LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2021-2022

CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

CITY LEADERSHIP





Community and Economic Development



Finance



Fire



General Services



Human Resources



Innovation & Technology



Library



Museum



Parks, Recreation and Community Services



Police



Public Works



Riverside Public Utilities

PUBLIC SAFETY

RIVERSIDE LIBRARIES

2021 COMMUNITY PROFILE





20,638 RECYCLING



54,990 GREEN WASTE



116,000 TRASH





10,287 RECYCLING



3,545 GREEN WASTE



107,051 TRASH



875 MILES OF PAVED STREETS



475 SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS MAINTAINED



SEWAGE TREATED



362 SWORN POLICE OFFICERS



2 HELICOPTERS













14 FIRE STATIONS



URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM TASK FORCE 6













353
PUBLIC ACCESS
COMPUTERS





25,642 AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS









271,485
ANNUAL CIRCULATION



13,854
ANNUAL ATTENDANCE
IN LIBRARY



4,167,048
LIBRARY PAGE VISITS



68 PARKS

























48 SOFTBALL / BASEBALL DIAMONDS



43

SOCCER / FOOTBALL FIELDS





26 TENNIS COURTS

RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS



SCHOOL DISTRICTS



43 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS







COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

PUBLIC UTILITIES







20,237,672,560 TOTAL GALLONS OF CITY WATER CONSUMED ANNUALLY





2,122,000,000
TOTAL KILOWATT HOURS
USED BY CUSTOMERS
ANNUALLY



CITY OF RIVERSIDE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Legislative Platform for the City of Riverside was developed in uniformity with the City Council approved Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan. This platform applies to legislative priorities at both State and Federal levels of government. Legislative priorities are categorized under the umbrella of the City Council's six strategic priority areas. The cross-cutting threads of Community Trust, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Innovation, and Sustainability & Resiliency are recurring themes throughout the Legislative Platform that help shape the City of Riverside's advocacy efforts.

The legislative priorities for the City of Riverside are as follows:

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- **Arts, Culture & Recreation:** Riverside seeks resources and supports opportunities to provide diverse community experiences and personal enrichment opportunities for people of all ages.
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- **Community Well-Being:** Riverside seeks resources and tools to promote the safety of City residents, elevate the community's preparedness and resiliency to address and recover from natural and human-caused disasters, and to provide diverse and affordable housing opportunities to protect and enhance the City's quality of life.
- **Economic Opportunity:** Riverside supports activities and opportunities that will help develop a skilled workforce and grow the local economy.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Riverside seeks funding and supports opportunities to maximize sustainability initiatives including local resource recovery and renewable energy production.
- **High Performing Government:** Riverside supports opportunities that will help ensure the financial health of the City and leverage public tax dollars for maximum local benefit.
- Infrastructure, Mobility and Connectivity: Riverside seeks funding and opportunities to mitigate the disproportionate share of negative impacts on the City related to national goods movement as well as to implement Complete Streets design principles to safely accommodate all users, including cars, buses, bicyclists and pedestrians.

The City of Riverside strongly promotes local control for cities and will support or oppose legislation based on whether it impacts local control over City revenues, land use, community development and other municipal activities.

Areas of focus are described in this document, but due to the dynamic nature of the policy making process, additional issues are likely to arise throughout the legislative session. The overarching principles in this Legislative Platform will provide guidance to direct staff as these additional issues require attention. Any policy issues that are not addressed in the platform will be brought before the City Council for consideration prior to the City taking action on an item.

