



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	4/22/2025
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11363 – A Resolution Updating the City of Folsom Legislative Platform and Advocacy Manual
FROM:	City Clerk's Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 11363 – A Resolution Updating the City of Folsom Legislative Platform and Advocacy Manual.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The City has a longstanding practice of collaborating with lobbyists, as well as state and federal representatives, on legislative matters of importance. To effectively advocate for the City's legislative priorities, it is essential to establish a clear legislative platform on current issues and to define roles and responsibilities within the advocacy process.

In 2021, the City Council approved its first Legislative Platform and Advocacy Manual. This document was subsequently updated in 2023, and staff is now proposing a further update for 2025 to ensure it reflects current issues and aligns with the City's evolving legislative needs.

ANALYSIS

A Legislative Platform defines the City Council's position on current issues that may impact the City. The Advocacy Manual outlines the City's approach to legislative activity and clarifies the roles and responsibilities of individuals involved in the advocacy process.

To advocate effectively and in the City's best interest, it is important to establish clear procedures and defined roles. Well-crafted policies ensure that the City's stance on potentially impactful state and federal legislation is clearly communicated to policymakers. Additionally, a formalized advocacy system is vital for responding quickly when urgent legislative action is required.

Department heads have reviewed the 2023 document and recommended certain adjustments to policy statements. The proposed new or amended policy statements are as follows:

Fire and Emergency Medical Services

1. Support efforts to increase fuel reduction projects, defensible space, and ignition resistant building construction within the City of Folsom.

Libraries

1. Support federal legislation and funding for the Library Services and Technology Act and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which provide grants to states that support local library initiatives.
2. Support renewed state funding of the California Library Services Act that fosters physical and digital resource sharing among libraries.
3. Support renewed funding for the Building Forward Library Improvement Grant Program that supports local agencies in constructing and maintaining library facilities.
4. Support renewed funding for online educational and workforce development programs.
5. Support legislation that preserves libraries' right to purchase digital content, including eBooks and eAudiobooks, at the same price as consumers.
6. Support legislation defending freedom to read and unrestricted access to materials that encompass diverse points of view.

POLICY / RULE

The City of Folsom Charter vests the City Council with the powers necessary for the performance of all duties and obligations (§ 2.02).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The update of the Legislative Platform and Advocacy Manual will not result in any direct financial impact. However, actions aligned with the City's strategic use of assets and resources are expected to help control costs, support the implementation of the City Council's policies and goals, and safeguard the interests of Folsom residents.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 11363 – A Resolution Updating the City of Folsom Legislative Platform and Advocacy Manual
2. Folsom Legislative Platform and Advocacy Manual - redline of changes to 2023 document

Submitted,

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