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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Council President, Rebecca Kaplan
and the Honorable City Council

FROM: Office of the Mayor

SUBJECT: 2019 Legislative Summary and
2020 Legislative Agenda

DATE: 11/21/19

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council receive this informational report that summarizes the City's state and federal legislative efforts in 2019 and proposes the legislative priorities for 2020.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office and Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. (TPA) provide this report annually. Input from the Mayor, the City Administrator's Office, members of the City Council, city staff and others are the basis for the legislative and funding priorities for 2020. The attached memorandum (Attachment A) reflects that input, however, the legislative agenda in the coming year must also be responsive to unanticipated changes and opportunities at the state and federal levels and respond accordingly.

FISCAL IMPACT / POLICY ALIGNMENT

There are no direct fiscal impact or policy alignment issues from this informational report. However, the City's legislative, funding and policy priorities directly relate to our state and federal advocacy strategy, which does have potential fiscal impacts.

PUBLIC OUTREACH /INTEREST

TPA solicited input from Councilmembers regarding stakeholder priorities from each district.

COORDINATION

The Mayor, members of the City Council, the City Administrator's Office, and City staff were consulted in writing the attached report.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

This report applies to a one-year (2019-20) legislative session. It is revised annually.

Economic: There are no economic opportunities associated with this report. However, state and federal legislative activity may have a fiscal impact on the City.

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Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities associated with this report.


Social Equity: Preservation of existing state and federal funds, as well as identifying and obtaining additional sources of funding, assists the City in its efforts toward improving social equity in the community.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Receive an informational report and provide additional direction to TPA regarding 2020 state and federal legislative and funding priorities.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Elinor Buchen, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor, 510-238-7439.

Respectfully submitted,



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Office of the Mayor

Attachments (1):

A: Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.
2018 State and Federal Legislative Activities and Proposed 2019 Legislative Priorities

Rules and Legislation Committee
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MEMO

To: Mayor Libby Schaaf

Council President Rebecca Kaplan and Members of the City Council

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Date: November 21, 2019

Subject: Summary of 2019 State and Federal Legislative efforts and 2020 State and Federal Legislative Agenda

SUMMARY

Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. (TPA) has prepared this report for the City of Oakland following the end of the 2019 legislative year. This report provides a summary of our efforts to date for the advocacy objectives of the City which includes:

- The passage of multiple City sponsored legislative proposals into law;
- Partnering with the Mayor and her office to secure a direct State budget allocation to address homelessness; and
- Partnering with the City Administrator's office to secure cannabis equity program funding.

As background, TPA met with City leadership and, based on those meetings, has prepared a recommended 2020 State and Federal Legislative agenda for discussion and adoption. This includes the framework for legislative proposals for the 2020 legislative year, including City-sponsored legislative proposals, and legislative and funding priorities.

The Legislature is currently in interim recess and will reconvene on January 6, to resume legislative activities. Legislators may begin introducing new pieces of legislation, as well as continuing their efforts on bills which were stalled in 2019, the first year of the two-year legislative cycle. Legislation that was held as a "2-year bill," must be passed in the house of origin by January 31st, inclusive.

Summary of 2019 State Legislative Highlights

Governor Newsom considered 1,042 regular session bills this year and vetoed 172, which indicates a veto rate of (16.5 percent), nearly identical to Governor Brown's rate during his last year in office. Additionally, Governor Newsom actively signed 870 bills into law. Attached to this report is a matrix of the specific legislation on which the City has taken a position and the status of the legislation.

TPA worked with the elected City leadership and Administration to develop, advocate, and secure several major City initiatives through various means, including legislation, the drafting of administrative guidelines, and working directly with our elected leaders in Sacramento. Please note the following state legislative highlights:

Affordable Housing legislative efforts

One of TPA's top priorities for the City of Oakland was to identify, support and advance legislative proposals supporting and encouraging affordable and workforce housing. As the cost of housing in the Bay Area and throughout the state continued to rise, Oakland prioritized legislative efforts creating support for low-income residents and working families. There were multiple pieces of legislation this session that sought to encourage more affordable housing production, build more housing for the homeless population, protect tenants, remove barriers to larger development, encourage ADUs, increase land availability, and finance production.

TPA was a very active member of multiple efforts and coalitions to help advance legislation approved this year, which included working closely with the Mayor, her office, the City Council, and others to help move these bills forward. TPA partnered with the Mayor's Office and City staff to draft support letters, testify in support at legislative committee hearings, work with legislative offices to express Oakland's positions and demonstrate the necessity for certain housing bills, and meet with the Governor's Office to address any concerns. Those bills include:

- **Assembly Bill 1482 (Chiu) Tenant Protection Act of 2019: tenancy: rent caps**
 - This bill places an upper limit on rent increases in California at 5% plus inflation. It also requires landlords to have just cause before evicting a tenant.
 - TPA, on behalf of the Mayor and City Council, worked closely with Assembly Member Chiu, stakeholders, and other relevant offices who played a role in structuring the legislation, to advocate for California resident equity.
 - *Summary:* Our efforts, in conjunction with previously mentioned parties, culminated in bringing the legislation to Governor Newsom's desk, where it was signed into law.
- **Assembly Bill 1486 (Ting) Surplus Land**
 - This bill requires local governments to include specified information relating to surplus lands in their housing elements and annual progress reports (APRs).
 - TPA, on behalf of the Mayor and City Council, worked closely with Assembly Member Ting and his staff, to make some amendments to the bill.
 - *Summary:* These efforts culminated in the bill making it safely to the Governor's desk, where it was signed and chaptered into law.
- **Assembly Bill 1763 (Chiu) Planning and zoning: density bonuses: affordable housing**
 - This bill revises Density Bonus Law (DBL) to require a city or county to award a developer if 100% of the units in a development are restricted to lower income

households. Specifically, a developer is to be awarded additional density, concessions and incentives, as well as height increase allowances.

