

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Policy Session Worksheet

**Presentation Date:** 01/07/20 **Approx. Start Time:** 11:30 a.m. **Approx. Length:** 15 mins.  
**Presentation Title:** Approval of 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda  
**Department:** Public and Government Affairs  
**Presenters:** Sue Hildick, Chris Lyons and Trent Wilson  
**Other Invitees:** Department Directors and County Elected Officials

### **WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?**

Public and Government Affairs (PGA) is seeking final adoption from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) of the County's federal legislative priorities for 2020.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

PGA is returning to the BCC to approve the 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda. The Board approved the 2020 State Legislative Agenda on December 17, 2019, but requested a follow up discussion of the draft Federal Agenda on the priorities related to the Sunrise Gateway Corridor and topics that fall under Ensuring Safe, Health, and Secure Communities.

In August and September 2019, PGA worked with each county department to understand anticipated 2020 state and federal policy and funding priorities and build draft state and federal legislative agendas. On October 15, 2019, the BCC reviewed a set of draft priorities in a Legislative Agenda Planning Meeting and provided guidance to further refine the issues.

This January 7, 2020 policy session includes a final draft of the County's 2020 federal legislative agenda, which has been updated to reflect BCC and department feedback (in red). Policy papers will be provided in the published version of the federal agenda that provide more information on the County's key policy initiative and priorities within the approved agenda.

The 116<sup>th</sup> Congress convenes on January 7, 2020.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):**

The County's state legislative agenda supports continued State/County shared revenue agreements and other funding streams that support major county programs and services. Loss of these revenues would result in potential cuts to county programs and services. The County's federal legislative agenda also pursues additional funding and grants for county programs and priorities.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

- This item aligns with the Public and Government Affairs Strategic Business Plan goals to provide intergovernmental connections and relationship building, strategic policy development and messaging, legislative, advocacy, and outreach services to county elected officials and departments so they can build key partnerships to achieve policy goals important to Clackamas County, with special emphasis on the strategic results in the BCC Strategic Plan.
- This item aligns with all five of the County's Performance Clackamas goals:
  - Build public trust through good government;
  - Grow a vibrant economy;
  - Build a strong infrastructure;
  - Ensure safe, healthy, and secure communities; and
  - Honor, utilize, promote, and invest in our natural resources.

**LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

N/A

**PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:**

PGA continues to maintain close working relationships with the County’s legislative delegation and staff at both the state and federal levels, who will be instrumental in helping to advance the County’s legislative priorities.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Accept the 2020 Federal Legislative Agendas as drafted
2. Amend the 2020 Federal Legislative Agendas as drafted

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Accept the 2020 Federal Legislative Agendas as drafted

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Draft 2020 Federal Legislative Policy Agenda

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Division Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Department Director/Head Approval s/Sue Hildick

County Administrator Approval \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2020 Clackamas County Federal Legislative Policy Agenda

## Clackamas County delivers vital public services in partnership with the State of Oregon

Clackamas County is truly urban, suburban, rural, and wild. We are dedicated to welcoming new residents and businesses, and committed to delivering community services that are dependable, accessible, and equitable to the public.

### COUNTY INITIATIVE

- Federal funding to support the **I-205 Widening and Seismic Improvement Project**

### COUNTY PRIORITIES

- Federal funding and legislation to support the repair and ownership transfer of the **Willamette Falls Locks**
- Federal funding to support a rebuild of the **Bull Run Bridge**
- **Federal funding to support redevelopment of the Sunrise Gateway Corridor**
- Legislation for the responsible and sustainable **management reform of federal forest lands**, including O&C Lands
- Permanent reauthorization or extension of the **Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (County Payments)** or similar legislation
- Federal designation of the **Willamette Falls & Landings Heritage Area**
- **Policies and funding to address the housing crisis, permanent supportive housing, and support social service programs that are reliant on federal resources**

## LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

Clackamas County's policy positions will be guided by the five strategic goals listed below. The County also will guide all policy decisions through a lens of carbon neutrality and improving equity, diversity, and inclusion in our communities.

### **Grow a Vibrant Economy**

The county supports legislation that incentivizes businesses to grow and prosper. Successful legislation will ensure the county has dedicated resources for attracting and growing industries, and qualifies for programs that assist efforts to expand economic development opportunities.

### **Build a Strong Infrastructure**

The county supports legislation that encourages long-term investments in major infrastructure projects to improve the quality of life of county residents. Successful legislation will ease congestion, enhance seismic resiliency, spur economic growth in employment areas including the Sunrise Gateway Corridor, broaden telecommunication access, and promote science-based and ratepayer-minded water quality protections.

### **Honor, Utilize, Promote & Invest in our Natural Resources**

The county supports legislation that ensures effective and sustainable management and conservation of our abundant natural and agricultural resources. Successful legislation will stimulate our natural resource-based economy, incentivize the production of mass timber, reduce wildfire risk, and improve the financial stability of counties by creating a predictable and long-term solution to county revenue needs.

### **Ensure Safe, Healthy, and Secure Communities**

The county supports legislation that improves the health, safety, and wellbeing of all county residents and communities. Successful legislation will assist vulnerable populations including residents who are facing homelessness, substance abuse and addictions, behavioral health challenges, and public health threats. Legislation also should help reduce the crime rate and recidivism, promote and sustain best practices for justice-involved individuals, protect survivors of domestic violence, improve emergency communications and disaster preparedness, and enhance the region's readiness for threats or acts of terrorism.

### **Build Public Trust through Good Government**

The county supports legislation that allocates sufficient resources to enable delivery of effective, reliable, and equitable services to county residents. Successful legislation will maintain the county's financial sustainability, support county efforts to attract and retain qualified employees, and not preempt local tax sources or restrict local government authority.