

1. Protect Local Control

The City values its ability and authority to exercise local control, enable excellent public services and protect and enhance the quality of life for Milpitas residents and businesses. The City supports efforts to streamline regulations that benefit the administration of the City and opposes efforts that erode the City's authority to control its own affairs.

2. Support Efforts to Keep Milpitas Safe

The City supports legislation and policies that enable local officials to access resources to provide quality police, fire, emergency management, emergency medical services, youth violence prevention initiatives, and to engage the community in its own safety.

3. Support Efforts to Create Affordable Housing

The City supports legislation and policies that enable local officials to access resources to support the creation of affordable housing and to strive for a balance of jobs and housing in each city across the region.

4. Support City's Vision for Strategic, Sustainable, and Smart Growth

The City strives to foster economic development, including planning and implementation of regional transportation and traffic congestion relief projects. The City supports legislation and policies that support local initiatives to develop or redevelop the community to strengthen the local and regional economy, to accommodate local workers' housing needs in places close to transit and jobs, and to continually improve services provided to the community.

5. Protect and Increase Local Funding, No Unfunded Mandates

The City opposes legislation, policies, or budgets that have negative impacts on City services, revenues or costs. The City supports efforts that protect and enhance local governments' revenues, maximize access to State and Federal funding sources, and increase local funding flexibility including legislation that allows the City to recover costs related to state and federal mandates.

6. Pursue or Retain Federal and State Funding for Key Efforts

In order to support the City's efforts and key policies to provide quality services, affordable housing, transportation, and public infrastructure for its residents and businesses, and to fund the needed strategic support services, it is necessary that the federal and state governments act as partners with local government and provide appropriate levels of funding for these City and regional efforts.

7. Support and Promote Inclusive Communities

The City values diversity and recognizes all residents, including immigrants, as valuable contributors to our community's success. Support legislation that helps our residents be safe, healthy, and able to thrive, while providing opportunities to actively engage in civic, cultural, and economic life.

8. Promote Livability and Environmental Stewardship

The City values a sustainable quality of life in an urban environment. The City supports legislation and policies that emphasize sustainable development; improve environmental standards and the regulatory process; provide incentives and financial support for preservation of natural resources; promote sustainable energy and water policies; and support efforts to mitigate odor issues.

9. Promote Investment in Infrastructure

The City supports legislation and policies that promote investing in the maintenance and rehabilitation of aging infrastructure and build system capacity expansion in a smart and sustainable manner.