

City of Wildomar



2025 Legislative Platform STATE & FEDERAL

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WILDOMAR CITY COUNCIL

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COUNCIL LONG-TERM GOALS:

- Open, informed, and democratic public decisions;
- Responsive and appropriate legislation and policy;
- Effective and efficient execution of adopted laws and regulations;
- Provide legislative leadership beneficial to the residents and businesses of the City and enhance quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors alike and the value of the properties within the City.



WILDOMAR DISTRICT MAP

(as of November 2022)

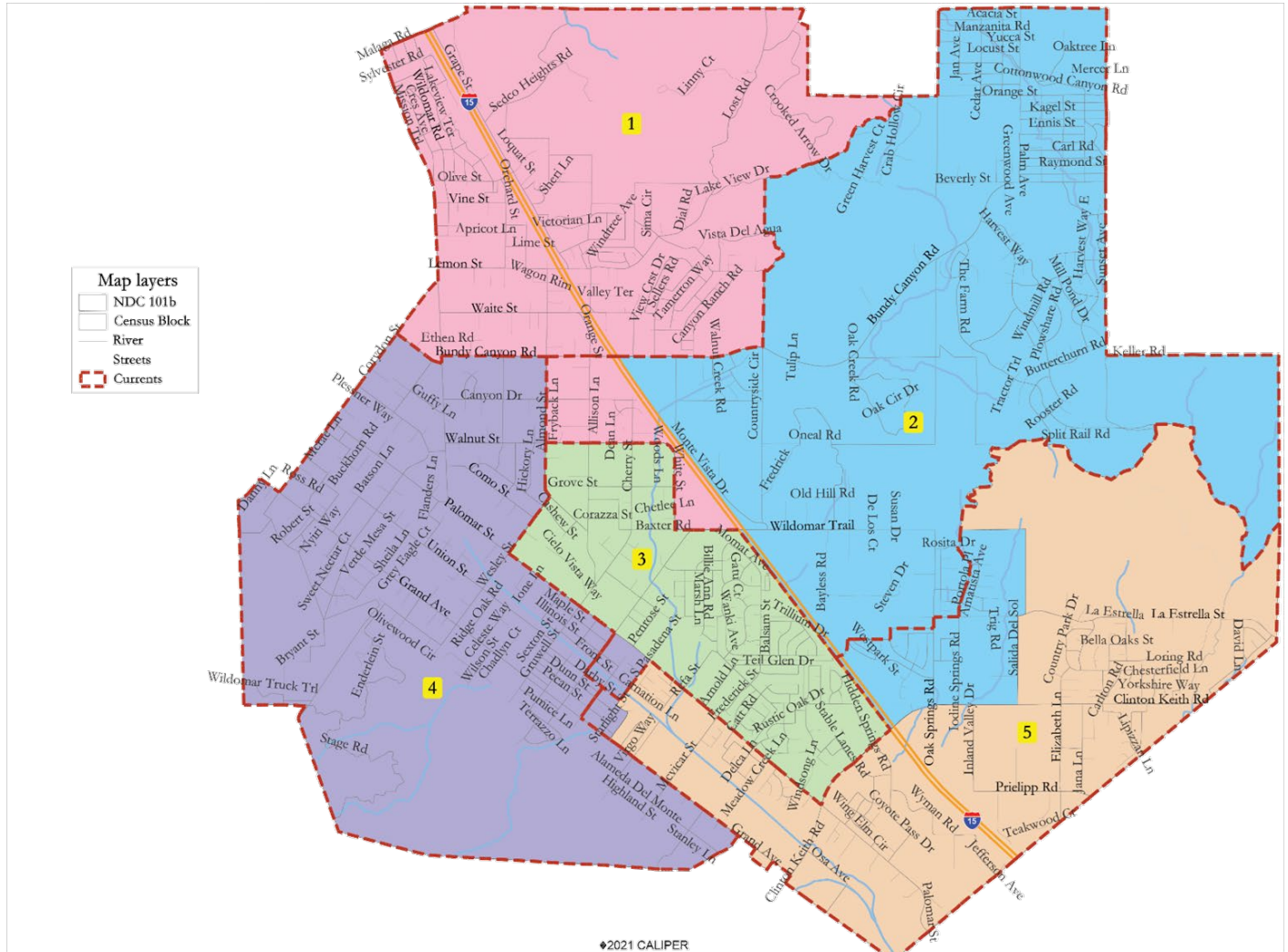


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Introduction

Wildomar incorporated on July 1, 2008, and the community prides itself in being a mix of old and new. Founded in 1886 with the establishment of the Post Office and Elementary School, Wildomar was an outpost for the pony express and a stop for the Southern California Railroad.

