



Lompoc City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: March 6, 2007

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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF LOMPOC LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the City of Lompoc Legislative Policy Positions; and adopt Resolution No. 5387(07), authorizing the Mayor, or designee, representing the City of Lompoc to sign correspondence regarding pending legislation.

DISCUSSION:

Attached for City Council's consideration is Resolution No. 5387 (07), establishing the City of Lompoc Legislative Policy Positions. This resolution authorizes the Mayor or designee to respond to legislative issues affecting the City, via letters signed by the Mayor or, in his absence, a Councilmember or staff designee, provided that positions taken are consistent with the positions outlined in the Resolution as follows:

- Preserve and protect local control;
- Restore local control, where it has been preempted by state or federal legislation;
- Preserve, protect, and restore local revenue streams;
- Encourage the use of grant funding for municipal purposes;
- Oppose unfunded mandates; and
- Support simpler application of reimbursement for mandates.

The purpose of establishing the Legislative Policy Positions is to provide for timely, proactive interaction between local elected officials and state elected officials to effectively communicate and influence the outcome of legislation. While Staff and City Council have long maintained awareness and have implemented procedures to influence and advise Legislators on major issues of concern, such as fiscal reform and local control that impact the City of Lompoc, the process for agendaizing legislative positions for Council action can take as long as two weeks or more, which

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often exceeds the window of opportunity to effectively influence the legislative outcome.

SUMMARY:

Since 2001, City Council has approved annually by City resolution these legislative policy positions. Adoption of Resolution No. 5387 (07) permanently establishes the City of Lompoc Legislative Policy Positions. These positions will continue to be reviewed by staff on an annual basis, and brought to Council if changes and/or additions are deemed appropriate.

Laurel M. Barcelona, Assistant City Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator

Attachment: [Resolution No. 5387 \(07\)](#)