



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: June 11, 2024
CATEGORY: Consent
DEPT.: City Manager
TITLE: **Council Policy A-16 Positions on Ballot Measures and Legislative Advocacy**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt 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, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

BACKGROUND

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. 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. In general, the Policy 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.

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 considering actions of support of or opposition to state or federal legislation or taking positions on matters of foreign policy or international affairs (Attachment 2 to the Council report).

ANALYSIS

The CPPC accepted staff's recommendation to include clarifying language throughout the Policy that states that Policy positions taken are consistent with the City's adopted State and Federal Legislative Platform and revising the title of Council Policy A-16 to "Positions on Ballot Measures and Federal and State Policy."

The CPPC also recommended removing Guiding Principle 2.a.i.(c)—*Is intended to protect or increase local control*—to reflect the action taken by the City Council when it removed references

to local control when it adopted the 2024 State and Federal Legislative Platform on February 27, 2024.

The CPPC declined to include in Policy A-16 proposed language that would reflect Council's current practice of not taking formal positions on foreign policy and international affairs matters that fall outside of the City's jurisdiction.

The recommended updates to Council Policy A-16 are included as a clean version as Exhibit A to Attachment 1 and as a redlined version in Attachment 3 to this Council report.

FISCAL IMPACT—There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Decline to amend City Council Policy A-16.
2. Provide other direction on updates to City Council Policy A-16.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

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- Attachments:
1. Resolution with Exhibit A (Council Policy A-16 (clean))
 2. Council Policy and Procedures Committee Agenda Packet—April 25, 2024
 3. Existing Council Policy A-16 (redlined)