Located along Interstate 15 in Southwest Riverside County, Wildomar is the gateway to the beautiful and historic Santa Rosa Plateau within the Cleveland National Forest. Wildomar is a growing community with a population of just over 37,000 and offers spacious rural living charm but also has several new residential developments. This area offers small-town charm with easy access to shopping, cultural activities, entertainment, and recreation. The City's location along the I-15 corridor places it in an advantageous position for future business and commercial development.

Purpose

The primary purpose of a Legislative Platform is to adopt official City positions on matters affecting Wildomar at the local, regional, state, and federal levels. The approved platform allows City staff and legislative advocates to address and track issues in a timely manner pursuant to established procedures.



2025 Legislative Platform

The 2025 Legislative Platform reflects the Wildomar City Council's declared policy positions. The purpose of the platform is to further advance the adopted goals and objectives of the City Council by providing direction and guidance to City officials and staff while considering legislation pending at the state and federal levels. The platform will enable City staff to efficiently affect legislative bills based on the overarching principles of prudent fiscal stability, protection of local control and transparent government.

Overarching Guidelines

1. **Preservation of Local Control**

Support measures that preserve and protect the City's general law powers and duties to enact legislation and policy direction concerning local affairs. Oppose measures that reduces, eliminates, preempts local control or authority, or conflicts with other legislative priorities.

2. **Promotion of Fiscal Stability**

Support measures that promote fiscal stability, predictability, and financial independence. Support measures that preserve and promote the City's revenue base. Oppose measures that shift local funds to the County, State or Federal government without offsetting benefit, or imposes penalties on cities.

3. **Support Funding Opportunities**

Support measures that allow the City to compete for its fair share of regional, State and Federal funding including competitive grants and other funding programs. Support measures that promote dedicated funding streams at the regional, State and Federal levels allowing the City to maximize local revenues, offset and leverage capital expenditures, and maintain City goals and standards.

1. **General Government**

Oppose all legislation which preempts local control including, but not limited to, land-use planning, formation of a charter city and local public meeting procedures. Support legislation which provides greater local control, including but not limited to, reorganization of special districts, labor relations, city council vacancies, and interagency cooperation.

- a. Support legislation that would support new financing tools and programs that would encourage economic development through tax increment financing.
- b. Oppose legislation to decrease Federal Community Block Grant funding.
- c. Support legislation to hold the State of California and State agencies to the same transparency and accountability standards as cities.



- d. Support legislation promoting alternative and electronic posting and noticing of public hearings and meetings, including online posting.
- e. Support tort reform efforts specific to ending frivolous lawsuits aimed at municipalities.
- f. Support measures that provide relief to businesses and the City due to impacts of a natural disaster, wildfire or pandemic.
- g. Oppose any measure that imposes upon local government mandated employee benefits that are more properly decided at the local level.

2. **Local Government Finance**

Oppose any measure that would make local agencies more dependent on the State or Federal Government for financial stability and policy direction.

- a. Oppose all realignment efforts by the State when the full and necessary funding is not appropriated in advance.
- b. Oppose measures that would impose State and Federal mandated costs for which there is no guarantee of local reimbursement or offsetting benefits (i.e., unfunded mandates).
- c. Oppose any measure that restricts or limits a public entity's ability to use tax-exempt debt or tax increment financing for the purchase or construction of public purpose improvements.
- d. Support efforts which make funds to support public facilities more available to local municipalities including, but not limited to libraries and open space.
- e. Oppose any measure that would divert local funds to the State, or any other entity, to balance the State's, or any other entity's, budget.
- f. Oppose efforts that either increase the City's liability or decrease outside parties' liability concerning municipal finances.
- g. Oppose any change in tax allocations, which would negatively affect local government.
- h. Support legislation to stabilize State and local government financing, to increase funding to local agencies in an equitable manner, and to permit the most cost-efficient management of State-mandated programs.
- i. Support a statutory or constitutional redistribution of property tax revenues which more equitably reflects local government responsibilities.