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1.1 Advocate for resources to ensure completion of the rehabilitation of Harada House.	1.11 Pursue opportunities to help make Riverside a cultural and ethnic hub in the Southern California region.
1.2 Identify and pursue funding opportunities for local and regional park projects, including the development and improvement of trail systems and preservation of the natural settings of parks.	1.12 Identify and pursue funding opportunities for the Eastside Library.
1.3 Identify and pursue funding opportunities for the development and operation of the Arlington Youth Innovation Center, including funding for STEM programming, video, and film production.	1.13 Identify and pursue funding opportunities that support the Civil Rights Institute, including the addition of a Civil Rights Walk on Main Street, Outdoor Sculpture Park, and efforts to advance DEI and increase its accessibility for persons of all abilities.
1.4 Identify and pursue funding to expand workforce development opportunities the Youth Opportunity Center, including summer apprenticeship programs for at-risk youth and Project BRIDGE, which provides social service programs, referrals, mentoring and recreational activities for gang-involved and at-risk youth and their families.	1.14 Identify and pursue funding opportunities that support the Cesar Chavez building renovation project for the arts academy and exhibition hall.
1.5 Identify and pursue funding opportunities to address deferred maintenance and capital improvement projects for City parks and facilities.	1.15 Identify and pursue funding opportunities for the expansion of the Sister City program.
1.6 Advocate to restore the California Library Services Act (CLSA) funding to the full 100% level, which would provide an additional \$146,000 for Inland Library System members to allocate to services such as e-resources, material delivery and internet connectivity.	1.16 Identify and pursue funding opportunities that support wilderness parks within the City (Sycamore Canyon, Box Springs, etc.) and open space acquisition/protection.
1.7 Support legislation that provides funding to local governments and nonprofits to develop educational, artistic, and cultural programs and events.	1.17 Identify and secure funding for completing the renovation and expansion of the Museum of Riverside's main museum building.
1.8 Support legislation, resources, funding opportunities and efforts to provide and sustain public art projects.	1.18 Identify and secure funding to support preservation/restoration of the Trujillo Adobe and Spanish Town developments.
1.9 Support legislation and opportunities to enhance the creative economy and create jobs in creative industries.	
Support legislation to enhance education and ethnic studies programs.	

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PUBLIC SAFETY		
2.1 Advocate for additional funding to support regional fire prevention activities and opportunities to increase flexibility of existing non-traditional funding sources to allow uses toward fire prevention activities (i.e., regional watershed funding).	2.11 Support the expansion and development of tools and increased criminal sanctions to deter vandalism crimes, including more stringent graffiti laws to stiffen penalties and hold parents accountable for acts committed by juveniles.	
2.2 Advocate for additional funding to support the Federal Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, which is also a State Resource (California Task Force 6).	2.12 Seek funding to expand programs for gang prevention, intervention, and enforcement.	
2.3 Advocate for additional resources for the State of California Water Rescue Team, which includes the City of Riverside, to procure updated equipment and train personnel.	2.13 Expand funding and resources for emergency response to develop technology infrastructure.	
2.4 Support the development of policies and protocols for sending and receiving Mutual Aid for National Disasters.	2.14 Support funding and legislation to help local jurisdictions implement Senate Bill 1421 (Peace Officers: Release of Records).	
2.5 Support amendments to the State Fire Code that limits developers' ability to build in Very High Fire Severity Zones (VHFSZ).	2.15 Support legislation and funding opportunities to support public safety employees with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) obtained from on-the-job experiences.	
2.6 Support policies and practices to assist local governments with disposing of fireworks.	2.16 Support the development and expansion of earthquake early warning systems, as well as predictive modeling/early warning systems for wildfires, extreme heat/cold, and other natural hazards.	
2.7 Support funding opportunities to provide Racial Profiling Training PC 13519.4.	2.17 Pursue funding opportunities that support the City and UCR/CE-CERT Innovation Corridor as well as Riverside's Arts & Innovation District(s).	
2.8 Advocate for resources to support the expansion of the Police Department's Wellness Program to address issues and stressors related, but not limited to, mandated overtime, additional work assignments due to staff shortage, and COVID-19 related stressors.	2.18 Pursue funding opportunities that support the pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure and connections throughout the City, including the Connecting Five Points Plan which addresses health inequities within the City.	
2.9 Support efforts and legislation to ensure full local government funding and protection in the implementation of all services resulting from the passage of Assembly Bill 109 (2011) and Proposition 47 (2014).	2.19 Support legislation and funding that promotes expansion of public transportation services and reduces vehicle miles traveled.	
2.10 Support legislation that will ensure officer safety and protection against false/unfounded allegations.	2.20 Pursue funding mechanisms to improve resiliency and response programs for building safety.	

