
M E M O R A N D U M

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Subject: **Summary of the 2019 State and Federal Activities and Proposed 2020 State and Federal Legislative and Funding Agenda**

Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. (TPA) has prepared this report for the City of Emeryville following the end of the 2019 legislative year. This report provides a summary of our efforts to date for the advocacy objectives of the City. Attached to this report is a matrix of the specific state legislation on which the City has taken a position and the status.

TPA has prepared a recommended 2020 State and Federal Legislative agenda for discussion and adoption. This includes the framework for legislative proposals for the 2020 legislative year, with both legislative and funding priorities.

Summary of 2019 Legislative Session

Governor Newsom considered 1,042 regular session bills this year and vetoed 172, which indicates a veto rate of (16.5 percent), nearly identical to Governor Brown's rate during his last year in office. Additionally, Governor Newsom actively signed 870 bills into law.

TPA worked with the elected City leadership and Administration to develop, advocate, and secure several major City initiatives through various means, including some major pieces of legislation, the drafting of administrative guidelines, and working directly with our elected leaders in Sacramento.

The Legislature is currently in interim recess and will reconvene on January 6, to resume legislative activities. Legislators may begin introducing new pieces of legislation, as well as continuing their efforts on bills which were stalled in 2019, the first year of the two-year legislative cycle. Legislation that was held as a "2-year bill," must be passed in the house of origin by January 31st, inclusive.

The City of Emeryville, working in conjunction with the TPA team, was very active on state legislation this session, taking formal positions on numerous different bills. As background, the process for taking an official position on a piece of legislation and advancing that position includes: TPA making a recommendation to the City regarding specific legislation; the City taking formal action on the legislation; TPA drafting letters for signature; delivering and explaining the legislative position to the impacted author, our legislative delegation, committee staff, leadership and others; TPA testifying at committee hearings on behalf of the City; and, when appropriate, drafting and securing amendments to legislation to benefit the City.

Below is a recap of some of the legislative highlights from 2019:

- ***Economic Development/Fiscal Flexibility.*** The City is committed to ensuring quality of life for both long-term residents, as well as developing a welcoming community for new residents as the Bay Area continues to grow. The City must look at new forms of revenue especially needed in today's age, as the Bay Area grows increasingly expensive, while the population, and therefore need for social programs, also grows exponentially.
- ***Assembly Bill 723 (Quirk) Transactions and use taxes: County of Alameda***
 - The City of Emeryville was the sponsor of this legislation. On the City's behalf, TPA vigorously shepherded and advocated for the passage of this local piece of legislation. This bill exempts specified transactions and use taxes (TUTs) from counting towards the statutory 2% combined rate cap.
 - Working with City staff, TPA drafted letters of support, testified in committee hearings, and had ongoing discussions with multiple Legislators, to explain that this measure would give the City needed flexibility to obtain additional revenue to provide much-needed general purpose local government services such as road repairs, park maintenance, fire protection, and homelessness prevention.
 - This was a somewhat controversial piece of legislation, with a previous version having been vetoed by the Governor. The successful revisions and amending of this bill are a testament to the dedicated work ethic, teamwork, and strong presence that the City of Emeryville, our delegation, and Townsend Public Affairs maintain in the Capitol.
 - As a result, Assembly Bill 723 was signed by the Governor, and chaptered into law on October 11, 2019. AB 723's final form passage serves as a benchmark for future success in Emeryville.
- ***Homelessness.*** Homelessness has become a growing issue impacting nearly every County, City, and local community in the State; however, state and federal funding is needed to provide additional tools and support to maintain access to support services, treatment, housing, and jobs. TPA advocated for various regional and statewide housing reform bills, many of which were designed to take people off the streets and to alleviate the financial burdens of many who are at risk of losing their homes.
- ***Affordable Housing.*** The lack of affordable housing across the state has been a pressing issue in the past couple of years, culminating in one of the largest groupings of proposed legislation to address this equity issue.
 - **Assembly Bill 1482 (Chiu) Tenant Protection Act of 2019: tenancy: rent caps**
 - This bill places an upper limit on rent increases in California at 5% plus inflation. It also requires landlords to have just cause before evicting a tenant.
 - TPA, on behalf of the City of Emeryville, worked closely with Assembly Member Chiu, stakeholders, and other relevant offices who played a role in structuring the legislation, to advocate for California resident equity.
 - **Summary:** The coalition efforts culminated in bringing the legislation to Governor Newsom's desk, where it was signed into law.

