

## MEMO

**To: The Honorable Barbara Lee, Mayor  
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## SUMMARY

Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. (TPA) has prepared this report for the City of Oakland as we look ahead to 2026. TPA met with City leadership and based on those meetings has prepared a recommended State and Federal Legislative agenda for discussion and adoption. This includes the framework for legislative proposals for the 2026 legislative year, including City-sponsored legislative proposals, legislative and funding priorities, and projects for consideration for competitive grant programs.

It is expected that the State Legislature in 2026 will maintain its focus on its recent priorities including efforts to counter federal actions, homelessness and behavioral health, housing and greater access, public safety, and transportation and infrastructure. This will also be Governor Newsom's final year in office. The State Legislature is currently in interim recess and will reconvene on January 5, 2026 to resume legislative activities. Legislators may begin introducing new pieces of legislation, many of which may be like bills that did not advance in 2025, the second year of the two-year legislative cycle.

In Washington, DC, Congressional Leaders and the White House have primarily focused on non-local issues, though opportunities remain in infrastructure, transportation, housing, and public safety. Many funding opportunities and programs are restarting operations following mass layoffs of federal civil service employees and structural changes to program administration. The federal government shutdown having significantly delayed legislative action this fall, we expect substantive activity in the Spring of 2026.

### **City of Oakland Legislative Priorities for 2026**

This report reflects the City of Oakland's legislative agenda for 2026, but it will be necessary to remain nimble and responsive as we move through the state and federal legislative year. 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 Legislative Priorities for Sponsorship;
2. State and Federal Legislative Priorities and Funding Opportunities to Support; and
3. One-time State and Federal Funding Priorities for "Member Request" Consideration.

The City of Oakland also works closely with and support various 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 cities, employers, and key sectors. We also partner with local institutions such as the Oakland Museum of California, Oakland Zoo, Chabot Space and Science Center, Children's Fairyland and others.

### **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.

1. *Supporting the Unhoused* – Based on extensive discussions with the Mayor, City Council, and City Administration, addressing homelessness continues to be the City's foremost legislative and funding priority. The City remains committed to protecting and expanding the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) funding stream while advocating for the continuation and enhancement of proven programs such as Project Homekey and Encampment Resolution Funding. Efforts will also focus on ensuring sustainable operational support for transitional and permanent supportive housing, including wraparound services that promote long-term stability and self-sufficiency. The City will pursue state and federal resources to strengthen housing navigation, mental and behavioral health support, and workforce development programs that help residents transition out of homelessness. In addition, seek to create opportunities that help provide forms of income for the unhoused while focusing on interim and permanent supportive housing. In partnership with regional and nonprofit partners, the TPA/Oakland will continue advancing comprehensive, coordinated solutions that prevent displacement, increase access to affordable housing, and promote equity and dignity for unhoused individuals and families.
2. *Illegal Dumping and Blight* – Addressing illegal dumping and urban blight remains a critical priority for improving Oakland's quality of life, advancing economic development, and strengthening public confidence in neighborhood safety. The City seeks to pursue a comprehensive approach that combines enforcement, prevention, education, and investment. Key strategies include strengthening penalties for individuals and entities responsible for illegal dumping, expanding collaboration with contractors, property owners, and waste haulers to ensure compliance with local ordinances, and increasing public education and outreach to deter dumping and promote responsible waste disposal. Working to remove abandoned autos, RVs, and trailers off of city streets. Additionally, the City will advocate for state and federal funding to support capital improvements such as barriers, lighting, and surveillance infrastructure to help prevent recurring dumping in known hotspots. In addition, graffiti vandalism is at times an initiator of blight and tools and funding are required to help adequately address it.
3. *Public safety*- This remains a top priority for City leaders, with a continued commitment to fostering safe, resilient, and well-supported communities. The City is enhancing partnerships with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to provide expanded coverage and coordinated enforcement support throughout Oakland. This collaboration aims to improve response times, deter crime, and strengthen overall neighborhood safety. In addition, the TPA/Oakland team will investigate opportunities to fund police academies, seek efforts to fund technology enhancements to help modernize policing efforts, most effective ways to address sex trafficking and sexually exploited minors, and other such programs. In

