



Adopt the 2024 Legislative Platform and Financial Priorities

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Council Ask

That the City Council adopt the:

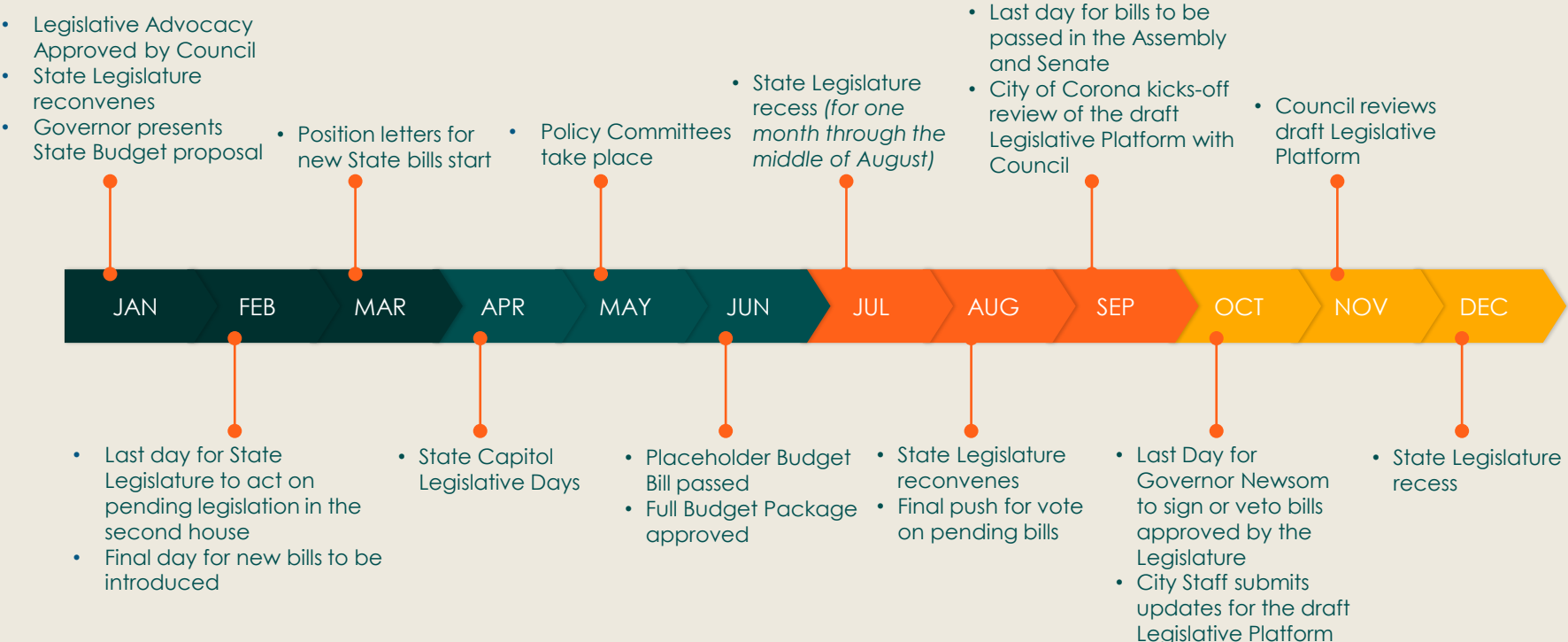
- 2024 Legislative Platform
- 2024 Financial Priorities
- Confirm and Approve City Sponsored Legislation Initiatives
- Appoint Two Council Delegates for Legislative Advocacy Meetings





2024 Legislative Platform

Annual Legislative Process At -a-Glance



Legislative Platform

The Legislative Platform is divided into 11 sections dealing with the following topics

- Community Services
- Economic Development
- Home Rule
- Housing Reform
- Homelessness
- Municipal Finance
- Public Safety
- Public Utilities
- Tort Reform
- Transportation
- Unfunded Mandates



Legislative Platform

Additions:

Section 1. Community Services

Library

- Support efforts that provide funding for additional archival and digitization services, including costs for staff and equipment

Parks & Recreation

- Support funding for trails projects that improve connectivity throughout the City and facilitate access to the Cleveland National Forest.
- Support efforts that provide funding or reimbursement for volunteers and volunteerism.

