

# Airport Legislative Update

## August 2015

### **Federal**

#### **FAA Reauthorization**

*Position:* Watch

*Status:* Soon to be released by the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

With less than two months until the current FAA Reauthorization Bill expires, the top priorities for airports are funding, modernizing the Passenger Facility Charge (raising the federal mandated cap) and protecting the funding for the Airport Improvement Program. However, the bill's discussion in Congress has focused on privatizing air traffic control to allow greater efficiencies and cost savings when rolling out the NextGen program.

The draft FAA Reauthorization Bill was to be released by the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee in July, considered by the full House in July and moved over to the Senate by late July or early August. However, at the last minute, for reasons that were not made clear, the Committee announced the release of the bill had been moved back to September.

In the meantime, the American Associate of Airport Executives (AAAE) and Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA), representing airports, and Airlines for America (A4A), representing airlines, have been involved in a dueling and intense advocacy campaign in the media and Congress around increasing the PFC with both sides issuing surveys and distributing letters to Congress

Early indications about the proposed bill are that it contains no increase of the federal PFC cap of \$4.50 and the funding for the Airport Improvement Program would stay flat. If true, this means the next FAA reauthorization legislation would have not one dollar in new funding for airports.

#### **HR 3139 – The Baggage Fee Fairness Act of 2015 (Mica)**

*Position:* Watch

*Status:* Introduced 7/23/15, referred to the House Subcommittee on Aviation

Would require that the amount that could be charged for an item of checked baggage not exceed the total amount of passenger facility charges that could be imposed (whether or not the charges are actually imposed) on the passenger by an airport. Currently the maximum cap for passenger facility charges is \$4.50.

**TSA Screening** – As a result of the TSA Inspector General reports on vetting aviation employees and identifying low-risk participant for the TSA PreCheck program, Congress has held several meetings and recently introduced three bills designed to tighten security related to: airport employee access to secured areas (including a cost and feasibility study on employee screening); how TSA determines candidates for the TSA PreCheck program; a review of TSA security regulations more than one year old; requiring consulting with the Aviation Security Advisory Commission, etc.

All three bills have been referred to the House Homeland Security Committee for consideration.

## **State**

### **Assembly:**

**AB 24 (Nazarian)** Transportation network companies: public safety.

*Position:* Support

*Status:* 2-Year Bill now in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations

This bill places new safety-related operating requirements on transportation network companies (TNCs) and their drivers. Specifically, this bill would require all charter party carriers, including TNCs, to participate in the DMV Employer Pull Notice Program, provide mandatory drug and alcohol checks for drivers, and display an identifying placard.

AB 24 has faced strong opposition from TNCs, and even law enforcement organizations. Due to this opposition, Department of Justice (DOJ) background checks were removed from an earlier version of the bill. The TNCs believe that their app-based rating system for drivers and existing background checks are superior to DOJ checks. They also believe the rating system nullifies the need for drug and alcohol testing as passengers can give a negative rating to drivers whom they suspect may be under the influence. Assembly Member Nazarian was unable to secure enough votes for the bill to pass out of Assembly Appropriations and decided to hold the bill until next year.

**AB 1422 (Cooper)** Transportation network companies: public safety.

*Position:* Watch

*Status:* Cleared the Assembly and is now in the Senate for review.

Would require TNCs to participate in the Department of Motor Vehicles' pull-notice system to regularly check the driving records of a participating driver regardless of whether the participating driver is an employee or an independent contractor of the transportation network company.

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		A	B	C			
		<p><b>Support the passage of legislation that requires transportation network companies (TNCs) to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have adequate Business Automobile Liability insurance; and</li> <li>conduct rigorous background checks on TNC-affiliated drivers.</li> </ol> <p><b>Oppose legislation to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce or eliminate the Airport's authority to require permits and fees for companies providing ground transportation services at the Airport.</li> </ol>					

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## City of San José 2015 Legislative Guiding Principles

This document highlights the City's legislative guiding principles. Together with the City's legislative priorities, they form the basis of the City's efforts to work with our federal and state, and regional partners. This document is organized by the following legislative guiding principles:

- **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 San José residents and businesses. The City supports efforts to streamline regulations that simplify the job of running the City and opposes efforts that erode the City's authority to control its own affairs.

