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Staff Report for Annual Work Session with Federal Government Liaison Len Simon and Discussion of Federal Legislative Landscape in 2017

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

Each year, the City's federal government liaison Len Simon travels to San Leandro in order to provide an update on the federal legislative landscape as well as potential funding opportunities that may be available over the course of the upcoming year. This visit is typically timed to take place in early January each year, prior to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting or the National League of Cities - Congressional Cities Conference, at which some members of the City Council may be in attendance.

It is important to identify projects or policy areas that are germane to the City of San Leandro's interests so that members of the City Council, City staff, or the City's federal advocates may take action as opportunities arise over the year ahead. To this end, on January 3, 2017, the City Council adopted its annual federal work plan.

Fiscal Impacts

The costs for the City's contract with Simon & Company for federal advocacy services, along with anticipated costs for attendance at U.S. Conference of Mayors and National League of Cities events are already appropriated in the adopted City budget. Should any of the projects identified in the federal platform ultimately receive federal grant assistance, some local matching funds could be required. Such costs would be further evaluated and presented for the City Council's consideration as needed prior to acceptance of any grant awards.

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