- On behalf of the Oakland City Council, TPA worked closely with Assembly Member Chiu and his staff, as well as with numerous policy committee staffers in order to secure favorable language that supports affordable housing production and is beneficial to both local jurisdictions and developers.
 - *Summary:* Efforts to secure beneficial language and provisions were successful, culminating in the Governor's signature on the bill.
- **Senate Bill 330 (Skinner) Housing Crisis Act of 2019**
 - This bill places restrictions on certain types of development standards, amends the Housing Accountability Act (HAA), and makes changes to local approval processes and the Permit Streamlining Act.
 - On behalf of the City of Oakland, TPA worked with Senator Skinner's office to ensure the City and area's best interests were maintained throughout the legislative process.
 - *Summary:* This bill was signed by the Governor.

Economic development

- **Assembly Bill 1191 (Bonta) State Land Commission: exchange of trust lands: Howard Terminal property**
 - This bill authorizes the State Lands Commission to engage in a land exchange with the City for lands at Howard Terminal, settle boundary disputes, and approve the Development on the final trust lands.
 - On behalf of the City of Oakland, and with direction provided by the Mayor, TPA worked closely with Assembly Member Bonta and the Oakland Athletics to get this bill to the Governor's desk. Our efforts included, but were not limited to, drafting support letters, strategically organizing various coalitions, working closely with multiple policy committee staffers, meeting with the offices of Senate and Assembly Members, working with the Construction and Building Trades to support the bill, working with East Bay legislative leaders and other associations to support the bill, and discussing the bill's process with the State Land Commission, amongst other efforts.
 - *Summary:* This large and continuing multi-step effort resulted in the Governor's signature and passage of the bill.
- **Senate Bill 293 (Skinner) Infrastructure financing districts: formation: issuance of bonds: City of Oakland**
 - This bill permits the City of Oakland to form an IFD, which is an essential tool and funding source for redevelopment (pertaining to new ballpark creation).
 - Another major step towards the creation of a new ballpark for the Oakland Athletics, TPA, on behalf of the Mayor, worked closely with Senator Skinner's office to advocate for this change to IFD law. Actions included meeting with numerous Senate and Assembly offices to discuss the provisions of the bill, testifying in policy and fiscal committees, and pushing for passage via letters and further discussions, once on the Governor's desk.
 - *Summary:* The Governor signed the bill, effectively amending IFD law for the local benefit of the City of Oakland.

Other Legislative Items:

- **Assembly Bill 234 (Nazarian) - Seismic Retrofit Tax Credit** efforts. Our efforts included working with the City Council and author to make amendments to the bill to help protect small property owners.
- **Assembly Bill 276 (Friedman) Safe Firearm Storage**. This legislative proposal would have negatively impacted Oakland's existing ordinance however we were able to get amendments to keep Oakland's ordinance in place.
- **Assembly Bill 362 (Eggman) Safe injection sites**. On behalf of the Mayor and City Council, the City of Oakland was added into this pilot program as part of our efforts to help address homelessness.
- **Assembly Bill 410 (Nazarian) Side shows**. On behalf of the City Council, the City supported this bill but unfortunately it was not granted a committee hearing.
- **Assembly Bill 516 (Chiu) Authority to remove vehicles**. Working with the Mayor's office, Vice Mayors Office and Council Member Taylor's office, we were able to get amendments added to the bill to reduce any negative impacts on Oakland.
- **Assembly Bill 670 (Friedman) Common interest developments: accessory dwelling units**. Working with the Mayor's office and the bill sponsor, we were able to get amendments into the bill to help support Oakland's existing ordinances.
- **Assembly Bill 723 (Quirk) – Alameda County sales tax cap flexibility**. This legislation gives the County ability for a sales tax increase to go directly to homeless services.
- **AB 1022 (Wicks) California Antihunger Response and Employment Training Act of 2019**. This bill was supported by the City Council and is a two-year bill. TPA will work with the authors office to help advance the bill in the 2020 session.
- **Assembly Bill 1112 (Friedman) Shared mobility devices: local regulation**. Working with the City Administrators office and other large cities, we were able to get amendments into this legislation to reduce its impact on the City.
- **AB 1484 (Grayson) Mitigation Fee Act: housing developments**. This is a two-year bill and TPA has been directly engaging with the authors office as the legislation is in the process of being drafted.
- **Senate Bill 18 (Skinner) Keep California Housed**. This legislation was the state's iteration of Keep Oakland Housed. Working closely with the Mayor and her office, this legislation merged into the State Budget to create tenant protection funds.
- **Senate Bill 58 (Wiener) Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale**. Working with the Mayor, the City was added as a handful of cities for this pilot program to help support small businesses.
- **SB 378 (Wiener) Public Safety Power Shut offs**. This legislation was introduced towards the end of the 2019 session and is carrying over into the 2020 session. TPA is working closely with the authors office to help move this bill forward.
- **Senate Bill 595 (Bradford) Cannabis Equity**. Working with the City Council and City Administrators office, this legislation was signed into law and further expanded Oakland's successful equity program.

Summary of Efforts to Secure State Funding

Oakland, like many communities in California, has seen a significant increase in unsheltered homelessness. Getting immediate support to address the street encampments and provide other support services was the top priority of the Mayor and City Council which culminated in securing a direct allocation from the State for homelessness.

TPA worked closely with the Mayor, her office, and the “Big City Mayors” coalition and Assembly Budget Chair Phil Ting to provide cities with a direct earmark and additional resources.

This was one of the top priorities for TPA and we were very active on the homeless issue throughout the year. TPA had ongoing discussions with the Assembly author, Senate author, their respective staff members, committee staff and others on how to advance the legislation. In addition, TPA arranged an Oakland tour for Capitol staff to see our challenges first-hand.

Our efforts to help direct resources to address issues related to homelessness resulted in another allocation to the HEAP program, including \$650 million in funding in the State Budget. Of this amount, the City of Oakland should directly receive more than **\$8.6 million**. Alameda County separately will receive funding as well, of which Oakland will receive a portion. This was an intensive six-month advocacy effort. Additional funding includes \$500 million in one-time funds for housing related infrastructure to help boost needed construction; \$500 million in one-time funds for a mixed income loan program through CalHFA, primarily for affordable housing developers; \$500 million in one-time funds to expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit; \$250 million for planning grants to help local jurisdictions work through the Regional Housing Needs Assessment; and \$20 million in Rental Assistance funding.

