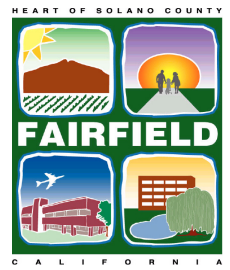


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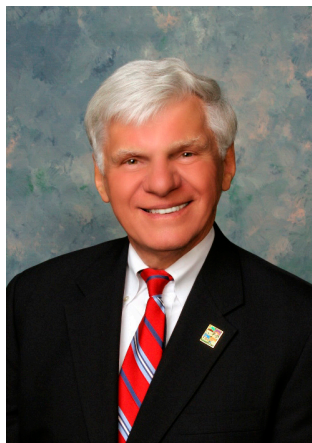
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# 2020 Legislative Platform

## GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & BUDGET/FINANCE

Protect and secure local authority and revenue sources in order to preserve existing infrastructure and community programs.

### State

1. Oppose any effort to eliminate or cap the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds - one of the few remaining tools for local governments to finance large capital projects.
2. Seek, promote, and implement any new or alternative approaches that may replace redevelopment funding mechanisms that deliver positive benefits to Fairfield.
3. Local Authority/Control – Oppose any attempts to restrict local authority with respect to issues that affect local communities. Oppose any attempts by the Legislature to impose mandates with inadequate or no funding to implement and sustain them.
4. Oppose attempts to decrease, restrict, or eliminate city revenue sources. Oppose any efforts at the state level to retain additional revenues currently dedicated to local government for state purposes.
5. Monitor legislation affecting accounting rules and financial reporting for both changes and conflicts between federal and state regulations.
6. Seek modification to state and local sales tax use and allocation, specifically online sales tax, and the voter threshold for local infrastructure funding, to provide the City more opportunity to pursue particular local tax revenue.
7. Monitor potential legislation that makes mandatory changes to district election policy and procedures.
8. Seek modification to California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006 to allow Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) channels to be included in High Definition tiers of service provided by any multi-channel video service provider at no cost to local government.

### Federal

9. Monitor progress of federal budget committee and the budget's effects on local government.

## EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Monitor impacts of legislation or reform affecting public employees' benefits, rights, and labor relations.

### State

1. Monitor legislation and regulations affecting labor relations, employee rights, benefits, and working conditions. Preserve a balance between the needs of the employees and the resources of public employers that have a legal

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## State (*cont'd*)

fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers.

2. Public Pensions and Pension Reform – Monitor legislation or reform that would impact local public agencies and existing labor agreements. Work in partnership with other groups and stakeholders to promote sustainable and secure public pension systems to help ensure responsive and affordable public services.

## HOUSING

Monitor and support sustainable funding for various levels of housing to address California's housing crisis; neighborhood revitalization programs; seek additional funding through grants and other types of revenue sources that improve and sustain quality of life for all Fairfield residents.

### State

1. Develop and seek legislation to provide the City with tools and resources that promote and stimulate housing development in areas of most need.
2. Support state budget policies and related legislation that provide sustainable and reliable funding for permanent, workforce and affordable housing for persons of moderate and lower income, and homeless persons.
3. Monitor state mandates that affect housing rehabilitation and neighborhood revitalization efforts as well as homeowner and homebuyer assistance programs.
4. Propose modifications to any programs that fund affordable housing programs and projects that do not provide funds to administer and deliver them.
5. Pursue additional funding sources, including grants, to produce workforce and affordable housing for lower income households. Housing types to include single residence occupancy units, transit-oriented development, and accessory dwelling units.
6. Continue opposition to state efforts to mandate construction of new unfunded affordable housing and penalties that would penalize cities that fail to meet under-funded Regional Housing Needs Assessment requirements 7)

### Federal

7. Monitor federal mandates that affect housing rehabilitation, neighborhood revitalization, and homeowner/homebuyer assistance programs.
8. Urge Congressional action to adopt federal spending plans that provide sustainable, reliable funding for priority local programs such as Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Veteran's Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 funds. Monitor all budget bills to ensure that at a minimum funding remains at current levels, including funding for administration of programs and projects.