addition, the City is expanding proven community-based safety initiatives such as the Street Ambassadors Program, which provides on-the-ground engagement, conflict mediation, and resource connections to residents and visitors. These programs have been instrumental in building trust, reducing low-level disturbances, and improving public spaces. The City is also intensifying its focus on fire prevention and emergency preparedness, particularly in the Oakland Hills, where reducing wildfire risk remains a critical priority. Ongoing initiatives include targeted vegetation management, home hardening education, enhanced community outreach to promote defensible space, emergency readiness, working on the High Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps, and other efforts.

4. *Economic Inclusion* – To strengthen Oakland’s economic foundation and promote inclusive growth, the City remains committed to empowering small businesses and local entrepreneurs. Efforts include expanding access to grants and financial assistance for capital improvements, security enhancements, technical support that help stabilize and grow neighborhood-serving enterprises, support for the Coliseum development and other projects that will help grow local businesses, and other efforts. These initiatives aim to revitalize commercial corridors, enhance safety and visibility for small business owners, and foster equitable participation in the city’s economic development. In addition, the City will continue advocating for state and federal funding opportunities that support minority-owned, women-owned, and emerging local businesses, ensuring that Oakland’s diverse entrepreneurial community can thrive in an increasingly competitive marketplace, along with support for retail organizations and their footprint in Oakland.

#### **Federal and State Legislative Themes for Potential Action**

The following legislative priorities have been identified by the Mayor, City Council, and City Administration. As legislative proposals are put forward, the TPA Team researches these opportunities and makes recommendations on potential action/next steps. The Mayor and/or City Council may choose to take a formal position on specific legislation, continue monitoring without a position, or determine that no further action is needed.

TPA also maintains and provides up-to-date matrices of state and federal bills relevant to the City’s priorities, providing analysis and information to support the development of informed policy positions. These legislative and funding themes include:

<b>Homelessness</b>	
<i>Policy Priorities</i>	<i>Funding Priorities</i>
Prevent displacement of tenants and residents	Ongoing support for successful state programs such as Homekey, Encampment Resolution Funding, HHAP reauthorization, and other programs
Support regulations relating to abandoned and decommissioned RVs	Funding for homeless services (e. g. , the wrap around services necessary for transitional and permanent housing with operating subsidies)
Support the development of new policies which better align federal requirements of Coordinated Entry Systems with the needs of people living in encampments	Funding for interim housing efforts such as creating an RV buy back program, Safe Parking Programs, Tiny Cabins, other similar opportunities
Support regional legislative efforts to address poverty, help build more affordable housing	Defend federal entitlement grants (CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA and others) from cuts

