

RESOLUTION NO. 5090

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD
ESTABLISHING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND AUTHORIZING
THE CITY MANAGER TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE
PENDING LEGISLATION OR OTHER EFFORTS
RELATED TO THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, each year Federal and State legislation impacts the functional areas of City services and activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Soledad is particularly concerned about legislation related to Local Control, Economic Development, Public Safety, Public Works and Transportation and Infrastructure Funding; and

WHEREAS, with the best interest of the City in mind, the City of Soledad often submits letters to support or oppose legislation or other efforts related to the goals and priorities of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Soledad that the 2015 State Legislative Priorities, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Soledad that the Summary of Legislative Bills dated June 3, 2015, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and by this reference incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Soledad authorizes the City Manager to support or oppose pending legislation or other efforts related to the City's legislative priorities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 3rd day of June, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Christopher K. Bourke, Richard J. Perez, Patricia D. Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Alejandro Chavez and Mayor Fred J. Ledesma

NOES, Councilmembers: None

ABSENT, Councilmembers: None

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: None


FRED J. LEDESMA, Mayor

ATTEST:


ADELA P. GONZALEZ, City Clerk

**Draft City of Soledad
2015 State Legislative Priorities/Needs**

Exhibit "A"

Revised Jan. 12, 2015

- Support legislation/proposals to simplify the RDA dissolution process
- Seek funding for regional projects within the renewable energy field, particularly for solar projects.
- Support legislation/proposals to provide Tourism Infrastructure funds to the City of Soledad.
- Special legislation for Los Coches Adobe.
- Look to obtain special tax revenue from agricultural industry to assist the City in its support services for farm worker families.

- Support continued funding of the CAL GRIP program and other funding to support and develop the regional collaborative.
- Support legislation and budget proposals aimed at producing new tools that would reduce gang violence, with focus towards gang prevention.
- Seek State or Federal grant funding for use in building a Public Safety facility and acquiring public safety equipment.
- Support legislation that would reward efforts to create a regional police force, sighting benefits such as regional administration, joint use of equipment, and the sharing of expertise.
- Legislation towards body cameras – policies and equipment.

- Seek funding for parks and recreation programs (i.e. Proposition 84).
- Support legislation, budgetary and grant proposals that provide funding for mandated storm water regulations.
- Support legislation and budgetary proposals that provide funding for storm water infrastructure; flood prevention, water resources planning, programming and development; water quality improvement; and water resources related regulatory reform.

- Work on obtaining funding for Hwy 146 to the West Pinnacles.
- Work with Caltrans to provide additional signage for entrance to the West Pinnacles from North to South.
- Support the City of Soledad's effort to create a multi-modal transportation center.
- Support legislation and budgetary proposals that provide funding for capital, maintenance, and operations of transportation infrastructure including local roads and bridges, transit, and rail.
- Support legislative and budget proposals that would enhance and protect transportation revenues and avoid the taking or borrowing of transportation funding.
- Support legislation re "Purple Heart City" signage on any CalTrans operated highway.
- Secure funding opportunities for Cultural and Historical endowment grants

CITY OF SOLEDAD
SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS

June 3, 2015

Exhibit "B"