- **Ensure Region's Competitiveness Through Strategic Economic Development**

The City embraces efforts to obtain funding for economic development and environmental initiatives, including planning and implementation of regional transportation and traffic congestion relief projects, the creation of affordable housing, and the creation of a Clean Technology economic sector.

- **Protect and Increase Local Funding; No Unfunded Mandates**

Oppose legislation, policies, or budgets that have negative impacts on City services, revenues or costs. Support legislation that aids recovery of City costs stemming from state and federal mandates.

- **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, 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.

- **Create New Financing Tools for Local Government to Support Economic Development and Build Affordable Housing**

The City supports legislation and policies that support local initiatives to develop or redevelop the community to strengthen the local and regional economy and to accommodate local workers' housing needs in places close to transit and jobs.

- **Promote Livability, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection**

The City values a sustainable quality of life in an urban environment, including child care, aging and youth services, urban parks and open space, recreation facilities, environmental and climate protection, resource conservation, vibrant libraries, arts and culture. 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 policies; and are consistent with the Green Vision.

- **Support Efforts to Keep San José 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.

- **Promote Investment in Infrastructure Maintenance and Rehabilitation**

The City supports legislation and policies that promote investing in the maintenance and rehabilitation of aging infrastructure and build system capacity expansion to support smart growth principles.



## ***Under these Guiding Principles the City's Legislative Activities for 2015 Include:***

### **I. 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 San José residents and businesses. The City supports efforts to streamline regulations that simplify the job of running the City and opposes efforts that erode the City's authority to control its own affairs.

Specifically, the City supports efforts, legislation, and policies that:

1. Protect local government revenues by maintaining local authority over the collection of fees and generation of revenues.
2. Reward cities that routinely provide their fair share of housing, while relieving them of slow, unnecessary, or unproductive regulatory review.
3. Allow greater local control regarding the location and permitting of group homes, while ensuring reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities.
4. Protect the rights of cities to develop and manage local integrated waste management facilities, programs, and materials.
5. Promote the ability of cities, in the area of telecommunications, to have control over the collection of fees and raising of revenues through franchise agreements.
6. Protect local decision making in relation to transportation and land-use decisions.
7. Result in an appropriate balance between promoting construction activity and City goals, thus enabling the highest return for capital improvement dollars while making San Jose a city that is attractive and desirable to pursue opportunities for construction activity.
8. Promote a regulatory environment that allows and encourages cities to implement innovative programs to achieve local, state, and national environmental goals.
9. Protect the City's ability to enforce and maintain protections for mobilehome residents.

10. Promote federal legislation that simplifies the administration and management of tax-exempt debt including the calculation and tracking of private activity.
11. Support continuation of the City of San Jose's Housing Authority Moving to Work designation and ensure that the program meets local housing needs.
12. Protect the City's inclusionary housing programs from challenges so as to integrate housing with a range of incomes throughout San Jose.
13. Promote and protect local control and decision making related to the City's fiscal stability and health.
14. Support legislation and policies concerning the siting of charter schools that preserve and protect the City's land use and development authority and existing zoning regulations.
15. Support the passage of state legislation that requires transportation network companies (TNCs) to: 1) have adequate business automobile liability insurance; and 2) conduct rigorous background clearances on TNC affiliated drivers.

**And opposes legislation that:**

16. Reduces the authority and/or ability of local government to determine how best to effectively operate local programs, services and activities.
17. Impedes or reduces the ability of local government to make and implement decisions regarding administrative and financial matters reflective of local interests and priorities.
18. Results in duplication, unnecessary costs, waste and/or more difficult or complex administration without a correspondingly equal or greater benefit.
19. Results in the reduction or elimination of the Airport's authority to require permits and fees for companies providing ground transportation services at the airport.

## **II. Ensure Region's Competitiveness through Strategic Economic Development**

The City embraces efforts to obtain funding for economic development and environmental initiatives, including planning and implementation of regional transportation and traffic congestion relief projects, the creation of affordable housing, and the creation of a Clean Technology economic sector.

