



## **CITY OF MENIFEE**

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SUBJECT: 2025 Legislative Platform Update

MEETING DATE: February 19, 2025

TO: Mayor and City Council

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APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Review and approve the 2025 Legislative Platform.

### **DISCUSSION**

Since the City of Menifee's ("City") incorporation, the Mayor and City Council have taken positions on legislation and issues at the county, state, and federal levels. On August 5, 2020, the City Council adopted a formal legislative program consisting of a legislative platform and a City Council Policy to ensure that positions on critical legislation could be addressed expeditiously. The Legislative Platform ("Platform") summarizes the Mayor and City Council's positions on priority issues and is used to guide City officials and staff in responding to legislative proposals at the county, state, and federal levels throughout the year.

#### **Legislative Platform**

The Platform is designed to be a living document that evolves and allows City officials and staff to swiftly address issues impacting the community. The Platform was prepared based upon the City's history of legislative actions, departmental review, alignment with the City's adopted Strategic Plan, and review of priorities from the League of California Cities. The Platform is divided into seven categories including:

1. Community Services
2. Environmental Quality
3. Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations
4. Housing, Community & Economic Development
5. Public Safety
6. Revenue & Taxation
7. Transportation, Communications & Public Works

In the most recent annual review of the Platform, presented to the City Council on February 7, 2024, staff was directed to revise the Platform to include the City's stance against new state or federal taxes and fees that would impact Menifee residents and businesses, as well as any unfunded mandates. Additionally, updates were made to clarify that the City will only take positions on issues that directly relate to its operations. New language was also incorporated to ensure that the overarching guidelines are consistently reflected in all aspects of the Platform and related positions. The updated 2024 Legislative Platform was approved during the March 6, 2024, City Council meeting.

The Platform has been further reviewed and updated for 2025 to reflect general City operations and demographic updates.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE**

Community Engagement and Social Infrastructure

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. 2025 Legislative Platform