

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO. 15,191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD  
APPROVING THE 2019 CITY OF OXNARD LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oxnard as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council finds as follows:

- A. The major objective of the City Council is to adopt a legislative program which strengthens local government, promotes city interests and defends the city against legislative actions by regional, state and federal authorities that would weaken or threaten local governments and/or take away traditional revenue sources; and
- B. It is vital to the fiscal health and the self determination of the city to effectively communicate with state legislators and federal representatives in order to favorably influence state and federal legislation, regulations and grant requests.

SECTION 2: The City Council desires to be proactive and involved in the government decision making processes through implementation of the City of Oxnard 2019 Legislative Program as identified in Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

SECTION 3: This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption and will remain effective unless repealed or superseded.

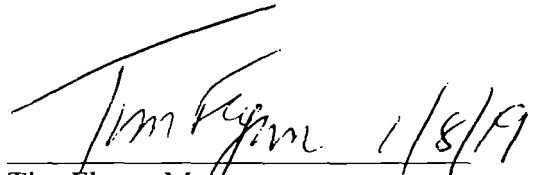
PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Basua, Flynn, Lopez, MacDonald, Madrigal, Perello and Ramirez.

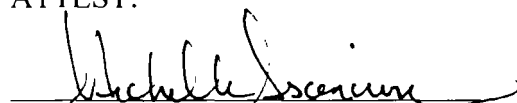
NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

  
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Tim Flynn, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney

**2019**  
**LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**



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**January 8, 2019**

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**City of Oxnard**  
**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

The 2019 Legislative Program provides a framework for the City of Oxnard's legislative and project priorities. It serves as the foundation of a focused advocacy strategy to assist the City Council and staff in evaluating federal and state legislative initiatives against city interests. The City Council annually establishes the Legislative Program to guide advocating efforts of city positions on clearly stated legislative issues and stipulated funding needs for city projects.

The Legislative Program is a result of an annual evaluation of citywide legislative and project funding priorities. The identified legislative priorities include those directly impacting municipal services and programs. Federal and state legislative proposals will be reviewed throughout the calendar year. Proposed legislation that is consistent with the Legislative Program may be supported, while initiatives inconsistent with city interests may be opposed. The associated project priorities include capital improvement projects and other emergency city funding needs. Project priorities will be used to seek funding opportunities throughout the year. Additional issues not addressed may acquire further City Council direction.

## City of Oxnard

### COMMUNITY PROFILE

“The City of Oxnard will have clean, safe, prosperous and attractive neighborhoods with open, transparent government.”

*(Mission Statement- adopted January 2005)*

Incorporated as a general law city in 1903, Oxnard is a vibrant and culturally diverse community. Located on the beautiful “Gold Coast” of Southern California, the city has a small-town charm and has become a hub of manufacturing, agriculture, financial services, defense, international trade and tourism. Named for the Oxnard brothers who began the agricultural community by opening a sugar beet factory, today Oxnard is a thriving center of commerce, tourism and industry in Ventura County. Oxnard is the largest city in Ventura County with a population of over 210,000 residents.

As the only full-service city in Ventura County, Oxnard provides residents with a full range of municipal services, including police and fire protection, parks and recreational services, library services, cultural events, water, wastewater, and solid waste disposal services. During the last fifty years, the population has grown significantly, providing many challenges and opportunities for the community. Oxnard offers many growth options for its enterprising and forward-thinking business community, while maintaining a family-friendly environment. As Oxnard grows and evolves, it will continue to strive to maintain a balance between its residents needs and business friendly services.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Population                      | 210,037         |
| Median Household Income         | \$61,709 (2016) |
| Hispanic or Latino              | 74.3%           |
| Total Households                | 50,839          |
| Average household size          | 4               |
| Individuals below poverty level | 16.3%           |
| Median Home Value               | \$486,500       |
| Median Rent Price               | \$2,448         |

*(U.S. Census 2017 and Zillow Index 2018 Estimates)*

**City of Oxnard**  
**FEDERAL AND STATE REPRESENTATION**

***U.S. House of Representatives 26<sup>th</sup> District***

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Congresswoman Julia Brownley</i>  | <a href="http://www.juliabrownley.house.gov">www.juliabrownley.house.gov</a> |
| 1019 Longworth House Office Building | Phone: (202) 225-5811  |
| Washington, DC 20515                 | Fax: (202) 225-1100  |
| 300 E. Esplanade Drive, Suite 470    | Phone: (805) 379-1779  |
| Oxnard, CA 93036                     |  |