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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT/CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**

Monitor ongoing effects of Criminal Justice Reform including potential for available funding sources; 2016's passage of Proposition 64; and seek funding for supported local law enforcement projects including the Fairfield Police Activities League.

### **State**

1. Support legislative and/or ballot measure efforts that repeal or provide dedicated funding to address the impacts associated with California's Criminal Justice Reform.
2. Continue to participate with local partners and the California Police Chiefs Association in addressing the adverse effects of California's Criminal Justice Reform.
3. Support efforts to address emergency preparedness and operational needs, particularly those that include regional efforts to improve interoperability, training, and/or ongoing operations and maintenance costs.
4. Monitor effects of 2016's passage of The Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act on local retail marijuana sales, manufacturing and distribution.
5. Monitor legislation that would implement changes to police officers' duty requirements, including use of police cameras, license plate readers, city cameras, data storage requirements, and any changes to officer training requirements.
6. Seek support and funding resources for mental health, supportive housing, and shelters to assist the police Homeless Intervention Team in reducing homelessness.
7. Seek support and funding resources to create a mobile mental health system that addresses acute mental health needs in line with current trends in response to the homeless mental health crisis.

## **FIRE/EMS/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

Seek and support funding for various fire, EMS, and disaster preparedness projects, including specific federal funding for enhancements to the Emergency Operations Center and Fire Training Facility.

### **State**

1. Support efforts to address disaster preparedness and operational needs at the city and county levels, particularly those that include communication equipment, PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events, training, or ongoing operations and maintenance costs.
2. Seek funding and support for Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) training and programs to address Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) effects on public safety and administration.
3. Monitor legislation and potential reform surrounding the state EMS Act and Local EMS Agency (LEMSAs) authority with regard to EMS delivery in the City.

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4. Seek funding and possible legislation to recover costs associated with PG&E PSPS events.

## Federal

5. Support, and if necessary, apply for Urban Search & Rescue (USAR), Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Assistance to Firefighters (AFG), and Physical Fitness funding in order to strengthen existing programs, replace outdated equipment, provide training, safety gear and continuing education, and to increase public awareness about Emergency Awareness and Fire Safety.
6. Support and if applicable, apply for funding to enhance the City's Emergency Operations Center and/or disaster preparedness capabilities.

## PARKS & RECREATION

Support investment in policy and funding that creates equitable access to City programs, parks, open space and recreation and that fosters active and healthy lifestyles.

## State

1. Support youth funding and policies that promote healthy lifestyle, decreased obesity, diabetes, proper nutrition, life skills, college preparation, job experience training, anti-bullying awareness, and funding incentives for inter-generational programming.
2. Seek and support legislation and funding for trail improvements.
3. Support senior funding and policies that promote healthy lifestyle, financial protection and security, safety measures, proper nutrition, and funding incentives for inter-generational programming.
4. Seek funding and resources to provide more opportunities for at-risk youth to access youth programming.
5. Support diverse ethnic public health outreach efforts and policies that educate and promote physical activity, healthy lifestyle options, and maximize use of open space for personal enjoyment.
6. Seek and support funding and policies that promote equity of access to recreational programming for people with disabilities, and funding incentives for adaptive recreation programming.
7. Seek funding for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades on existing facilities, park and open space improvement and preservation, water safety, and increased equitable access to outdoor recreation in low-income neighborhoods.
8. Seek funding and resources such as solar and habitat restoration that foster environmental stewardship and sustain the future of Fairfield's natural habitat.

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9. Seek funding for additional facilities and upgrades on existing facilities including youth soccer fields, baseball and softball fields, and basketball courts that will result in additional programming opportunities for at-risk youth and in locations in high unemployment and low-income neighborhoods.

## PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION

Secure funding and favorable administration to ensure infrastructure is built in timely manner and projects are delivered.