- Assembly Bill 1486 (Ting) Surplus Land
 - Through this, local governments will include specified information relating to surplus lands in their housing elements and annual progress reports (APRs); therefore, helping facilitate the process of developing affordable housing at an efficient rate.
 - TPA worked closely with Assembly Member Ting and his staff, to make some amendments assisting local jurisdictions in this process.
 - *Summary:* These efforts culminated in the bill making it safely to the Governor's desk, where it was signed and chaptered into law.
- Senate Bill 18 (Skinner) Keep California Housed Act
 - This bill initially created a funding opportunity for rental assistance programs. TPA, working with Senator Skinner and her office, helped this legislation merge into the State Budget to create tenant protection funds.
 - This became part of the State Budget and was signed into law by Governor Newsom.
- Senate Bill 330 (Skinner) Housing Crisis Act of 2019
 - This bill places restrictions on certain types of development standards, amends the Housing Accountability Act (HAA), and makes changes to local approval processes and the Permit Streamlining Act.
 - On behalf of the City of Emeryville, TPA worked with Senator Skinner's office to ensure the City and area's best interests were maintained throughout the legislative process.
 - *Summary:* This bill was signed by the Governor.
- **Public Safety Bills.** Numerous pieces of legislation were introduced in order protect the safety of all California residents. These public safety bills ranged from the topic of guns and violence, to electric utilities, to wildfires.
 - Assembly Bill 392 (Weber) Peace officers: deadly force
 - This piece of legislation revises the standards for use of deadly force by peace officers. The bill attempts to make confrontations between peace officers and subjects as safe and efficient as possible.
 - AB 392 was a bi-partisan supported piece of legislations and was signed by Governor Newsom into law.
- **Cannabis, Tobacco (vaping included), and Hemp Legislation.** As the popularity of regulated cannabis in California increases, there is a continual effort from legislators, local jurisdictions, and stakeholders to 1) Further develop stringent quality control standards on cannabis products and the regulated market, 2) Lower the rates at which cannabis is taxed, 3) Pursue legislative avenues for the incorporation of industrial hemp products into the state-wide market place and 4) Focus on diminishing the use of tobacco products in California, especially among minors.
 - Assembly Bill 228 (Aguiar-Curry) Food, beverage, and cosmetic adulterants: industrial hemp products
 - TPA has advocated for this bill, working to push it through the Assembly committees and into the Senate Committee on Appropriations. This piece of legislation, in part, reemphasizes the distinction between hemp and marijuana, further explaining that hemp-derived CBD does not produce a 'high,' as it only contains trace amounts of THC. Additionally, AB 228 establishes a regulatory framework for industrial hemp products to be used as a food, beverage, or cosmetic.
 - This bill made it out of the Assembly and sits in Senate Appropriations, where it will be revisited to determine its fiscal effects in 2020.
 - Assembly Bill 286 (Bonta) Taxation: Cannabis

- This bill reduces the excise tax on sales of cannabis and cannabis products from 15% to 11%, and suspends the tax on cannabis cultivation, until July 1, 2022.
- TPA has worked closely with Assembly Member Bonta, his staff, and the legislative committees on taxation as well as business and professions, advocating that the excessive taxation is an obstacle to establish a fully viable legal market.
- AB 286 currently sits in the Assembly Appropriations committee, and TPA will continue to work on facilitating its passage in the second half of the 2019-2020 legislative session.
- Senate Bill 34 (Wiener) Cannabis: donations
 - This bill allows cannabis licensees to donate cannabis and cannabis products to medicinal cannabis patients who have difficulty accessing cannabis or cannabis products and exempts such products from taxation.
 - TPA worked with Senator Wiener and his office to ensure this equitable piece of legislation remained intact throughout the legislative cycle and was signed by the Governor into law.
- Senate Bill 39 (Hill) Tobacco Products
 - Mandates a tobacco product to be delivered only in a container that is conspicuously labeled with the words "CONTAINS TOBACCO PRODUCTS: SIGNATURE OF PERSON 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY."
 - TPA advocated for the passage of this legislation via meetings with the author and his staff, meetings with relevant committee members and their staff, and by providing testimony in hearings. This bill was signed into law by the Governor.

