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**GROUP I -- Legislation to Sponsor
(Highest Priority, City will attempt to Initiate)**

	Obtain State, Federal funds and legislative support to:
	Pursue State funding for bachelors and advanced degree public university institutional presence for the University and Innovation District

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GROUP II		
Legislation to Support (City will send letters of support, meet with legislators to convey City opinion)		Legislation to Oppose
Economic Development	Assist business attraction/retention in Chula Vista.	
	Promote local purchasing, hiring and workforce training that create quality career opportunities and living wages for the local workforce	
	Provide startup funding for economic development programs/partnerships	
	Fund extending advanced telecommunications, smart grid energy, sustainable water supply and transportation infrastructure that helps develop quality jobs in disadvantaged communities	
	Develop utility rates and incentive programs that level the playing field for retaining and attracting industrial and/or commercial employment centers, e.g., precision manufacturing, aerospace, navigation and maritime technologies, Cleantech, education, technology	
	Promote opportunities for public art funding and encourage programs that tie arts and culture to economic development	
Energy & Water	Support programs and rate structures that expand access to solar and other clean energy technologies, particularly for renters and other underserved community members	
	Support programs that provide incentives for energy and water saving upgrades	
	Enhance local jurisdictional authority to create Community Choice Aggregation programs, if desired, to provide more affordable and clean electricity supply options for residents and businesses	
Environmental Services	Promote Extended Producer Responsibility that shifts end-of-life management responsibility from local government, taxpayers and ratepayers to producers, manufacturers, retailers and consumers	New leases for oil/gas development in state-owned coastal waters off San Diego County

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	Create new and sustainable funding opportunities to support local habitat preservation, water conservation, water reuse and recycling efforts	Restrictions on local jurisdictions' authority and ability to adopt environmental policies and codes exceeding state or federal standards
	Support a zero waste plan which will require the diversion of organic materials from landfills	
Fiscal Support/ Home Rule	Provide grant distribution criteria that includes a 'per capita' component in addition to 'merit-based' programs	Take aways from or redirection of local government revenue resources
	Protect or enhance local government revenue resources including sales, property and use taxes, COPS (Citizens' Option for Public Safety), and Booking Fees. Reinforce local control of telecommunications, energy, water, franchise agreements	Unfunded mandates and legislation that reduces local control or abridges home rule authority
	Fund construction of needed infrastructure, parks, libraries and other civic/public safety programs	Limit cities' ability to impose franchise fees, taxes, etc. on cable or satellite television or other telecommunication operations & services
	Exempt stormwater fees from the restrictions of Proposition 218	Preclude cities from collecting Utility Users Tax, including revenue on cellular or digital telephone use
	Pursue local Environmental Fee Authority to fund programs that address current and future state and/or federal policy mandates	Repeal of Gas Tax exemption for local agencies
	Support reauthorization of the CPUC Public Goods Charge, and water, energy and transportation legislation that provides local funding to complement environmental and economic sustainability	Place additional voting or noticing requirements on cities placing ballot measures for voter consideration
	Clean up Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act (DIVCA) legislation regulating the cable/video franchising, government and education programming and customer service standards	Attempts to impose regulations on traditional Charter City municipal affairs including: land use, elections, purchasing, governance or terms of employment
	Strengthen and/or add tools to promote redevelopment of economically distressed areas	
Historic Preservation	Promote historic preservation and facilitate funding it	

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General Government	Provide greater incentives for managing pet over-population	
Housing	Assist first-time home buyers	Preclude cities from implementing rent control measures
	Prevent the loss of affordable housing with assistance from federal or state funding	
	Provide opportunity for the construction of workforce housing	

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Land Use Planning	Promote 'smart growth' incentive programs, reward agencies that promote sustainable practices such as energy conservation, renewable resources, green buildings and the reduction of CO ₂ emissions. Rewards and incentives should consider financial and other assistance, as well as streamlined regulatory procedures.	
	Assure that major changes to Building, Energy or Accessibility code requirements are given sufficient time and resources for local government and industry training	
	Extend land use, conservation and growth management policies of municipalities to unincorporated territories within their spheres of influence	
	Require special districts and school districts to adopt facility master plans consistent with local government general plans, growth management plans, and adopt 5-year CIP/ financing plans consistent with facility master plans	
	Efforts to limit or restrict the exemption claimed by some public agencies that bypasses city zoning, planning permits and building code inspections.	
	Streamline regulatory procedures for projects that promote the public's health, safety & welfare	
	Legislation that eliminates regulatory and processing barriers for projects that enhance or restore biological habitats.	
	Legislation that eliminates regulatory and processing barriers for projects that improve water quality by using existing or enhanced natural systems.	
	Support reducing vote threshold for special use taxes from 66.6% to 55%	

