



Gateway Cities Council of Governments Legislative Agenda

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for the two million residents of Southeast Los Angeles County. Targeted initiatives include transportation planning, affordable housing, improving air quality, economic development and other community-enhancing activities.

Community-Enhancing Activities

All Levels of Government

- Lead and support legislative efforts to reverse the effects of inequitable policies, processes, and practices that disproportionately impact communities in the Gateway Cities area, including policies that advance:
 - Equitable workforce development and employment
 - Equitable technology funding, infrastructure, and access
 - Equitable creation of and access to open spaces and places that encourage physical activity and wellness
 - Neighborhood transitions and revitalization of urban communities to promote economic opportunity and community prosperity
 - Equitable remediation of contaminated sites and enhancement of water quality (in partnership with the Gateway Water Management Authority)
 - Sustainability and environmental justice.

Transportation

All Levels of Government

- Seek the resources and support to expeditiously complete regional transportation projects that enhance mobility for all residents of the Gateway Cities.
- Seek resources for investment in a more efficient and less impactful goods movement system.
- Work with Metro on an action plan to access the maximum amount of new federal transportation funds recently authorized by Congress to support both subregional and regional projects.
- In partnership with Metro and the Eco-Rapid Transit JPA, advocate for state and federal funding, benefiting the construction of key Gateway Cities priority projects, including the West Santa Ana Branch rail line and Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase II. Seek the equitable distribution of state and regional resources for member jurisdictions to implement mobility improvements. Support federal and state legislative initiatives that will facilitate the allocation of transportation funding on a high-priority basis to underserved communities, e.g., "Justice40 Initiative."

Housing and Homelessness

All Levels of Government

- Support policies that enable local jurisdictions to create and preserve housing, fund services required for residents, and that minimize displacement of existing populations.

- Support the equitable provision of resources to local jurisdictions for the reduction of homelessness, and for the support of programs that can prevent homelessness.

State/Regional

- Oppose policies that override local land use control.
- Support County policies that encourage or require collaboration and coordination of efforts to reduce homelessness.

Air Quality and Climate

All Levels of Government

- Seek investment and partnership in the development and deployment of zero-emission and clean-fuel vehicles, vehicle charging and fueling stations, including heavy-duty trucks, locomotives, and other cargo-moving equipment.
- Support policies that incorporate a workforce element as part of the development and deployment activities of zero emission and clean-fuels vehicles.
- Support climate legislation that recognizes the disproportionate impact of climate change on disadvantaged communities and communities of color in the Gateway Cities.
- Support the equitable and expeditious implementation of clean air plans that reduce emissions from all sources in the Gateway Cities region.

State/Regional

- Seek the equitable distribution of cap-and-trade funds and other state resources to the region's communities, including disadvantaged communities, to enable local climate action.

Economic Development

All Levels of Government

- Seek resources to enable collaboration among the region's stakeholders in initiatives that will create jobs and support local economic development.
- Support the building of broadband infrastructure to bridge the "digital divide" by assisting underserved populations to obtain good-paying jobs in the new economy as well as the opportunity to participate in workforce training and education.

State/Regional

- Seek a fair funding methodology for the revitalization of non-residential zoned properties into new housing developments that takes into account the historical factors affecting cities' past land use decisions.

Other Issues

Items not covered by this Agenda will be brought to the City Managers Steering Committee, followed by the COG Officers, for discussion and possible presentation to the COG Board.