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MEMORANDUM

City Manager's Office

Date: November 26, 2025

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council
From: Ron Whitlatch, City Manager
Subject: City of Lebanon 2026/2027 Legislative Policy Platform

INTRODUCTION

Attached is the 2026/2027 Legislative Policy Platform for City Council consideration and adoption. This document outlines the City's key priorities and policy positions for state and federal legislative engagement over the next two years.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

The platform was developed following the City Council Work Session held this summer, where Council provided direction on Lebanon's legislative priorities. Staff incorporated that guidance—along with input from the Director Team—to prepare a comprehensive policy framework that will guide the City's advocacy throughout the 2026 and 2027 legislative cycles.

The Legislative Policy Platform consolidates the City's positions across several major policy categories, including:

- Infrastructure and Utilities
- Housing & Quality of Life
- Public Safety
- Public/Community Health
- Technology & Digital Equity
- Tax Policy & Fiscal Flexibility

The platform identifies areas where the City will Support, Oppose, Advocate, or Monitor legislative proposals. This framework is designed to ensure clarity and consistency in the City's communication with legislators, partner agencies, and statewide advocacy organizations.

The platform's purpose is to:

1. Guide Legislative Advocacy Efforts

Establishes a unified approach for staff and City leadership to engage with policymakers during legislative sessions and interim committee work.

2. Ensure Alignment With Council Direction

Based directly from Council guidance provided during the summer work session.

3. Strengthen Coordination and Communication

Ensures the City speaks with a consistent and unified voice when responding to legislative issues or participating in regional or statewide coalitions.

4. Support Long-Term Community Priorities

Emphasizes local control, opposition to unfunded mandates, responsible fiscal policy, and investment strategies that support Lebanon's infrastructure, services, and livability.

This platform will help guide the City's ability to advocate effectively on behalf of Lebanon residents during upcoming legislative sessions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the 2026/2027 Legislative Policy Platform as presented.