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MEMORANDUM

Community Development

Date: July 1, 2024

To:Mayor Jackola and City CouncilFrom:Kelly Hart, Community Development Director

Subject: League of Oregon Cities 2025-2026 Legislative Priorities – City Vote

I. INTRODUCTION

Before the start of each legislative long session, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) asks member cities to help set the legislative priorities for the next two years. The LOC appoints members to serve on seven policy committees, which are the foundation of the League's policy development process. These committees, composed of city officials, analyze policy and technical issues, and recommend positions and strategies for the upcoming two-year legislative cycle. This year, seven committees identified 23 legislative policy priorities to advance to the full membership and LOC Board of Directors.

Each city is asked to review the recommendations from the seven policy committees and provide input to the LOC Board of Directors, which will formally adopt the LOC's 2025-26 legislative agenda. A ballot system is developed in which the city has five votes, ranking its top five legislative priorities.

II. CURRENT REPORT

The LOC Member Voter Guide, which describes the 23 legislative priorities, is attached for the Council's review. The July City Council meeting is intended to distribute the Voter Guide to councilors and ask any questions of staff. The City Council vote on the five priorities and the ranking will be scheduled for the August City Council meeting to afford Council time to review the legislative policies, confer with our legislative consultant if desired, and participate in the strategic planning work session. Once the Council votes on the five legislative priorities and ranking, staff will submit the City's ballot to LOC by the deadline of September 27, 2024.

III. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and file the report.