The City/TPA team was also successful securing additional funding in the budget for other City priorities such as:

- \$50 million to support state and local Child Savings Account programs, which are designed to help families build assets for their children’s post-secondary education;
- \$30 million one-time and \$9 million annual for the California Intervention and Violence Prevention program;
- \$15 million for cannabis equity programs;
- \$4.5 million through the City of Oakland for parole preparations pilot program and reentry support for exonerees;
- \$1 million for AC Transit services for Oakland Unified School District students; and
- \$750,000 for an illegal dumping pilot program in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Support with grant writing and advocacy

Working directly with Vice Mayor Reid and Alameda County Probation Department, TPA planned and facilitated a meeting with State Department of Parks and Recreation to discuss two park applications in East Oakland. After the meeting, TPA worked with the Vice Mayors Office and the Probation Department to draft and submit two Proposition 68 grant application.

From there, TPA prepped the City/County team on what to expect at site visits, helped draft a script for both visits, participated in additional strategy meetings, and attend the site visits. TPA also worked with the East Bay delegation to submit support letters and will be executing additional advocacy efforts on behalf of the two applications. Funding awards should be announced in early spring 2020.

Quarterly Finance Committee Updates

TPA also provided monthly updates to the City Council’s Finance Committee on the State Budget process, starting in January when the Governor released his initial FY 2018-19 proposal. We analyzed the Governor’s budget and its potential impacts to the City. Once the Governor submitted the May Revise, TPA provided the City more in-depth analysis through the June 13th adoption of the final budget.

TPA ensures that City staff are updated on state legislation, matters relating to the State's Administration and funding opportunities with written weekly updates that include our efforts on the City's behalf, status of our priority legislation, and time-sensitive matters. In addition, and at the request of the Finance Committee, TPA provided recommendations regarding eligible types of projects and how to make Oakland's projects more competitive for funding.

Sacramento Advocacy Trips

TPA strategically planned and facilitated multiple Sacramento advocacy trips for the Mayor. TPA coordinated meetings with relevant members of the Legislature, on topics including homelessness and affordable housing, transportation, and new sources of funding. TPA also conducted follow-up action after the meetings.

Additional State related efforts

In order to ensure all of the various stake holders are involved with our efforts, TPA makes it a point to reach out to and communicate with the various regional partners and stakeholders such as the Port of Oakland, Oakland Unified School District, AC Transit, ACTA, the County and others.

Summary of 2019 Federal Highlights

TPA worked with elected City leadership, members of Congress, and the Administration to develop, advocate, and secure several major City initiatives through legislation, grants, and working with the City's federal delegation in Congress and Congressional leadership.

The City has been extremely active on the following pieces of legislation which are still in process:

- "Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act" (S. 923), introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein would increase federal resources to battle homelessness. The bill authorizes \$750 million in grants annually for five years for local governments to combat homelessness. This legislation would condition federal funds on a grant recipient's ability to provide not only housing but also comprehensive services like mental health care, substance abuse treatment and job training, which is designed to address some of the root causes of homelessness.
- "Ending Homelessness Act" (H.R. 1856), sponsored by House Financial Services Committee Chairwoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), would authorize \$5 billion over five years for the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Grants, \$2.5 billion over five years for new Special Purpose Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, \$1.05 billion in mandatory annual appropriations for the National Housing Trust Fund, \$500 million over 5 years for outreach funding, and \$20 million for states and localities to integrate healthcare and housing initiatives.
- "ESCAPE Act" (H.R. 2838) sponsored by Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA) would prioritize funding for evacuation routes.
- "Dream and Promise Act of 2019" This federal legislation would provide current, former, and future undocumented high-school graduates and GED recipients a three-step pathway to U.S. citizenship through college, work, or the armed services. TPA, on behalf of the Mayor and City Council, has been a very active member of a coalition to push this legislation forward which includes working closely with the City's federal delegation and federal leaders.

Please note the following federal legislative efforts and highlights:

Federal FY2019 Appropriations

After the longest partial government shutdown in U.S. history, Congress passed funding for the rest of Fiscal Year 2019. Because of groundwork laid throughout the year prior, the City/TPA team were able to secure several City budget priorities, including the following (numbers rounded):

- Increased funding for:
 - Homelessness Assistance Grants (additional \$130 million over Fiscal Year 2018)
 - HUD Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (Section 8 Vouchers) (additional \$500 million)
 - HUD Project-based Rental Assistance (additional \$220 million)
 - Economic Development Administration (additional \$2 million)
 - Second Chance Act (Recidivism Reentry grants) (additional \$2.5 million)
 - FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (additional \$1 million)
 - Head Start (additional \$100 million)
 - Brownfields grants (additional \$7 million)

- Level funding for:
 - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
 - Assistance to Firefighters Grants
 - Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants

Federal FY2020 Appropriations

President Trump released his Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request in March 2019, which initiated the drafting and debate over appropriations legislation to fund the federal government beginning October 1, 2019. Currently, the federal government is on a continuing resolution that has extended all Fiscal Year 2019 funding levels while Fiscal Year 2020 funding levels continue to be negotiated.

▪ *In the past year, our efforts have included:*

- **Analysis:** TPA conducted a full-scale analysis of the President's Budget Request upon its publication in March, which involved identifying and comparing line items across the federal government to annualized amounts from Fiscal Year 2019.

TPA also drafted, facilitated, and delivered letters from Oakland to Oakland's congressional representatives taking official positions on proposed budget levels for Fiscal Year 2020, and conducted official appropriation request filings on Oakland's behalf.

This ensured elected officials would repeatedly refer to Oakland's priorities in their funding negotiations throughout the Fiscal and Calendar year.

- **Reporting:** TPA provided regular budget and appropriations analysis to prepare the City Council Finance and Management Committee for the current and forthcoming federal Fiscal Year. The memos detailed the full scope of the federal appropriations and budget process from January 2019 through the end of Fiscal Year 2020, which included tables tracking and outlining ongoing funding allocation negotiations and expected future funding levels by subject area, and a timeline of events relevant to the City's advocacy purposes.

