



CITY OF LA VERNE 2026 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

PURPOSE

The 2026 Legislative Platform provides a framework for the City of La Verne's Legislative Program. Adopted annually, the City's Legislative Platform serves as a reference guide for legislative positions and objectives that provide direction for City Staff throughout the year. The Legislative Platform is an embodiment of the City Council Goals and is the foundation of a strategic and focused advocacy strategy. Below are the Guiding Principles and Policy Statements that will allow City staff to address 2025 legislative and regulatory issues in a timely manner, without precluding the consideration of additional legislative and budget issues that may arise during the legislative session.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

I. PRESERVE LOCAL CONTROL

Preserve and protect the City's powers, duties and prerogatives to enact local legislation and policy direction concerning local affairs and oppose legislation that preempts local authority. Local agencies should preserve authority and accountability for revenues raised and services provided.

II. PROMOTE FISCAL STABILITY

Support measures that promote fiscal stability, predictability, financial independence, and preserve the City's revenue base and maximum local control over local government budgeting. Oppose measures that shift local funds to the County, State or Federal Governments and/or make cities more dependent on the County, State or Federal Governments for financial stability, such as unfunded mandates or mandated costs with no guarantee of local reimbursement or offsetting benefits.

III. SUPPORT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Support opportunities that allow the City to compete for its fair share of regional, state and federal funding. Support funding for programs including, but not limited to economic development such as infrastructure investment and housing, transportation projects including road resurfacing, bicycle and pedestrian safety, multi-modal transportation systems and transit-oriented development, air quality, water quality and local water reliability, parks and recreation, historic preservation, natural resources, hazard mitigation, public safety and public health.

POLICY STATEMENTS

Economic Development

1. Support international, statewide, regional, and local efforts to attract, retain, and provide resources for current and future commercial and industrial businesses.
2. Support policies and programs that encourage working with other cities, counties and government agencies to jointly leverage resources and assets to create and strengthen economic clusters within the region.
3. Support policies, projects, programs, and regulations for diversifying La Verne's manufacturing base and facilitating investment in the City's industrial areas that will result in maintaining or growing local jobs and creating an environment that is attractive to high tech, research and development, business incubators, manufacturers, transportation and warehouse logistic companies, services, and other emerging industries.
4. Support economic development initiatives that preserve and enhance a positive business climate and maintain and grow the business tax base.
5. Support efforts to allow cities to recapture the true values of redevelopment and successor agency funds.

Environment

6. Support continued funding and incentives to local agencies to work together to improve air quality through the reduction of emissions and advancing economic and technical developments.
7. Support and monitor legislation that increases the availability of, and funding for, water conservation, water reuse technologies, water recycling, local water storage, storm water, and other water supply technologies such as the Groundwater Replenishment System project.
8. Monitor the development of a state framework for long term water conservation measures and advocate for a science-based approach to indoor water use standards.
9. Support efforts to streamline and improve the state and federal environmental review processes and prevent environmental review from being weaponized to the City's detriment.
10. Support funding for the retrofitting of municipal buildings to increase energy efficiency.
11. Support legislation and funding that assist cities and local businesses with state mandated organics recycling requirements.
12. Support policies that provide funding and flexibility for performing wildfire fuel modification.

Governance and Transparency

13. Support local government action, rather than the imposition of state, federal or regional mandates upon local governments, as well as federal mandates placed on the state.
14. Support maximum flexibility for local government in contracting and contract negotiations.
15. Support open government initiatives as well as the principles of the open meetings provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act at all levels of government.
16. Support efforts to provide local legislative bodies with additional flexibilities regarding remote meetings and Ralph M. Brown Act requirements
17. Support legislation that preserves the ability of local governments to determine the appropriate type of election for their jurisdiction.

18. Support efforts by the State to increase funding into the California State Controller's State Mandated Programs reimbursement program.
19. Oppose legislation and unfunded mandates imposing impractical requirements on records collection and retention.
20. Oppose policies that would increase the voter threshold for local revenue measures or would increase the potential for litigation over local taxes and fees.
21. Oppose legislation that would lessen the ability of local governments to enforce contractual language agreed to and contained within existing franchise documents.