Section 2. Economic Development

- Support legislation that promotes greater local jurisdiction flexibility with Surplus Land Act requirements relating to redevelopment, acquisition, or disposition of blighted commercial areas such as downtowns and older shopping centers.



CITY OF CORONA
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LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Purpose

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Additions:

Section 4. Housing Reform

- Support State-mandated rent stabilization (similar to AB1035-Muratshuchi, 2023) for mobile home parks.
- Support anti-displacement legislation that promotes and protects the ability of our City's most vulnerable residents, including seniors, those who are physically and/or developmentally disabled to remain in the community, including tenant protection and anti-price gouging policies.



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Additions:

Section 6. Municipal Finance

- *Oppose legislation that eliminates or refines any deployment tax, fee, condition, or other monetary changes.*

Section 8. Utilities

Water Conservation

- *Support funding for turf removal projects on sports fields and replacement with artificial turf and eliminate watering of fields.*



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Additions:

NEW Section 12: Human Resources and Risk Management

- Support maximum flexibility for local government in contracting and contract negotiations.
- Oppose measures that reduce local control over employee relations issues or mandate new or enhanced local government employee benefits.
- Oppose measures that impose compulsory and binding arbitration with respect to employees.
- Support efforts to maintain fiscal solvency with respect to unfunded pension and retiree healthcare liability. Support efforts that decrease local costs.
- Support legislation and administrative efforts that provide clarity and flexibility in CalPERS workplace rules including working after retirement and the use of contract service providers.



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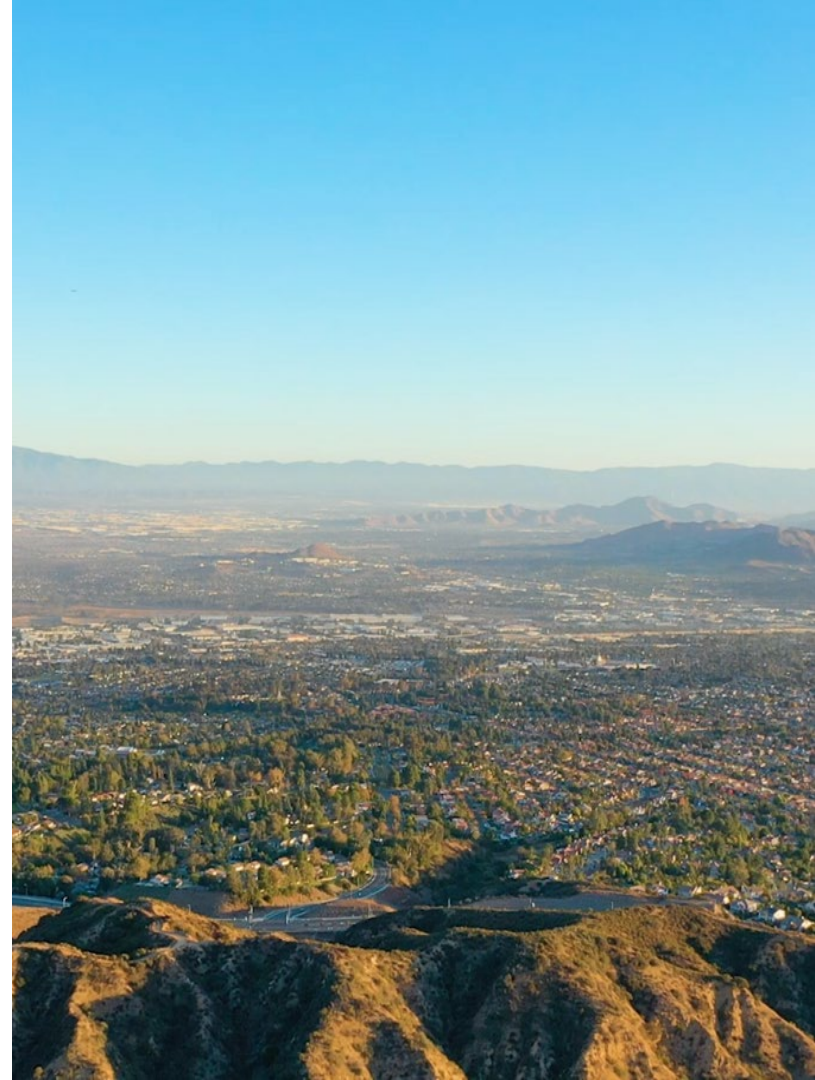