TPA also engaged directly with City staff to answer additional questions on the federal process. TPA will continue to update the Finance Committee and City staff as Congress attempts to pass delayed full-year funding for Fiscal Year 2020 and negotiate Fiscal Year 2020 funding in regular order.

- **Follow-Up:** TPA conducted follow-up analysis regularly on the proposed funding levels in the House and Senate appropriations bills, which allowed TPA and Oakland to identify the most vulnerable funding streams and reallocate resources to ensure level or increased funding for the most crucial funding areas possible.
- **Summary:** Congress has not passed full-year funding bills for Fiscal Year 2020. Funding for all other federal programs must be extended by November 21, 2019. Congress is planning to extend the November 21 deadline to December 20, 2019, as it is unlikely that any agreement on funding will be reached by November 21.

Housing

On several bills and proposed policies, TPA has conducted analysis, engaged with the City, updated staff and elected officials on expected next steps, and engaged in advocacy on the City's behalf. Some examples of these items:

- **Draft Legislation.** In March, Senator Dianne Feinstein introduced the “Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act” (S. 923), a bill to increase federal resources to battle homelessness. Specifically, the bill authorizes \$750 million in grants annually for five years for local governments to combat homelessness. This legislation would condition federal funds on a grant recipient’s ability to provide not only housing but also comprehensive services like mental health care, substance abuse treatment and job training, which is designed to address some of the root causes of homelessness.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA worked with the City to advocate for additional homelessness funding that would be available directly to cities, primarily because much of the responsibility for aiding those experiencing homelessness has fallen to the City government as the first line of defense. TPA worked with the City of Oakland to advocate for this with Senator Feinstein and others long before the bill’s introduction – our efforts communicated the urgency and increased the pressure on lawmakers to introduce direct, impactful legislation in the 116th Congress.
 - TPA continued to advocate for this legislation in our capacity with other elected officials, developing a groundswell of pressure to coalesce around the most demonstrably important piece of homelessness legislation at the federal level. This bill is the boldest homelessness policy plan to be introduced in Congress in years, and will continue to be a major factor in the second session of the 116th Congress.
 - *Summary:* This legislation was introduced in the Senate in March, and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Draft Legislation.** On March 14, Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) introduced the “Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Expansion Act” (S. 824/H.R.1767), which would protect mental health and addiction services and expand the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic pilot program to eleven more states, including California. The expansion would allow the City to have access to help with mental health and addiction services, which would aid those already experiencing homelessness and help prevent those in vulnerable or untenable housing situations from becoming homeless.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA drafted, delivered, and continued follow up advocacy from an official letter of support for the bill.
 - TPA worked with congressional representatives to ensure prioritization in future legislative vehicles.

Immigration

- **DACA.** In November 2019, the Supreme Court began hearing oral arguments on President Trump’s decision to end protections for immigrants who arrived in the U.S. illegally as children. At issue is the fate of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which grants deferral from deportation to nearly 700,000 young adult immigrants without legal status.

- *Our efforts have included:* As news broke concerning legal proceedings, TPA provided Oakland time-sensitive updates. The TPA team updated the City on where the DACA program was in the judicial process, while also identifying opportunities and efforts to communicate that to residents.

TPA also helped the city prepare draft letters and other official correspondence to communicate support for legislation like the “Dream Act” (H.R. 6) and other items that would codify DACA and extend DACA protections.

TPA worked closely with Oakland’s federal representatives, as well as other major congressional immigration stakeholders, to advocate for the highest prioritization of Dreamers and DACA recipients in legislative negotiations, predict future Trump Administration actions, and identify next steps for both the City’s federal advocacy and the City’s ability to communicate effectively with its most vulnerable residents.

- *Summary:* The Supreme Court is continuing to hear this case, as it is seeking to determine the power the court holds to second-guess President Trump’s action as well as the legality of President Trump’s DACA repeal.
- **Census Citizenship Question.** In 2018, the Trump Administration announced plans to incorporate a question about citizenship into the 2020 census. The addition of this question was met with legal action, as it was considered as tactic to potentially determine the citizenship status of census respondents. The primary concern was the threat of undercounting City residents, resulting in fewer federal funds allocated to the City and the State of California.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA continued to work with congressional staff to put pressure on the Department of Commerce to withdraw the proposal.
 - TPA alerted the City to continuing lawsuits on the topic, provided updates as those lawsuits progressed, and identified opportunities for engagement.
 - *Summary:* In June 2019, the President indicated that the citizenship question would be removed from the 2020 Census, as the Supreme Court closed all paths to adding the question to the 2020 census by ruling the question unconstitutional.
- **Public Charge.** The Department of Homeland Security published the proposed “public charge” rule in the Federal Register. The proposed rule would dictate that immigrants who legally use public benefits like food stamps, Section 8 housing vouchers, and non-emergency Medicaid could be denied green cards. The rule previously only applied to social security benefits and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to determine whether immigrants may become “public charges,” or people who depend on the government as their main source of financial support.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA continuously worked with national stakeholders and disseminated information for local civic leaders to utilize to communicate with vulnerable populations.

- TPA also ensured that the City had the most up-to-date information on the lawsuit filed by the State of California against the Trump Administration to challenge the legality of the public charge rule.
- *Summary:* A federal judge in New York issued a temporary injunction to block the rule, which was scheduled to take effect October 15, 2019. 15 states, including California had currently suit over the rule. Litigation is still pending.

Cannabis

- **Draft Legislation.** In September 2019, the House of Representatives passed the “SAFE Banking Act” (H.R. 1595), which would allow banks and credit unions to provide financial services to state-authorized cannabis businesses without federal penalties.
- *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA has kept the City updated on this and similar legislation that would allow banks and credit unions to provide financial services to state-authorized cannabis businesses without federal penalties.
 - TPA worked with elected officials of both parties to ensure prioritization of this issue in committee and on the House floor, where H.R. 1595 was able to move forward with bipartisan support.
- *Summary:* This legislation has been passed in the House and introduced in the Senate, where it has been referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Prospects of success in the Senate are increasing – a provision offering hemp industry relief is designed to appeal to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, whose home state of Kentucky is seeing the industry take off as Kentucky farmers are looking to replace tobacco crops. Because of the Majority Leader’s involvement supporting hemp in the past, it is likely that he would bring this bill up for a vote in a larger legislative vehicle.