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Library	Fund connecting libraries to a statewide, high-speed, broadband backbone managed by the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) which manages the “backbone” for the K-12 system, UC, CSU and community colleges	
	Fully fund the California Public Library Fund and eliminate financial penalties to municipal libraries experiencing budget reductions.	
	Guarantee libraries the largest possible discount in rates for telecommunication services, internal connections and internet access.	
	Preserve existing provisions that exempt libraries from having to act as censors of literature or information	
	Library bond measures that provide per capita and competitive grants for library facility construction and renovation	
	Funds for after-school library programs for crime diversion during critical hours	
	Establish threshold for library capital bonds or operating levies measures from 66.7% to 55% approval to pass	
Parks & Recreation	Funds to construct or renovate parks and recreation facilities in aging/underserved areas of the city	
	Park bond measures that provide per capita and competitive grants for park and recreation facility development and renovation	
	Funds for after-school art and recreational programs promoting the arts and physical exercise	
	Funding to support access opportunities for all citizens to physical activity, proper nutrition and healthy lifestyle options through the promotion of active transportation, complete street implementation, healthy foods, youth programming, sports and maximizing the usage of green space.	
	Cities owning or operating dog parks shall not be held liable for injury or death suffered by any person or pet resulting solely from the actions of a dog in the dog park	

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Public Employer/ Employee Relations	Protect and enhance cities' ability to establish conditions of employment, including hours, wages, benefits, the meet-and-confer process, appeal procedures and management rights	
	Reform the California Workers' Compensation Program to reduce public costs	
	Maintain the employee's 'burden of proof' related to all presumptive illnesses	
	Efforts to minimize the impact of payments required by CalPERS to address unfunded liabilities	
Public Liability	Change the legal principle of 'joint and several liability' to protect cities against 'deep pocket' liability	
	Minimize governmental exposure to frivolous lawsuits. Create a more equitable balance for cities to recover attorney fees	
	Improve liability protection for governmental agencies and their personnel	
	Expand Intervener Compensation at state and federal agency proceedings to include reimbursement for local government participation.	
Public Safety, Fire	Increase employment opportunities through the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Program	Allow unlicensed fire protection contractors to install fire protection systems
	Support expanding information among fire departments, increasing real time data of offenders, such as registered arsonists	
	Fund emergency preparedness measures, particularly those related to wildland fires. Fund minimizing fuels in wildland interface areas	
	Prohibit drone operations that prevents or interferes with firefighting efforts	
	Expand the availability of AEDs in higher occupancy structures	
	Increase penalty for recklessly causing an explosion	

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	Fund activities that will reduce the incidence of drownings and nonfatal drownings	
	Improve efficiency of 911 system	
	Retroactively require the installation of life safety fire sprinkler systems to protect those in residential care facilities in order to mitigate fire risk	
	Reinstate Federal COPS and State SLESF grant programs	
	Restore full funding to Counties for jail booking fee reimbursements	
	Increase funding for jails and court systems to allow prosecution and incarceration of those found guilty of low level felonies and misdemeanors	
	Continue funding for "front-line" law enforcement for AB 109 compliance	
	Provide adequate resources to support police response to mental health crisis involving the homeless population	
	Provide illegal drug use prevention and intervention in a community-based setting	
	Provide greater authority for police or other local agencies to control graffiti, curfews, juvenile crime and alcoholic beverage control	
Public Works & Transportation	Return the cap on "Contract Retentions" from 5% to 10% that was legislated in January 2012	Further restrict the use of multi-year renewable contracts
	Develop new funding source to cover all additional Local Agency costs in order to comply with new State and Regional Water Quality Control Board Stormwater Permits. New permit requirements create unfunded mandates	

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	Expedite disbursement of Proposition 84 funds to local government	
	Promote grant requests submitted by the City	
	Protect dedicated transportation and public transit funds	

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GROUP IV	Legislation to Monitor (Administrative Actions: Monitor)
	Measures with indirect fiscal or operational effect on the city
	Measures carried by authors frequently unreceptive to local government concerns
	Measures of concern to League of California Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, but not necessarily significant to Chula Vista
	Support enhanced drivers' licenses in which U.S. citizens would have passport information embedded in their drivers' licenses in an effort to streamline border crossing. The measure has bi-partisan support in the State Senate and Assembly.
	Support the establishment of a federal Marketplace Fairness Act