Other Legislative Items:

- **Assembly Bill 362 (Eggman) *Safe injection sites*.** This was a bill we watched closely to see if this pilot program could be part of our regional efforts to help address homelessness.
- **Assembly Bill 516 (Chiu) *Authority to remove vehicles*.** We were able to get amendments added to the bill to reduce any negative impacts on Emeryville.
- **AB 1484 (Grayson) *Mitigation Fee Act: housing developments*.** This is a two-year bill and TPA has been directly engaging with the authors office as the legislation is in the process of being drafted.
- **SB 378 (Wiener) *Public Safety Power Shut offs*.** This legislation was introduced towards the end of the 2019 session and is carrying over into the 2020 session. TPA is working closely with the authors office to help move this bill forward.

Summary of 2019 Federal Advocacy

TPA worked with the City leadership, members of Congress, and the Administration to develop, advocate, and secure several major City initiatives through legislation, grants, and working with the City's federal delegation in Congress and Congressional leadership. The City has been extremely active on the following pieces of legislation which are still in process:

- "Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act" (S. 923), introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein would increase federal resources to battle homelessness. The bill authorizes \$750 million in grants annually for five years for local governments to combat homelessness. This legislation would condition federal funds on a grant recipient's ability to provide not only housing but also comprehensive services like mental health care, substance abuse treatment and job training, which is designed to address some of the root causes of homelessness.
- "Ending Homelessness Act" (H.R. 1856), sponsored by House Financial Services Committee Chairwoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), would authorize \$5 billion over five years for the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Grants, \$2.5 billion over five years for new Special Purpose Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, \$1.05 billion in mandatory annual appropriations for the

National Housing Trust Fund, \$500 million over 5 years for outreach funding, and \$20 million for states and localities to integrate healthcare and housing initiatives.

- “ESCAPE Act” (H.R. 2838) sponsored by Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA) would prioritize funding for evacuation routes.
- “Dream and Promise Act of 2019” This federal legislation would provide current, former, and future undocumented high-school graduates and GED recipients a three-step pathway to U.S. citizenship through college, work, or the armed services. TPA, on behalf of the Mayor and City Council, has been a very active member of a coalition to push this legislation forward which includes working closely with the City’s federal delegation and federal leaders.

Please note the following federal legislative efforts and highlights:

Federal FY2019 Appropriations

After the longest partial government shutdown in U.S. history, Congress passed funding for the rest of Fiscal Year 2019. Because of groundwork laid throughout the year prior, the City/TPA team were able to secure several City budget priorities, including the following (numbers rounded):

- Increased funding for:
 - Homelessness Assistance Grants (additional \$130 million over Fiscal Year 2018)
 - HUD Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (Section 8 Vouchers) (additional \$500 million)
 - HUD Project-based Rental Assistance (additional \$220 million)
 - Economic Development Administration (additional \$2 million)
 - Second Chance Act (Recidivism Reentry grants) (additional \$2.5 million)
 - FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (additional \$1 million)
 - Head Start (additional \$100 million)
 - Brownfields grants (additional \$7 million)
- Level funding for:
 - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
 - Assistance to Firefighters Grants
 - Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants

Federal FY2020 Appropriations

President Trump released his Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request in March 2019, which initiated the drafting and debate over appropriations legislation to fund the federal government beginning October 1, 2019. Currently, the federal government is on a continuing resolution that has extended all Fiscal Year 2019 funding levels while Fiscal Year 2020 funding levels continue to be negotiated.

- *In the past year, our efforts have included:*
 - **Analysis:** TPA conducted a full-scale analysis of the President’s Budget Request upon its publication in March, which involved identifying and comparing line items across the federal government to annualized amounts from Fiscal Year 2019.
 - **Summary:** Congress has not passed full-year funding bills for Fiscal Year 2020. Funding for all other federal programs must be extended by November 21, 2019. Congress is planning to extend the November 21 deadline to December 20, 2019, as it is unlikely that any agreement on funding will be reached by November 21.