Wireless Infrastructure

- **FCC Rules.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) faces a legal battle against dozens of cities from across the United States, which sued the FCC to stop an order that preempts local fees and regulation of cable-broadband networks. The cities filed lawsuits in response to the FCC’s August 1, 2019 vote that limits the fees municipalities can charge cable companies and prohibits cities and towns from regulating broadband services offered over cable networks.
- *Our efforts have included:*
 - **Filing:** TPA identified open comment periods, and drafted and filed multiple comments from the City of Oakland on FCC rules that would limit local control.
 - **Lawsuit:** TPA ensured that the City had the most up-to-date information on the several lawsuits filed by cities and wireless companies against the FCC to challenge the legality of the new rules, including opportunities to engage further, sign onto the lawsuit, and act collaboratively.
- *Summary:* The rules are still in effect, but face pressure on all sides for modification to allow municipal stakeholders a seat at the table. Various lawsuits were filed against the FCC between August and the end of October 2019. Most of the lawsuits are being

consolidated into a single case in the US Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. An FCC motion to transfer the case to the 6th Circuit is pending.

- **Draft Legislation.** In January 2019, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo introduced the Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019 (H.R. 530), which seeks to end the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) ruling on 5G broadband. The ruling, which went into effect on January 14, 2019, limits local authority over public rights-of-ways for 5G wireless broadband deployment.
- *Our efforts have included:*
 - Before the 116th Congress started, TPA worked to identify champions for this bill to be introduced. After working with several offices, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo took on the issue and pushed ahead with introduction of H.R. 530 to nullify the rules.
 - TPA helped the city prepare draft letters and other official correspondence to communicate support for the bill.
 - TPA worked closely with Oakland's federal representatives, as well as other wireless infrastructure stakeholders, to advocate for prioritization of this bill in committee action, and identify next steps for the bill.
 - TPA worked closely with Sen. Feinstein's office to encourage her to be the Senate champion for a companion bill to H.R. 530, which Sen. Feinstein introduced in June. This allowed the effort to move concurrently in both chambers and opened up additional opportunities for bipartisan support using Sen. Feinstein's long-standing bipartisan relationships.
 - TPA helped coalesce support for this bill with other municipalities, including those whose leadership have different politics, to demonstrate bipartisan support and increase the likelihood of movement.
- *Summary:* H.R. 530 and S. 2012 are awaiting committee action.

Public Safety

TPA engages on public safety issues across the spectrum, including the following:

- **Draft Legislation.** In May, Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA) introduced the "ESCAPE Act" (H.R. 2838), which would prioritize funding for evacuation routes.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA conducted analysis and disseminated information on the "ESCAPE Act" to the City.
 - TPA has gathered support for the "ESCAPE Act" in the House among members of Congress, especially those on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.

- TPA successfully worked with members of the Senate to ensure inclusion of a similar provision in the Senate version of the surface transportation reauthorization bill.
- **FEMA Firefighter Grants.**
 - *Our efforts have included:* On the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, TPA provides regular updates and information concerning application and priorities to Oakland to ensure access to federal funding for fire-vulnerable areas.
- **COPS Office.**
 - *Our efforts have included:* TPA provides regular updates and information on the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) office within the Department of Justice, which administers the COPS Hiring Program, the largest amount of federal funding for law enforcement. Over the past several years, the COPS Hiring Program has been suspended as a lawsuit over the addition of immigration provisions is argued.

Economic Development

TPA regularly works with the City to identify new opportunities and opportunities to increase economic development in Oakland. Examples of these efforts are as follows:

- **Draft Legislation.** On April 10, Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) introduced the “Working Families Tax Relief Act” (S. 1138), which would increase the Earned Income Tax Credit by 25%, expand the age limit for those eligible for the credit to 67, expand eligibility for the full \$2000 Child Tax Credit to all low- and moderate-income families, and create a Young Child Tax Credit that would add more than \$1000 to a family’s Child Tax Credit for children under the age of 6. This would expand access to vulnerable Oakland families on the brink of homelessness.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA drafted, facilitated, delivered, and conducted follow-up on a letter of support that expressed the City’s official position on the bill.
 - As Congress discussed the possibility of a tax extender bill by the end of the year, TPA passed along updates on the possibility of adding this and other tax items to the moving legislative vehicle.
 - Although the legislative vehicle has not yet moved, TPA continues to be engaged on this and other tax issues crucial to Oaklanders.
- **Fiber Grants.** As part of efforts to activate Oakland’s dark fiber network, TPA identified and disseminated information for the FCC’s E-Rate Program, which provides subsidies for leasing dark fiber and services to light the fiber.
- **Opportunity Zones.** As an element of the major tax bill passed at the end of 2017, the Department of Treasury created the Opportunity Zones program to allow investors in low-income Census tracts to access tax cuts.
- *Our efforts have included:*

- TPA worked with City staff to ensure smooth engagement with national opportunity zone stakeholders.
- TPA has disseminated crucial information on rounds of the Treasury rulemaking process so the City is kept apprised of upcoming changes.
- TPA has also worked to connect interested investors with City staff designated to govern Opportunity Zones within City limits.

Washington, DC Advocacy Trips

TPA strategically planned and facilitated multiple Washington, DC advocacy trips for the Mayor and Councilmembers. TPA coordinated meetings with relevant members of Congress on topics including homelessness and affordable housing, transportation, and economic development. TPA also conducted follow-up action after the meetings.

Additional Federal Efforts

In order to ensure all of the various stakeholders are involved with our efforts, TPA makes it a point to reach out to and communicate with regional partners and stakeholders such as the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and the Port of Oakland, as well as national partners like the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, and the Mayors' Innovation Project.

City of Oakland Legislative Priorities for 2020

This report reflects the City of Oakland's legislative agenda for 2020, but it will be necessary to remain nimble and responsive as we move through the state and federal legislative year, as the only certainty seems to be uncertainty. We will be working closely with our legislative delegations at the federal and state levels, as well as with the Governor's Office, as we move forward.