Support federal programs allowing for “housing first” policies, increasing flexibility and local control for transitional and permanent supportive housing.	
<b>Planning, Housing and Land Use</b>	
<i>Policy Priorities</i>	<i>Funding Priorities</i>
Help promote and support housing legislation that provides incentives to approve more affordable housing	Support a funding stream to build more affordable housing such as a housing bond
Support housing legislation that increases greater height and density near transit and areas of job growth	Support for soft-story seismic retrofits
Support legislation that advances the creation or funding of affordable housing projects	Efforts to preserve the historic character of neighborhoods
Support regulatory efforts to improve the Opportunity Maps and tax credit eligibility	Support for increasing affordable housing inventory including transit oriented affordable housing
Support legislative and funding efforts relating to housing preservation and acquisition, especially for community land trusts	Support efforts that increase opportunities for teacher housing
Support legislative efforts for Transit Oriented Communities	Funding to support small businesses/churches for predevelopment costs to help build housing
Support legislative efforts that encourage first right of refusal for affordable housing development relating to county auctioned property	More funding for the State MHP program and other programs
Support legislative efforts around Surplus Land Act revisions to ensure more housing comes from the various efforts	Funding or tax credits to create more modular housing
Amend the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program to either repeal the homeownership set-aside requirement or increase total program funding sufficiently so that the requirement does not pose challenges	Ensure appropriate FEMA reimbursement for Coliseum Connections (or is reimbursed by State if not)
Support legislation that revises the Health & Safety Code to make it easier for cities to support their artistic communities, specifically the definition of joint living and work quarters to reflect how artists and creative communities live and work today	Seek funding opportunities for operating subsidies for deeply affordable housing projects
Support efforts to increase the number of housing vouchers for the Oakland Housing Authority	Funding for safe and affirming shelter, housing, and services for homeless and housing-insecure transgender community members
Support policy efforts to utilize the enhanced, lower bond finance threshold of 25% for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), supplement other affordable housing development programs	Support funding opportunities and legislative initiatives to increase teacher housing
Support legislative efforts to ensure homeowners in high fire areas are able to access homeowners' insurance	Support funding opportunities and legislative initiatives to increase housing for Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)
Support legislative efforts to ensure affordable housing projects and permanent supportive housing projects are able to access insurance.	
Support legislative efforts to amend to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for projects that are	

infill affordable housing; This proposed infill affordable housing exemption from NEPA would parallel similar state-level exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act	
Work on the classification and amendments to the High Fire Hazard Severity Zones maps to ensure residents and future housing is not negatively impacted	
Advocate for ADU policy to ensure they are not permitted within High Fire Hazard Severity Zones without further changes or qualifications	
Notify City of any future changes to the RHNA process and potential changes	
Seek clarification of recent CEQA amendments relating to human noise and it not being a qualification to slow down projects	
Support legislative efforts to achieve CEQA and NEPA cross-compatibility.	
Clarify for any streamlining legislation that the project needs to meet all building codes	
Support legislative efforts to streamline federal permitting and environmental review processes for affordable housing and transit development.	
Potentially a legislative fix to Possessory Interest tax issues around middle income JPA deals	
Expand the priority populations in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act to include LGBTQ+ transition-age youth, ages 18-26	

Education	
<i>Policy Priorities</i>	<i>Funding Priorities</i>
Support efforts to establish an HBCU in Oakland as a catalyst for expanded higher-learning opportunities, improved workforce readiness, empowered future entrepreneurs, and the growth of a new job-creating industry	Support funding mechanisms necessary to advance this initiative, such as infrastructure improvements, land acquisition, facility leasing, and other essential operational needs
Support efforts relating to Oakland Unified School District	Increased funding for local municipalities to address housing security and transportation costs as they relate to both educators and families
Support efforts to reduce racial inequities in education and address affordability of teacher housing	Support funding efforts to make safe school environments for students and staff, due to toxic contaminants found in the soil, traffic/pedestrian safety, and more
Help support legislative efforts to fund the California Library Services Act (CLSA) which enables cost-efficient resource sharing among public libraries	Efforts to fund critical libraries throughout Oakland such as the Hoover Durant library and others

statewide. Libraries are requesting an additional \$3.2 million, raising total CLSA funding to \$5 million, to better support statewide library services.	
Support legislative efforts to make safe school environments for students and staff, due to toxic contaminants found in the soil, traffic/pedestrian safety, and more	

