



STATE  
LEGISLATIVE  
PLATFORM  
CITY • OF • ONTARIO • 2024

## ABOUT ONTARIO

*Founded as a Model Colony, based on innovation, planned development, community service and family values, the City of Ontario has become the economic heart of the region. The City Council is committed to maintaining Ontario's leadership role in the Inland Empire by continuing to invest in the growth and evolution of the area's economy while providing a balance of jobs, housing, educational and recreational opportunities for our residents in a safe, well-maintained community.*

*Incorporated December 10, 1891, the City of Ontario covers an area of 50 miles within San Bernardino County. It is located 35 miles east of Los Angeles.*



The primary objective of the Legislative Platform is to establish official City positions on clearly stated legislative issues at the start of the legislative year. The Legislative Platform is developed and maintained using the goals and objectives of the City Council, a review of legislative priorities from Cal Cities, the County of San Bernardino, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA); input from City Staff, research of current law and pending legislation, as well as discussions with local legislative staff and the City's legislative advocates.

State legislative proposals and policies consistent with the Legislative Platform may be supported by the City. Those policies or proposals inconsistent with this agenda may be opposed by the City. Generally, the City will not address matters that are not pertinent to the City's local government services. The City may take positions such as Support or Oppose, or more nuanced positions such as "if amended" as a situation warrants but will not issue letters of concern without express City Council approval.

## **1. Local Control**

- a. Retain local control over all aspects of municipal land use.
- b. Oppose legislation seeking to reallocate revenue obtained from the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax.
- c. Oppose unfunded mandates.
- d. Oppose legislation that would eliminate the tax exemption for municipal bonds.
- e. Advocate for community lead priorities.

## **2. Economic Investment**

- a. Funding for “Smart Growth” and transit-oriented multimodal development.
- b. Reinstate/reinstitute some form of practical tax increment financing.
- c. Funding for adaptive reuse and/or historic preservation.
- d. Funding for workforce development, veterans job opportunities, and job readiness.
- e. Advocate for equitable funding for trade corridors, gateways, intermodal connectors, and freight facilities in the region.
- f. Assist with additional revenue streams to support freight movement investment adequate to address the local and regional impacts of national freight flows.
- g. Advocate for direct funding to local jurisdictions without unnecessary distribution through the State and County.

## **3. Public Safety**

- a. Invest in the security of the City and public safety officers.
- b. Invest in training and equipment for all first responders.
- c. Increase funding for disaster preparedness, prevention, recovery, and response for all-hazard threats.

## **4. Collaboration with Other Governmental Agencies**

- a. Regional homelessness program and mental health epidemic.
- b. Regional wastewater & recycled water services.
- c. Support local authority to contract fire dispatch and medical services.

## **5. Commercial & Residential Neighborhoods**

- a. Support funding for Regional Housing Needs Assessment requirements.
- b. New funding for homelessness services and the construction of high-quality, fully serviced transitional housing facilities.
- c. Support reform of SCAQMD policies to mitigate negative impacts on the local and regional economy.
- d. Explore cutting-edge freight conveyance systems for on and off-airport freight movement.
- e. Allow local jurisdictions to plan affordable housing holistically.
- f. Encourage private investment in affordable housing.

## 6. Infrastructure

- a. Investment in water, streets, sewers, parks, storm drains, and public facilities.
- b. Support the reduction and dependence on imported water from the State Water Project.
- c. Expand economic options for Ontario logistics projects/investments.
- d. Restore incremental tax funding options to cities, either as infrastructure finance districts, redevelopment agencies, or new funding programs.
- e. Oppose further restrictions on Surplus Land Act requirements.
- f. Oppose efforts to divert transportation infrastructure revenues for non-transportation purposes.

## 7. Quality of Life

- a. Provide Care Act resources to San Bernardino County.
- b. Increase the private match for grade separations.
- c. Support streamlined environmental revisions that remove duplication of state and federal processes.
- d. Support increased funding for historic preservation and retrofit, and community centers.

## 8. Technology

- a. Support efforts to expand municipal broadband and cooperation of service delivery with the private sector, such as OntarioNet.
- b. Support funding for wireless solutions and promote smart city options and high-quality broadband services.
- c. Support cities who have invested local funding to broadband expansion efforts.
- d. Advocate for funding towards zero emission municipal fleets.

### Examples of High Priority Projects

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- ❖ Goods Movement
  - Interstate 10/Grove Avenue Interchange
  - SR-71/SR-91 Interchange Expansion
- ❖ Safety
  - Euclid Corridor Rehabilitation
- ❖ Sustainability
  - Alternate Water Supply Program
- ❖ Innovation
  - OntarioNet
- ❖ Quality of Life
  - Ontario Sports Complex
  - Transit Oriented Development along Holt Blvd. Corridor
  - Ontario Grand Park
  - Granada Theater Historic Renovation