Housing

On several bills and proposed policies, TPA has conducted analysis, engaged with the City, updated staff and elected officials on expected next steps, and engaged in advocacy on the City’s behalf. Some examples of these items:

- **Draft Legislation.** In March, Senator Dianne Feinstein introduced the “Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act” (S. 923), a bill to increase federal resources to battle homelessness. Specifically, the bill authorizes \$750 million in grants annually for five years for local governments to combat homelessness. This legislation would condition federal funds on a grant recipient’s ability to provide not only housing but also comprehensive services like mental health care, substance abuse treatment and job training, which is designed to address some of the root causes of homelessness.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA worked with the City to advocate for additional homelessness funding that would be available directly to cities, primarily because much of the responsibility for aiding those experiencing homelessness has fallen to the City government as the first line of defense. TPA worked with Senator Feinstein and others long before the bill’s introduction – our efforts communicated the urgency and increased the pressure on lawmakers to introduce direct, impactful legislation in the 116th Congress.
 - TPA continued to advocate for this legislation in our capacity with other elected officials, developing a groundswell of pressure to coalesce around the most demonstrably important piece of homelessness legislation at the federal level. This bill is the boldest homelessness policy plan to be introduced in Congress in years and will continue to be a major factor in the second session of the 116th Congress.
 - *Summary:* This legislation was introduced in the Senate in March and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Draft Legislation.** On March 14, Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) introduced the “Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Expansion Act” (S. 824/H.R.1767), which would protect mental health and addiction services and expand the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic pilot program to eleven more states, including California. The expansion would allow the City to have access to help with mental health and addiction services, which would aid those already experiencing homelessness and help prevent those in vulnerable or untenable housing situations from becoming homeless.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA worked with congressional representatives to ensure prioritization in future legislative vehicles.

Immigration

- **DACA.** In November 2019, the Supreme Court began hearing oral arguments on President Trump’s decision to end protections for immigrants who arrived in the U.S. illegally as children. At issue is the fate of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which grants deferral from deportation to nearly 700,000 young adult immigrants without legal status.
 - *Our efforts have included:* As news broke concerning legal proceedings, TPA provided the City time-sensitive updates. The TPA team updated the City on where the DACA program was in the judicial process, while also identifying opportunities and efforts to communicate that to residents.

TPA also helped the city prepare draft letters and other official correspondence to communicate support for legislation like the “Dream Act” (H.R. 6) and other items that would codify DACA and extend DACA protections.

TPA worked closely with Emeryville’s federal representatives, as well as other major congressional immigration stakeholders, to advocate for the highest prioritization of Dreamers

and DACA recipients in legislative negotiations, predict future Trump Administration actions, and identify next steps for both the City's federal advocacy and the City's ability to communicate effectively with its most vulnerable residents.

- *Summary:* The Supreme Court is continuing to hear this case, as it is seeking to determine the power the court holds to second-guess President Trump's action as well as the legality of President Trump's DACA repeal.
- **Census Citizenship Question.** In 2018, the Trump Administration announced plans to incorporate a question about citizenship into the 2020 census. The addition of this question was met with legal action, as it was considered as a tactic to potentially determine the citizenship status of census respondents. The primary concern was the threat of undercounting City residents, resulting in fewer federal funds being allocated to the City and the State of California.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA continued to work with congressional staff to put pressure on the Department of Commerce to withdraw the proposal.
 - TPA alerted the City to continuing lawsuits on the topic, provided updates as those lawsuits progressed, and identified opportunities for engagement.
 - *Summary:* In June 2019, the President indicated that the citizenship question would be removed from the 2020 Census, as the Supreme Court closed all paths to adding the question to the 2020 census by ruling the question unconstitutional.
- **Public Charge.** The Department of Homeland Security published the proposed “public charge” rule in the Federal Register. The proposed rule would dictate that immigrants who legally use public benefits like food stamps, Section 8 housing vouchers, and non-emergency Medicaid could be denied green cards. The rule previously only applied to social security benefits and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to determine whether immigrants may become “public charges,” or people who depend on the government as their main source of financial support.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA continuously worked with national stakeholders and disseminated information for local civic leaders to utilize to communicate with vulnerable populations.
 - TPA also ensured that the City had the most up-to-date information on the lawsuit filed by the State of California against the Trump Administration to challenge the legality of the public charge rule.
 - *Summary:* A federal judge in New York issued a temporary injunction to block the rule, which was scheduled to take effect October 15, 2019. Fifteen states, including California, have currently filed suit over the rule. Litigation is still pending.