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS		
2.1.1 Advocate for additional funding to expand programs that provide mental health services for homeless population.	2.1.8 Support legislative fixes to address challenges with the California Surplus Land Act (AB 1486), which requires local agencies to offer affordable housing developers first right of refusal on the sale of surplus property, and mandates 15% of housing units built by private developers on City surplus property be used for affordable housing.	
2.1.2 Identify and pursue funding opportunities to expand homeless services programs and assist cities with homeless encampment cleanups and related damage to the built and natural environments.	2.1.9 Identify and pursue funding opportunities for the creation of an Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD). The purpose of the facility will be to serve the population being released from the State Patten Mental Hospital and returned to the County to serve long-term.	
2.1.3 Support efforts and legislation to expand tenant protections for people experiencing hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis.	2.1.10 Support legislative efforts that address service resistant people struggling with homelessness. Particularly, those suffering from mental health and/or substance abuse challenges that prevent them from making self-benefiting decisions.	
2.1.4 Support efforts to modernize the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that preserves the law's original intent while preventing abuse for purposes unrelated to environmental protection.	2.1.11 Support efforts to modernize the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions that facilitate housing and mixed-use development within incorporated cities.	
2.1.5 Support efforts to strike Article 34 from the State Constitution to make it easier to build inclusive and affordable housing for all California residents.	2.1.12 Support legislative efforts to require County Detention Centers to provide host cities with timely data regarding prisoner releases.	
2.1.6 Support funding to build a new mental health hospital as part of the Riverside University Health System Campus.	2.1.13 Pursue new and established resources for a variety of housing options such as affordable housing, permanent supporting housing, and bridge housing.	
2.1.7 Support efforts that expand opportunities to develop affordable housing on former Redevelopment Agency-owned properties.		

HEALTH AND WELLNESS	
2.2.1 Support efforts to boost medical reimbursement payments and update distribution formulas provided through programs such as Medi-Cal to ensure an equitable distribution to the Inland Region.	2.2.4 Support legislation to amend AB 626 which allows Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO). The current bill limits verifiable gross annual sales with a cap of \$50,000/annually.
2.2.2 Support efforts to expand medical facilities in Inland areas, including the creation of a regional strategic medical services plan and development of a hospital at UCR to coincide with medical school.	2.2.5 Support legislation and revenue sources to more effectively allow cities to establish public health departments in order to more effectively address the unique needs of locales
2.2.3 Support funding for programs to improve health and behaviors related to obesity and heart disease.	

(§) Economic Opportunity

Riverside supports legislation and opportunities that will help develop a skilled workforce and grow the local economy.

3.1 Support economic recovery programs that assist businesses experiencing hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	3.12 Increase state and federal support for post-graduation workforce training initiatives and programs.
3.2 Advocate for resources that modernize existing economic development programs in-light-of COVID-19 and spur economic recovery, job growth and California competitiveness.	3.13 Provide funding for a region-wide employer engagement model that supports talent development and retention for high-growth middle skilled jobs.
3.3 Support efforts to bring California into compliance with the Federal Opportunity Zone program.	3.14 Advocate for a funding mechanism for alternative (not K-12 or higher education) vocation-based workforce development programs, such as beginning /next generation farmer training, others.
3.4 Advocate for programs and funding to create jobs and develop a workforce in high tech and green transportation and green technology industries.	3.15 Implement policies that weigh environmental effects against economic opportunity so the overall quality of life of the affected populations is not adversely impacted.
3.5 Update state funding formulas to ensure that the Inland Empire receives its fair share of monies for state programs such as medical reimbursements, non-profits, and educational institutions.	3.16 Support funding and legislation for the Development of a new Urban Forest Management Plan that better addresses environmental concerns while providing a mechanism to reduce the devastation caused by annual California fires.
3.6 Support additional funding for the University of California, Riverside to increase enrollment and meet the needs of the City and region including legislation supporting comprehensive fair share agreements with host communities to be prepared as a condition of approval of long range development plans.	3.17 Advocate for a funding mechanism to assist small businesses in their implementation of climate adaptation/ mitigation activities.
3.7 Support programs and opportunities to increase the number, rate, and diversity of undergraduates in STEM disciplines.	3.18 Identify funding opportunities for the City to develop an implementation plan for the Arts & Innovation District Master Plan.
3.8 Strengthen vocation and life skill focused curriculum (CTE) in public K-12 education that includes high school graduation credits for technical skills, career training and job shadowing programs. Include a basic credit and personal finance management class as a graduation requirement.	3.19 Support funding and legislation for short-term low interest loans to assist small and medium size businesses to help recover from COVID-19 impacts.
3.9 Funding for vocation-based workforce training and apprenticeship programs delivered by non-profit organizations and non-traditional public-school based programs. Note: this funding is not the same funding as those already allocated for public schools' CTE programs.	3.20 Support opportunities to revitalize the local agriculture industry and connect Citrus Park to the greenbelt.
3.10 Expand medical and other allied health education programs as early as high school to address the region's shortage of health care professionals.	3.21 Support legislation and opportunities to bring back a modern replacement for redevelopment that is focused on infrastructure and affordable housing.
3.11 Identify funding opportunities for development along the Santa Ana River (identified by the Santa Ana River Working Group)	

