



2022 Legislative Platform and Financial Priorities



Denzel Maxwell

Assistant to the City Manager

Sharon Gonsalves, RPPG

Director of Government Affairs

January 19, 2022

Overview

- Background, Purpose, and Importance
- 2022 Legislative Platform Additions
- 2022 Financial Priorities Additions



Council Ask

- That the City Council adopt
 - 2022 Legislative Platform
 - 2022 Financial Priorities





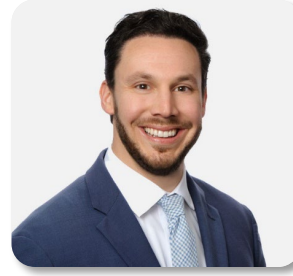
Background



Renne Public Policy Group



Sharon Gonsalves*
Director of Government Affairs



Dane Hutchings*
Managing Director



Jake Whitaker
Grant Writing/Research Manager



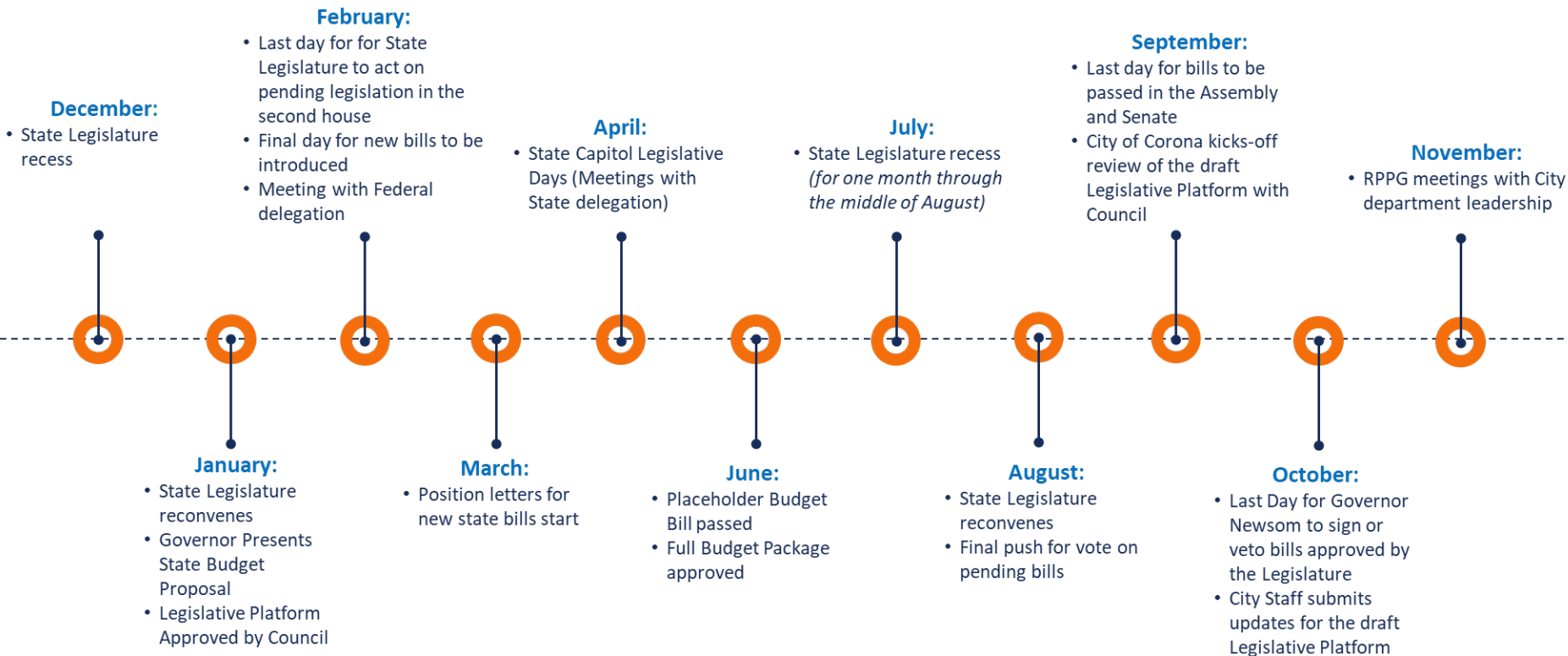
Dan Carrigg
Senior Policy Advisor



Bruce Rudd
RPPG Solutions

*Primary Points of Contact

Annual Legislative Process at a Glance



Platform Background and Purpose

- Promote Corona's goals and priorities
- Serve as a guide for monitoring and advocacy action on policy issues
- Covers a broad range of issues important to Corona
- State Legislative Platform developed with input from our State Lobbyist



Legislative Platform: Why it's Important

- A legislative platform serves as a foundation for any effective advocacy strategy.
- An important component for the City's overall legislative advocacy program.
- An updated platform will allow the City's legislative consultants to engage on new state initiatives that affect the City's key priorities, programs, and/or operations in real time.
- As a living document, it is recommended that the City's legislative platform is reviewed and amended every year in conjunction with the beginning of each legislative session.



Key Priorities Identified by Council and City Staff

- Explore funding and policy options to address rising homelessness issues throughout the City.
- Transportation and infrastructure needs are critical—specifically resources to help with the 91 and 15 freeways
- Fire protection specifically in the wildlife urban interface
- Open space preservation and fuels mitigation (Cleveland national forest)
- Economic development
- Public safety and supporting law enforcement.
- Retention of local zoning and land use.