<b>Immigrant Protections</b>	
<i>Policy Priorities</i>	<i>Funding Priorities</i>
Ongoing support and continuation as a proud and established sanctuary jurisdiction and reaffirming our steadfast commitment to safeguarding and supporting immigrant communities	Support legal services and other efforts to safeguard families and children
Support Congressional efforts that would make the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program permanent, including a pathway to citizenship	Universal representation in deportation proceedings
Support access to counsel and due process for all undocumented immigrants, especially unaccompanied minors	Legal services for those seeking asylum, refugee, and other forms of protected status
Oppose efforts by the federal government relating to immigration sweeps and other efforts	
<b>Economic Development/Economic Inclusion</b>	
<i>Policy Priorities</i>	<i>Funding Priorities</i>
Bolster opportunities for entrepreneurs and small businesses to create new jobs in the film and entertainment industry	Ongoing funding for the cannabis equity program to help support small businesses and equity applicants
Measures providing for new tax increment financing opportunities	Façade improvement, business assistance, and support for neighborhood commercial areas
Measures to improve the Opportunity Zone Program which could include greater equity provisions and increases in local control over Qualified Opportunity Fund usage.	Career Technical Education programs in fields such as construction, information technology, manufacturing, healthcare, transportation, logistics, and other growing industry sectors
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	Funding for job training, placement, retention, and related services aligned to the needs of Oakland residents
Support for small business grant programs to help address crime which could include funding for physical improvements	Additional funding opportunities to clean up and develop Brownfield sites
Support legislative efforts for workers protections	Funding opportunities to support night markets and Downtown businesses
Cannabis regulations/legislation/ support efforts to make it easier to pay the various state fees, reduce waste in packaging, and lower state cannabis tax rate at the retail level	Funding opportunities for business corridors of all sizes
Support employment and workforce training opportunities to help ensure a healthy pipeline for businesses including new and emerging industries that	Funding to provide technical assistance and small grant funding to Oakland restaurants to facilitate a transition to reusable for dine in

provide supply chain and high wage, middle skills employment opportunities	
Support legislation relating to Online Sales Tax Distribution Formula reform	Funding to support BIPOC small business to help with labor law compliance and other operating systems
Support efforts to recruit and retain more manufacturing jobs	Support funding efforts for the development of the Coliseum Project Area and the surrounding neighborhoods
Oppose proposals that cut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) spending	Support investments from The Office Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for small business financial assistance, facade improvements, security measures, technical assistance, marketing, and commercial corridor revitalization
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	Support funding and curricula requirements for educational and workforce development programs to prepare residents for careers in AI and emerging technologies
Incentive Investment in Early Stage Small and Minority-Owned Enterprises	Support efforts such as Black Homeownership & Reparations efforts which would include downpayment assistance; credit repair and financial counseling; and stronger prevention measures for discriminatory lending and home appraisal practices
Leverage all state opportunities as incentives for local cultural and creative development	
Fund Senate Bill 628, the Creative Workforce Act of 2021, through the California Creative Corps program and build a mechanism to support ongoing funding	
Provide assistance for businesses to hire creative workers; create apprenticeship pathways	
Support for the development of the Coliseum Project Area and the surrounding neighborhoods	
Support legislative efforts that create a free one year certification for AI Program At California Community Colleges (Simalar to AB19*20219)	
<b>Infrastructure/Transportation</b>	
<i>Policy Priorities</i>	<i>Funding Priorities</i>
Support measures affecting funding for roads, transit, "last mile" projects, and goods movement	Support efforts to secure funding for the Transforming Oakland's Waterfront Neighborhood project
Support legislative efforts that would bring back a form of redevelopment for critical infrastructure and housing	Transit-oriented development projects in both residential and commercial areas such as West Oakland BART, MacArthur BART, Coliseum BART, and Fruitvale BART stations
Support efforts to help commuters and increase public transportation	Safe Routes to School funding for additional school sites

