

# INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

## March 2, 2023



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**To:** City Council  
**From:** City Manager Department  
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**Subject:** **City's 2023 Legislative Platform**

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **ADOPTS** the City's 2023 Legislative Platform.

### DISCUSSION:

The 2023 Legislative Platform for Indian Wells sets forth the City's legislative positions and provides a framework for participation in the legislative process on a statewide level. It is important for the City to be involved on the Sacramento political field, and to have an influence on the laws passed that effect cities or improve our State. This document allows staff to efficiently process letters of support or opposition without going to Council for direction on each legislative issue.

Staff reached out to our State legislative offices, the City's lobbyist, the League of California Cities, the California Contract Cities Association, and the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce for input on the top issues for the 2023 legislative session. Top issues anticipated to affect the City are local control, housing and land use development, public safety, and homelessness.

The City continues its partnership with the League of California Cities in coordinating efforts and campaigns to protect local government interests. The City supports the League of California Cities' four strategic priorities for 2023 outlined below:

1. Protect and expand investments to prevent and reduce homelessness;
2. Increase the supply and affordability of housing while retaining local decision-making;
3. Improve public safety in California communities; and
4. Safeguard essential local revenues and support fiscal sustainability.

The City's professional legislative representative is the firm of Joe A. Gonsalves & Son. Staff and Gonsalves communicate frequently as to positions on issues, proposed legislation affecting the City, issues the City has taken a position on, and assistance with various state departments or the Governor's Office.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. 2023 Legislative Platform