

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
AMENDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY A-16, POSITIONS ON BALLOT MEASURES
AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

WHEREAS, Council Policy A-16, Positions on Ballot Measures and Legislative Advocacy (Policy A-16) governs positions on ballot measures and state and federal legislative advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Policy A-16 provides guidance and criteria for how the City Council considers taking formal actions in support of or opposition to ballot measures and policies under consideration by state and/or federal policy-making entities; and

WHEREAS, In general, Policy A-16 limits Council action to issues that are within the City's jurisdiction subject matter and/or that would directly impact the City's finances, responsibilities, legal authority, or operations; and

WHEREAS, at the April 25, 2024 Council Policy and Procedures Committee (CPPC) meeting, the CPPC considered and discussed proposed language to modify Council Policy A-16 to reflect the City's Council's current practice regarding the guiding principles for when considering actions of support of or opposition to state or federal legislation or taking positions on matters of foreign policy or international affairs; and

WHEREAS, at the April 25, 2024 CPPC meeting, the CPPC recommended approval of proposed amendments to Council Policy A-16 for City Council consideration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council of the City of Mountain View hereby amends City Council Policy A-16, Positions on Ballot Measures and Federal and State Policy, as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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Exhibit: A. Council Policy A-16 (clean)

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PURPOSE:

To establish a policy governing positions on ballot measures and state and federal policy.

POLICY:

1. Positions on Ballot Measures

- a. The City Council is generally discouraged from taking a position on local or state measures/propositions unless the measure/proposition:
 - i. Would directly impact the City’s finances, responsibilities, legal authority, or operations; AND
 - ii. The measure/proposition has been referred to staff for analysis by majority vote of the City Council. The guiding principles listed in 2.a.i below shall be used to inform Council’s consideration of whether to refer a measure/proposition to staff for analysis.

2. State and Federal Legislative Advocacy

- a. Actions of support or opposition to state or federal legislation can be taken by the Mayor or staff without City Council approval, as staff resources permit, if the position is consistent with the following guiding principles:
 - i. The legislation:
 - (a) Would directly impact the City’s finances, responsibilities, legal authority, or operations, or a significant portion of the residential or business community of Mountain View that could, in turn, impact City government finances, responsibilities, legal authority, or operations; AND
 - (b) Is intended to protect or increase local revenues; OR

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- (c) Is intended to protect or increase funding or otherwise benefit specific programs or services utilized in Mountain View; OR
 - (d) Is opposing an unfunded mandate; OR
 - (e) Is consistent with the adopted State and Federal Legislative Platform, existing City policy, past action, or current City Council major goals; AND
 - (g) Has been reviewed by the City Manager or designee.
 - b. Full Council action is required regarding legislation that is not clearly within the guiding principles above. An exception to this rule is the following: if a significant item requires action before Council approval can be obtained, and the City Manager deems it appropriate to act, consultation with the Mayor and Vice Mayor will be undertaken prior to action.
 - c. Full Council action is required if the Mayor or staff's recommended position is inconsistent with that of the adopted State and Federal Legislative Platform, League of California Cities for state issues, or the National League of Cities for federal issues.
 - d. Full Council action is required to support or oppose any type of grassroots advocacy action, such as social, political, or economic movements, that are not legislation.
3. Councilmembers representing the City on regional or other bodies shall vote consistent with the City's adopted State and Federal Legislative Platform.
4. This Policy is not intended to limit the prerogative of individual Councilmembers from expressing their individual support for or opposition to any local measure, state proposition, state or federal legislation, or grassroots advocacy actions. However, in doing

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so, the member should clearly state they are speaking for themselves, not on behalf of Council or the City.

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