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MEMORANDUM

City Manager's Office

Date: September 9, 2026

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council
From: Ron Whitlatch, City Manager
Subject: LOC Legislative Priorities

Background

At the August 12, 2026, City Council meeting, Legislative Affairs Consultant Sean Tate presented information regarding the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) proposed legislative priorities for the 2027 legislative session. Mr. Tate discussed the proposed priorities and explained how each issue could directly affect the City of Lebanon and its residents.

Based on the discussion and the issues presented, Mr. Tate recommended that the Lebanon City Council focus its advocacy efforts on the following five priorities:

- Full Funding and Streamlining for Housing Production;
- 2027 Transportation Package;
- Infrastructure Funding;
- Administrative Procedures Act Reform; and
- Land Availability and Land Use Streamlining.

Following the Council discussion, a ballot was provided to Council members by email on August 13, 2026, requesting that each Councilor identify their preferred legislative priorities.

Current Report

<u>Legislative Priority</u>	<u>Number of Responses</u>
• Infrastructure Funding	7
• Land Availability and Land Use Streamlining	6
• 2027 Transportation Package	4
• Full Funding and Streamlining for Housing Production	4
• Administrative Procedures Act Reform	4
• Maintain Affordable Energy While Supporting Grid Hardening and Modernization	3
• Support Responsible Municipal Use of Technology	2
• Targeted Prevailing Wage Changes	1

- Water Reuse 1
- Public Meeting Law Clarity 1
- Alcohol Revenue Modernization 1
- Strengthening Economic and Workforce Development 1

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss the submitted priorities and collaboratively identify its top five legislative priorities for the 2027 legislative session.

Following discussion, Council may make a motion identifying the City of Lebanon's five legislative priorities.

Suggested Motion: *“I move that the Lebanon City Council adopt the following five legislative priorities for the 2027 legislative session: [insert five priorities as determined by Council].”*