While the 2019-20 legislative session was the first under Governor Newsom and his Administration, it is expected that the Legislature will maintain its focus on its recent priorities, including: affordable housing, homelessness, climate change, cannabis, and public safety.

In this report, TPA has included input from the Mayor, City Council, and City Administration. This report is compiled into three sections:

1. City of Oakland Specific State Legislative Priorities;
2. Federal and State Legislative Priorities for Monitoring and Recommended Action; and
3. Funding Opportunities and Requests.

The City of Oakland also works in partnership with a wide-range of entities to support shared local and regional legislative priorities. The Mayor is founding member of Mayors and CEOs for U.S. Housing Investment and the City supports its legislative priorities around housing and homelessness. The City also supports measures that are of importance to our regional partners such as: Oakland Unified School District, Port of Oakland, Alameda County, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Alameda County Transportation Commission, Oakland's transit agencies, as well as other California cities, employers and key sectors. We also partner with local institutions such as the Oakland Museum of California and the Oakland Zoo.

City of Oakland Specific Legislative Priorities

If the City Council is supportive of the proposals listed below, TPA will continue to research what can be accomplished through legislation, regulations, or direct advocacy with State/Federal agencies and other organizations.

- **Homelessness** - From our meetings with the Mayor, Council Members, and City staff the top priority for all is to obtain additional support to address the growing number of unsheltered homeless individuals in Oakland, and to prevent additional homelessness. Housing is the solution to homelessness, so the City will support legislation to increase production and preservation of affordable housing and permanent supportive housing. Other solutions could include legislation that increases funding for shelter and other emergency interventions, operating funds for new shelters/supportive housing, efforts on safe injection sites, modifications to state law to support Oakland programs such as safe RV parking, and other efforts such as supporting various emergency declaration proposals.
- **Affordable Housing** - Possible solutions could include creation of a new tax increment redevelopment program, supporting past legislative efforts such as Senate Bill 5 (Beall), acquisition and preservation of existing affordable housing stock, Costa Hawkins reform, protections for tenants against steep rent increases and other anti-displacement tools, efforts to streamline affordable housing development, and support housing production legislation to help address the missing middle in both income and scale of housing development.

- **New funding sources to address transportation, housing, and other needs** – As background, with the passage of AB 1487, there will be a Regional Housing measure before the voters to create new revenue streams to produce more housing. The City is supportive of additional funding opportunities but not at the expense of negatively impacting what is already on the ballot. The City will engage with stakeholders to ensure that funding for housing is prioritized and that any regional housing or transportation measures address Oakland's needs and policy priorities (such as a focus on jobs/housing balance). The regional transportation funding measure could include both revenues raised by taxpayers and revenues generated by the business sector through a robust Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program. In addition, ensure that funds are programmed to enhance equity, promote transit access near affordable housing, and support major infrastructure projects that will benefit Oaklanders, such as a Second Bay Crossing of BART and/or standard gauge rail from San Francisco to Oakland. Additionally, there may be other funding proposals to work on such as climate change bond measures.
- **Legislative and funding efforts to support climate change adaptation and public safety** - Our city needs to increase its resilience to threats from climate change and other disasters. Solutions could include increased fire protection, urban forest management, regulation of PGE shut-offs, and efforts that advance disaster preparedness and response.
- **Economic Inclusion** – Support efforts to reduce racial and gender gaps in employment, income and ownership. Efforts could include measures to improve the Opportunity Zone program to better support businesses owned by people of color, encourage investment in underserved retail corridors, and improve reporting and transparency. Other solutions could include expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit including the Young Child Tax Credit and improving access to capital for traditionally excluded entrepreneurs.
- **College affordability, educator support and early childhood learning** - Increase college affordability by supporting programs and policies that consider the total cost of attendance and cost of living (i.e. housing, transportation, food, childcare) when determining financial aid eligibility. Support efforts to strengthen and diversify the educator workforce so that it is more effective, culturally responsive, and reflective of local communities and support educator and family housing near schools. Support legislative efforts that expand and enhance early childhood education, with a focus on historically underserved/under-represented and higher need populations.

Federal and State Legislative Monitoring and Potential Action

The following legislative priorities have been identified by the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for monitoring, analysis and potential action. The Mayor and/or City Council may choose to take a position on a piece of legislation, continue to monitor without a position, or determine if any further response is required. TPA maintains a constantly updated matrix of state and federal bills for the City of Oakland, providing additional analysis and information to inform the development of a position by the City. TPA will monitor legislative activity in the following areas:

Homelessness

- Prevent displacement of tenants and residents
- Enhance transitional and permanent supportive housing opportunities
- Create a state-funded emergency rent and utility assistance program for those at-risk of becoming homeless
- Fund local, regional and state homelessness programs
- Oppose bills that reduce or eliminate the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investments Partnerships (HOME) programs and other sources of funding that help provide housing and services
- Oppose repeal of the Affordable Care Act or any bills that would reduce the availability of health care, mental health or behavioral services
- Identify and secure funding to improve information and referral services 211 centers

Planning, Housing and Land Use

- Help promote and support housing legislation that provides incentives to approve more housing
- Support housing legislation that increases greater height and density near transit and areas of job growth
- Support legislation that advances the creation or funding of affordable housing projects
- Enhance efforts to increase low and moderate-income housing, including ensuring that the Cap and Trade funding guidelines meet the City's needs and goals
- Pursue updates to the State building code, if necessary, to address non-conforming uses without causing displacement and to promote innovative forms of housing construction
- Reasonable reform to CEQA to streamline development and housing opportunities
- Efforts to create a state-funded housing subsidy program like the federal HUD-Section 8 program
- Support legislative and funding efforts relating to housing preservation and acquisition, especially for community land trusts
- Support efforts on wealth and housing preservation to help insure generational wealth
- Oppose bills that threaten the use of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) or other tax financing, which assists in the construction of new affordable housing. This includes proposals that threaten the tax-exempt status of private activity bonds, which are a prerequisite for the use of the 4% LIHTC credit

Education: Early Childhood, High School, College, Associate Degree or Vocational Completion