Homelessness

22. Support the allocation of new funding for homelessness services, the construction of transitional housing facilities, and transport destinations.
23. Support legislation that requires counties to partner with cities when receiving a direct allocation of homeless funds and has a regional focus.
24. Support legislative changes to Coordinated Entry requirements that allow local governments to prioritize based on local unsheltered needs.
25. Support legislative efforts that have a focus on keeping people in housing, once placed, for many years.
26. Support investments in mental health treatment across the continuum of care, including efforts to support or encourage the creation of additional board and care beds as well as subacute treatment and psychiatric skilled nursing facilities.
27. Support for funding sources to develop local Homelessness Plans.

Housing, Community Development, and Land Use

28. Support incentive-based housing legislation to encourage expanding housing supply in the City, including flexibility for local jurisdictions to work together to provide housing that counts towards Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements.
29. Support legislation that preserves local discretion in the assessment, collection, and usage of development fees.
30. Support housing policies that maintain local control and allow local governments to make decisions on local zoning and density requirements.
31. Support legislation that preserves local flexibility in the adoption and implementation of health and safety standards contained in the building codes.
32. Support funding and tax incentives for the identification, acquisition, maintenance, adaptive reuse, and restoration of historic sites and structures.
33. Support housing measures that promote the development and enhancement of safe and affordable housing and accessible housing within the City for all economic segments of the population, while still retaining local control.
34. Support legislation that maintains City authority over the conditions and classifications of mobile home park residencies within the eight mobile home parks located and/or operated by the City.
35. Support policies and funding that supports affordable housing production for seniors.
36. Support changes to RHNA methodology that is flexible and considers the demographics, geography, land use patterns, socio-economic makeup of the community, job growth and

housing needs so the difference of each community is carefully considered.

37. Support legislation that protects areas designated as single-family homes as the City recognizes the benefits of having single-family homes as an alternative for housing.
38. Support policies and funding for wildfire resilience for communities within very high fire hazard severity zones.
39. Oppose additional affordable housing production mandates unless funding is appropriated to finance the mandate.
40. Oppose legislation that prohibits the imposition of parking minimums.
41. Oppose legislation that further expands the applicability of ministerially streamlined developments within the City that are not consistent with the General Plan.

Human Resources and Risk Management

42. Support pension reform measures designed to control or decrease employer liability or increase transparency in reporting without imposing undue hardships or administrative burdens on local government.
43. Support policies that streamline alternative dispute resolution processes for employees that utilize service credits.
44. Oppose measures that reduce local control over employee relations issues or mandate new or enhanced local government employee benefits.
45. Oppose measures that impose compulsory and binding arbitration with respect to employees.
46. Oppose redundant or unnecessary proposals that require excessive human resources burdens without sufficient reimbursement.

Parks & Recreation Services

47. Support legislation that provides stable, ongoing funding for parks and recreation without unfunded mandates.
48. Oppose efforts to shift state or federal responsibilities for recreation programs or maintenance onto local agencies without appropriate funding.
49. Support increased flexibility in the use of grants and bond funds to meet local community priorities.
50. Support inclusive recreation programs that serve all abilities, ages, and cultural backgrounds
51. Support dedicated funding streams for the development, renovation, and maintenance of park and recreation facilities.
52. Support legislation that provides local flexibility in financing recreation capital projects, including public-private partnerships.
53. Support infrastructure initiatives that enhance ADA accessibility, safety, and sustainability in all public parks and facilities.
54. Support policies and funding that expand access to recreation programs promoting physical activity, mental health, and social connection.
55. Support partnerships with schools, nonprofits, and health agencies to improve community wellness through recreational programming.
56. Support equitable pricing and access to recreational programs for youth, seniors, and low-income families.

57. Oppose any legislative action that would reduce public access to community recreation facilities or increase barriers to participation.
58. Support state and federal grant programs such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Proposition 68 that invest in park infrastructure and conservation.
59. Support safety improvements in recreational spaces, such as lighting, surveillance, and community policing initiatives. This also includes support for community-based programs that bring residents together to address safety concerns and foster a sense of belonging.

