

Agenda Report

January 13, 2003

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

FROM:

CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT:

STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM AND PRIORITIES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the attached legislative platform and priorities for 2003.

BACKGROUND:

The City prepares a legislative platform and priorities each year to serve as the foundation for a focused advocacy strategy. The platform outlines the city's position on a broad range of current issues providing staff and lobbyists with direction to pursue advocacy on these issues. The priorities list identifies projects with the greatest need for funding assistance and serves as the basis for requesting legislative earmarks. Where the City would typically seek funding for a broad range of programs and projects, the list has been kept relatively brief this year in recognition of the budget shortfall at the State level.

In addition to the issues listed in this report, the City will need to take positions on a number of new issues raised during the year. As in past years, staff will return to Council with recommendations on new issues as they may impact Pasadena.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for the legislative advocate are included in the City Council operating budget.

Respectfully submitted,

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.C.1.

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