The City supports efforts, legislation, and policies that:

1. Provide resources and incentives for workforce training, job creation, small business development, and research and development, especially for green jobs.
2. Give more flexibility to Workforce Investment Boards and enable WIBs to target services according to local needs.
3. Encourage innovation, spur demand and remove barriers to consumer adoption of clean technologies and sustainable products.
4. Improve methods of assessment, collection and allocation of local revenues, and oppose efforts that threaten the sources and flexibility of existing revenues.
5. Support the implementation of the San José International Airport Terminal Area Improvement Program, Phase II when traffic levels rebound and warrant proceeding with the program.
6. Support legislation that allows for the flexible use or repayment of local agency funds to advance key transportation issues.

7. Support legislation that encourages and/or enhances economic development and/or additional air service at airports and, more specifically, at Mineta San Jose International Airport.
8. Support legislation to capture appropriate tax revenues from airline a la carte pricing to support the federal Airport and Aviation Trust Fund.
9. Support legislation that temporarily or permanently exempts airport bonds from the Alternative Minimum Tax.
10. Support legislation that authorizes local aviation authorities to use demand management strategies to encourage more efficient allocation of air service in the region.
11. Provide incentives at the state and federal levels for the creation of manufacturing companies.

**And opposes legislation that:**

12. Limit or eliminate the ability of airports to collect existing fees for air and ground services that benefit the public.
13. Undermines San José’s competitiveness and the City’s revenue base, or that adversely impact San José-based businesses.

### **III. Protect and Increase Local Funding; No Unfunded Mandates**

Oppose legislation, policies, or budgets that would have negative impacts on City services, revenues or costs. Support legislation that aids recovery of City costs stemming from state and federal mandates.

Support initiatives, legislation and policies that:

1. Result in the development and implementation of a plan to address the State’s public finance system. Pursue reform and advocate for measures that enhance the City’s ability to govern and provide essential services with dedicated local funding sources.
2. Ensure that mandated programs provide administrative funding to offset the local costs.
3. Support the cost of public safety overtime associated with federal actions and mandates.
4. Promote policies that provide a more sustainable and cost-effective delivery of workers’ compensation benefits for injured City employees.
5. Provide State funding and efforts that strengthen the monitoring of sex offenders.
6. Ensure sufficient funding for security efforts, and law enforcement, including funding for staffing, facilities, training and equipment.
7. Support State and Federal transportation funding mechanisms and support legislation to reduce the approval of taxes and bonds for transportation and infrastructure funding measures to less than two-thirds majority.
8. Support state and federal aviation legislation, policies, funding and activities with the objective of: 1) securing funding that will support Airport development; 2) improving the safety, security and convenience of airport facilities and processes, provided airports are not required to bear an undue proportion of the costs; 3) increasing the Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) ceiling rate; 4) maintaining and increasing funding for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP); 5) allowing airports greater flexibility in the use of locally-generated revenues, PFC’s and AIP funding; and 6) ensuring federal capital and operating programs are funded by stable and predictable revenue streams.



9. Promote a national aviation policy that provides airports with: 1) long-term funding stability; 2) more local empowerment; 3) flexible, adequate funding sources; 4) reduced need for debt financing and reduced debt financing cost; and 5) streamlined approval processes.
10. Curb and/or control the escalating cost of employer provided healthcare and encourage competition.
11. Through grants, support and reimburse the cost of any state-mandated seismic retrofits of single residential or multi-family building structures and mobilehomes determined as vulnerable or unsafe by local, state, or federal government-sanctioned structural engineers.

