

CITY OF GLENDALE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

1. Fiscal Responsibility

The City of Glendale has a fiduciary responsibility to the residents of the community to ensure assets and resources are properly safeguarded and deployed in a prudent, efficient manner. As such, the City supports the protection of existing federal, state, and local funding sources and the authorities that provide revenues to the City of Glendale. Additionally, the City generally opposes any mandates that are unfunded or inadequately funded.

2. Economic Vibrancy

Economic development is vital to the City, its residents, and businesses alike. While public funding resources continue to be scarce, most notably due to the end of Redevelopment in California, private development is resurfacing. As such, the City continues to evaluate several key policy initiatives that will preserve the high level of services that have historically been provided to Glendale. The City promotes legislation that supports urban development, including encouragement of economic activity, transit-oriented development, and pedestrian and bicycle friendly streets.

3. Informed & Engaged Community

Earning and maintaining the community's trust is by far one of the greatest priorities for the City. As such, the City consistently strives to conduct the business of the government in the best interest of the public with integrity, openness, and full inclusion of the community. Each community has unique needs and characteristics that are best met by policies set by its local governing body; and in that vein, the City supports local decision-making authority and opposes preemption of local control. In an effort to provide direct access of information to the community, the City supports legislation that allows the City to further its infrastructure in maintaining and enhancing the City's communication needs.

4. Safe & Healthy Community

One of Glendale's key objectives is to ensure the preservation of a community that is physically safe, free of blight, and prepared for emergencies. The City of Glendale supports federal and state local assistance for local police, fire, and homeland security initiatives, and any measures that will help contribute to local public safety. The City opposes any legislation that would jeopardize the safety of its community.

5. Balanced, Quality Housing

A balanced mix of housing opportunities is a primary goal for all segments of the population, including families, the elderly, low-income residents, and persons with special needs. Legislation that provides fair, affordable housing is a priority, as is homelessness prevention and the transition of the homeless into permanent housing. The City also supports legislation that develops and/or expands programs to protect existing housing stock. Furthermore, the City opposes impediments to the City's ability to provide opportunities for housing commensurate with the community's housing needs.

6. Community Services & Facilities

Maintaining a city that offers a variety of facilities, programs, services, and open space options is a priority for the City of Glendale. In order to maintain and enhance this development and programming, the City supports legislation that will help provide residents of Glendale with safe, accessible services and facilities. Furthermore, the City opposes action that depletes services and funding sources created to enhance the community's varying needs.

7. Infrastructure & Mobility

Cultivating a City with appealing features to draw in small and large businesses, families, new entertainment, and retail and dining destinations takes determination, planning, and forward thinking in the maintenance of existing infrastructure, and development of sustainable mobility. This can be accomplished with the City supporting legislation that increases funding for transportation, infrastructure, operations, and maintenance for the City of Glendale. Furthermore, the City supports legislation which ensures that federal and state transportation planning funds are available to the City throughout the year and are not made unavailable due to delays or changes in enacting the federal or state budget.

8. Arts & Culture

The City is committed to providing quality and accessible arts experiences for the entire community and promoting education and participation in the arts by creating an arts-friendly and arts-aware environment. The City supports legislation that will help maintain and enhance the City's performance arts venues, and funding for arts development. Additionally, the City opposes any reductions and/or eliminations of library programming.

9. Sustainability

For many years, Glendale has embraced sustainability efforts given current and future environmental challenges. The City continuously seeks out new technology and innovation to foster and promote sustainability and is among the first public agencies to successfully implement sustainability improvements such as the landfill gas to energy system, curbside recycling program, storm drain catch basin inserts, alternative fueled vehicles, and energy saving retrofits. As such, the City supports environmentally friendly legislation and urban sustainability.