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4.1 Support legislation and funding to protect the Santa Ana River and other open space within the City from wildfire threats.	4.12 Support water quality policies and regulatory decisions that are timely, utilize appropriate cost benefit analysis and are based on sound science.
4.2 Support programs and collaborations that help turn recycling into a profitable business.	4.13 Support the inclusion and development of costeffective renewable energy in the delivery and treatment of water supplies and wastewater.
4.3 Support policies developed using a Triple Bottom Line framework to ensure that it promotes Environmental Stewardship, Economic Prosperity, and Social Responsibility.	4.14 Support voluntary water transfers for both shortand long-term needs while protecting water rights, the environment, and local economies.
4.4 Implement innovative, market-based approaches for meeting environmental standards such as cap-and-trade program, habitat conservation plans, and incentives for voluntary impact reductions.	4.15 Support the implementation of a long-term water use efficiency framework that recognizes California's climate diversity, past investments by water suppliers, and is based on an integrated water management approach including projects that both improve water supply reliability and reduce water demands.
4.5 Advocate for the development of a new Forest Management Plan that better addresses environmental concerns while providing a mechanism to reduce the devastation caused by annual California fires.	4.16 Support policies that treat recycled water as a resource and not a waste.
4.6 Support funding opportunities for programs and projects to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, achieve renewable energy mandates, and assist with the greening of the City's fleet and facilities.	4.17 Support incentives for self-generation of green energy sources.
4.7 Support funding for local jurisdictions to secure solid waste tracking software such as Recyclist or Minerva.	4.18 Support efforts to improve air quality in the Inland Empire region.
4.8 Advocate to delay penalties for local agencies and commercial operators seeking to comply with SB 1383.	4.19 Identify and pursue opportunities to fund fixed and non-fixed transit infrastructure and projects within the City and connecting the City to the neighboring cities and the region.
4.9 Advocate for broader definitions for renewable portfolio standard (RPS) generation sources; focus on carbon free and how to handle new technologies such as hydrogen; create incentives instead of developing a resource that doesn't count toward RPS goals.	4.20 Identify and support funding opportunities for a Food Digester for Clean Energy Production. This resource would allow the City to expand facilities and meet requirements mandated by Senate Bill 1383.
4.10 Support cost-effective policies to reduce GHGs in the electricity system and in local communities.	4.21 Support legislation and funding opportunities to help the City address deferred maintenance within its sewer system.
4.11 Support the procurement of renewable resources with the flexibility to choose which resources best meet each utility's needs.	4.22 Support legislation and funding opportunities for decarbonization technology and statues allowed for renewable fuels, zero emission and closed loop technology