## **IV. 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, 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.

1. Create, protect and maximize the funding from and efficacy of federal programs to meet San Jose's affordable housing, and fund community development needs.
2. Seek and maximize federal, State and regional funding for housing and infrastructure resources, especially those that prioritize funding to cities that facilitate their fair share residential needs in accordance with Housing Element law. For new affordable housing funding sources, ensure that they include a return to source provision.
3. Ensure that state and federal housing and community development related tax programs, policies, and proposals maximize and protect the benefits to San José.
4. Support legislation that achieves consistency between federal and state affordability requirements to maintain the financial feasibility of affordable rental developments.
5. Increase California's conforming loan limits and FHA multifamily loan limits.
6. Seek funding for storm water Best Management Practices in parks and open space facilities.
7. Preserve and pursue California's and San José's share of federal and state transportation funding, as well as increase overall investment to meet the needs for system preservation and improvement.
8. Seek funding for the implementation of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan, including master planning and zoning efforts to facilitate Urban Villages, mixed-use transit oriented urban development and development of complete, resilient and equitable communities.
9. Support legislation that dedicates resources that will sustain, protect, restore and expand parks and outdoor recreation lands.
10. Seek federal and state funding for the build out and repair of the City's Green Vision Goal #10 of 100 miles of interconnected trail systems.
11. Provide funding for library construction; enhanced library services; the infrastructure, connectivity, tools, and educational experiences that promote digital inclusion; and professional development and training for library staff and early childhood educators.
12. Pursue transportation policies that support flexibility for local agencies, "state of good repair," metropolitan mobility/urban priority, highway safety, and streamlining project delivery, including timely reauthorization of the Federal transportation bill. (The current bill, MAP 21 is set to expire

in May 2015).

13. Facilitate new transportation funding mechanisms such as mileage-based user fees, vehicle license fees/tax (VLF/VLT) and congestion pricing to offset declining gas tax revenues associated with mandated improvement to fuel efficiency.
14. Provide rewards in the form of funding for transportation, affordable housing, parks and other infrastructure to communities that have the largest share of Regional Housing Need Allocations (RHNA).
15. Support efforts that promote regional transit priorities (California High Speed Rail, BART, Caltrain, Light Rail, Bus Rapid Transit and Diridon Station Expansion.) Additionally, support roadway/interchange improvements, bikeways, pedestrian enhancements and emerging technologies, along with the necessary funding sources.
16. Restore Federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding to assist with purchase of necessary equipment to perform law enforcement functions.
17. Support legislation, policies and programs that provide funding opportunities through market driven mechanisms, such as the state's Cap and Trade program that may provide revenues for City priority projects and programs that offset Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG).
18. Continue to oppose the federal sequestration cuts that took effect in 2013 and urge a bipartisan and balanced approach to deficit reduction by incorporating spending cuts with additional revenues. As implemented, advocate for the reduction of impacts to local programs.
19. Support legislation and/or policies that require Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) to share information with local airports on how CBP is staffed and funded as well as urge/required the increased use of technology by CBP to speed the processing of foreign visitors.
20. Support legislation that increases funding for the hiring of Customs and Border Protection staff to process arriving and departing international visitors.
21. Oppose legislation that reduces funding for airport capital projects to fund ongoing FAA operating costs.
22. Support legislation to stimulate the economy, boost job growth, enhance the competitiveness of U.S. companies, and increase Federal, State and local tax revenues, by allowing existing profits earned by foreign subsidiaries of U.S. companies to be repatriated at a reduced U.S. tax rate to immediately inject capital into the U.S. economy creating jobs and deploying capital.

## **V. Create New Financing Tools for Local Governments to support Economic Development and Build Affordable Housing**

The City supports legislation and policies that support local initiatives to develop or redevelop the community to strengthen the local and regional economy and to accommodate local workers' housing needs in places close to transit and jobs.

The City supports legislation and policies that provides for financing sources to assist in: the continued revitalization of downtown, and neighborhood business districts; the implementation of Envision 2040 and the Urban Village Plan; establishing incentives for businesses to create new jobs and that strengthen the middle class; developing workforce training and job ladder programs; the creation of new affordable housing in priority areas; and building infrastructure projects in low and moderate income neighborhoods.

1. Preserve and augment the City's Housing Asset Fund (a.k.a. the former 20% Housing Set-Aside) and support the creation of a permanent, dedicated funding source for the creation of vitally-needed affordable housing.
2. Support efforts to stimulate economic development activities that fund the investment projects that help both the local and State economy by producing a net positive economic gain of creating and retaining jobs, attracting and retaining businesses, and attracting private investment into blighted neighborhoods.
3. Support federal and state efforts to facilitate equitable development and plans that seek to provide diverse, inclusive, and complete communities.

## **VI. Promote Livability, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection**

The City values a sustainable quality of life in an urban environment, including child care, aging and youth services, urban parks and open space, recreation facilities, environmental and climate protection, resource conservation, vibrant libraries, arts and culture. 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 policies; and are consistent with the Green Vision.