- Reduce truancy, absenteeism and school drop-out rates
- Increase access to after-school programs
- Increase access to and quality of early childhood education
- Cradle to Career strategies such as the Oakland Promise and other college, associate degree or vocational certification completion efforts
- Establish statewide goals and accountability for high school and college graduation rates and increase access to higher education
- Expand opportunities for adults to return to college by removing barriers such as improving support services for returning adults, many of whom are working full-time and have dependent children, reducing institutional roadblocks to reentry caused by administrative policies and lack of coordination between institutions, minimizing restrictions on student financial aid that disproportionately increase the cost of college

for adults, and better connecting education to work by incentivizing employers to invest in their employees' degree completion efforts

- Develop a longitudinal education data system spanning from pre-school to age 20 to provide timely, accurate, and transparent data about student success
- Create a statewide coordinating entity across higher education institutions to establish statewide leadership
- Support efforts to increase funding for adult education
- Support efforts to help support Oakland Unified School District

Immigrant Protections

- Support Congressional efforts that would make the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program permanent, including a pathway to citizenship
- Support access to counsel and due process for all undocumented immigrants, especially unaccompanied minors
- Support measures that ensure all undocumented immigrants in detention facilities are held for the shortest time possible, especially for youth, elders, and those with medical conditions, and ensure an end to family separation.
- Support measures that ensure the same quality standards exist at all facilities where immigrants are detained, including adequate health and mental health care, regardless of whether the facility is run by a government entity or a government contractor
- Oppose efforts that seek to reduce the rights of immigrants, erode legal or constitutional protections, or seek to retaliate against cities that have local "sanctuary" policies

Economic Development

- Bolster opportunities for entrepreneurs and small businesses to create new jobs that prioritize access to local talent and keep costs down for small business operators
- Measures providing for new tax increment financing opportunities
- Measures to improve the Opportunity Zone Program which could include a "state overlay" which includes greater equity provisions
- Efforts to encourage the development and expansion of career technical education programs that align with quality job opportunities in local manufacturing, light industrial, bioscience, and other priority industry sectors
- Increase support for workers' cooperatives
- Support for asset development and financial empowerment programs, including financial education and credit repair, and additional items as they arise
- Support legislative efforts for workers protections
- Support efforts to provide financial support for catalyst projects
- Support efforts to help resolve ongoing Redevelopment Authority (RDA) dissolution items
- Cannabis regulations/legislation/ support efforts to make it easier to pay the various state fees and reduce waste in packaging
- As adult-use cannabis regulations continue to evolve, ensure that the City's innovative Equity Program is not pre-empted and lobby for legislative expansions as needed, as well as potential changes to the special events legislation the City sponsored in 2018.
- Support employment and workforce training opportunities to help ensure a healthy pipeline for businesses

- Oppose measures that threaten the existence of or limit the use of the Earned Income Tax Credit
- Oppose federal tax reform measures that further decrease or eliminate the state and local tax exemption (SALT), low income housing tax credit or private activity bonds.
- Oppose proposals that cut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) spending
- Oppose federal appropriations plans that would impose across-the-board budget cuts to the federal budget, thereby imposing cuts to vital safety net programs that help low-income working families, children, seniors, students, and people with disabilities

Infrastructure/Transportation

- Measures affecting funding for roads, transit, “last mile” projects and goods movement
- Support for inclusion of affordable housing and transit-oriented development as a part of any increase in infrastructure funds or future federal infrastructure reform package
- Advance or support legislation that increases funding for storm drain upgrades
- Support opportunities to increase funding for Safe Routes to School
- Coordinate with AC Transit to monitor and support legislative efforts that would enhance transit reliability and access for Oaklanders
- Support legislation that would remove time limit exception for disabled placards in green zones and efforts to pay for parking via mobile phones
- Continue to investigate TNC revenue sharing opportunities
- Support efforts to ensure that the region is getting as much support as possible and that funding programs within the federal transportation bill will support urban infrastructure projects, multi-modal projects, and projects in disadvantaged communities
- Support the Mobility Data Specification (MDS) standards developed by the City of Los Angeles in consultation with industry to outline what data transportation technology companies should share with cities for us to better manage the public right of way
- Support legislative efforts to remove the 85th speed limit percentile and seek possible participation in a pilot program for automates speed enforcement
- Oppose legislation or regulations that seek to prevent or uniformly cap fees that local jurisdictions may negotiate with respect to lease of public property
- Work on the guidelines for the park bond once approved by voters, work on the guidelines for the housing bond once approved by voters, work on reinstituting the Nature Education Facility grant program, and additional items as they arise
- Measures that tax ride sharing networks and help reduce vehicle congestion
- Monitor scooter-related legislation
- Support legislative efforts to curb the abuse of disabled parking placards

Environment, Energy and Sustainability

- Measures pertaining to clean energy and waste reduction
- Measures that provide new tools and potential revenue opportunities to address illegal dumping
- Legislation to limit and/or ban the use of neonicotinoids.
- Legislative efforts to amend the composition of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board to assure representation of the most impacted local jurisdictions
- Measures that would support creating and sustaining of proactive “Healthy Homes” inspection programs and programs that reduce lead exposure

- Support measures that allow cities and counties to buy and/or generate electricity for residents and businesses within their areas and oppose legislation or regulation that seeks to limit the viability of “community choice” energy programs
- Measures that support innovation and a client-centered approach to improve the delivery of public services
- Measures that support regional planning for a climate change strategy
- Efforts that advance single payer health care
- Reinvigorate SB 375 to enhance sustainable community efforts
- Legislative restrictions/options to ban or restrict coal
- Encourage efforts relating to state funding for park maintenance

Youth

- Measures that support employment and career development opportunities for youth, including workforce development and entrepreneurship programs
- Oppose cuts to Child Nutrition Programs such as the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) that allow schools and districts with a high concentration of poverty to serve universally free meals
- Measures that support trauma intervention and advancement of trauma-informed care, holistic strategies that support vulnerable children and families with economic security, health care and wrap-around services
- Support legislative efforts to create more housing for commercially and sexually exploited children (CSEC) and eliminate restrictions on funding (e.g., no caps on lengths of stay)
- Support legislative effort to enhance prevention education for CSEC (e.g., recognizing signs of trafficking)
- Support legislative and funding efforts relating to long term support of sexually exploited children
- Support legislative efforts of decriminalizing young women and men involved in human trafficking
- Support efforts to address trauma of youth from gun violence

