

# 2017 Federal Advocacy Platform

## **Key Federal Policy Issues or Project for Advocacy or Monitoring:**

***Affordable Care Act:*** Oppose efforts in Congress and within the Administration to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Support efforts to retain key provisions within the Act that help to provide insurance coverage for at-risk populations. Support funding for Community Health Centers.

**Broadband Infrastructure.** Support legislation or funding opportunities that would expand public and private access to broadband, including the development of related infrastructure

**Cannabis Regulation.** Support efforts to modify the Schedule I status of cannabis at the federal level, including efforts that would facilitate additional scientific research and study. Support efforts to protect public safety and facilitate effective regulation at the state and local level. Oppose federal actions that interfere with state's rights, as well as any actions or legislation that would restrict local control.

***CDBG and HOME Programs.*** Advocate to restore funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) programs in order to more effectively address community development and affordable housing needs. Support increased federal funding for critical HUD programs and housing opportunities.

***COPS programs.*** Support efforts to identify federal funding for various local or regional law enforcement initiatives through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

***EPA Urban Waters Small Grants:*** Support efforts to maintain or increase funding to vital state and local government grants provided both by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Interior Department and submit applications at the appropriate time.

***Federal Aviation Administration.*** Work with federal officials or relevant staff in order to address ongoing noise and other impacts to the San Leandro community associated with the flight patterns and operations of surrounding Bay Area airports.

***FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP):*** Support Congressional efforts to reform the National Flood Insurance Program to expedite the claims process and ensure that premium rate increases do not unfairly impact residences and business properties. Support efforts to ensure that FEMA uses transparent processes and communicates directly with property owners who are potentially impacted by changes, and ensure that any changes to flood insurance rate maps do not result in disproportionate rate increases to areas that have not historically been subjected to flooding.



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**Immigration Policies.** Monitor efforts at the federal level that would impact undocumented populations, including immigration enforcement practices. Oppose efforts that would restrict access to federal funds by cities or other public agencies based on local policy positions related to immigration. Support positive relations between law enforcement and immigrant communities.

**Infrastructure.** Support efforts to advance federal investment in infrastructure, including funding for transportation.

**Railroad Safety:** Urge Congress and the Administration to work towards implementation of Positive Train Control technology in locomotives. Support U.S. Department of Transportation initiatives for new safety measures, such as reduced speeds for crude oil tank cars in urban areas, and ask that the Administration continue to work towards strong oversight of rail safety. Support federal funding for railroad safety improvements.

**Renewable Energy Micro-grid.** Seek funding opportunities that could assist in San Leandro's efforts to develop of a renewable energy micro-grid.

**Smart Cities Initiatives.** Seek opportunities to leverage public-private partnerships and emerging technology resources that would assist communities like San Leandro in transforming traditional industrial sites into modern manufacturing workplaces. Support programs or opportunities to humanize industrial districts, including funding for place-making.

**Shoreline Project.** Support legislative efforts or federal funding opportunities that would assist in the successful redevelopment of San Leandro's shoreline area.

**Urban Greenway.** Support efforts that could lead to additional funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects, including the East Bay Greenway. This project would lead to the development of a new 15-mile pedestrian and bicycle pathway connecting five BART stations throughout the East Bay.

**U.S. Army Corps Programs.** Urge Congress to include funding for the dredging of small recreational harbors in the next Water Resources Development reauthorization and explore project funding through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program (WIFIA).