The City supports legislation and policies that promote livability, sustainable development, and environmental protection and specifically that:

1. Advance initiatives and secures funding to address climate change, and supports San Jose's Green Vision efforts to become a Sustainable City, through Green Building initiatives, water recycling and reuse, pollution prevention practices, water and energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste reduction, regional, and state initiatives.
2. Enact Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) statewide and nationally.
3. Protect the environment through conservation and, preservation of natural resources, habitat, and improving the health of local watersheds.
4. Streamline the CEQA process, to promote infill and high-density housing and employment near public transportation corridors.
5. Promote research, development, production and procurement of environmentally preferable goods, services, and transportation.
6. Support the implementation of revised poverty formula into federal housing and social service funding formulas, which provides a more accurate account of the City's high cost of living and the ability of families to meet their basic needs.
7. Promote Housing Element reform to address regional planning and land-use issues of concern to San Jose.
8. Address infrastructure regulation and funding for improvements in mobilehome parks that serve low-income households and increases the State's oversight and funding for these issues.
9. Provide funding and tools to facilitate the development of affordable/mixed-income residential development in transit corridors/transit stations in urban villages and in infill opportunity areas.
10. Provide funding and tools to preserve and increase the supply of affordable housing in gentrifying communities.

11. Provide funding for retrofitting of weatherization for multifamily housing, single-family housing, mobilehomes and commercial development.
12. Support efforts that increase the resources available for the City to effectively respond to homelessness, including efforts to facilitate the implementation of the Housing First model, to support the goals of Destination: Home, to increase the supply of tenant-based and project-based Section 8 vouchers to house this vulnerable population, and shaping legislation and programs that provide funding for homelessness response.
13. Support funding to address homeless encampment issues along local creeks.
14. Support source reduction and increased recycling and composting in order to achieve Zero Waste.
15. Support new legislative or regulatory initiatives to develop environmental regulations and standards that consider cross-media transfer of pollutants from one medium to another and cross media impacts (e.g. shifting impacts from water to soil or air.)
16. Facilitate efforts that provide greater flexibility for installing renewable energy projects (e.g. solar PPA's) on municipal and community sites, including financing mechanisms, tax and/or private activity exemptions and environmental streamlining.
17. Support efforts that provide greater flexibility for the successful delivery of transportation projects including innovative project management tools, as well as environmental streamlining.
18. Provide funding for transportation, trail systems, parks, libraries and other infrastructure that supports infill and higher density housing and employment, as well as Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).
19. Support legislation that supports the growing role of public parks and recreation in improving individual and community health through increased physical activity, the prevention of chronic diseases and increased social connections for children, youth, adults, seniors and persons with disabilities.
20. Provide funding for the preservation of open space and the acquisition of parkland in park deficient and low-income communities and adjusts for the high cost of living in the Bay Area.
21. Facilitate collaboration between cities and schools to increase community use of facilities.
22. Promote "producer-pays" and secondarily "user-pays" policies as they relate to costs associated with handling, recycling, and disposal of hazardous and/or universal waste materials, or handling or clean-up of litter.
23. Maintain a city's ability to manage the location of growth, such as Urban Growth Boundaries and other techniques.
24. Seek federal and state funding and supports legislation that: Furthers the development of a vibrant arts and cultural sector; Promotes visual and performing arts education and fosters lifelong arts and cultural learning in the arts; Fosters high quality art design in urban planning; Promotes the creative industries, including creative entrepreneurs and the commercial creative sector; Supports the availability of diverse cultural spaces and places throughout the community.
25. Provide funding for library services, materials, and facilities to ensure equal access to information and lifelong education for all San Jose residents.
26. Support adult and family literacy services that increase the self-sufficiency of families and improve the educational achievement of children.
27. Promote digital inclusion for all San Jose residents by funding San Jose Public Library services that provide access to high speed Internet, current hardware and software, digital content, and training on the digital literacy skills needed for effective use of information and communication technologies.