Cannabis

- **Draft Legislation.** In September 2019, the House of Representatives passed the “SAFE Banking Act” (H.R. 1595), which would allow banks and credit unions to provide financial services to state-authorized cannabis businesses without federal penalties.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA has kept the City updated on this and similar legislation that would allow banks and credit unions to provide financial services to state-authorized cannabis businesses without federal penalties.

- TPA worked with elected officials of both parties to ensure prioritization of this issue in committee and on the House floor, where H.R. 1595 was able to move forward with bipartisan support.
- *Summary:* This legislation has been passed in the House and introduced in the Senate, where it has been referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Prospects of success in the Senate are increasing – a provision offering hemp industry relief is designed to appeal to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, whose home state of Kentucky is seeing the industry take off as Kentucky farmers are looking to replace tobacco crops. Because of the Majority Leader's involvement in supporting hemp in the past, it is likely that he would bring this bill up for a vote in a larger legislative vehicle.

Wireless Infrastructure

- **FCC Rules.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) faces a legal battle against dozens of cities from across the United States, which sued the FCC to stop an order that preempts local fees and regulation of cable-broadband networks. The cities filed lawsuits in response to the FCC's August 1, 2019 vote that limits the fees municipalities can charge cable companies and prohibits cities and towns from regulating broadband services offered over cable networks.
 - *Summary:* The rules are still in effect, but face pressure on all sides for modification to allow municipal stakeholders a seat at the table. Various lawsuits were filed against the FCC between August and the end of October 2019. Most of the lawsuits are being consolidated into a single case in the US Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. An FCC motion to transfer the case to the 6th Circuit is pending.
- **Draft Legislation.** In January 2019, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo introduced the Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019 (H.R. 530), which seeks to end the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) ruling on 5G broadband. The ruling, which went into effect on January 14, 2019, limits local authority over public rights-of-ways for 5G wireless broadband deployment.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - Before the 116th Congress started, TPA worked to identify champions for this bill to be introduced. After working with several offices, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo took on the issue and pushed ahead with introduction of H.R. 530 to nullify the rules.
 - TPA helped the city prepare draft letters and other official correspondence to communicate support for the bill.
 - TPA worked closely with Emeryville's federal representatives, as well as other wireless infrastructure stakeholders, to advocate for prioritization of this bill in committee action and identify next steps for the bill.
 - TPA worked closely with Sen. Feinstein's office to encourage her to be the Senate champion for a companion bill to H.R. 530, which Sen. Feinstein introduced in June. This allowed the effort to move concurrently in both chambers and opened additional opportunities for bipartisan support using Sen. Feinstein's long-standing bipartisan relationships.
 - TPA helped coalesce support for this bill with other municipalities, including those whose leadership have different politics, to demonstrate bipartisan support and increase the likelihood of movement.
 - *Summary:* H.R. 530 and S. 2012 are awaiting committee action.

Public Safety

TPA engages on public safety issues across the spectrum, including the following:

- **Draft Legislation.** In May, Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA) introduced the “ESCAPE Act” (H.R. 2838), which would prioritize funding for evacuation routes.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - TPA conducted analysis and disseminated information on the “ESCAPE Act” to the City.
 - TPA has gathered support for the “ESCAPE Act” in the House among members of Congress, especially those on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.
 - TPA successfully worked with members of the Senate to ensure inclusion of a similar provision in the Senate version of the surface transportation reauthorization bill.
- **COPS Office.**
 - *Our efforts have included:* TPA provides regular updates and information on the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) office within the Department of Justice, which administers the COPS Hiring Program, the largest amount of federal funding for law enforcement. Over the past several years, the COPS Hiring Program has been suspended as a lawsuit over the addition of immigration provisions is argued.