2024 Financial Priorities

Financial Priorities

The Financial Priorities are currently divided into 6 sections:

- Community Services
- Economic Development
- Homelessness
- Public Safety
- Public Utilities
- Transportation



2024 Financial Priorities: Additions

Community Services (1 Item)

Funding for the for Trails/Trailhead Construction

- ▷ In conjunction with what is mapped out in the Trails Master Plan, this ongoing project of trail head improvements will provide more pedestrian and bike opportunities, preserve, and improve trail access, close gaps in the City's trail system, connect residents with nature, promote active transportation, and increase the physical activity and health of residents of all abilities through increased accessibility to open spaces.
- ▷ Cost: 92M

Public Safety (1 Item)

Funding for the Corona Wildfire Resilience Initiative: Safeguarding Our Community Through Mitigation, Prevention, and Education

- ▷ Corona is confronted with escalating threats of wildfires, a peril exacerbated by climate change and the expansion of the wildland-urban interface. Funding support would enable the implementation of vital projects that align with the strategic priorities identified in the 2020 Wildland-Urban Interface Hazard and Risk Assessment and the 2021 Community Wildland Protection Plan. Projects include the creation of defensible spaces around properties, the enhancement of early detection systems, the acquisition of state-of-the-art firefighting equipment, and the launch of community outreach programs.
- ▷ Cost: 500,000

2023 Financial Priorities: Funded

Homelessness (1 Item)

Funding for Santa Ana River Bottom Encampment Response Plan

- ▷ The Santa Ana River Bottom Encampment Response Plan is a multi-jurisdictional and multi-disciplinary collaborative that involves the cities of Corona, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Norco, and Riverside as well as multiple County Agencies, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Services, Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority and Orange County Water and Flood Control Districts. In collaboration with the County's Housing Dept, the collaborative agencies listed in this priority secured an \$11 m state grant for encampment response. Of that, the cities of Corona and Norco each received one million.
- ▷ Cost: 1M

Public Safety (1 of 2 Items)

Project Body-Worn and In-Car Camera Enhancement

- ▷ In 2012, the police department launched its in-car camera program, which was followed by a body-worn camera program in 2016. Due to age and technological advances, the devices for these programs are near their end of service life. Funding is needed to replace said equipment
- ▷ 3.4 Million funded by Measure X

2023 Financial Priorities: Funded

Public Safety (2 of 2 Items)

Emergency Operations Center Infrastructure Enhancement

- ▷ Funding is needed for infrastructure enhancements to the City's Emergency Operations Center. Core functions conducted in an Emergency Operations Center include but are not limited to logistics management, resource support, public emergency warning coordination, external affairs/public information collection and dissemination, mass care, housing and human services coordination. All these functions are required to effectively and efficiently communicate both internally and externally. The City Emergency Operations Center does not currently have the infrastructure to adequately support some of these functions.
- ▷ \$ 500,000 funded by Public, Educational, and Governmental Access Channels (PEG Channels)

Transportation (1 Item)

Ontario Avenue Widening

- ▷ Funding needed to support efforts to provide State and Federal funding for local and regional transportation projects, especially those which increase the capacity and public safety of Interstate 15 in the Corona area.
- ▷ 20 Million from development impact fees, multiple agencies, and Measure A

New for 2024!

Ranking

Financial

Priorities

- ▶ The City Council's adopted Financial Priorities are used as a tool to guide advocacy and grant decision making and strategies
- ▶ Adopting ranked financial priorities allows Staff to make quicker decisions on a wide range of major projects, initiatives and ongoing activities
- ▶ Staff has provided proposed rankings for each section for Council consideration based on urgency, costs, timing, need, and other considerations



Priority Ranking: Community Services (1 of 2)

01

City Park Revitalization Project

\$100M

- ▶ An aquatic facility with a fitness area and competition-style swim facilities. Site will also include a community center with recreation programming and lighted sports fields for recreational sports.

02

Park Improvements

\$18M

- ▶ Enhance parks to an equitable level throughout the City.

