

RESOLUTION 2019-52

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR 2019 AND 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette deeply values its ability and authority to exercise local control, offer excellent public services, and protect and enhance the quality of life for Lafayette residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, the Legislature has passed several pieces of legislation impacting, and often eroding, a local jurisdiction's authority to exercise control over land use and development matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a goal to develop a strategy to maintain local control on land use and development matters; and

WHEREAS, as a way of implementing this goal, the Council's Legislation Committee drafted a City Legislative Agenda outlining potential areas of state legislative interest for 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2019, the City Council adopted a Legislative Agenda containing the City's legislative principles and policy topics of interest to the City for the current and upcoming legislative years; and

WHEREAS, in October 2019, the City experienced two power shut offs which resulted in the loss of power, telephones and communication services to many parts of the City; and

WHEREAS, the lack of communications and power for as many as three days and the uncertainty as to when these functions would be restored had a significant and negative impact on residents, businesses, schools and city operations; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, during the second power shut off, two fires broke out in Lafayette; the larger one caused by a downed, energized utility pole, which resulted in the issuance of an evacuation alert to nearly 800 residences; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, the City's Legislative Committee expressed the need to monitor and support legislation that would reform public utilities to ensure the safe, reliable and sustainable delivery of energy and communications to Lafayette and made a recommendation to the City Council that this topic be added to the Legislative Agenda.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY DECLARE, AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1. The amendment to the City Legislative Agenda is approved.

Section 2. The City Council may from time-to-time revisit the City Legislative Agenda to ensure that the approaches and topics discussed within the report remain relevant and appropriate.

Section 3. The City Council's Legislation Committee is authorized to take positions on behalf of the City in regard to pending legislation consistent with the City Legislative Agenda and to communicate those positions to interested parties on behalf of the City Council.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Lafayette City Council on November 12, 2019.

I, Joanne Robbins, City Clerk of the City of Lafayette, California, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on the 12 day of November 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:	Anderson, Bliss, Burks, Candell, Geringer
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Approved:

Mike Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanne Robbins
City Clerk

ATTACHMENT

1. Amended City Legislative Agenda for 2019 and 2020