Economic Development

TPA regularly works with the City to identify new opportunities and opportunities to increase economic development. Examples of these efforts are as follows:

- **Draft Legislation.** On April 10, Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) introduced the “Working Families Tax Relief Act” (S. 1138), which would increase the Earned Income Tax Credit by 25%, expand the age limit for those eligible for the credit to 67, expand eligibility for the full \$2,000 Child Tax Credit to all low- and moderate-income families, and create a Young Child Tax Credit that would add more than \$1,000 to a family’s Child Tax Credit for children under the age of six. This would expand access to vulnerable families on the brink of homelessness.
 - *Our efforts have included:*
 - As Congress discussed the possibility of a tax extender bill by the end of the year, TPA passed along updates on the possibility of adding this and other tax items to the moving legislative vehicle.
 - Although the legislative vehicle has not yet moved, TPA continues to be engaged on this and other tax issues crucial to Emeryville.

City of Emeryville 2020 Legislative Priorities

The City of Emeryville’s legislative agenda for 2020 will reflect the priorities of the Mayor and the City Council. Our legislative agenda will be fluid as issues continue to be resolved and additional topics are included. The strategic agenda includes advocating for legislation, regulations, and funding that is consistent with the City’s adopted goals.

TPA will actively monitor, and directly advocate when appropriate, legislation to ensure the needs of the City are met. In addition, we are constantly on the lookout for any surprises that may negatively impact the City. If legislation is introduced that impacts any of the priorities, staff will be asked to analyze and evaluate the need for City Council action. The City Council may choose to take a position on a measure, continue to monitor without a position, or determine if any further response or reaction is needed.

Policy topics

While the 2019-20 legislative session has been the first under the new Governor and his Administration, it is expected that the Legislature will maintain its focus on its recent priorities, including: climate change, affordable housing, transportation, homelessness, cannabis, and public safety. We will have more

details on the legislative outlook for next year as the second half of the 2-year legislative cycle begins to unfold in January.

- **Homelessness.** It will be important for City Staff and TPA to develop a comprehensive position on homelessness and how we would like to see it addressed as the 2020 legislative session approaches. There will likely be various new pieces of legislation coming from both the Senate side and the Assembly, as well as the revival of numerous bills which were held in committee or stalled, specifically for revisions and a 2-year process.
- **Affordable Housing.** As was the case in the first half of the 2019-2020 session, the second half will continue to see a massive focus on affordable housing legislation, particularly in the Bay Area. We expect to see multiple pieces of legislation this session that seek to encourage more affordable housing production, build more housing for the homeless population, protect tenants, remove barriers to larger development, encourage ADUs, increase land availability, and finance production.
- **Impact Fees/Development.** The revision of impact and other development fees on a statewide level is a highly contested issue upon which we anticipate continual debate. It will be critical for the City of Emeryville and TPA to have a well-developed position on impact fees, and to insert ourselves into any conversations surrounding proposed changes to them. AB 1484 (Grayson) will be a focal point when it comes to impact fees and how local jurisdictions calculate and levy them. This is a two-year bill and TPA has been proactively engaging with the author's office as the legislation is in the process of being drafted.
- **Transportation Revenue Proposals.** With an aging infrastructure and an increase in commuters and residents in the Bay Area and across Northern California, an ongoing source of funding is greatly needed to enhance existing, and facilitate the implementation of new public transit systems, including trains and buses, as well as expanding construction of new roads and freeways in order to address traffic congestion. Like many smaller East Bay Cities, Emeryville has a disproportionate number of commuters compared to households but has continued to be neglected with respect to financing local transit infrastructure, in comparison to some of its neighboring "job and transit hubs."

Senate Bill 278 (Beall), along with the FASTER Bay Area proposal, aim to address the congested and inefficient transit systems currently in place. However, these legislative proposals will need to be monitored, while input from the City of Emeryville, its neighboring East Bay cities, and the county transit system are provided to the author and staff, ensuring an equitable measure which distributes funding for transit across the entire region, unlike the previous RM3.

Additionally, with various entities having authority over some portions of the roads and right of way in Emeryville, legislative efforts may be needed for relinquishment and to secure authority and control to support future developments within the City.