03

Historic Civic Center Renovation

\$16.2M

- ▶ To maintain the Historic Civic Center at a modern standard level of use, several significant infrastructure, safety, and technologic elements are required.

Priority Ranking: Community Services (2 of 2)

04

Trails / Trailhead Construction

\$92M

- ▷ In conjunction with what is mapped out in the Trails Master Plan, this ongoing project of trail head improvements will provide more pedestrian and bike opportunities, preserve, and improve trail access, close gaps in the City's trail system, connect residents with nature, promote active transportation, and increase the physical activity and health of residents of all abilities through increased accessibility to open spaces.

05

Corona Airport Improvements and Lease Extension

\$4M

- ▷ Corona Municipal Airport is a 110-acre General Aviation Airport that needs aeronautical infrastructure improvements to comply with accepted standards and FAA regulations. Improvements include taxiway, safety area, and apron rehabilitation.

Priority Ranking: Public Safety

01

Funding of Artificial Intelligence Resources to assist in Criminal Investigations

\$1.5M

- ▷ Due to age and technological advances, the devices for these programs are near their end of service life and will need to be replaced.

02

Funding for Training Facility – Phase I

\$225,000

- ▷ A training facility that will facilitate advanced officer training for local and regional police officers.

03

Funding for Wildfire Resilience Initiative: Safeguarding Our Community Through Mitigation, Prevention, and Education

\$500,000

- ▷ Funding support would enable the implementation of vital projects that align with the strategic priorities identified in the 2020 Wildland-Urban Interface Hazard and Risk Assessment and the 2021 Community Wildland Protection Plan. Such projects include the creation of defensible spaces around properties, the enhancement of early detection systems, the acquisition of state-of-the-art firefighting equipment, and the launch of community outreach programs

Priority Ranking: Public Utility (1 of 2)

01

Reclaimed Water Reservoirs

\$19.5M

- ▷ Construct two reservoirs within the City's service area to store reclaimed water.

02

Desalter Facility

\$30M

- ▷ Construct a desalter facility which uses membrane treatment technology to remove dissolved solids (salts) from groundwater.

03

Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Treatment Facility

\$30M

- ▷ Construct a GAC Treatment facility that uses granular activated carbon (GAC) to remove contaminants of concern such as PFAS and 1,2,3-TCP from groundwater.

04

Water Reclamation Facility #2, Lift Station Improvements

\$4M

- ▷ Replace the electrical and control systems, piping, and structure. Improve mechanical systems.

Priority Ranking: **Public Utility** *(2 of 2)*

05

Water Reclamation Facility #1, Improvements and Expansion

\$35M

- ▷ Install one gravity belt thickener, one centrifuge, and four additional digesters to maximize capacity.

06

Lift Station Replacement Project

\$12M

- ▷ Replace existing lift station pumps at the following lift stations: Griffin, Sierra Del Oro, Prado, McKinley, Stagecoach and Airport.

07

Sewer Main Replacement

\$4.2M

- ▷ Replace approximately 1,047 linear feet of 15" pipe and 1,500 linear feet of 18" pipe on Green River Road with the opportunity to run fiber along with the sewer main.

08

West End Well Field Development

\$15M

- ▷ Develop a new well field in the west end area of the City of Corona. The ability to extract additional groundwater from our basin will reduce our dependency on imported water.

Priority Ranking: **Transportation**

01 Magnolia Avenue Widening at Temescal Wash	\$10M
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- ▷ Funding for local and regional transportation projects, especially those which increase the capacity and public safety within the City of Corona.

02 Interstate 15 Corridor Improvement Project in Corona	\$175M
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- ▷ Increase the capacity or public safety of Interstate 15 and the various interchanges and on/off ramps associated with the project in the Corona area.



City Sponsored Legislation

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Identify the problem

All legislation begins with an idea or a concept

Is there a legislative solution?

Sponsors are required to take stakeholder meetings, develop fact sheets, testify in committee and is always listed in the committee analysis' as the bill sponsor

What is the political climate?

Statement bill vs. seeking policy changes

What is a sponsor?