28. Promote quality early education programs for young children and address the need for increased early care options to meet the needs of San Jose families.
29. Support multimodal travel including public transit, biking, and walking; enhance community livability; and promote sustainable compact development.
30. Provide funding for integrated land-use planning, mixed-use development, and dense, compact development, especially as it relates to reversing inefficient, low-density, sprawl development in suburban regions.
31. Provide financial and/or tax incentives to the public and private sector that supports the development installation and use of renewable energy, particularly solar energy.
32. Support legislation and changes to national and state transportation design standards promoting Envision 2040 goals related to complete streets, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, which allows for the design and construction of innovative projects.
33. Support and advance efforts to increase the health and resilience of San Jose's neighborhoods and communities.

## **VII. Support Efforts to Keep San José 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.

Support legislation and policies that:

1. Provide opportunities for community policing and public safety education programs.
2. Secure or protect ongoing funding for Homeland Security and emergency management efforts to enable the City, as a local first responder, to effectively respond to all forms of emergencies and disasters.
3. Provide ongoing support for proposals related to interoperability of voice/data communications systems for Police and Fire.
4. Increase prevention and intervention based recreation services that deter gang involvement and involve youth in positive alternatives.
5. Seek federal and state funding to help with public safety throughout the parks, trail systems and recreation system through the use of Park Rangers.
6. Promote transportation safety and security for all modes including traffic calming within neighborhoods, safe routes to school for children, and increased local authority to set effective traffic control practices on local streets.
7. Provide innovative funding sources to increase enforcement and safety measures on local streets as well as provides funding to provide transportation safety education.
8. Promote technologies that provide for the increased safety of road users including, pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.
9. Increase resources that effectively address and assist individuals impacted by domestic violence through prevention, education, and intervention programs and services.
10. Further deploy a nationwide 700 MHz Interoperability Public Safety Broadband Network to ensure multi-jurisdiction communication that is fundamental to a swift and full recovery as well as sustaining public confidence during a time of crisis.

11. Urge federal Drug Enforcement, and the Food and Drug Administrations to remove marijuana from Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act of 1970.
12. Provide technology and resources to engage our community in creating clean and safe neighborhoods.
13. Increase resources for programs that reduce and control blight and graffiti.
14. Support State and Federal legislation and policies which establish guidelines monitoring the distribution of medical marijuana; protect the City's land use authority; ensure the safety of its residents and allow for the recuperation of costs for enforcement.

## **VIII. Promote Investment in Infrastructure Maintenance and Rehabilitation**

The City supports legislation and policies that promote investing in the maintenance and rehabilitation of aging infrastructure and build system capacity expansion to support smart growth principles. Ideally such legislation would:

1. Promote legislation and policies that increase local control of utility infrastructure.
2. Fund infrastructure, construction, repair and replacement of flood control and storm drainage systems, potable and recycled water systems, energy efficiency and renewable energy infrastructure, sanitary sewer systems, and waste water treatment facilities in all areas of San Jose.
3. Ensure adequate funding of the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility infrastructure needs.
4. Encourage public utility companies to prioritize and efficiently maintain and construct underground projects.
5. Enable the development and protection of transportation funding for the maintenance, repair and operations of local streets, trail systems and roads.
6. Provide funding for improvements and restoration of aging infrastructure in the existing parks, urban open spaces, and other recreational facilities.
7. Reduce the legal barriers to the establishment of assessment districts to allow for greater flexibility with the creation of districts for maintenance and infrastructure opportunities.
8. Support creation of a federal Infrastructure Bank and broader eligible uses for state Infrastructure Financing Districts to finance local infrastructure projects, including transportation, water, energy, affordable housing, and other uses.
9. Invest in the maintenance and infrastructure upgrades to the Airport, building facilities (e.g. libraries, public safety), and technology, including communications.
10. Support legislation and policies that strengthen the ability of local agencies to protect their infrastructure assets from theft, including nonferrous metals and other critical items.
11. Provide funding for improvements and restoration of aging public library facilities.

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		<p><b>Support the Passage of FAA reauthorization legislation that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjusts of the ceiling for Passenger Facilities Charges (PFCs) to no less than \$8.50 per enplaned passenger and includes a cost of living index to maintain PFC buying power;</li> <li>Maintains and, preferably, increases Airport Improvement Program funding; and</li> <li>Supports the modernization of the national air traffic control system;</li> </ol> <p><b>Support the passage of federal legislation that provides a permanent exemption from the alternative minimum tax on airport bond funding.</b></p>	Federal	X			