

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2025



The City of Suisun City developed its Legislative Platform to support successfully implementing the City's adopted Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan serves as the roadmap to advance the City's mission and vision by aligning the City's resources and activities, the City Council's policy direction, and the desires of residents, businesses, and community stakeholders.

The City's Strategic Plan embraces and helps advance priorities outlined at the Federal and State levels of government, which include but are not limited to (not in priority order):

- 1. Economic Development
- 2. Education, Diversity and Enrichment
- 3. Housing
- 4. Infrastructure
- 5. Mobility (Traffic and Transportation)
- 6. Responsive, Accountable and Cost Effective Government
- 7. Marina Dredging / Marina Advocacy
- 8. Stewardship of the Environment

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Vision, Mission, Values

Our Vision:



Our Mission:

The City provides a resilient, safe, inclusive community to enhance the quality of life for community members and visitors.

Our Values:

Integrity

Inclusivity

Adaptability



About the Platform

In order to continue improving the local quality of life while contributing to the greater goals of the region, the City of Suisun City will advocate for policy priorities and funding opportunities outlined in this legislative platform. This commitment is a testament to our dedication to the community and its well-being.

This Legislative Platform, adopted by the Suisun City City Council, will establish the City's position on matters of priority and importance to the City. The Platform is designed to be flexible and nimble, allowing staff to proactively and immediately engage, advocate, and influence the Legislature where possible and as necessary at all levels of government.

By adopting this Platform, staff will actively collaborate with Federal, State, regional, and local elected officials and their respective staff, partners, and stakeholders to implement the goals and deliverables outlined by the City Council. This platform supplements and aligns with existing City Council-established goals and policies adopted in various documents such as the General Plan, the City's Strategic Plan, and approved Resolutions.

Given the ever-changing political atmosphere, the Legislative Platform shall be reviewed regularly and updated annually. The Legislative Platform shall be published and disseminated widely to promote transparency and awareness among the public.

Council Members



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Economic Development



The Economic Development priority focuses on retaining and attracting businesses while creating quality jobs for the community. It also includes adapting to global markets, emerging technologies, and economic trends. The City supports businesses through various services, while businesses contribute through civic engagement, job creation, and economic growth. This priority highlights the partnership between businesses and the community to maintain a strong and balanced economy.

2025 Strategic Plan:

- Economic Development Strategy and Implementation Plan
 - NorthBay Clinic
 - Redevelopment of Opportunity Sites (Sunset Building Feasibility Review, Postage Stamp Lot)
 - Establish Economic Development Board
 - Implement Highest and Best Use of 34 acre Site.
- Parking Study
- Cannabis Saturation Analysis '
- Citywide Restructuring of the Business Improvement Special Assessment Districts
- **Support Business Retention & Expansion** Advocate for policies and programs that help existing businesses thrive and expand within the community.
- Attract New Investment & Industries Promote initiatives that encourage business relocation, entrepreneurship, and economic diversification.
- Leverage Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) Encourage collaboration between government, private businesses, and nonprofit organizations to drive economic innovation and investment.
- Strengthen Regional & Global Economic Competitiveness Support initiatives that position the city for success in both regional and global markets.

Education, Diversity and Enrichment



This priority emphasizes the importance of education, diversity, and enrichment in building a strong community. Education ensures access to high-quality learning opportunities for all, while enrichment fosters cultural, social, recreational, and civic engagement. Together, they support individual growth, personal responsibility, and leadership while strengthening community diversity and inclusivity. A well-educated, engaged, and culturally aware population enhances the overall quality of life for everyone.

- **Support High-Quality Education for All** Advocate for policies that expand access to diverse educational opportunities, from early childhood to higher education and workforce training.
- Enhance Access to Arts, Culture & Civic Engagement Support programs that foster cultural awareness, creative expression, and community involvement.
- Strengthen Community Partnerships for Enrichment Encourage collaboration between schools, businesses, nonprofits, and local government to enhance educational and cultural programming.
- Foster Civic Engagement & Volunteerism Promote opportunities for residents to contribute to their community through civic involvement, leadership, and service.
- Invest in Youth & Leadership Development Encourage initiatives that empower young people through mentorship, leadership programs, and community service opportunities.

Housing



This cycle, the Committee added Housing as a Strategic Priority based on data supporting the need to address homelessness and affordable housing. There is concern over state-led efforts to increase housing production, particularly the push for higher-density developments. While recognizing the need for housing, the Committee emphasizes the importance of preserving the city's character. New developments should be thoughtfully designed to complement existing neighborhoods. This priority aims to carefully address housing, homelessness, and development challenges with a balanced approach.

