



REGIONAL ISSUES AND COLLABORATION

Overview

While the City of Santa Clara is unique in many ways, it experiences many of the same issues as other cities in the region. The City works closely with other jurisdictions to address a variety of issues that impact residents and businesses in Silicon Valley and the greater San Francisco Bay Area, such as affordable housing, homelessness, transportation, emergency management, sustainability, water conservation, and airplane noise. In addition, the City benefits from cost sharing and close coordination between nearby jurisdictions for the implementation of new policies and programs.

Guiding Principles

The City follows the below guiding principles for all areas of legislative advocacy:

- Support the positions of the League of California Cities, and National League of Cities, on priority bills that benefit Santa Clara.
- Protect local revenue sources and prevent unfunded mandates.
- Protect and/or increase funding for specific programs and services that benefit the City of Santa Clara and its residents.
- Protect and/or increase local government discretion.
- Advance approved policies, such as the City's Statement of Values, the General Plan, and the Climate Action Plan.

Legislative Advocacy Position

The City recognizes the importance of regional collaboration and, as such, the City:

- Contributes to, and supports the efforts of, regional organizations such as Santa Clara County Cities Association and Silicon Valley Economic Development Alliance to advance regional goals that benefit the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley.
- Supports federal and state legislation to provide funding for regional solutions to local problems, such as housing, homelessness, emergency management and response, water supply, climate change, sustainability, resiliency, and transportation.
- Supports efforts to maintain and protect federal and state funding for existing City programs and services.
- Supports legislation and funding efforts that provide benefits to local small businesses.
- Continues to support regional efforts to work with local agencies and federal representatives to mitigate the effects of aircraft noise.
- Supports legislation that provides funding to assist with the mitigation of impacts from aircraft noise.
- Supports efforts to engage local public agencies and members of the community prior to any changes in flight paths, or airport operations that may impact surrounding areas.
- Supports state and regional water conservation efforts as Santa Clara moves to adopting "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life" regulations while advocating for state funding and technical assistance to limit impacts on rate payers. The City also

supports efforts to work with local, state and federal partners to mitigate the effects future droughts on water supply reliability using a streamlined and flexible regulatory framework.

- Supports efforts to mitigate supply chain and workforce issues across energy, water, transportation, development and maintenance sectors.
- Supports regional, State, and federal funding and resources that will assist the City, Santa Clara Stadium Authority, and greater San Francisco Bay Area with hosting major events at Levi's Stadium.
- Support efforts to modernize the Brown Act, particularly as in pertains to the rules related to usage of, and public notice requirements for, remote videoconferencing technology for meetings.
- Supports legislation and other efforts to mitigate the number of communities where residents lack access to affordable, healthy food options, and increase the availability of healthy food options within existing food deserts.
- Monitors regional issues and new legislation to ensure that they benefit the region and its residents.
- Monitors legislation related to artificial intelligence (AI) and its impact on communities through the direct application of AI, the job and economic opportunities generated through AI-related employers, and the impact on regional resources.