

CITY OF VILLA PARK 2014 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Legislative Platform (“Platform”) defines the City’s policy guidelines and provides the foundation for advocacy efforts at the federal, state, and local levels. Staff uses this Platform to identify relevant topic areas and subject matter, and makes recommendations to the City Council on specific legislation consistent with the policy guidelines. Additionally, in the event it is necessary for the City to respond to a legislative proposal in a timeframe that does not allow the City Council to take formal action, staff would express positions on bills in accordance with these guidelines, and then seek City Council direction at the appropriate time.

Policy Guidelines

The City supports:

1. Legislation that leads to greater financial independence from federal, state and/or county government, and protects local resources from seizure by federal, state and/or county agencies.
2. Legislation maintaining maximum local flexibility in all areas of its responsibility and operations.
3. Legislation that advocates fair and proportionate representation on countywide and regional boards.

The City opposes:

1. Legislation that makes the City more dependent on federal, state and/or county government or agencies for policy direction.
2. Legislation that is inconsistent with the doctrine of home rule, interferes with the local exercise of police powers over local land use, or requires a federal, state and/or county entity to develop model planning practices and policies.
3. Legislation that imposes intrusive, unnecessary or unfunded state-imposed mandates or preempts local authority.