- **Climate Change.** Climate change has become a growing concern, not just in California, but across the United States. With challenges in greenhouse gas and vehicle emissions standards coming from the federal government, we expect to see some pushback via statewide legislation, supporting healthy air quality and a stronger overall natural environment. The City of Emeryville has a rich history of supporting climate change proposals and this will rank high on the legislative list.
- **Cannabis.** As a growing regulated industry in California, which has also recently come into some scrutiny due to vaping-related health issues, we anticipate several legislative proposals to crack down on illicit manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of cannabis products. The City has

approved many legally compliant operators and will have a thriving cannabis industry which means it will be hypersensitive to any proposed legislation.

- **Sustainability-related legislation.** This is a growing policy topic of great interest to the City and its constituents. Whether it is policy seeking to support lower-carbon building materials, food ware, energy (efficiency, renewables, greenhouse gas reductions), lower-emissions transportation or waste, all are topics that are important to the City.

Funding Opportunities and Requests

TPA will continue our proactive efforts to immediately notify the City once various funding opportunities are announced. In addition to the specific funding opportunities listed below, we will keep the City informed of any potential funding opportunities throughout the year.

TPA will work with City staff, the Mayor, and City Council to prioritize projects submitted to the state for funding, and TPA will advocate for those approved projects as appropriate. As new funding opportunities arise, TPA will make sure to inform the City and consult in the development of the optimal strategy to maximize funding for the City.

Homelessness

- Support for more mental health and behavioral health services in Alameda County.

Planning, Housing and Land Use

- Support for increasing affordable housing inventory including transit oriented affordable housing
- Support for an Emergency Housing Assistance Fund for those at-risk of homelessness
- Support for soft-story seismic retrofits
- Support for Intergenerational LGBT housing

Education

- State funding for urban schools

Public safety

- Capital Improvements to the current police station
- Feasibility study for a new police station
- Update existing emergency preparedness plan

Transportation and Infrastructure

- Increased traffic and pedestrian safety improvements and various locations
- 40th Street Redesign/Complete streets
- Rail Crossing improvements on 65th, 66th and 67th streets
- Parking Management implementation

Parks, Recreation, Youth and Cultural Arts

- Opportunities to build new parks/create more open space/green ways
- Opportunities to further connect to the Bay Trail
- Opportunities to further connect to bicycle routes
- Opportunities to further the City's efforts on bicycle and pedestrian routes
- Feasibility studies for future parks
- Capital improvements to the ECDC structure

Stake Holder Priorities

- Measures that are of importance to our regional partners and lend opportunities to partner and work together. Regional partners include, but are not limited to, Alameda County, Alameda County Transportation Commission, MTC, ABAG, Emeryville's large employers and key sectors, and others.

Additional Advocacy Tools/Sacramento Advocacy Day

TPA recommends a one-day advocacy trip to the State Capitol to meet with our elected representatives, Administrative Officials, State agencies for funding opportunities, and other staff members.

Suggested meetings include: our delegation (Senator Nancy Skinner and Assembly Member Buffy Wicks), the Governor's Office, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), Caltrans, Department of Parks and Recreation, and others. In order to support the efforts of the State advocacy trip and further the City's legislative and funding agenda at the State level, TPA provides for the development of appropriate materials for meetings and maintains records such as:

- Prepared itineraries, agendas, memos, and talking points for the meetings and other advocacy efforts that support the City's priorities;
- Develop relevant materials to document and support the City's positions, including associated research.

Additional Advocacy Tools/Washington DC Advocacy Trip

TPA annually coordinates the federal advocacy trip to Washington, DC. TPA arranges the meetings, prepares background briefings, drafts documents to present, speaking points for meetings, and handles the follow up on any outstanding matters and next steps. The federal trip is an important tool when laying the groundwork for future federal funding.

In order to support the efforts of the Federal advocacy trip and further the City's legislative and funding agenda at the Federal level, TPA provides for the development of appropriate materials for meetings and maintains records such as:

- Prepare itineraries, agendas, memos, and talking points for the meetings and other advocacy efforts that support the City's priorities;
- Develop relevant materials to document and support the City's positions, including associated research.

Process for Reporting

In addition to weekly legislative updates and other communications we send to the City Team, TPA suggests verbal reports to the City Council when the State Legislature is on recess. For example, we would report out in April while they are on Spring Recess, during July while they are on Summer Recess, and in November or December when Session has concluded.