An individual/group who brings a legislative idea to a lawmaker to be considered by the legislature

Potential City Sponsored Legislation

At the 2022 & 2023 Fall Council Policy Workshops, City Council directed staff to pursue six City sponsored legislation items

**Public
Records
Act (PRA)
Serial
Lawsuits**

**Surplus Land
Act**

**Abandoned
Cars**

**Proposition
47**

Auxiliary Lanes

Truth in Tolls

Potential City Sponsored Legislation



**Surplus
Lands**



Truth in Tolls



**Auxiliary
Lanes**



**Rent
Stabilization**

Potential City Sponsored Legislation

Public Records Act (PRA) Serial Lawsuits

- ▶ The City and other CA agencies have been the target of serial PRA litigators (similar to serial ADA lawsuits). One attorney has filed more than 100 such cases in recent years alone.
- ▶ They find “plaintiffs” who request documents that are perhaps obscure, not typically readily disclosed or that may involve a close call as to whether the public interest in disclosure is outweighed by the public interest in protection. When the agency doesn’t respond the way they wish, they quickly sue and then make an offer to withdraw the canned lawsuit and “settle” in exchange for the payment of attorney fees (often several thousand dollars).

Potential Concept:

- ▶ Working with Cal Cities on proposals to target serial lawsuits.

Potential City Sponsored Legislation

Surplus Lands Act

- ▶ In 2019, the legislature extensively revised the Act through the adoption of AB 1486.
- ▶ Although the amendments to the Act are intended to encourage the development of affordable housing, the broad sweep of the amendments to the Act has also resulted in public agencies having limited flexibility to address their myriad of needs and goals with the use of public land.

Potential Concept:

- ▶ Seek legislation to exempt designated Downtown Core areas from the Surplus Lands Act.
- ▶ Support efforts that allows for general exemptions that provide local agencies flexibility.

Potential City Sponsored Legislation

Proposition 47

- ▷ The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act (Proposition 47) was passed in 2014 which reclassified the penalties associated with possessory drug offenses and property offenses of less than \$950 from felonies or wobblers to misdemeanors.
- ▷ An increase in organized, blatant retail thefts have led to a number of bills to amend Proposition 47.
- ▷ New Assembly Committee on Retail Theft is expected to act with urgency upon session reconvening.

Potential Concept:

- ▷ Legislation will require a State Association and regional approach. At the request of the City, a fix should be pushed by PORAC, Cal Chief's, State Sheriff's, CPOA and Cal Cities.

Potential City Sponsored Legislation

Abandoned Vehicles

- ▷ AB 2876 (2018) by Assemblymember Jones Sawyer
- ▷ “Community caretaking doctrine” limits law enforcement’s ability to remove and seize vehicles. A peace officer may only tow a vehicle where he/she feels the driver is unable to lawfully operate the vehicle or if the vehicle is stationed in an exposed location

Potential Concept:

- ▷ Seek an amendment to AB 2876 (2018) to allow for abandoned vehicle towing under certain circumstances.

Potential City Sponsored Legislation

Auxiliary Lanes

- ▷ The limit of one mile was to prevent the advancement of a project that went beyond the normal funding of an auxiliary lane without considering the potential for induced travel.

Potential Concept:

- ▷ A limited exemption to allow for an auxiliary lane longer than one mile.
- ▷ Using shoulder as an option for auxiliary lanes.
- ▷ Would need support from CalTrans and Council of Governments.

Truth in Tolls

- ▷ Travelers do not know in advance if the cost of the toll is worth the potential time saved.

Potential Concept:

- ▷ Display the estimated time saved next to the cost of the toll.



Would the Council like to
pursue any other
sponsored legislation?

Looking Ahead



2024 Legislative Opportunities

Legislative Action Days

- ▷ Efforts coincide with Cal Cities, CalED, CMUA, and Cal Chiefs.
- ▷ Advocacy meetings with lawmakers, staff, policy and fiscal committees and state agencies to discuss Corona's city specific priorities.

Regional Collaborations

- ▷ Work with regional partners to advance priorities in transportation, land use and economic development.



2024 Legislative Outlook

- ▶ Adopt the 2024 Legislative Platform and Financial Priorities in January
- ▶ 2024 is an Election Year
- ▶ New legislative leadership in the Assembly and the Senate
- ▶ New committee assignments
- ▶ Declining State revenues



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