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5.1 Advocate for policy changes to update the cost recovery mechanism for California Public Records Act requirements to include costs associated with documents that are digital in nature.	5.11 Support legislation that promotes and addresses diversity, equity, and inclusion issues.
5.2 Support opportunities to bring back Advance Debt Refunding, which allows states, local governments, and other eligible issuers to refinance their existing debt at the lowest possible costs when market conditions favor refinancing.	5.12 Support legislation that promotes an investment tax credit for advanced manufacturing facilities that start construction before 2026 and a production tax credit for eligible components that would begin to phase down in 2027.
5.3 Support legislation that promotes and protects retention of local point of sale revenues.	5.13 Support efforts to assist CalPERS with innovative investment strategies aimed at generating a higher than 7% rate of return.
5.4 Protect local government revenues from State takings or borrowings.	5.14 Provide continued support for the March Joint Powers Authority as it endeavors to promote regional economic development through the reuse of surplus lands.
5.5 Protect local governments from new regulations which increase the cost of providing municipal services without a proportionate benefit to local communities.	5.15 Support opportunities that promote the Ontario International Airport.
5.6 Discourage any legislation that would promote regularity approaches or mandates that transfer state responsibilities to local agencies without requisite funding sources.	5.16 Support the Riverside Transit Authority and Riverside County Transportation Commission's efforts to promote further investment in bus and passenger rail service.
5.7 Support increased local control over funding received from the state and efforts that allow the City to be a direct recipient of state funding.	5.17 Support regional collaboration on the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP) to improve regional reliability for emergency operations by providing a second connection to the statewide grid system.
5.8 Promote efforts to ensure local jurisdictions receive their full allocation of state and federal funding.	
5.9 Discourage any legislation that would provide retroactive CalPERS benefits or reduce any of the Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) regulations.	
5.10 Support legislative remedies that provide additional fiscal sustainability for agencies to fund CalPERS costs.	

Riverside seeks funding and opportunities to improve aging or new infrastructure to support the City's maintenance and growth; mitigate the disproportionate share of negative impacts on the City related to national goods movement; as well as to implement Complete Streets design principles to safely accommodate all users, including cars, buses, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

6.1 Support funding opportunities for Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP). This would include project improvements such as going underground.	6.11 Advocate to the Public Utilities Commission to include broadband as a Lifeline Program to assist low-income families with obtaining internet service to access distance learning programs.	6.21 Support efforts to establish grants, low- interest loans, or other funding for the benefit of renewable resource projects – organics recycling, recycled water production, biosolids beneficial reuse
6.2 Advocate for opportunities to expand the use of SB1/Gas Tax funds to be used for various transportation efforts such as roadway widening, light rail projects, and programs that reduce vehicle miles traveled and roadway degradation.	6.12 Advocate for additional flexibility for cell tower mandates to preserve character in historic districts through opportunities that include, but are not limited to, co-location and setbacks.	6.22 Support legislation which would provide funding or other credits for renewable energy projects, particularly those focusing on bio-methane use
6.3 Provide flexibility on SB1 funds to remove the requirement that agencies achieve a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score of 80 before allowed to use the funds for other transportation purposes.	6.13 Revise California Vehicle Code 40215 (c) (1)- to include "telephonic, video, and/ or web conferencing" as an option for administrative hearings.	6.23 Support Funding opportunities to develop Class A Biosolids
6.4 Increase federal and state investment in transportation infrastructure that will support the regional economy, reduce traffic congestion, and ease movement of people and goods throughout the region.	6.14 Temporarily suspend CEQA requirements on roadway widening projects to help mitigate costs and reduce project timeframes in order to offset lower SB1 and Gas Tax revenues agencies are receiving due to COVID.	6.24 Support state legislative action to developed equitable RIN credit value for RNG produced from landfill diverted organics
6.5 Support opportunities to expand design- build and public-private partnerships (P3) to maintain aging infrastructure and integrate new technologies.	6.15 Consider a "Transportation Utility Fee" similar to other states that would require business and residential property owners to pay an agency for utilizing the roadways to help fund roadway improvement projects.	6.25 Promote environmentally sound local recycling of biosolids.
6.6 Direct a portion of cap-and-trade revenues to roads in major freight corridors, which will improve road conditions and traffic flow and reduce fuel consumption and GHG emissions.	6.16 Incentivize agencies to use Reclaimed Asphalt Material (RAP) through grants and other opportunities so agencies can deploy and test this material on local and collector roads.	6.26 Advocate against county biosolids recycling land application bans, while advocating environmentally sound and beneficial biosolids practices.
6.7 Promote the use of technology in our roads and highways as a means of reducing congestion, improving air quality, and incorporating the adoption of new technologies such as autonomous vehicles.	6.17 Advocate for legislation that forces 5G companies to share equipment/facilities to minimize impacts to agencies and reduce unnecessary equipment.	6.27 Reduce traffic injuries and fatalities through an expanded driver education and recurring licensure testing/training program.
6.8 Encourage private sector investments to develop state-of-the-art broadband capabilities for businesses and residents – specifically in underserved communities.	6.18 Support the availability of funding for water and wastewater service providers and biosolids producers to address PFAS and other contaminants of emerging concern	6.28 Continue to seek an alternative to the 85th percentile standard for speed surveys and allow local agencies more flexibility in the establishment of enforceable speed zones.
6.9 Prompt permitting by local government requests for the placement of infrastructure related to the expansion, construction, and implementation of advanced broadband networks, including the development of 5G Network.	6.19 Support legislation which provides funding for water recycling and reuse	6.29 State level examination of the potential for local agencies to enact roadway "trench cut fees" to recover roadway repair costs.
6.10 Acknowledge broadband internet as a necessary utility and provide financial incentives that create a more equitable provision of broadband internet to communities that lack access.	6.20 Support legislation which provides funding for new or expanded facilities to support SB 1383 implementation	6.30 Expand State resources to facilitate infrastructure supporting connected and autonomous vehicles including traffic signal modifications, DSRC equipment, and signal communications infrastructure.