- “Keeping local revenue local” oppose attempts that seek to divert local dollars to county or state projects.



2021

- 2021 Legislative Platform and Financial Priorities adopted April 7, 2021
- Legislative check-in during the Fall Council Workshop on September 29, 2021
 - Council feedback consisted of:
 - Regional collaboration opportunities
- Meetings with department leadership



2022 Legislative Outlook

- **Election Year:** Legislative members in both houses will be terming out and others will be up for re-election.
- **Economic Recovery:** Regaining jobs lost to the pandemic will be critical for economic recovery.
- **Housing Legislation:** Housing and Land Use will remain a priority for the Governor and the Legislature in 2022.
- **State Budget:** Funding Priorities to be reassessed after \$75.7 Billion Budget Surplus in 2021.
- **Brown Act:** Potential to modernize certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements:** Efforts to require vaccinations in the workplace or provide regular proof of negative COVID-19 test.
- **Redistricting:** Commission looking for an extension on updated maps could impact primary election.

2022 Legislative Opportunities

→ **Legislative Action Days**

- 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.





2022 Legislative Platform Additions



Standing Legislative Platform

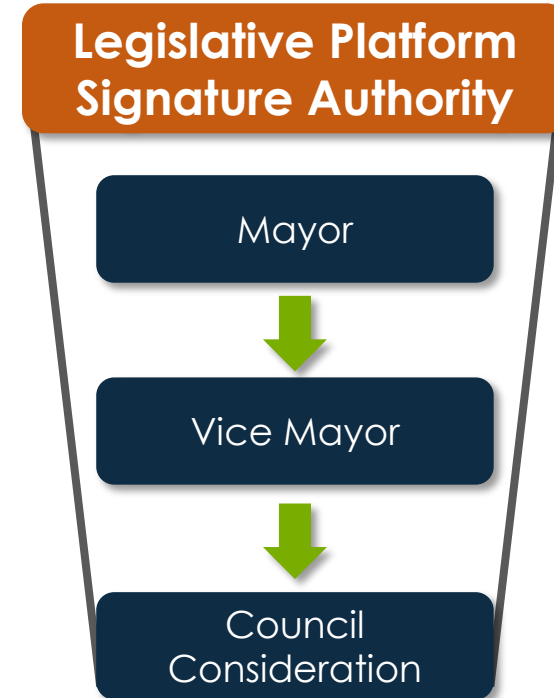
- The Legislative Platform is divided into 11 sections dealing with the following topics
 - Community Services
 - Economic Development
 - Home Rule
 - Housing Reform
 - Homelessness
 - Municipal Finance
 - Public Safety
 - Public Utilities
 - Tort Reform
 - Transportation
 - Unfunded Mandates



2022 Legislative Platform Additions

Letters

- The Mayor can sign letters of support or opposition, consistent with the adopted position in the Legislative Platform
- If the Mayor chooses not to sign the letter, the Vice Mayor may sign instead. If neither chooses to sign the letter, the item will go to full Council for consideration.
- Items that are not covered through the legislative platform will go to full Council for consideration.