- **Support Increased Housing Production** Advocate for policies that streamline housing development, reduce regulatory barriers, and incentivize diverse housing options to meet community needs.
- Expand Affordable & Workforce Housing Opportunities Promote funding, tax credits, and policy solutions that support the creation and preservation of affordable and workforce housing.
- **Protect Local Control Over Land Use Decisions** Ensure municipalities retain authority over zoning, density, and development decisions to align with community priorities.
- Invest in Infrastructure for Housing Growth Secure state and federal funding for critical infrastructure (transportation, water, sewer, broadband) to support sustainable housing development.
- Improve Housing Affordability Through Policy & Funding Seek legislative solutions that reduce costs for renters and homeowners, including rental assistance, first-time homebuyer programs, and equitable property tax policies.
- Address Homelessness Through Coordinated Solutions Advocate for increased resources for shelter, transitional housing, mental health services, and wraparound support programs.

Infrastructure



Infrastructure includes various systems like roads, drainage, sewer, water, telecommunications, and utilities. Some are city-controlled, while others are managed externally, but all are essential for a well-functioning community.

It also includes city-owned buildings and properties, which must be maintained to support government, public safety, and recreational services.

A well-maintained infrastructure is crucial for residents, businesses, and the city's economic health, ensuring present and future needs are met.

- Humphrey Canal Project
- Secure Sustainable Funding for Infrastructure Projects Advocate for grants, partnerships, and funding mechanisms to maintain and expand critical infrastructure without overburdening local budgets.
- Invest in Critical Infrastructure Improvements Advocate for funding and policies that support roads, bridges, water systems, and public facilities to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Enhance Transportation & Mobility Support initiatives that improve public transit, pedestrian and bike accessibility, and traffic management for a more connected community.
- Improve Climate Resiliency & Disaster Preparedness Support infrastructure investments that mitigate the impacts of climate change, natural disasters, and extreme weather events.

Mobility



Mobility focuses on reducing congestion, improving local and regional transportation, and protecting neighborhoods from traffic impacts. Safe, efficient movement of people and goods is essential for both residents' quality of life and the local economy.

Future transportation planning must support growth while expanding alternative transportation options to reduce reliance on costly road expansions and improve air quality.

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Responsive, Accountable & Cost-Effective Government



Responsive, Accountable, and Cost-Effective Government means managing city operations efficiently while considering community and employee input. It ensures accountability, maintains service standards, and continuously assesses the government's role to align services with community needs and available resources.

- **Transparency and Public Engagement** Advocate for policies that enhance government transparency, encourage public participation, and improve access to city decision-making processes.
- Service Delivery Efficiency Support legislation that enables cities to modernize operations, leverage technology, and improve service delivery to meet community needs effectively.
- Local Control Defend and strengthen local government authority in decision-making, fiscal management, and service provision to ensure policies reflect community needs.
- **Unfunded Mandate Reform** Oppose state and federal mandates that impose financial burdens on cities without providing necessary funding or flexibility in implementation.
- Government Innovation and Modernization Advocate for legislative measures that allow cities to adopt innovative solutions, emerging technologies, and best practices to improve governance and service delivery.

Marina Advocacy / Dredging



Responsive, Accountable and Cost-Effective Government describes the City government's responsibility to manage in a manner which seeks out and is responsive to community and employee input and feedback on actions, plans and initiatives; is accountable and responsible for actions taken; and, which maintains effective operational standards and efficient delivery of services. It acknowledges the need for continual monitoring and assessment of the role of City government and the services it provides, to ensure that the appropriate services are provided in a manner that best reflects both the needs of the community and the ability of the government to provide them.

- Securing Sustainable Dredging Funding Advocate for dedicated state and federal funding streams to support routine dredging, ensuring navigability, economic viability, and environmental sustainability of the marina.
- **Regulatory Streamlining for Dredging Projects** Support legislation that simplifies and expedites permitting processes for dredging and sediment management, reducing delays and costs for local governments.
- Harbor and Waterfront Infrastructure Investment Promote policies that provide grants and resources for maintaining and upgrading marina infrastructure, including docks, bulkheads, and shoreline stabilization.
- Environmental Stewardship in Dredging Practices Support legislation that encourages beneficial reuse of dredged materials, habitat restoration efforts, and environmentally responsible sediment management strategies.

Stewardship of the Environment



In 2008, Stewardship of the Environment rose to the level of a Strategic Priority based on increasing awareness and concerns regarding climate change and its effects on our world. This Strategic Priority addresses the need for Suisun to be aware of, and proactively respond to, a wide variety of issues concerning the physical environment, from the micro and local to the macro and global. Understanding and addressing the cumulative impacts of individual, local and regional activities assures that Suisun will be a leader in minimizing negative effects on our environment. We see this priority as both a vital issue to address and preserve the quality of life for future generations, and an opportunity for Suisun to be a leader in encouraging and facilitating individual, local, regional and commercial solutions for this ongoing global issue.

- Sustainable Land Use and Development Support legislation that promotes sustainable growth, climate-conscious urban planning, and smart infrastructure investments that protect natural resources while meeting community needs.
- Water Quality and Conservation Advocate for policies that ensure the protection and sustainable management of Suisun's waterways, including wetlands, groundwater, and the Suisun Marina, through conservation efforts, pollution reduction, and responsible water use.
- Renewable Energy and Green Innovation Promote legislative initiatives that expand access to renewable energy, incentivize green building practices, and support local efforts to transition toward a low-carbon economy.

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