6.31 Provide non-competitive funding for municipalities to combat roadway speeds through systemic traffic calming.	6.41 Identify funding to address crossover impacts for MS4 (stormwater) permit requirements.	6.51 Support efforts that improve water system governance statewide including consolidations and regional solutions when appropriate.
6.32 Identify funding to help implement solid waste mandates from AB 341 and AB 1826; modify processes for green waste.	6.42 Identify funding for building ADA improvements, including buildings, parks, and rights of way.	6.52 Support the protection of local property tax revenue and the maintenance of critical reserve accounts for use by publicly owned water utilities.
6.33 Identify funding for Air Resources Board mandates, including equipment replacements and incentives to eliminate biomethane combustion flares.	6.43 Identify funding for priority transportation projects:	6.53 Local control of water rights utilization; provide incentives for agencies to create conjunctive use programs.
6.34 Identify funding to prepare for Governor Newsom's mandate to sell only zero-emission vehicles by 2035.	6.44 Support improvements in the transfer approval process that reduce the amount of time for obtaining state agency approval of temporary water transfers, including the development of template agreements.	6.54 Support funding for the development of more water reservoirs and purchase a fleet of aircraft to fight fires.
6.35 Identify funding to implement State Water Board regulations in a reasonable manner.	6.45 Support CAISO regionalization efforts that can be achieved without statutory changes, such as further expansion of the Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) and consideration of other steps such as the Enhanced Day-Ahead Market (EDAM) functionality proposed by the CAISO. Also support establishing a Market Advisory Committee and Regional State Committee to enhance collaboration with other states.	6.55 Seek funding for energy infrastructure projects that promote alternative energy sources.
6.36 Identify funding to help replace turf with different vegetation that was mandated to be removed from medians caused from the 2015 State drought mandate	6.46 Oppose policies that choose specific technologies or energy procurement mandates since those policies are likely to lead to increased customer costs and create stranded assets.	6.56 Identify potential funding for self-generation and micro grid options
6.37 Identify funding to help improve aging irrigation systems throughout the City with more efficient systems.	6.47 Support policies that allow POUs to design understandable rates that reflect costs and meet community needs while ensuring both generating and nongenerating customers are treated fairly.	6.57 Identify potential funding for new types of energy storage.
6.38 Identify funding to help maintain our existing urban forest that is being plagued by age and environmental changes such as insects, water, and pollutants.	6.48 Support policies that allow POUs to develop and maintain customer interconnection protocols and requirements designed to promote grid, worker, and customer safety, which also contribute to local air quality improvements, and which provide certainty for customers.	
6.39 Identify funding to help increase plantings of trees and vegetation throughout the City and to replace aging and dying material that will better enhance and improve the environment.	6.49 Support technology neutral, commercially viable energy storage policies.	
6.40 Identify funding to help support homeless cleanups and in particular around critical City infrastructure and sewer and storm discharge outfalls to the Santa Ana River.	6.50 Oppose forced procurement of long-duration energy storage (LDES), including pumped-hydro, through the CAISO or other state agencies that may have the ability to assign costs to POUs and their customers. Like all resource decisions, those decisions relevant to LDES should always be made independently by each POU and their leadership, and state policies should reflect this autonomy in decision-making.	



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