Public Safety

- Continue to support disaster preparedness efforts
- Continue to support wildfire prevention efforts
- Measures that reduce and more strictly control access to guns, ammunition, and gun devices that alter the performance of a weapon
- Oppose federal measures that would limit states’ abilities to regulate firearms within its borders
- Support access to high quality re-entry and rehabilitation programs in all state and federal prisons
- Measures that provide support to victims of trafficking for sex or labor.
- Policies for body camera usage and data storage
- Criminal justice reform such as allowing parolees to vote
- Monitor automated speed enforcement legislation
- Support funding and other opportunities to address domestic violence
- Support additional efforts to help prevent violence such as mental health services, supporting street outreach teams, focusing on others before they are at risk
- Support efforts to repeal Proposition 209

- Support efforts to secure additional resources as it relates to urban forests and fire prevention

Constitutional Modifications

- Support measures which would impact local governments, such as lowering the voter threshold to 55% for various bond issuances and local taxes

Stakeholder Priorities

- Measures that are of importance to our regional partners and lend opportunities to work together. Regional partners include, but are not limited to, the Oakland Unified School District, Port of Oakland, Alameda County, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Oakland's transit agencies, other California cities, employers and key sectors
- Partner with other stakeholders such as Union Pacific to work together on homelessness, illegal dumping, quiet zones and removal of some rail lines.

Miscellaneous

- Any other measure or budget action which could potential impact the operations of, or services provided by, the City, and support to make local government whole from previous budget reductions

Funding Opportunities and Requests

With the new administration of Governor-elect Gavin Newsom, new initiatives and funding opportunities will take form over the coming year. TPA will continue our proactive efforts to immediately notify the City of funding opportunities. In addition to the specific funding opportunities listed below, we will keep the City informed of any relevant funding opportunities throughout the year. City staff will work with the Mayor and City Council to prioritize projects submitted to the state for funding and TPA will advocate for those approved projects as appropriate. As new funding opportunities arise, TPA will make sure to inform the city and consult in the development of the optimal strategy to maximize funding for the City.

Homelessness

- Funding for homeless services (e.g., the wrap around services necessary for transitional and permanent housing) and emergency shelter
- Funding for flexible rapid rehousing and emergency rental assistance that prevents homelessness
- Support for more mental health and behavioral health outreach services
- Funding for information and referral dispatch centers, e.g. 211 centers
- Funding for employment, wage-earning programs for homeless people

Planning, Housing and Land Use

- Support for increasing affordable housing inventory including transit oriented affordable housing
- Support for soft-story seismic retrofits
- Efforts to preserve the historic character of neighborhoods

Education

- Support efforts to increase and ensure long term state funding for Early Childhood Education, including state matching funds for jurisdictions which pass self-help funding measures and support for birth-3, preschool and transitional kindergarten
- Support efforts to increase and ensure long term state funding for urban schools, with a focus on Title I schools and schools serving higher need populations
- Support legislative efforts to increase funding for Cradle to Career strategies, supports, transparency, and accountability
- Increased funding for local districts to improve and expand their teacher pipeline and residencies
- Increased funding for local municipalities to address housing security and transportation costs as they relate to both educators and families with school-age children
- Increase college affordability by supporting programs and policies and additional streams of revenue that consider and would help fund the total cost of attendance and cost of living (i.e. housing, transportation, food, childcare) when determining financial aid eligibility and awards, and by increasing supports that promote food and housing security for students enrolled in postsecondary education programs, particularly for community colleges, Peralta Districts, and CSUs.
- Create, enhance or expand CDBGs for communities that organize to provide holistic supports for cradle to career programs, to promote, sustain and extend the scope of Promise programs across the state.
- Increased funding for the Cal Grant to enable the award to cover a greater share of the total costs of attending community colleges, CA state universities and UCs.

Immigrant Protections

- Universal representation in deportation proceedings
- Legal services for those seeking asylum, refugee and other forms of protected status
- Access to counsel for all unaccompanied minors

Economic Development

- Opportunities to reinvigorate the Kaiser Convention Center possibly for temporary, special events
- Façade improvement, business assistance, and support for neighborhood commercial areas, including but not limited to the area surrounding the BRT project
- Career Technical Education programs in fields such as construction, information technology, manufacturing, healthcare, transportation/logistics, and other growing industry sectors
- Funding for job training, placement, retention, and related services aligned to the needs of Oakland residents

Public safety

- Re-entry and anti-recidivism programs to support rehabilitation of ex-offenders (Proposition 47 funds)
- Support for the Wildfire Assessment District and other urban forestry efforts
- Ongoing support for the Cease Fire program
- Expansion of the crime lab and other needed public safety facilities (e.g., new Police Administration Building, driving training facility)
- The West Oakland Health Center

- Public safety radio equipment and 911 dispatch support

Transportation and Infrastructure

- Re-Connect Oakland – 980 conversion
- Transit-oriented development projects in both residential and commercial areas
- Safe Routes to School funding for additional school sites
- Increased traffic and pedestrian safety
- Storm drain upgrades

Environment, Energy and Sustainability

- Urban Forest inventory and urban greening
- Funds to help address illegal dumping, littering, and graffiti
- Clean energy funding
- EDA brownfields cleanup for sites

Youth Programs

- Youth workforce and entrepreneurship, e.g., Classroom2Careers
- Support for children of incarcerated parents
- Trauma-informed care and efforts to address childhood trauma from violence and other adverse impacts
- Reduction of lead exposure and increased lead level testing for children

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts

- Completion of second phase of the East Oakland Sports Complex
- The East Oakland Roller Skating rink project
- Creation of a Black Arts District
- Improvements to the Malonga Casquelourd Center
- Funding for the African American Museum and Library

Process for Reporting

In addition to weekly legislative updates to City staff, Finance Committee reports, and other communications we send the City, TPA suggests verbal reports to the Rules Committee and then City Council when the State Legislature is on recess. For example, we would report out in April while the Legislature is on Spring Recess and during July while the Legislature is on Summer Recess.