***U.S. Senate***

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| <i>Senator Dianne Feinstein</i>     | <a href="http://www.feinstein.senate.gov">www.feinstein.senate.gov</a> |
| 331 Hart Senate Office Building     | Phone: (202) 224-3841  |
| Washington, D.C. 20510              | Fax: (202) 228-3954  |
| 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 915 | Phone: (310) 914-7300  |
| Los Angeles, CA 90025               |  |

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| <i>Senator Kamala D. Harris</i>  | <a href="http://www.harris.senate.gov">www.harris.senate.gov</a> |
| 112 Hart Senate Office Building  | Phone: (202) 224-3553  |
| Washington, D.C. 20510           | Fax: (202) 224-2200  |
| 312 N. Spring Street, Suite 1748 | Phone: (213) 894-5000  |
| Los Angeles, CA 90012            |  |

***State Senate 19<sup>th</sup> District***

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Senator Hannah- Beth Jackson</i> | <a href="http://www.sd19.senate.ca.gov">www.sd19.senate.ca.gov</a> |
| State Capital, Rm 2032              | Phone: (916) 651-4019  |
| Sacramento, CA 95814                |  |
| 300 E. Esplanade Drive, Suite 430   | Phone: (805) 988-1940  |
| Oxnard, CA 93036                    |  |

***State Assembly 37<sup>th</sup> District***

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| <i>Assembly Member Monique Limon</i> | <a href="http://www.a37.asmdc.org">www.a37.asmdc.org</a> |
| State Capital                        | Phone: (916) 319-2037                                    |
| P.O. Box 942849                      | Fax: (916) 319-2137                                      |
| Sacramento, CA 94249-0037            |  |
| 89 S. California Street, Suite F     | Phone: (805) 641-3700                                    |
| Ventura, CA 93001                    | Fax: (805) 641-3708                                      |

***State Assembly 44<sup>th</sup> District***

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| <i>Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin</i>    | <a href="http://www.a44.asmdc.org">www.a44.asmdc.org</a> |
| State Capitol                          | Phone: (916) 319-2044                                    |
| P.O. Box 942849, Rm #5119              | Fax: (916) 319-2144                                      |
| Sacramento, CA 94249-0044              |  |
| 230 W. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite B | Phone: (805) 483-4488                                    |
| Oxnard, CA 93030                       |  |

**City of Oxnard**  
**LEGISLATIVE AND PROJECT PRIORITIES**

**1. Community Services**

***STATE***

*Support:*

- Legislation that provides adequate and consistent funding to support acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of recreation and parks facilities.

*Oppose:*

- Legislation that reduces or eliminates funding for recreation, senior and art programs.

***PROJECT PRIORITIES***

1. Improvements and expansion of parks, recreation facilities, and open space areas to provide sufficient and safe recreational opportunities for all residents.
2. Highest level of funding for the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant to provide community programs for at-risk youth.
3. Highest level of funding for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center programs to provide academic enrichment and achievement opportunities during non-school hours for low-income and at-risk children.

**2. Economic Development**

***FEDERAL***

*Support:*

- Legislation that provides economic expansion opportunities to Naval Base Ventura County, Air National Guard and the Port of Hueneme.
- Legislation that provides resources focused on supporting local economic development activities including business retention and business attraction.
- Legislation that expands economic development initiatives to provide business investments and the creation of new jobs in disadvantaged communities.

***PROJECT PRIORITIES***

1. Development of an Economic Development Strategic Plan to identify opportunities to support economic growth, job creation, and business investments.
2. Highest level of funding for Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant programs to promote and expand local economic development opportunities.

### 3. Finance

#### **STATE**

##### Support:

- Legislation that allows states and cities to collect their fair share allocation of sales taxes on internet, catalog or other remote sales.
- Legislation that reforms the local government financing structure to create long term stability for local government, including public services, facilities and future growth.
- Legislation that provides cities with a greater share of fines and forfeitures.

##### Oppose:

- Legislation that proposes changes to the tax system and local tax allocations, which would result in a negative impact on local government.
- Legislation that would impose state mandated costs with no guarantee of local reimbursement for city services.
- Legislation that restricts local taxing authority over new development, including changes to development taxes and fees.

### 4. Housing

#### **FEDERAL - STATE**

##### Support:

- Legislation that supports local government's ability to provide affordable housing options and programs for all income levels in the community.

#### **PROJECT PRIORITIES**

1. Affordable workforce housing projects and programs for all residents, families and special populations.
2. Highest level of funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESP), Continuum of Care (COC) programs focused on affordable housing and homeless assistance.
3. Highest level of funding for Cal-HOME and Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) programs to assist housing rehabilitation and first-time homebuyers.

### 5. Labor Relations

#### **STATE**

##### Support:

- Legislation that reforms the workers compensation system to lower employer costs while continuing to protect employees.
- Legislation that reforms the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) pension system and post-employment benefits to decrease long-term costs.

