

**RESOLUTION NO. 4603**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO  
ADOPTING FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

**WHEREAS**, each year each City Council member meets with the City’s Legislative consultant with the purpose of developing a list of priorities and a strategic advocacy plan that will maximize the City’s potential to implement the City Council’s Strategic Priorities via legislation or grant funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council delegation annually travels to Washington D.C. to advance the City Council’s Strategic Priorities at the federal level and will specifically focus on visiting those federal departments or elected representatives that have targeted programs, grants or legislation that can fund or advance these priorities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of East Palo Alto hereby adopts the Federal Legislative Priorities for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of April 2015**, by the following vote:

**AYES: RUTHERFORD, ABRICA, GAUTHIER, MOODY**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**SIGNED:**

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Lisa Gauthier, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Terrie Gillen, Interim Deputy City Clerk

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John A. Nagel, City Attorney

**EXHIBIT A**  
**CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO**  
**2015-1016 Legislative Priorities**

**1. DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Need:**

- \$1 million for emergency interconnections
- \$2 million for Gloria Way Well
- \$2 million for Pad D Well
- \$50 million to replace old pipes

**Pending Grants:**

- \$700,000 request to San Mateo County CDBG Program for Gloria Way Well
- \$2.5 million application to state water energy grant program for pipe replacement

**Future Funding Opportunities:**

- California Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) provides zero interest loans and principle forgiveness.
- Proposition 1: Water Bond - \$7.4 billion in water infrastructure grants.
- Cap and Trade: Water Energy Grant Program

**Action Items:**

- Lobbying to persuade County to award CDBG funds for Gloria Way Well
- Lobbying to support application to state water energy grant program
- Lay groundwork to prepare application to State Drinking Water SRF
- Draft comments on upcoming grant guidelines.

**2. BAY ROAD**

**Need:** \$2-3 million for underground stormwater improvements

**Future Funding Opportunities:**

- U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works and Infrastructure Grants
- Possibly State Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program – funds infrastructure for infill projects that include affordable housing.
- Regional transportation funding from CCAG and/or MTC
- Proposition 1: Water Bond - \$7.4 billion in water infrastructure grants.

**Action Items:**

- Develop final technical solution for construction.
- Meet with EDA regional office representatives from Seattle (Malinda Matson—EDR for Northern California and Leonard Smith—Regional Director).
- Involve Congressional delegation in urging EDA support.

### 3. COPS FUNDING

**Need:** Funding for additional police

**Future Funding Opportunities:** Department of Justice COPS Grants – Funding announcement will be out in the spring

**Action Item:** City should prepare to apply for COPS grant this spring.

### 4. SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK & ENHANCE EMERGENCY

#### NOTIFICATION RE: FLOODING

##### ➤ San Francisquito Creek

**Need:** Funding to continue feasibility study with Army Corps of Engineers

##### **Future Funding Opportunities:**

- Proposition 1E: All funds must be appropriated by the end of 2015. Senator Hill and Assemblyman Gordon have been briefed on the City's needs and we will be working with them to develop an advocacy strategy.

##### **Action:**

- Urge Congressional delegation to support President's budget request of \$700,000 for the Army Corps to continue study.
- Work with the City to develop a one page overview of flood control related funding needs, both planning and project to provide to Senator Hill and Assemblyman Gordon.

##### ➤ Enhance Emergency Notification re: Flooding

**Need:** Improve City's system for notifying residents in instances of flooding and other emergencies.

**Opportunity:** State Flood Emergency Response Project Grants Program (Deadline next winter)

**Action Item:** Begin preparation of proposal for next year.

### 5. FIT ZONES

**Need:** Funding for Fit Zones initiative expires June 2015.

##### **Future Funding Opportunities:**

- California Endowment
- Department of Justice
- Dept. of Health and Human Services
- State Programs??
- San Mateo County??

##### **Action Items:**

- Prepare summary of results of pilot program
- Prepare proposal for next phase of initiative

## **6. COOLEY LANDING**

**Need:** Partner to operate and maintain Cooley Landing facilities and program

**Opportunity:** Potential partnership with Discovery Science Center (Sean Fitzgerald, VP) – referred by Jennifer Capitolo

**Action Item:** Explore partnership with an entity to operate and maintain the Cooley Landing facilities and program.

## **7. MY BROTHER'S KEEPER**

**Need:** Programs and resources to help young men of color reach their full potential.

**Opportunities:** President's My Brother's Keeper Initiative which is leveraging corporate and foundation funding.

**Action Item:** Develop local plan and then seek partners and resources.

## **8. WHITE HOUSE PROMISE ZONE INITIATIVE**

**Opportunity:** White House multi-agency initiative that provides assistance to innovative evidence-based strategies to tackle poverty, crime, education, jobs, affordable housing. (Applications due in fall 2015)

**Action Items:** Begin now to pull together partners and strategy

## **9. REPAYMENT OF CITY LOANS TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**Need:** State Department of Finance has denied the City's claim to be repaid \$11 million that the City loaned to its Redevelopment Agency.

**Action Item:** Determine if there are administrative or legislative strategies the City can implement to ensure repayment of loans.

## **10. OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- Active Transportation Program
- Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program
- Urban Forestry
- Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program