

SUBJECT: Consider a request from Council Member Mendoza related to letters of support or opposition to California state legislation

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

STAFF: Tim Ogden, City Manager
Margaret Wimberly, City Clerk

TITLE/RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council consider and discuss a request from Council Member Mendoza from the City Council meeting of April 9, 2024, requesting staff prepare letters of support or opposition to California state legislation consistent with the City's Signature policy, and provide staff direction related to the distribution of the letters including press releases.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

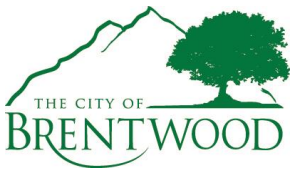
BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Council Policy 110-1 Rule 4.4 (b)(2), this item has been placed on the agenda so that Council may discuss it and provide further direction to staff. Pursuant to Section 4.4, Council discussion is limited to whether staff time and City resources should be spent on the item and the time period for scheduling.

Among other things, the City's Signature policy addresses those documents that the City Manager is authorized to sign on behalf of the City, without the prior approval of the City Council. Under Section 3.1.7.2 ('Letter of Support or Opposition') of the Policy, this authority extends to:

A letter of support or opposition for a proposed project in another jurisdiction, an organization, government entity, or legislation as long as the letter is not inconsistent with City policies. The letter must relate to:

- a position taken by the League of California Cities, unless the City Council has taken a contrary position.
- a position taken by an entity or organization to which the City is a member (for example the Contra Costa Transportation Authority or the California Association of Sanitary Agencies), so long as that position is not



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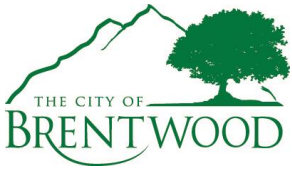
contrary to a previously approved City Council position or a position taken by the League of California Cities.

- legislation regarding a project approved by the City Council.
- a routine matter, experienced in the normal course of City business.
- a previously approved City Council position.

As allowed by the Signature policy, staff will prepare letters of support or opposition to the legislation regarding which a position has been taken by the [League of California Cities](#). These positions are as of the date of publication of this staff report:

Bill number (Author) Title	League of California Cities' position	Staff action
AB 3233 (Weiner) Oil and gas: operations: restrictions: local authority	Watch	Council direction needed
AB 1333 (Ward) Residential real property: bundled sales	Track	Council direction needed
AB 1893 (Wicks) Housing Accountability Act: housing disapprovals: required local findings	Pending	Council direction needed
AB 2560 (Alvarez) Density Bonus Law: California Coastal Act of 1976	Track	Council direction needed
AB 1886 (Alvarez) Housing Element Law: Substantial Compliance: Housing Accountability Act	Oppose	Letter of opposition, per Signature Policy
SB 937 (Wiener) Development projects: permits and other entitlements: fees and charges	Oppose unless amended	Letter of opposition, per Signature Policy
SB 951 (Wiener) California Coastal Act of 1976: coastal zone: coastal development	Oppose unless amended	Letter of opposition, per Signature Policy

For those bills where the League of California Cities has not taken a position to support or oppose, Council direction to staff would be needed to prepare a letter.



Not Applicable.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Not Applicable.)

DATE OF NOTICE

Not Applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Not Applicable.

ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S)

Not Applicable.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Previous Action