



# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**Title:** Information Only – 2023 Legislative Priorities for the League of Oregon Cities (LOC)

**Preferred Agenda:** June 28, 2022 (Information Only)  
July 12, 2022 (Request for Council Action)

**Submitted By:** Julie Fisher, Administrative Services Manger

**Reviewed By:** Christy Wurster, City Manager Pro Tem

**Type of Action:** Resolution \_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_ Roll Call \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

**Relevant Code/Policy:** Type Code/Policy Here

**Towards Council Goal:** Vision Statement II. WE ASPIRE to have an effective and efficient local government.

**Attachments:** 2023 Legislative Priorities Ballot

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**Purpose of this RCA:**

Identify Council prioritization of legislative priorities helps focus LOC's efforts broadly on behalf of Oregon Cities.

**Background/Context:**

The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) is a primary resource to advocate for City government and allow municipalities to remain current on legislative efforts at the State level. This prioritization exercise is one of the early tools used to organize statewide efforts of LOC, and to help give voice to small to mid-size cities that may otherwise not have legislative influence. LOC provides a host of resources to staff including updates, sample policies, education and training, and updates on proposed legislation along with analysis of how legislation will affect local governments and communities.

**The Challenge/Problem:**

Prior to each State Legislative Session, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) seeks input from member cities to help develop their priorities for the upcoming session. LOC has supplied a list of key priorities identified through their Policy Committee work around the state. They ask that member cities review and recommend their top four issues to help form their Legislative Agenda for 2023, and ensure their priorities reflect the collective priorities of their membership. A response is due to LOC no later than August 5, 2022.

**Stakeholders:**

- City of Sweet Home – legislative actions can provide a host of services such as broadband, mental health services, and recovery strategies for small business, all effect our community to ensure those in need receive the help they require.
- City Council – legislative efforts can aid the Council in their adopted goals

**Issues and Financial Impacts:**

The City pays membership dues to the League of Oregon Cities for a variety of benefits including training, advocacy, and access to resources, publications, and information specifically designed to help cities navigate issues. Our ability to help influence Legislative priorities is embedded in our membership and does not require any added financial resources.

**Elements of a Stable Solution:**

Leverage our regional and state relationships to increase effectiveness in relevant policy arenas.

**Options:**

**THESE OPTIONS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY. THIS ITEM WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION JULY 12, 2022.**

1. Option #1 – Make a Motion to direct the City Manager Pro Tem to compile the results of individual Council rankings of all 26 issues to determine the composite top four issues to send as the City Council's formal recommendations for the LOC legislative focus issues.
2. Option #2 – Make a Motion to direct the City Manager Pro Tem to coordinate with the City's Executive Leadership Team to develop and send the City's top four recommended issues for the 2023 Legislative Session.
3. Option #3 – Make a Motion to direct the City Manager Pro Tem to send the following four legislative issues to the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) as the City of Sweet Home's top four recommended legislative issues for the LOC to focus on in 2023.
4. Option #4 – Do Nothing.

**Recommendation:**

1. Option #3 – Make a Motion to direct the City Manager Pro Tem to send the following four legislative issues to the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) as the City of Sweet Home's top four recommended legislative issues for the LOC to focus on in 2023.