Measure	Author	Topic	Brief Summary	Position
AB 2	Alejo D	Community revitalization authority.	Would authorize certain local agencies to form a community revitalization authority (authority) within a community revitalization and investment area, as defined, to carry out provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law in that area for purposes related to, among other things, infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization. The bill would provide for the financing of these activities by, among other things, the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues, and would require the authority to adopt a community revitalization plan for the community revitalization and investment area that includes elements describing and governing revitalization activities.	SUPPORT
AB 65	Alejo D	Local law enforcement: body-worn cameras: grant program.	Would require the Board of State and Community Corrections to develop a grant program to make funds available to local law enforcement entities to purchase body-worn cameras and related data storage and equipment, and to hire personnel necessary to operate a local body-worn camera program. The bill would create the Body-worn Camera Fund, that would continuously appropriate funds to the board for those purposes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	Watch
AB 86	McCarty D	Peace officers: Department of Justice: independent investigation.	Would require the Attorney General to direct the commencement of an independent investigation by the Department of Justice if a peace officer, in the performance of his or her duties, uses deadly physical force upon another person and that person dies as a result of the use of that deadly physical force. The bill would require the department, based on its investigation, to prepare and submit a written report setting forth specified information and recommendations to the Attorney General and to the district attorney and law enforcement agency of the county in which the use of deadly physical force by a peace officer occurred.	Watch
AB 266	Cooley D	Medical marijuana.	Would establish within the Department of Consumer Affairs a Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation, under the supervision and control of the Chief of the Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation, and would require the bureau to license and regulate dispensing facilities, cultivation sites, transporters, and manufacturers of medical marijuana and medical marijuana products, subject to local ordinances. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	Watch
AB 313	Atkins D	Enhanced infrastructure financing districts.	Would require, after the adoption of a resolution of intention to establish a proposed district, the legislative body to send a copy of the resolution to the public financing authority. This bill would revise the duties of the public financing authority after the resolution of intention to establish the proposed district has been adopted, so that the public financing authority, instead of the legislative body, will perform the specified duties related to the preparation, proposal, and adoption of the infrastructure financing plan and the adoption of the formation of the district.	SUPPORT

<u>AB 1134</u>	<u>Stone, Mark D</u>	Firearms: concealed firearm licenses.	Current law provides that the chief or other head of a municipal police department is not precluded from entering an agreement with the sheriff of the county in which the city is located for the sheriff to process all applications for licenses for a person to carry a concealed handgun, renewals of those licenses, and amendments to those licenses. This bill would provide that the sheriff of the county in which the city is located is not precluded from entering an agreement with the chief or other head of a municipal police department of a city for the chief or other head of a municipal police department to process all applications for licenses for a person to carry a concealed handgun, renewals of those licenses, and amendments to those licenses.	Watch
<u>AB 1335</u>	<u>Atkins D</u>	Building Homes and Jobs Act.	Would enact the Building Homes and Jobs Act. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations relating to the need for establishing permanent, ongoing sources of funding dedicated to affordable housing development. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	SUPPORT
<u>ACA 4</u>	<u>Frazier D</u>	Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.	Would provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects, as defined, requires the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition. The measure would also make conforming and technical, non-substantive changes. This measure would also provide that it shall become effective immediately upon approval by the voters and shall apply to any local measure imposing, extending, or increasing a special tax for local transportation projects submitted at the same election.	SUPPORT
<u>SB 16</u>	<u>Beall</u>	Transportation funding	Would provide much needed funding to the State and local roadway system over a period of five years to address the backlog of deferred maintenance. Besides funding repairs for state roads, the bill also sets aside money for counties and cities to each get a share for local streets.	SUPPORT
<u>SB 122</u>	<u>Jackson D</u>	California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.	CEQA establishes a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would require the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant and consent of the lead agency, to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, EIR, or other environmental document for projects. This bill contains other related provisions.	Watch
<u>SB 591</u>	<u>Pan D</u>	Cigarette and tobacco products taxes: California Tobacco Tax Act of 2015.	Would, on or after the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 90 days on or after the effective date of the bill, impose an additional tax on the distribution of cigarettes at the rate of \$0.10 for each cigarette distributed which would be \$2.00 per pack; would require a dealer and a wholesaler to file a return with the State Board of Equalization showing the number of cigarettes in its possession or under its control on that date, and impose a related floor stock tax; and would require a licensed cigarette distributor to file a return with the board and pay a cigarette indicia adjustment tax at the rate equal to the difference between the existing tax rate and the tax rate imposed by this bill for cigarette tax stamps in its possession or under its control on that date.	Watch