

2018 Legislative Platform

The 2017 Legislative Platform is comprised of guiding principles that provide a framework for the City of Cupertino's regional, state, and federal legislative priorities. Going forward, adopted annually, the City's Legislative Platform will serve as a reference guide for legislative positions and objectives that provide direction for the City Council and staff throughout the year. The Legislative Platform is the foundation of a focused advocacy strategy.

Guiding Principles

I. Fiscal Responsibility

The City of Cupertino has a fiduciary responsibility to its residents to ensure assets and resources are properly safeguarded and deployed in a fair, prudent, and efficient manner. As such, the City supports the protection of existing federal, state, and local funding sources and the authorities that provide revenues to the City. Likewise, the City has an interest in the solvency of public entities that provide resources to the City. The City opposes any new mandates that are unfunded or inadequately funded.

II. Local Control

The City supports local decision-making authority and opposes preemption of local control. Cities are voluntarily created by the residents of a community to provide local self-government and to make decisions at a local level to best meet the needs of the community. Each community has unique needs and characteristics that are best met by policies set by its local governing body. Efforts to remove the ability to set policy at the local level should be opposed, while promoting legislation that allows flexibility in the City's effort to cost-effectively meet local priorities.

III. Sustainability

The City of Cupertino is a leader in embracing sustainability efforts in response to current and anticipated environmental challenges. The City continuously looks for innovative strategies to reduce its carbon footprint guided by our Climate Action Plan (CAP). As such, the City supports environmentally friendly legislation and urban sustainability consistent with our CAP goals.

IV. Infrastructure and Mobility

The City seeks to maintain existing infrastructure and enhance sustainable, alternative mobility options for our residents and businesses to thrive. The City can accomplish this by supporting legislation that increases funding for transportation, infrastructure, operations, and maintenance in Cupertino.

V. Healthy and Safe Community

One of the City's primary goals is to provide a healthy and safe environment for our residents. The City supports legislation that protects and enhances services to the City's most vulnerable

populations, such as the economically disadvantaged, elderly, and disabled. In addition, the City supports federal and state assistance for local law enforcement, disaster preparedness, and emergency planning as well as any measures that would help contribute to local public safety.

City of Cupertino - 2018 Federal Legislative Priorities	
LOCAL CONTROL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oppose preemption of local authority. 2. Oppose new program mandates that are unfunded or underfunded.
INFRASTRUCTURE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support adoption of a long-term federal transportation authorization that provides a stable and reliable funding stream for transportation including: Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or "FAST Act" with focus on maintenance and preservation, and funding for roads, bridges, and transit. 2. Support legislation that generates funding to support all modes of transportation, including transit, bicycles, and pedestrians.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the preservation of funding for the CDBG program.
LAND USE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oppose legislation and regulatory efforts that would diminish or eliminate the authority of cities to zone and plan for the development of telecommunications infrastructure, including the siting of cellular communications towers or transmission sites.
SUSTAINABILITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that assists regional and local governments in development and implementing energy efficiency, renewable energy and conservation strategies and ensure that local governments can continue, and not be preempted in, their efforts to achieve economic improvements through increased energy efficiency, renewable energy and conservation plans that seek to decrease carbon emissions. 2. Advocate for funding for projects for potable water and reuse projects, nonpoint source pollution control, and watershed management. Accelerate authorization for indirect and direct potable reuse projects. Support legislation to generate additional revenues for water infrastructure improvements and provides for the funding of programs mandated for compliance and to address drought resilience.

City of Cupertino - 2018 State Legislative Priorities

<p>LOCAL CONTROL</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation that enhances local control and allows cities to address the needs of local constituents within a framework of regional cooperation. 2. Oppose preemption of local authority whether by state or federal legislation or ballot propositions. 3. Support legislation that streamlines and simplifies the job of running a city and oppose efforts that erode the City’s authority to control its own affairs. 4. Oppose new program mandates that are unfunded or underfunded.
<p>HOUSING</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support investments in affordable housing that addresses the housing shortage in the Bay Area.
<p>LAND USE</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oppose legislation and regulatory efforts that would diminish or eliminate the authority of cities to zone and plan for the development of telecommunications infrastructure, including the siting of cellular communications towers or transmission sites. 2. Support legislation that strengthens the concept of local control/local home rule for local decision making on land use and zoning matters. 3. Oppose legislation that erodes the ability of cities to condition and deny projects that inadequately mitigate impacts to the community. 4. Support local ability to regulate use of public rights-of-ways.
<p>INFRASTRUCTURE</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support investments in the maintenance and rehabilitation of aging infrastructure and allow for system capacity expansion to support smart growth principles. 2. Support legislation that generates funding to support all modes of transportation, including transit, bicycles, and pedestrians. 3. Support legislation that generates transportation funding for pavement maintenance and rehabilitation of local streets and roads. 4. Support cap and trade funds derived from transportation fuels be used for transportation purposes.
<p>SUSTAINABILITY</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support legislation and policies that emphasize sustainable development, improve environmental standards and the regulatory process, provide incentives and financial support for preservation of natural resources, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, promote sustainable energy policies, and are consistent with the City’s Climate Action Plan. 2. Support legislation that expands, promotes and/or incentivizes water conservation practices and programs, including the expanded use of local water resources like recycled water, gray water, and rain water harvesting. 3. Support legislation that encourages companies to assume responsibility for the costs of collecting, processing, recycling, or disposing of products at end-of-life that would otherwise become a burden on local government.