

City of Sacramento

Proposed 1988 State Legislative Workplan and Procedures January 28, 1988

I. Introductory Comments: Emphasize local interests, narrow focus.

In my interviews with city staff and council members, two points were repeatedly emphasized to me as I initiate a legislative advocacy program for the City. First, all underscored the potential of wasting the City's time and money by simply duplicating the work of the League of California Cities. And secondly, there was concern that the City could fail to focus its legislative interests narrowly enough and, as a result, put time demands on the advocate which would prevent him from being genuinely helpful on truly major issues of local concern. This proposed Work Plan is specifically designed to avoid these potential problems.

II. Scope of Issues

It is recommended that as a general rule the City and its advocate should restrict their State lobbying activities to two categories of legislation:

- a) Local interest legislation which affects the City exclusively or uniquely. An example might be SB 1604 (Garamendi) which establishes a new flood control district for virtually all of Sacramento County.
- b) A limited number of state-wide bills which have either an unusually positive or extremely detrimental impact on the City. An example of such legislation might be a major change in the Brown Act Open Meeting law or reform in local government tort liability.

III. Top Priority: Local interest legislation already introduced or initiated.

- a) Proposed State Budget items.

-Funding for the Museum of Railroad Technology.
\$1 million

-Funding for State's contribution to the New Ramona Colony Assessment District. Approximately \$480,000. This is related to an adjacent California Youth Authority detention facility.

- b) City-sponsored legislation relating to the retention and purchase of firearms by mentally disordered persons. (Council agenda January 26).
- c) SB 1604 (Garamendi). The Sacramento Regional Flood Control and Drainage District Act.
- d) Proposed legislation by Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly which would create the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District.
- e) Prospective amendments to SB 142 (1987) relating to local sales tax vote authority for transportation projects.
- f) City-sponsored spot bill to hold place for possible legislative implementation of agreement between city and employee organizations on retirement system.

IV. Subject Areas of Priority Interest. State-wide Legislation.

Interviews with Council Members and staff have indicated that there are at least three subjects of state-wide legislation which should have a high priority for Council and staff review. Therefore, it is suggested that the Legislative Advocate identify and distribute to department heads all major legislation relating to:

- a) Water quality, north-south allocation, distribution, treatment, and
- b) Infrastructure financing, including transportation funding, assessment district law and developer fees.
- c) Homeless funding.

V. Procedure for the review of state legislation.

- a) The Legislative Advocate will identify and distribute to department heads (and the City Manager and City Council as appropriate) all newly introduced "local interest" legislation (and subsequent amendments) which affect the City

exclusively or in a manner which is unique and which will not be a priority of the League of California Cities. The Legislative Advocate will also identify and distribute to department heads all major state-wide legislation relating to water infrastructure financing and the homeless.

- b) City department heads will identify (with the assistance of the Legislative Advocate as requested) a limited number of state-wide bills which have an unusually positive or extremely detrimental impact on the City. It is expected that such legislation will be brought to the attention of the department heads by the Legislative Advocate, the League Legislative Bulletin and the professional association publications of the California Park and Recreation Society, the Community Redevelopment Agencies Association, the California Police Chiefs Association, the California Fire Chiefs Association, etc.
- c) The Legislative Advocate will also identify and distribute to department heads all amendments to state-wide legislation for which the Law and Legislative Committee and the Council have adopted a position.
- d) The City Attorney will establish the state legislative bill agenda for the City's Law and Legislative Committee, following receipt of the recommendations of the department heads and the Legislative Advocate.
- e) Department heads should make reference to the City's Policy Guidelines contained in the Organization and Procedures Manual on Legislative Matters.

VI. Other Responsibilities.

- a) Assist with the Annual Sacramento Chamber State Capitol Visit scheduled for February 8-10.
- b) Monitor the progress of the County's State Legislative program for the 1988 Session. Identify conflicts between the interests of the City and the County.
- c) Revise and update the City's Organization and Procedures Manual on Legislative Matters Affecting the City of Sacramento, issued March 1977. (This

manual also includes policy guidelines for supporting or opposing legislation.)

- d) Initiate other activities by the City to increase contact with Legislators, to generate goodwill for the City, and to make Legislators from around the State familiar with the City's unique issues.
- e) Pursue City interests in 1987 legislation on which the City has adopted a position. (See attached list).