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Lafayette adopts legislative agenda

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Designed to be the basis for the stand Lafayette takes on certain state bills, proposed laws and issues facing policymakers in Sacramento according to the city, the legislative agenda for 2019 and 2020 was adopted by the city council at its July 22 meeting. The vote to adopt was unanimous, minus Council Member Cam Burks who was absent.

The document is the result of several months' work, led by council members Steven Bliss and Burks on the Legislation Committee, in conjunction with the city's lobbyist Townsend Public Affairs.

The city has set up a webpage intended to be a source for residents, city staff, and commission and committees, which, the city says, will be updated frequently (see link below).

The report covers potential areas of state legislative interest for 2019 and 2020 and summarizes the city's principles around preserving land control, housing, fiscal matters, environmental protection, transportation, public health and safety, elections, and government transparency.

TPA will use the report along with the Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' Housing and Policy Framework to guide them if or when any legislation is introduced that impacts any of the items listed and will alert the city so they can together assess what action to take.

Mayor Mike Anderson has no doubt that this agenda is essential, he says, "due to the incredible deluge of state legislation that threatens local control of planning.

"This document will provide our lobbyist, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc., a clear indication of the types of legislation that the city can support and bills that are of concern," Anderson explains, adding, "A big thanks goes out to the Council Legislative subcommittee lead by council members Bliss and Burks for shepherding this project to completion."

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