



**AGENCY:** City Council  
**MEETING DATE:** April 22, 2019  
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## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**TITLE:**

**Receive Report and Consider Adoption of a City Council Resolution Adopting a 2019 Legislative Platform to Serve as Guidelines for Local, State and Federal Legislative Matters**

**ISSUE:**

The California State Legislature considers thousands of bills during each legislative session and many of these bills affect cities and impact our community. The League of California Cities (League) monitors and lobbies on behalf of cities. The League is Fort Bragg's primary source of information on the impacts of certain bills. Often the League will ask its members to support or oppose bills based on the impact to cities and prompt response is necessary to make an impact. These short deadlines often occur quicker than a letter or resolution of support can be prepared, agendized and approved by City Council.

In response, many cities develop a legislative platform ahead of time that acts as a guide to local, state or federal matters, and allows the City to advocate on behalf of our community in a timely manner. The Platform enables the Mayor and/or City Manager to submit advocacy letters within the parameters of the established legislative platform.

**ANALYSIS:**

A Legislative Platform is a guide but does not limit the City Manager, Councilmembers or the Mayor from placing other positions on an agenda for consideration. The Platform provides guidance and is a tool for our City government to take a more active role in what happens in our state and federal legislative branches.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt Resolution adopting a 2019 Legislative Platform.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):**

Do not adopt a Legislative Platform and/or provide further direction to staff.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No direct fiscal impact, but support or opposition to bills that would benefit or harm the City financially will protect the City's financial health.

**IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:**

The platform will be effective immediately. Going forward before or at the beginning of the Legislative Session, the Council will review and approve a Legislative Platform.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Legislative Platform
2. Resolution

**NOTIFICATION:** N/A