### State

1. Monitor Climate Change, Alternative Fuels, Innovative Clean Transit Regulations, SB375, and SB350 related legislation and their potential impacts.
2. Oppose further restrictions and changes in state law on local water conservation.
3. Monitor and oppose efforts to impose state water taxes on local water utilities.
4. Support legislation providing land use incentives in connection with rail and multimodal transit stations (Transit Oriented Development).
5. Support legislation and regional policy that provide qualified Commuter Carpools and Vanpools with reduced tolls on toll facilities as an incentive to encourage and promote ridesharing that reduces greenhouse gases.
6. Support legislative and regulatory efforts to ensure that projects are eligible for state and regional funding of Transportation Oriented Development (TOD) projects. Ensure that development and transit standards for TOD projects can be reasonably met by developing suburban communities.
7. Monitor and support efforts to streamline application, reporting and monitoring requirements to meet state mandates, and decrease additional requirements for ADA standards for on-street public parking and handicap ramps associated with local road maintenance.
8. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Transit Funding – As Performance Standards continue to become more restrictive, actively support dialogue and/or possible legislation that would relax the standards required by MTC in order to qualify for funding.
9. Seek and support legislation and transportation funding reform to permanently increase funding for local streets and road maintenance. Continue to work with the local, regional, state and federal partners to secure permanent funds for transportation infrastructure including maintenance.
10. Monitor state efforts that lower the voter threshold on local tax measures for local road maintenance, storm drainage, and capital improvements.
11. Seek and secure funding to meet storm water/water quality regulation mandates.



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## Federal

12. Continue to support and seek funding for transportation infrastructure, Fairfield/Vacaville Hannigan Intermodal Train Station buildout (including additional parking and a station structure located on-site), and public transportation equipment, maintenance and replacement.
13. Support federal legislation in both houses for MAP-21 and related legislation, and assist the Solano Transportation Authority in their efforts to secure federal funding for local and regional projects.
14. Seek funding for Fairfield Transportation Center expansion.
15. Support legislation and regional policy that provide qualified Commuter Carpools and Vanpools with reduced tolls on toll facilities as an incentive to encourage and promote ridesharing.
16. Monitor and support efforts to streamline application, reporting and monitoring requirements to meet state and federal mandates.
17. Monitor and support efforts to streamline application, reporting and monitoring requirements to meet federal mandates, and decrease additional requirements for ADA standards for on-street public parking and handicap ramps associated with local road maintenance.
18. Seek remedy to U.S. Attorney opinion requiring costly ADA upgrades to cape seal pavement surfacing projects.

## TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE/TRAVIS COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM

As the contracting agency for the Travis Community Consortium, support Travis Air Force Base (AFB) in maintaining funding and sustainability for key missions, while protecting the base from issues such as encroachment which would lessen the military value to the Department of Defense.

## State

1. Continue support of KC-10 program and oppose any attempts to eliminate the KC-10 fleet due to federal budget cuts such as sequestration.
2. Secure additional federal funding for military construction at Travis AFB as part of the President's Budget Request (PBR) or alternative methods to provide facilities and infrastructure.
3. Continue to explore and develop potential partnerships for the Air Force Community Partnership Program, formerly identified as "P4", process to assist in sharing of community resources, reducing base operation costs, and enhancing military value.
4. Military Housing and Transportation Connectivity. Continue to stay engaged on military family housing issues and continue to watch the privatized Travis AFB housing. This should include monitoring any changes to the plan and looking for opportunities to further enhance affordable housing opportunities and transportation connectivity for Travis personnel on-base and within the regional community.
5. Look for new opportunities to support Travis AFB, e.g., a study to address the establishment of a railroad spur

## State (*cont'd*)

line, a revised Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) due to aircraft modifications, and joint use of existing off-base activities to support Air Force efforts to reduce base operating costs.

6. Continue to support the Travis Community Consortium Strategy.
7. Oppose budget cuts to the Department of the Air Force caused by federal budget sequestration or other congressional budget actions.
8. Seek support from state legislators and policy makers as well as the Governor's Military Council to assist in protecting and preserving Travis AFB missions and viability, including the future basing of the KC-46 at Travis AFB.