

# City of Fremont Legislative Framework

# Presentation Overview

1. State of California Legislative Session & Advocacy
2. Legislative Framework overview and program highlights
3. Overview of AB 1657 – The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2024.
4. Recommendations:
  1. Adopt the Legislative Framework.
  2. Authorize the City Manager to implement the City's legislative work plan.
  3. Authorize the City Manager, Mayor, or designee to transmit documents that are consistent with these guiding principles and priorities.
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# Legislative Program Overview

- Legislative Framework Proposes a Multi-year Approach
- Centralized coordination of legislative policy & strategy
- Council adopted Framework-prioritization of work
  - Funding Opportunities
  - Legislative Advocacy Work
- Collaboration:
  - Local, State & Federal Representatives
  - Local & regional partners
  - Advocacy organizations
- Communication & Transparency
  - Council
  - Community

# State Legislative Overview



Over 2,600 bills proposed by State Legislature in 2023 Session.

First year of two-year session.

Bills faced the Appropriations Committee filter.

May Revision of January Budget released.

By June 2, legislation needed to cross over to the Second House to repeat the process.

State Budget must be passed by Legislature by June 15 and signed into law July 1.\*

Tax returns due October 15th

Legislature adjourns September 14. Governor has until October 14 to sign/veto legislation.

# How We Approach Advocacy

- Frequent Communication with City Staff (several times per weeks)
- Proactive Relationship Building with Legislators and Staff
- Focused efforts on small amount of bills to maximize impact
  - Thought partners with the Legislature and Administration
  - Ties to established legislative framework / focused Council priorities
  - Benefits our budget advocacy efforts
- Constant In-Person Presence in Capitol
  - Develop trust
  - What has legs vs. what does not



# Legislative Efforts

## **AB 413 (Lee) “Daylighting Bill”**

Aligns with council priorities and vision zero plan. Asked by Author to serve as primary witness in Transportation Committee. Supporting the bill as it moves through the Senate.

## **SB 379 (Wiener) Residential solar energy systems: permitting**

Worked with Author’s office and city staff to draft new language, secure amendments, avoid potential liability on cities, and go from an oppose to a neutral position.

# 2022 Legislative Activity

- During 2022, the City took a position on 11 individual bills in the federal and state legislature.

2022 Legislative Activity	
State	9
Federal	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

# 2022 Legislative Highlights

- **Awarded over \$21M in funding for City priority projects:**
  - Congressional Community Project Funding Process: **\$1.5M** to deploy Wi-Fi access in six Fremont business districts supported by Senator Alex Padilla and Congressman Ro Khanna
  - 2022-23 California State Budget Process:
    - Sabercat Trail Extension project- **\$12M**, supported by Assemblymember Lee and Senator Wieckowski
    - Central Park Multi-Use Center- **\$8M**, supported by Assemblymember Lee
    - Housing Navigation Center-**\$500,000**, supported by Assemblymember Lee
- Monitoring Pending Funding 2023- 24 Proposals:
  - Tracking process of \$10M for priority projects selected in the 2023-24 CA State Budget Process and FY2024 Community Project Funding Process



# Legislative Framework



- Legislative Affairs Program Administration
- Fremont City Council Priorities
- Existing Policies and Plans
- Established Legislative Advocacy Positions

# AB 1657 (Wicks)

## The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2024.

- AB 1657 would place \$10B bond measure on the March 2024 ballot to spur the production of affordable and supportive housing.
- Supported by CA League of Cities
- Bond provisions include:
  - \$5.25B to the Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)
  - \$1.75B to supportive housing administration through the MHP
  - \$1.5B for programs to preserve or rehabilitate existing rental housing
  - \$1B to the CalHOME and My Home programs
  - \$500M to Farmworker Housing and Tribal Housing programs

# Recommendations

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**Thank You!**

