



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Legislative Committee

SUBJECT:

Position on League of Oregon Cities legislative priorities for 2021 Oregon Legislative Session

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council ratify Salem's four issues for the League of Oregon Cities legislative priorities for the 2021 Oregon Legislative Session to include COVID-19 economy recovery investments, housing and services investments, mental health service delivery, and property tax reform?

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve four issues for the League of Oregon Cities legislative priorities for the 2019 Oregon Legislative Session to include COVID-19 economy recovery investments, housing and services investments, mental health service delivery, and property tax reform.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The League of Oregon Cities has requested each city provide input on the top four legislative priorities from 26 objectives. The League's policy committees have been working to identify and propose specific actions as part of the League's effort to develop a pro-active legislative agenda for the 2021 session. These 26 objectives span a variety of issues and differ in the potential resources required to seek their achievement (Attachment 1).

On June 26, 2020, the City Council Legislative Committee met to consider the League of Oregon Cities' request to select four priorities. The City Council Legislative Committee is Mayor Bennett and Councilors Andersen, Hoy, and Nanke, with Councilor Kaser serving as an alternate member.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

While many of the LOC objectives are important to Salem, given anticipated legislative activity on some of these issues, the Legislative Committee selected four priorities aligned with City Council Policy Agenda priorities and Salem's legislative priorities:

D. COVID-19 Economic Recovery Investments

H. Housing and Services Investment

Q. Mental Health Service Delivery

U. Property Tax Reform

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Attachments:

1. League of Oregon Cities Legislative Priorities Survey