



# COUNCIL REPORT

**DATE:** February 27, 2024  
**CATEGORY:** Consent  
**DEPT.:** City Manager's Office  
**TITLE:** **Adoption of Legislative Platform for 2024**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the Legislative Platform to guide the City's regional, State, and Federal legislative advocacy efforts for 2024.

## **BACKGROUND**

On February 13, 2024, the City Council held a Study Session to provide input on the proposed Legislative Platform to guide the City's legislative advocacy during the 2024 legislative session. The Study Session memo is included as Attachment 1 to this Council report.

The 2024 Legislative Platform is based on the framework of the adopted 2023 Legislative Platform and feedback received from each City department regarding the major issues they are focused on. The platform consists of 11 issue areas with 130 Policy statements, reflecting the most important legislative issues discussed during these meetings (Attachment 1).

## **ANALYSIS**

### *2024 Legislative Platform*

At the Study Session on February 13, most of the Council indicted support for the following:

- The addition of a policy statement related to the regulation of the operation of autonomous vehicles on public roads.
- The addition of policy statement related to the regulation of the use and content generated by artificial intelligence (AI).
- The addition of a policy statement related to supporting legislation or funding that encourages the development of the Fifteen-Minute City (FMC) urban planning concept.

- The addition of a policy statement related to supporting legislation that regulates campaign finance in local, regional, and State government campaigns.
- The addition of a policy statement related to supporting legislation that provides adequate revenue backfills resulting from the loss of Redevelopment Agencies and other mechanisms that support the City's ability to generate revenues.
- Remove the *Support only if legislation does not include an unfunded mandate and does not erode local control* footnote from the legislative platform.
- Include the year-end report from the Legislative Advocate as an attachment to the Study Session memorandum at future Legislative Program Priority Study Sessions.
- Provide additional staff support for Councilmembers appointed to regional bodies.
- Direct staff to monitor, watch, and assess legislation related to the "Stop-as-Yield" bicycle initiatives.
- Add a matrix that summarizes the City's positions on legislation to the Legislative and Intergovernmental web page on [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).

Staff has incorporated the legislative policy statement changes summarized above in Attachment 2 (red-line version) and Attachment 3.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of the Legislative Platform program for 2024.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Do not adopt the Legislative Platform for 2024.
2. Modify the Legislative Platform for 2024.
3. Provide other direction.

**PUBLIC NOTICING**

Agenda posting with copies to State Senator Josh D. Becker (District 13), State Assemblymember Marc Berman (District 24), and Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (District 18).

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- Attachments:
1. February 13, 2024 Study Session Memo
  2. Legislative Program Platform for 2024 (Redline)
  3. Legislative Program Platform for 2024
  4. Council Policy A-16, Positions on Ballot Measures and Legislative Advocacy