Public Safety

60. Support measures that encourage community safety and well-being including those that support state and federal reimbursement of homeland security-related expenses.
61. Support measures for integrated emergency response systems, regionalized dispatch centers, and technology upgrades that enhance interoperability among public safety agencies.
62. Support legislation that provides for greater penalties associated with organized retail theft operations.
63. Support multi-jurisdictional task force funding to address organized criminal enterprises, catalytic converter theft, copper theft, and other coordinated property crimes that impact local communities.
64. Support legislation that allows local governments greater flexibility in controlling speed limits and imposing fines for traffic violations.
65. Support legislation affirming the ability of local government to restrict the presence and residency of sex offenders near schools, parks, and other locations frequented by children.
66. Support enhanced tracking and notification systems for registered offenders to improve community awareness and coordination with local law enforcement.
67. Support policies that restrict persons with mental health disorders from possessing or owning a firearm.
68. Support funding for mental health crisis intervention programs, such as co-responder models pairing officers with behavioral health professionals, to ensure safe and effective responses to mental health-related incidents.
69. Support local control of emergency medical services and ambulance service, including pre-hospital care and transport.
70. Support legislation that aids paramedics and other emergency medical service practitioners in their ability to be responsive to community needs.
71. Support legislation that provides funding for programs that are critical to Fire Suppression, Fire Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services.
72. Support initiatives that foster safety for firefighters and the public, including utilization of detection devices that suppress harmful elements, toxic chemicals, and known carcinogens.
73. Support wildfire-related legislation that provides funding opportunities to bolster community resilience to areas located in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
74. Support for programs that enhance fire and emergency training and response capabilities.
75. Support legislation aimed at community paramedicine efforts, or other alternative response methods.
76. Oppose legislation that would interfere with the ability of law enforcement to remove

individuals, either in person or in a vehicle, from public facilities, property, or streets.

77. Oppose legislation that would interfere with a City's ability to use emerging technology to bolster law enforcement efforts.
78. Oppose legislative attempts at early release of incarcerated prisoners and measures that would further de-criminalize non-violent offenses.
79. Oppose legislation that usurps local discretion with the operation of marijuana retail sites and delivery.
80. Oppose legislation that places burdensome restrictions on law enforcement and limits their ability to protect public safety.
81. Oppose legislation that reduces the local fire authority having jurisdiction's ability to condition developments in the name of increased housing.

Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Works

82. Support working with regional partners—governmental, private, and nonprofit—to identify and pursue funding for projects improving infrastructure within the City.
83. Support funding for non-motorized/active transportation infrastructure such as bicycle trails and pedestrian access.
84. Support legislation that protects local government authority over telecommunications facilities placed within public right-of-ways to include the aesthetics of equipment installed by contractors.
85. Support the preservation and expansion of transportation grant funding opportunities to help incorporate new transportation technologies and practices into local transportation networks.
86. Support efforts that streamline funding between the state, federal, and local governments that help reduce the amount of time and resources it takes to fund and complete transportation projects.
87. Support protection of dedicated transportation-related tax revenues and enhance the ability of local agencies to finance local transportation programs and facilities.
88. Support legislation for funding opportunities to expand local infrastructure for electronic vehicle charging stations.
89. Support flexibility in the use of transportation revenues (Gas Tax, Measure M, Measure R) for multimodal, safety, and complete streets improvements.
90. Support development of performance-based funding programs that reward jurisdictions maintaining pavement condition and safety targets.
91. Support Safe Routes to School and Active Transportation Program investments that prioritize small cities and suburban contexts.
92. Support state and federal funding for climate-resilient infrastructure, including storm drain upgrades, flood control, and wildfire mitigation measures protecting transportation and utility corridors.
93. Support technical and financial assistance programs for local hazard mitigation, energy resilience, and traffic signal battery backup systems.
94. Support state and federal programs that assist cities with undergrounding utilities to improve reliability and aesthetics.
95. Support funding for local water and wastewater infrastructure modernization, including replacement of aging pipelines, SCADA systems, and PFAS treatment facilities.
96. Support streamlined permitting and grant processes for small and mid-sized cities

undertaking critical infrastructure replacement projects.

97. Support integration of transportation, water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure planning with regional sustainability and climate adaptation goals.
98. Support regional collaboration and funding for grade-separated rail crossings, traffic signal synchronization, and corridor safety improvements, and quiet zones.
99. Oppose legislation or regulations that impose unfunded mandates or link infrastructure funding eligibility to unrelated policy areas.
100. Oppose legislation that conditions a city's share of transportation funding on housing-related goals.