Advance or support legislation that increases funding for storm drain upgrades	Increased traffic safety and sustainable transportation investments in multi-modal urban environments
Support opportunities to increase funding for Safe Routes to School	Funding for the Improvements to the Lincoln Square Recreation Center, second phase of the East Oakland Sports Complex, African American Museum and Library, Malonga Casquelourd Center, and other parks/facilities on the City's approved CIP list
Coordinate with AC Transit to monitor and support legislative efforts that would enhance transit reliability and access for Oaklanders	Funding for the Black Cultural Arts District and support for artists in general
Support legislative efforts to curb the abuse of disabled parking placards	Funding for on street and off-street parking management strategies
Support efforts to ensure that the region is getting as much support as possible and that funding programs within the federal 2026 Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act will support locally controlled urban infrastructure projects, multi-modal projects, and projects in disadvantaged communities	Increased investments in bridges
Monitor legislation regarding abandoned vehicles and/or 72-hour towing policies	Help secure funding for library upgrades and enhancements
Monitor scooter-related legislation	Funding for traffic calming measures near BART stations
Support legislation relating to abandoned autos including RVs and ensuring the ability to tow non inoperable vehicles and RVs	Funding for the revitalization of the Henry J Kaiser Center and hub of the arts
Support legislative efforts that give municipalities greater control and flexibility relating to autonomous vehicles, while also considering pedestrian and bicycle safety	Funding for transportation projects such as the Embarcadero West Rail Safety & Access Improvement Project and the International Boulevard Pedestrian Lighting and Sidewalk Improvement Project
Public Financing for Improvements to City-owned Facilities	Funding to ensure our libraries are enhanced and their CIP needs are addressed
Zoning and Building Modernization for Commercial Reactivation	
<b>Environment, Energy and Sustainability</b>	
Policy Priorities	Funding Priorities
Measures pertaining to clean energy and waste reduction	Urban Forest inventory and urban greening
Measures that provide new tools and potential revenue opportunities to address illegal dumping and unlicensed haulers	Funds to help address illegal dumping, littering, graffiti, and illegal hauling
Legislation to limit and/or ban the use of neonicotinoids.	Clean energy funding
Encourage efforts relating to state funding for park maintenance	EDA brownfields cleanup for sites
Measures that would support creating and sustaining of proactive "Healthy Homes" inspection programs and programs that reduce lead exposure	Support efforts to create more funding for Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs



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	Support efforts to create more funding streams to support Climate Action Plans
Support legislative efforts that could increase grid capacity to meet data center and research demand	Support efforts to secure EV infrastructure funding with a focus on large scale vehicles (fleet electrification)
Support legislative efforts that allow for local control over data center development and limits potential environmental impacts of higher energy demand	Funding for urban forestry, urban forestry masterplans, and ensuring the regulations ensure that lower income neighborhoods are positioned to secure more funding
Measures that support regional planning for a climate change strategy	Support efforts to partner with other jurisdictions and government entities to address illegal dumping (railroad property, state property, etc)
Some amendments to CEQA primarily focused on comprehensive vegetation management plans	Funding to help maintain the urban forest
Support efforts to cut down on pollutants by requiring businesses that help with junk removal have a license	Funding to renew and expand on the current two-year CCMA contract. The scope of work consists of cleaning 57 Caltrans-approved assets comprising of freeway on-ramps, off-ramps, overpasses, and fenced areas
Legislative restrictions/options to ban or restrict coal	Funding for the Citywide Storm Drainage System Toxic Material (PFAs, PCB, etc) cleanup, compliance, planning, programs, and projects implementation
Support efforts to help address various regulations and efforts that impact storm drain runoff and firefighting efforts	Funding for water quality improvements to and around Lake Merritt
Support efforts to transition to green energy and upgrade infrastructure with a focus on PGE and its ownership	Funding for park improvements to San Antonio Park, Vantage Point Park, Prescott Park, and many other parks in Oakland
Address particulate pollution by planting more trees and enhancing the urban forest	
Support efforts to work more closely with DTSC and EPA to address contaminated sites	
Support efforts to ensure jurisdictions within the City such as Caltrans, UP, PGE, and others maintain their properties	
Support regional efforts on land-use issues pertaining to the Old Oakland Army Base closure and land remittance from the Department of Defense to EBRPD and the City.	
<b>Youth</b>	
<b>Policy Priorities</b>	<b>Funding Priorities</b>
Measures that support employment and career development opportunities for youth, including workforce development and entrepreneurship programs with a focus on teens and opportunities in the restaurant industry and others	Youth workforce and entrepreneurship, e. g. , Classroom2Careers, Mayors Summer Jobs Program, and other similar efforts to provide work experience and income

