



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE:	September 23, 2025
CATEGORY:	Consent
DEPT.:	City Manager's Office
TITLE:	Adoption of Amended Federal Legislative Platform for 2025

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the amended Federal Legislative Platform to guide the City's federal legislative advocacy efforts for the remainder of 2025.

BACKGROUND

On February 11, 2025, the City Council held a Study Session to provide input on the proposed Legislative Platform to guide the City's legislative advocacy during the 2025 legislative session.

On February 25, 2025, the City Council adopted the Legislative Platform for 2025, as amended, and directed staff to return with an amended 2025 Federal Legislative Platform that included revised policy statements that incorporated language that was more in line with the Council's intent and provide the updated platform to the Council on a future consent agenda.

The 2025 Federal Legislative Platform consists of four issue areas with 49 policy statements reflecting the most relevant legislative priorities and issues identified by each City department.

ANALYSIS

2025 Federal Legislative Platform

While adopting the 2025 Federal Legislative platform, the City Council supported the following amendments.

- Revise policy statements that include "Support regulatory and other actions..." to include past and current City policies.
- Remove statements within the platform that include "Oppose regulatory..." or "Oppose federal regulation..." within the statement language.

- Revise policy statement D.4. Administration to include the following:

Support regulatory and other federal agency actions that provide Mountain View with discretion in how to allocate funds to address specific community needs and oppose actions that preempt local control and authority, including efforts to require officers to carry out federal immigration policies.

Revised Legislative Platform Statement Language

Staff and the City's federal legislative advocate collaborated with Councilmember Rameriz to develop revised legislative platform statement language that reflects the Council's intent and direction. For the legislative statements that include "Support regulatory and other actions..." within the statement, staff proposes to revise the statements as follows:

Support regulatory and other federal agency actions that help reduce barriers to expand affordable and workforce housing in Mountain View.

Support regulatory and other federal agency actions that provide Mountain View with discretion in how to allocate funds to address specific community needs.

In addition, an alternative to the first proposed statement was also developed (below); however, staff opted to incorporate the first revised statement into the platform.

Support regulatory and other federal agency actions that reduce barriers to expand affordable and workforce housing that are consistent with policies and initiatives adopted by the City of Mountain View.

Staff have incorporated the amendments and revisions to the federal legislative platform summarized above in Attachment 1 (redline version).

Once the City Council approves the proposed revised platform policy statement, staff will finalize the platform and send the updated platform to the Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with adopting the amended Federal Legislative Platform for 2025.

LEVINE ACT

California Government Code Section 84308 (also known as the Levine Act) prohibits city officials from participating in any proceeding involving a “license, permit, or other entitlement for use” if the official has received a campaign contribution exceeding \$500 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant within the last 12 months. The Levine Act is intended to prevent financial influence on decisions that affect specific, identifiable persons or participants. For more information see the Fair Political Practices Commission website: www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html

Please see below for information about whether the recommended action for this agenda item is subject to or exempt from the Levine Act.

EXEMPT FROM THE LEVINE ACT

☒ General policy and legislative actions

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not adopt the amended Federal Legislative Platform for 2025.
2. Modify the amended Federal Legislative Platform for 2025.
3. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING

Agenda posting.

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Attachments: 1. Amended Federal Legislative Platform for 2025 (Redline)