

Council Business Meeting

August 2, 2022

Agenda Item	League of Oregon Cities 2023 Legislative Priorities Ballot	
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SUMMARY

The City of Ashland is a member of the League of Oregon Cities (LOC). LOC is requesting the City Council identify its top five (5) priorities for the upcoming 2023 Oregon Legislative Session from the following:

1. Full Funding and Alignment for State Land Use Initiatives
2. Local Funding to Address Homelessness
3. Infrastructure Funding to Support Needed Housing
4. Community Resiliency and Wildfire Planning
5. Protecting Public Employees and Officials
6. Return to Work
7. Attorney Client Privilege
8. Address Measure 110 Shortcomings
9. Building Decarbonization, Efficiency, and Modernization
10. Continue Investments in Renewable Energy
11. Investment in Community Climate Planning Resources
12. Adequate Funding for State Climate Initiatives
13. Property Tax Reform
14. Lodging Tax Flexibility
15. Economic Development Incentives (co-sponsor with the Community Development Committee)
16. Marijuana Taxes
17. Alcohol Revenues
18. Digital Equity and Inclusion
19. Resilient, Futureproof Broadband Infrastructure and Planning Investment
20. Incentives for Broadband Affordability, Adoption and Consumer Protections
21. Cybersecurity & Privacy
22. Transportation Safety Enhancement
23. Road User Fee – Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Structure
24. New Mobility Services
25. Funding for Recovery of Abandoned Recreations Vehicles
26. Water Utility Rate and Fund Assistance
27. Place-Based, Water Resource Planning (Program Support)
28. Infrastructure Financing and Resilience

Additional supportive or critical comments on the above issues, or other potential legislative issues, can also be provided to LOC. Priority recommendations received as of Friday, July 29, 2022, from Council Member and other Ashland elected officials are included on the attached Ballot Tally Sheet.

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

Select recommendation for priorities:

- Mayor & each Council Members: I recommend the following five (5) potential priorities for consideration in the 2023 Oregon Legislative Session.

Select final priorities for submittal to LOC:

- City Council Member: I move the City Manager provide the following five (5) issues to the League of Oregon Cities as the City of Ashland's top priorities for consideration in the 2023 Oregon Legislative Session.
- City Council Member: I move the following additional issue comments be provided by the City Manager to LOC for consideration in the 2023 Oregon Legislative Session.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Mayor and each Council Member recommend their top five (5) priorities for consideration and then the City Council entertain a motion to identify and vote on the five (5) finalist priorities for submittal by the City Manager to LOC.

FISCAL IMPACTS

No fiscal impact.

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

LOC 2023 Legislative Priorities Ballot

League of Oregon Cities (LOC) 2023 Legislative Priorities – Ballot Tally Sheet, July 29, 2022



2023 Legislative Priorities Ballot

Ballot Submitter's Information:

City name: _____

Submitter's Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please check 5 boxes that reflect the top 5 issues that your city recommends be added to the priorities for the League's 2022 legislative agenda. To see full background information on each of these legislative issues go to:

https://www.orcities.org/application/files/6916/5532/9480/2023_Legislative_Priorities_Ballot_v.2.pdf

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Full Funding and Alignment for State Land Use Initiatives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Local Funding to Address Homelessness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Infrastructure Funding to Support Needed Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Community Resiliency and Wildfire Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Protecting Public Employees and Officials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Return to Work |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Building Decarbonization, Efficiency, and Modernization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Continue Investments in Renewable Energy |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Adequate Funding for State Climate Initiatives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Property Tax Reform |



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 27. Place-Based, Water Resource Planning (Program Support) |
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Write-in Option: _____

In addition to your ranking of the priorities shown above, please use this space to provide us with any comments (supportive or critical) you may have on these issues, or thoughts on issues or potential legislative initiatives that have been overlooked during the committee process.):

League of Oregon Cities (LOC) 2023 Legislative Priorities

Ballot Tally Sheet

July 29, 2022

1. Full Funding and Alignment for State Land Use Initiatives

Council Input:

Other Input:

2. Local Funding to Address Homelessness

Council Input:

Other Input: Park Commissioner Bachman

3. Infrastructure Funding to Support Needed Housing

Council Input: Seffinger

Other Input: Park Commissioner Bachman

4. Community Resiliency and Wildfire Planning

Council Input: Seffinger; Jensen

Other Input: Park Commissioner Bachman

5. Protecting Public Employees and Officials

Council Input:

Other Input:

6. Return to Work

Council Input:

Other Input:

7. Attorney Client Privilege

Council Input:

Other Input:

8. Address Measure 110 Shortcomings

Council Input:

Other Input:

9. Building Decarbonization, Efficiency, and Modernization

Council Input:

Other Input:

10. Continue Investments in Renewable Energy

Council Input: Jensen

Other Input:

11. Investment in Community Climate Planning Resources

Council Input: Jensen

Other Input:

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Council Input: Seffinger

Other Input:

13. Property Tax Reform

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Council Input:

Other Input: Park Commissioner Bachman

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Council Input: Seffinger

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Other Input:

Write -in Options

Council Input:

Other Input:

Park Commissioner Bachman – Campaign finance reform (ala State Senator Jeff Golden’s initiative)