



## CITY OF MILPITAS AGENDA REPORT (AR)

<b>Item Title:</b>	<b>Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Engage in Legislative Advocacy related to the COVID-19 Pandemic</b>
<b>Category:</b>	Consent Calendar-Leadership and Support Services
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	3/2/2021
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<b>Recommendation:</b>	Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Engage in Legislative Advocacy related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

### **Background:**

As discussed during the FY 2020-21 Mid-Year budget presentation, staff is closely tracking developments in Washington regarding the latest coronavirus relief to state local, tribal and territorial governments through legislative advocacy organizations such as the National League of Cities or the League of California Cities as well as staff's professional organizations such as the International City Manager Association and the Government Finance Officers Association.

### **Analysis:**

In order to ensure success of legislative advocacy through the various groups mentioned above, it is imperative that the City send supporting letters to federal and state legislators. Currently, such process requires that the Council approve individual letters of support during a public meeting.

Adoption of the attached resolution will streamline the City's legislative advocacy process and allow staff to expeditiously express the City's position on any legislative change related to pandemic. The guiding principles for this legislative advocacy include but are not limited to:

- Maximize federal, state, and regional funding for City costs incurred and financial support for our residents and businesses to improve the City's financial position and spur local economic recovery and development.
- Align with approved policies such as the City's Statement of Values, the General Plan, or Fiscal Policies.
- Support the League of California Cities and National League of Cities positions that benefit the City of Milpitas.

### **Policy Alternatives:**

**Alternative 1:** Do not approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to engage in legislative advocacy related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Pros: None.

Cons: The Council will have to review and approve all communication for legislative advocacy related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and this may hamper the City's ability to respond to these issues related in a timely manner.

Reason not recommended: With the authority to advocate, the Administration can expediently respond to legislative issues related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Not applicable.

**California Environmental Quality Act:**

Not applicable.

**Recommendation:**

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**Attachment**

Resolution