

## 7.0 Long-term Advocacy Positions – Planning and Management

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### A. Elections

- (1) In cooperation with County Registrar of Voters, contain costs of elections as long as the elections process is not adversely affected (i.e., purge voter rolls, limit costs for candidate statements, prevent abuse of absentee ballot process). **Lead Dept. OCM**
- (2) In cooperation with County Registrar of Voters, support practices which would increase voter turnout in local elections (e.g., mail ballots, more information to voters for judicial elections). **Lead Dept. OCM**
- (3) Support efforts to increase vote-by-mail voters. Support efforts to simplify and to expedite the counting of absentee ballots. **Lead Dept. OCM**
- (4) Support efforts to achieve the goals of the Political Reform Act of 1974 (reporting conflict of interest statements to the Fair Political Practices Commission) in a more cost-effective way. **Lead Dept. OCM**
- (5) Support Instant Runoff Voting if/when it is determined to be economically and technologically feasible for the county. **Lead Dept. OCM**

### B. Fiscal Management

- (1) Oppose actions that would negatively impact the allocation of tax increment revenue to redevelopment successor agencies. (Adopted w/ modification, RTC 15-0008 (January 6, 2015) **Lead Dept. FIN**
- (2) Oppose all changes that affect the timing of payments to local governments. **Lead Dept. FIN**
- (3) Oppose any legislation that reduces or erodes local revenues or local control. **Lead Dept. FIN**
- (4) Support positive reform of the state fiscal structure and procedures. **Lead Dept. FIN**
- (5) Ensure local governments' revenue sources are protected and predictable. **Lead Dept. FIN**

### C. Intergovernmental Relations

- (1) Support balanced representation of the City of Sunnyvale on any regional/sub regional government body or entity which is created, and cooperative analysis and negotiation among neighboring and overlapping jurisdictions, prior to

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promulgating laws, regulations, permits and fees that will have an impact on City business, residents, property owners and/or businesses in Sunnyvale. **Lead Dept. OCM**

- (2) Advocate for local control of transportation, housing, land use, and water issues affecting Sunnyvale, except for government functions where regional control may be more appropriate for services delivered on a regional basis. **Lead Dept. OCM**
- (3) To ensure that local governments are consulted and their issues considered, support collaborative efforts and continued relations with, and funding from, other agencies, the State or the Federal Government, for matters where mutual concerns exist (i.e. immigration enforcement, terrorism prevention, safety of public utility systems, local/state/national disasters or emergencies, and homeland security directives), which could have an impact on the delivery of City services. **Lead Dept. OCM**
- (4) Support cooperative analysis and negotiation among neighboring and overlapping jurisdictions prior to promulgating laws, regulations, permits and fees that impact residents, property owners and businesses in locations receiving service from multiple agencies. **Lead Dept. OCM**

### **D. Human Resources**

- (1) California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) - support efforts that maintain or increase local contracting agency control for the use of assets in individual employer accounts, and oppose any actions that would divert assets from individual employer accounts, including opposing any benefit enhancements for participants that are mandated by the State. **Lead Dept. HRD**
- (2) Oppose any form of mandatory enrollment in Social Security for employees covered under another retirement program and oppose any form of mandatory enrollment in Medicare for employees currently excluded as a result of being employed by the City prior to April 1, 1986. **Lead Dept. HRD**
- (3) Support legislation regarding worker's compensation reform that reduces or does not increase costs to the City, and which continues to provide reasonable and necessary medical treatment to the injured employee. **Lead Dept. HRD**

### **E. Telecommunications**

- (1) Support legislation that would prohibit the publishing of personal information of elected or appointed officials, including first responders, in newspapers or similar periodicals and on web sites. **Lead Dept. OCA**

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- (2) Urge the federal government to encourage deployment of broadband networks in a competitive and technologically neutral manner and to support federal proposals that promote municipal broadband. Oppose any federal proposals that serve to preempt municipal authority to act in the interest of its citizens, by preventing local governments from installing and operating municipally owned cable or telecommunications systems. **Lead Dept. OCM**

### **F. Miscellaneous**

- (1) Support efforts to revise the California Constitution to enhance accountability, efficiency, and responsiveness of local governments. **Lead Dept. OCM**
- (2) Support existing provisions of the Brown Act regarding closed sessions. **Lead Dept. OCA**
- (3) Review all proposed changes to current attorney-client privilege statutes. **Lead Dept. OCA**
- (4) Support home-rule authority of charter cities and oppose any efforts to reduce local control over the City and/or its Sphere of Influence. Support strengthening “home rule” provisions in the State Constitution. **Lead Dept. CDD**
- (5) Support efforts to amend the California Constitution to require a simple majority vote for adoption of any ballot measures. **Lead Dept. OCM**
- (6) Support efforts to restore funding to the California court system to improve court access and case management. (Adopted w/ modification, RTC 15-0008 (January 6, 2015) **Lead Dept. OCA**

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