2022 Legislative Platform Additions

Position Options

- **Support** – A support position indicates to the legislature, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders that the City is in favor of the legislation in question.
- **Support if Amended** – A support if amended position indicates to the corresponding legislature, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders that the City is in favor of the legislation in question if the requested changes are adopted.
- **Oppose** – An oppose position indicates to the legislature, regulatory agency, and other stakeholders that the City is against the legislation in question.
- **Oppose Unless Amended** – An oppose unless amended position indicates to the legislature, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders that the City is against the legislation in question unless the requested changes are adopted.

2022 Legislative Platform Additions

Position Options (Continued)

- **Neutral** – A neutral position indicates to the corresponding legislature, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders that the City is impartial on the legislation in question and does not wish to take a position or has formally removed their prior adopted position due to changes being made to the legislation or proposal (e.g., a bill that the City had an “oppose unless amended” position on was amended to address concerns, therefore the City is formally withdrawing its opposition and moving to a “Neutral” position).
- **Watch** – A watch is traditionally an internal position that indicates the City is monitoring the legislation. Should the bill be amended, the City reserves its right to adopt a position as indicated above.

2022 Legislative Platform Additions

Economic Development (7 Items)

- **Support** efforts to grow the manufacturing industry.
- **Support** efforts to retrain displaced/low-income workers.
- **Support** efforts to embrace living and working locally, particularly legislation that impacts housing costs and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Support** efforts to embrace innovation by seeding new businesses and linking new workers with new jobs and career pathways created as a result of the pandemic.
- **Support** the creation of business incubators such as the Corona Innovation Center in partnership with local and regional partners that can lend expertise, resources, education, and access to capital.
- **Support** efforts to embrace entrepreneurship by growing existing entrepreneurship tracks in the City of Corona.
- **Support** local Business Grants and California Dream Fund for those that are underrepresented and/or were impacted by the pandemic, creating accessibility to capital and improving opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship.

2022 Legislative Platform Additions

Homelessness (2 Items)

- **Support** legislation and funding opportunities for mental health and drug abuse treatment to address chronic homelessness in Riverside County.
- **Support** legislation and funding opportunities to improve discharge planning from jails and prisons and to expand re-entry housing programs to prevent and address homelessness among inmates, parolees, and probationers in Riverside County.

Public Safety (1 Item)

- **Support** wildland fire fighting enhancements, as well as wildland fire prevention and mitigation endeavors

Public Utilities (3 Items)

- **Support** COVID-19 related legislation, regulation, and other orders monitoring for the Utilities and in general City business practices.
- **Support** monitoring Army Corps of Engineering projects under the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).
- **Support** monitoring Electric Utility grid reliability and resiliency requirements mandates.



2022 Financial Priority Additions

2022 Financial Priority Additions



Santa Ana River Bottom Encampment Response Plan (SARB ERP) – Unknown



GAC Treatment Facility – \$30 M



Ontario Avenue Widening at I-15 Improvements between Compton Avenue and State Street – \$10 M



Interstate 15 Express Lane Southern Extension from Cajalco Road to Route 74/Central Avenue – \$660 M



Magnolia Avenue Widening at Temescal Wash – \$10 M



Council Ask

Council Ask

- That the City Council adopt
 - 2022 Legislative Platform
 - 2022 Financial Priorities



QUESTIONS?



951-279-2370



Denzel.Maxwell@CoronaCA.gov



www.CoronaCA.gov

