaquin Hydrologic Region.

Advocate for federal funding for flood protection improvements to protect critical utility infrastructure.

Advocate for federal funding for flood and stormwater protection improvements to critical utility infrastructure and transportation corridors.

Support funding to develop flood protection and resilience mitigation initiatives.

Action: Advocate for the Federal government to establish concrete assurances and protections regarding their participation in the Delta Conveyance Project design, permitting and operations that avoid or fully mitigate adverse effects on Stockton's water supply, including water quality and availability.

Support legislation protecting existing water rights, contracts, and supplies.

Support legislation providing funding and other means for improved delta stewardship and environmental protection.

Flood Control & Protection

Support legislation and regulation that encourages public and private investment in flood control and floodplain management projects.

Support continued authorization and funding of SJAFCA projects including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lower San Joaquin River Project - Phase 1 (City of Stockton) and Phase 2 Feasibility Study (Mossdale Tract).

Support administrative actions and funding to promote dredging, aquatic weed removal and other maintenance of waterways within the Delta.

Oppose changes to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan that would alter Central Valley Project, State Water Project or Combined Operations of the Delta Cross Channel in a way that would negatively affect water quality at the Delta Water Supply Project (DWSP) intake or at the discharge location for the RWCF.



Victory Park and Haggin Museum



Stockton Downtown Marina