





# 2025 Legislative Platform

January 21, 2025  
City Council Meeting  
Agenda Item #14

# Background of Legislative Platform

LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS	
Senate Bills	
SB 50 – (Wiener) Planning and Zoning. Housing Development Incentives	
City's Position:	 Status: <b>FAILED</b>
Summary	SB 50 was drafted to provide more time for local governments to develop plans that would meet the expectations and objectives laid out (such as increased density of housing within or near transit/job rich areas). The ultimate goal of the bill was to allow independent agencies to "upzone" areas (into multistory apartment complexes) which were previously zoned as single-family housing neighborhoods.
City's Position	Murrieta City Council issued a letter opposing Senator Wiener's bill because of a lack of clarity within the provisions concerning its goal as a job-rich housing project. The bill lacked clearly identified criteria for a local government or the State to define a "local flexibility plan" for adhering to the bills mandates. Some other areas of the bill were unclear in their implementation. For example, the bill states that "a standard of transportation efficiency as great as or greater than if the local government were to grant equitable communities incentives" is required. The bill is unclear when it says "transportation efficiency," thus not applying any standards for applicability. These provisions do not provide sufficient clarity for defining areas of "job-rich" areas among others, and thus failed define how the intended bill will accomplish its goals.
Status of Bill	On January 31, 2020, SB 50 was taken up on the Senate floor for debate. After debate, the bill went to vote and failed by a vote of 18-15 (it needed 21 votes to pass). As a result, the bill was officially dead and failed to pass.
Why does this matter to Murrieta?	This bill would reduce the City's local authority for housing decisions.

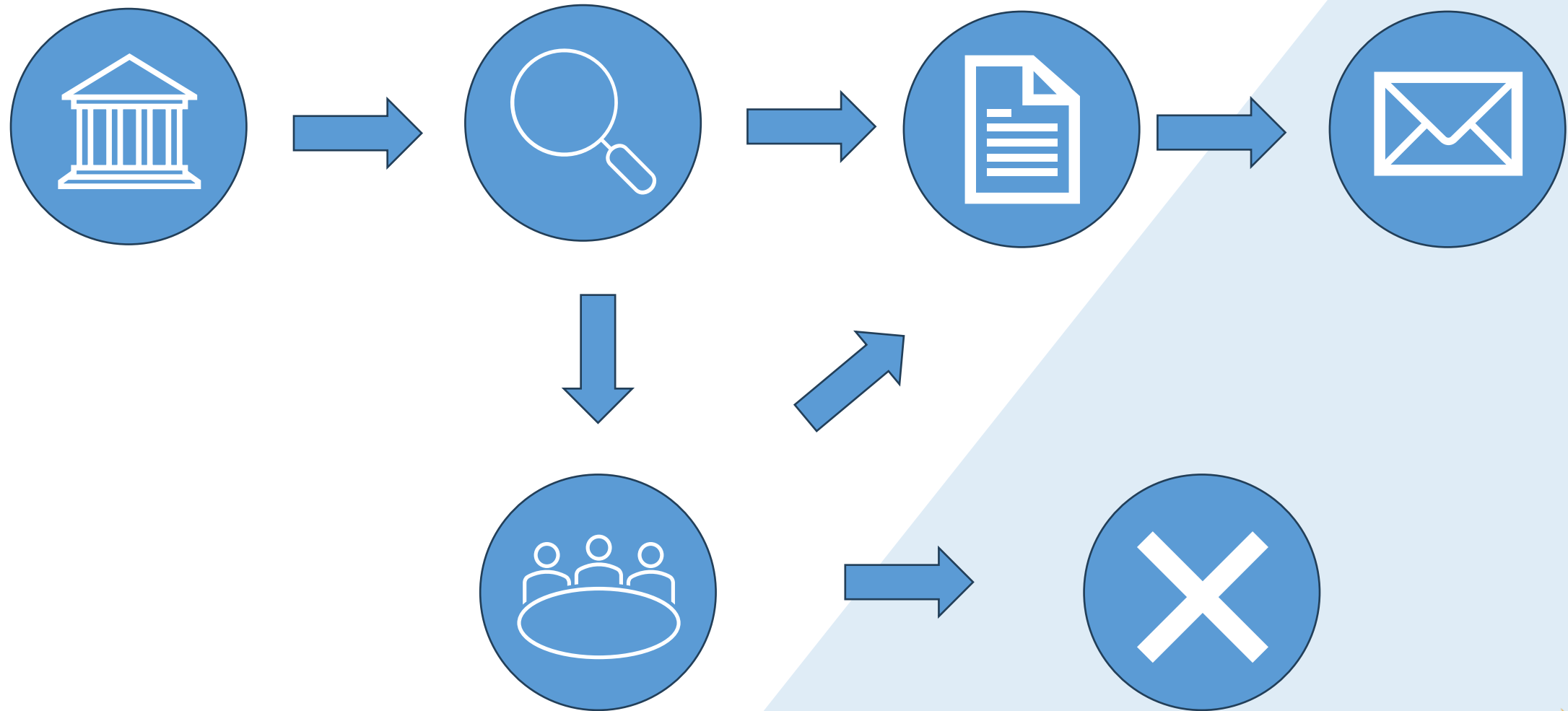


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- The City Council adopts a legislative platform to assist staff in making determinations to support or oppose State and federal legislation.
- The platform has changed in format various times since 2020.
- The City Manager's Office exercises day-to-day oversight of legislative matters.



# Legislative Advocacy Process



# 2025 Format Changes

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- Removal of Executive Summary.
- Removal of Project Priority Lists.
- Consolidation of general ideas and themes.
- Removal of Assessment of the State of California.
- Removal of Assessment of the Federal Government.



# 2025 Content Changes

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- Added descriptions to Council Goals to provide context.
- Consolidated 14 sections to 8 sections total.
- Addition of bio-tech and medical innovation.
- Removal of COVID-19 and Sister City items.







# Recommendation

1. Approve the 2025 Legislative Platform as presented. Additionally, direct staff to gather and incorporate any further priority items identified by the Council for adoption in a subsequent amendment, ensuring alignment with the City's strategic goals and community needs.