##### Oppose:

- Legislation that restricts the ability of local authorities to determine employee's benefit levels.



## 6. Land Use

### **STATE**

#### Support:

- Legislation that develops a statewide earthquake disaster prevention model for new development and a structural seismic retrofit program for existing buildings.
- Legislation that provides for better oversight and accountability during the sale of private properties with unpermitted improvements.

## 7. Local Control

### **STATE**

#### Oppose:

- Legislation that fails to provide full cost reimbursement for all mandated programs.
- Legislation that attempts to preempt local authority.
- Legislation that interrupts or weakens city services and infrastructure

## 8. Military Bases

### **FEDERAL**

#### Support:

- Legislation that protects the presence of Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) and expands new missions for NBVC operations.
- Legislation that provides the Ventura County Regional Defense Partnership for the 21st Century (RDP-21) with resources and economic expansion opportunities.
- Legislation that includes aircraft for the firefighting capability of the Air National Guard within Ventura County.

## 9. Public Safety

### **FEDERAL - STATE**

#### Support:

- Legislation that assists local law enforcement and community policing efforts to expand public safety services.
- Legislation that provides tool and resources to local law enforcement tools to protect the public from crime.
- Legislation that creates intervention and prevention programs to reduce crime and youth violence.
- Legislation that allows law enforcement to better combat violence through investigation, interdiction, and prevention of firearm related crimes.

#### Oppose:

- Legislation that allows non-public safety individuals, except certified retired law enforcement personnel to carry a concealed firearm outside their state of residence or the state issuing the permit.

**PROJECT PRIORITIES**

- Expansion of community fire prevention safety programs and emergency disaster preparedness education programs, including Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) training.
- Support for job training for specialized civil service positions to expand fire prevention and safety education outreach programs.
- Highest level of funding for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant programs to support new staffing, equipment needs, and emergency disaster training for public safety.
- Highest level of funding for Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Department of Justice, and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant programs to expand law enforcement efforts and crime reduction.

**10. Sustainability (Energy and Environment)**

**FEDERAL - STATE**

Support:

- Legislation that assists with the cleanup of contaminated soil and polluted water including underground fuel tanks, surface water, groundwater, and coastal areas.
- Legislation that requires the disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and well stimulation treatments.

Oppose:

- Legislation that promotes or expands off shore coastal drilling compromising the environmental integrity of the ocean and coastal communities.

**PROJECT PRIORITIES**

1. Complete remediation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund designated Halaco site.
2. Conservation of the Ormond Beach area and construction of passive recreation opportunities to promote public access.

**11. Telecommunications**

**FEDERAL - STATE**

Support:

- Legislation that preserves public access to Public, Educational and Government (PEG) television channels through funding for facilities and equipment, and provides for the use of PEG fees for operational needs.

**PROJECT PRIORITIES**

1. Implementation of the Fiber Master Plan to expand and deploy the local broadband infrastructure to support opportunities for increased economic growth.

## **12. Transportation**

### ***FEDERAL - STATE***

#### ***Support:***

- Legislation that supports local transportation improvements for arterial streets, road widenings, bridges and regional state highways.

### ***PROJECT PRIORITIES***

- Construction of street, pedestrian and transportation infrastructure projects, including resurfacing, pedestrian-ADA, traffic signal upgrades and a pedestrian traffic safety study.
- Highest level of funding for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program to provide improved transportation infrastructure, regional connectivity, and economic growth.
- Highest level of funding for the Surface Transportation Block grant program to preserve and improve the conditions of public roads, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects.

## **13. Water**

### ***FEDERAL - STATE***

#### ***Support:***

- Legislation that amends the California Recycled Water policy encouraging the sustainable use of recycled water and conservation of water.

### ***PROJECT PRIORITIES***

- Construction of the Aquifer Storage and Recovery project to reduce reliance on imported water and improve the availability of the local water supply.
- Construction of the Hueneme Road Recycled Water Pipeline Phase 2 project to expand the use of recycled water in the region.
- Implementation of automatic meter reading devices and fire flow systems upgrades to reduce water use and ensure adequate water capacity.
- Rehabilitation of the citywide stormwater systems to expand stormwater capacity and reduce the risk of local flooding.
- Rehabilitation of the Mandalay seawalls to maintain structure integrity.
- Implementation of long-term water quality monitoring of Channel Island Harbor and installation of equipment to reduce and prevent algae bloom threats.
- Highest level of funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) grant programs for local flood control and restoration projects.
- Highest level of funding for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant programs to provide planning and prevention efforts for identified local flood hazards.
- Highest level of funding for U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) grant programs to expand local water conservation and efficiency.