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	Support for children of incarcerated parents
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	Trauma-informed care and efforts to address childhood trauma from violence and other adverse impacts
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)	Reduction of lead exposure and increased lead level testing for children
Support legislative efforts to support homeless children gain access to Head Start and other related programs as they are currently penalized for not having a physical address	Funding for a Citywide Storm Drainage System Toxic Material (PFAs, PCB, etc) cleanup
Support legislative effort to enhance prevention education for CSEC (e. g. , recognizing signs of trafficking)	Support funding efforts for early childhood education which also includes childcare
Support legislative efforts of decriminalizing young women and men involved in human trafficking	Support funding efforts relating to Head Start programs
Support federal legislative efforts that increase healthy food availability to families and youth.	\$5M in funding to complete the Young People's Wellness Center, a dedicated, youth-centered facility that will serve over 500+ young people annually, offering confidential and comprehensive care for ages 13-26. The YPWC will be the only facility of its kind in East Oakland, providing primary care, behavioral health services, mentorship, and youth development programs in a safe and affirming environment
<b>Public Safety</b>	
<b>Policy Priorities</b>	<b>Funding Priorities</b>
Support disaster preparedness efforts such as wildfires and seismic safety	Re-entry and anti-recidivism programs to support rehabilitation of ex-offenders (Proposition 47 funds)
Measures that reduce and more strictly control access to guns, ammunition, and gun devices that alter the performance of a weapon	Support for the Wildfire Assessment District and other urban forestry efforts including undergrounding
Support access to high quality re-entry and rehabilitation programs in all state and federal prisons	Ongoing support for the Cease Fire program, MACRO, and other violence prevention services
Measures that provide support to victims of trafficking for sex or labor.	Expansion of the crime lab and other needed public safety facilities (e. g. , new Police Administration Building, driving training facility)
Criminal Justice Reform including issues related to youth offenders and re-entry and access to housing and workforce development opportunities for justice involved individuals	Support funding opportunities for traffic enforcement efforts

Support gun control efforts such as stopping ghost guns or pushing to have serial numbers on each manufacturing packet	Work towards funding to address backlog of bullet tracing
Support efforts that reimagine public safety and incorporate community-based organizations to help address problems	Support funding opportunities for home ownership programs for law enforcement to live in the city they serve
Support legislation in line with the efforts related to the Wildfire Prevention JPA	Support funding efforts for the OPD Crime Lab and investigations
Support legislative efforts to create new funding opportunities for and incentivize private wildfire hazard mitigation measures	Funding for public safety equipment and crime fighting equipment on city right of ways
Support legislation that creates a long-term fix to Wildfire Insurance Protection	Expand Ceasefire investments across highly impacted counties in the State
Support legislative efforts to provide tools to cities and law enforcement relating to side show reductions	Expand violence prevention programs like the California Violence Intervention & Prevention (CalVIP) grant
Support efforts to enhance gun charges from violent offenders	Increase US&R readiness funding (approximately \$1.4M/yr, personnel and warehouse cost increases have well outpaced grant increases over the last 10 years)
Support efforts to address human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children along with reducing demand and survivor support	Support funding opportunities for community violence intervention work and holistic approaches to public safety that include street outreach, violence intervention, and case management approaches including focused deterrence strategies
Provide legislative and financial support to assist with illegal dumping and abandoned autos in our neighborhoods, and explore measures that the DMV can take to strengthen enforcement on vehicle owners	Support to expand the DVP direct service gun violence reduction team to increase our capacity to fully implement the Ceasefire-Lifeline Focused Deterrence Strategy
Support efforts to increase peace officer accountability and provide a means of decertifying police officers who engage in serious misconduct	Support efforts to create the trainings and capacity building opportunities necessary to ensure that frontline community violence intervention workers are equipped with the best and promising practices that keep them and their clients safe
Support wildfire & community hardening legislation (AB 1075, SB 616)	Support efforts to expand our team of gender-based violence specialists capable of working at the critical intersection of gun violence and trafficking
Support legislative efforts on Zone Zero Implementation	Support a formal regional collaboration on violent crime. Oakland works with federal agencies and the ACNTF, yet lacks a dedicated violent-crime partnership. With added CHP resources, a Joint Task Force combining OPD, ACSO, and CHP could provide a focused, intelligence-driven

	approach that leverages OPD's expertise alongside external support
Support efforts to remove Public Safety grants (US&R, SAFER, PSGP, UASI etc.) from applicability to the DHS Terms	Support funding efforts for an expanded Real-Time Operations Center that would improve coordination between field units, investigators, and partner agencies by integrating tools like ALPR, safety cameras, and Drone First Responder (DFR) technology. These resources enhance investigative efficiency, deter crime, and enable precise enforcement. DFR is increasingly essential as staffing declines, supplementing the aging air unit and serving as a key de-escalation tool during critical incident
Work with surrounding municipalities and other institutions to address and help maintain the urban forests	Funding to help address graffiti vandalism
Expand CRISES Pilot Program (Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems) which is the current CDSS funded ambassador program	
Support efforts to make it easier to hire and retain public safety employees	
Oakland and the Bay Area have faced destructive Sideshow events that lead to violent crime and property damage. Despite prior legislation and new technologies, legal loopholes continue to limit the effectiveness of existing enforcement tools	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Support legislative efforts to enhance racial equality and provide support to the many cultural and ethnic groups in Oakland	
Support Constitutional modifications which would impact local governments, such as lowering the voter threshold to 55% for various bond issuances and local taxes	
Support 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, East Bay Regional Park District, other California cities, and other like-minded groups	
Support efforts by national groups, including the US Conference of Mayors, National Association of County Organizations, Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and National Low Income Housing Coalition, and Local Officials in Transportation (LOT) Coalition that align with City priorities	

### **One Time State and Federal Funding Priorities for “Member Request” Consideration**

As we have seen at both the Federal and State level, new initiatives and various funding opportunities have taken form over the last few years. This also includes both legislative provisions that direct approved funds to be spent on specific projects, sometimes referred to as “Member Requests” or “Congressionally Directed Spending”, along with competitive grant applications. As it relates to the competitive grant applications, TPA will continue our proactive efforts and immediately notify the city of funding opportunities as they arise.

As it relates to state and federal “Member Requests/Congressionally Directed Spending”, our recommended strategy is for the adopted Legislative Platform to include a handful of funding buckets that capture various project themes. This provides the City with the highest amount of flexibility as it is important to not only reflect the priorities of the state and federal lawmakers who sponsor these requests, but also to ensure that the City’s projects fit the eligibility requirements of the various state and federal funding sources.

These buckets include:

- Affordable Housing/Homelessness, which may include funding for Oakland affordable housing projects that are nearing full financing, operating subsidy for deeply affordable housing, funding to support various efforts to address the unhoused, and other similar efforts.
- Reimaging Public Safety which could include funding for violence prevention efforts, community ambassadors, technology and communication enhancements, fire apparatus replacement, fire personnel protective equipment upgrades, and other similar efforts.
- Infrastructure Improvements which could include funding for enhancements to the Coliseum project area, capital improvements to reduce speeding, illegal dumping, and other public safety related concerns.
- Economic Development which could include funding for small business support, job training programs, career technical training, expansion of guaranteed income, and other related efforts.
- Climate Resiliency which could include funding for investments in nature-based climate adaptation, wildfire prevention and hardening, heat-resilience measures, flood- and stormwater-management upgrades, drought adaptation, and other projects that strengthen community resilience to climate impacts.