- j. Oppose legislation which would reduce local discretion over locally imposed taxes such as transient occupancy tax.
- k. Oppose legislation which would restrict or eliminate the availability of traditional government financing instruments or practices.
- l. Support legislation that would redistribute State and Federal revenues to better meet local government responsibilities.
- m. Support any measure that would provide greater local control over how local funds are expended.
- n. Oppose any attempts or measures that seek to weaken taxpayer protections, or whose purpose is to raise tax revenues at the expense of the residential or business community.
- o. Oppose any legislation regarding short-term residential rentals that creates a cost burden to local government services.
- p. Oppose legislation that limits power of local government to negotiate indemnification protection in public contracts.
- q. Oppose legislation that would prohibit, or limit, local governments' ability to contract out for the provision of services.

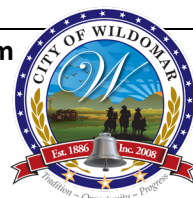
3. Economic Development

Support legislation that supports local businesses and industry, including measures that remove barriers allowing local industries to sell goods and services locally and internationally (i.e., free trade agreements).

- a. Support additional efforts to provide local governments with the tools necessary for economic development and/or redevelopment.
- b. Support legislation and efforts to re-establish tax increment financing and other economic development tools.
- c. Support all attempts to encourage higher education and Career Technical Education (CTE) as well as vocational and skilled certification opportunities.

4. Transportation

Call upon the federal government to fix the outdated, inefficient, and insolvent highway trust fund and support measures that provide local and regional funding opportunities for local transportation and system projects.



- a. Support legislation that provides for a more equitable distribution of Federal and State highway funds for local right-of-way maintenance.
- b. Support legislation that encourages the responsible implementation of alternative fuels/electric vehicles and support funding opportunities for related infrastructure at the local level.

5. Land Use Planning

Oppose any effort to lessen local control of local agencies to prepare, adopt and implement fiscal plans for orderly growth, development, beautification, and conservation of local planning areas, including, but not limited to, the regulatory authority over land use, zoning, subdivisions, annexations, and redevelopment areas.

- a. Oppose legislation that penalizes a city if units identified in the Regional Housing Need Assessment (RHNA) are not constructed.
- b. Oppose legislation, regulatory proposals, or administrative actions that limit or eliminate local discretionary review of the installation of any public utilities, including but not limited to broadband/wireless equipment or any wireless technology facilities on public infrastructure or in the public right of way.
- c. Oppose further legislation that continues to allow for more than one residential unit in single-family residential zones, excluding accessory dwelling units.

6. Law Enforcement and Judicial

Oppose legislation that would impede local law enforcement from addressing crime problems and recovering costs resulting from a crime committed by the guilty party; oppose any effort to lessen local control of local law enforcement agencies.

- a. Oppose legislation that limits and/or hinders local law enforcement from effectively preventing crime.
- b. Support legislative efforts that address the negative impacts and associated costs of any legislation that increases criminal activity or limits local law enforcement activities.

7. Fire Service



Oppose any legislation that restricts local authority jurisdiction over the enforcement of fire and life safety regulations.

- a. Support legislation that requires maintenance of defensible space in any area that could be prone to wildfire.
- b. Support measures that provide funding to local agencies for training, effective disaster preparedness, homeland security, and emergency planning.

8. Social Service Programs

Support legislation providing an equitable distribution of State and Federal program resources to prevent and treat substance abuse, address homelessness and mental health issues.

- a. Oppose all efforts of social service and program realignment where funding has not been fully appropriated.
- b. Support legislation that addresses the complex issues of homelessness from a regional perspective that employ best practice strategies to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness.
- c. Support legislation that would provide increased funding to public safety agencies to enhance training to address community needs such as substance abuse, mental health issues and homelessness.

9. Resource Conservation and Management

Support measures which increase the water supply or improve water quality within the region and oppose legislation that imposes undue hardship on local agencies to implement environmental regulations.

- a. Support efforts that encourage the use of energy and water conservation techniques, as long as those measures do not contain unnecessary punitive measures to residents, business owners and local agencies.
- b. Support legislation that would protect consumers and small business owners and end excessive energy and water charges.
- c. Support legislation promoting local control of current and future waste treatment facilities, hazardous materials rules, and regulations, and providing funds for site planning.



- d. Support measures which provide greater local control in meeting the environmental needs of the community, i.e., recycling/reclaiming of natural resources and energy efficiency measures.

10. Parks and Recreation Programs

Support legislation that maintains local control and provides adequate and consistent funding to support the acquisition, development, and operation and maintenance requirements of recreation, parks, and community services agencies at the local, State, and Federal levels.

- a. Support legislation that provides funding to support public art, both performing and visual.
- b. Support legislation that provides funding or otherwise promotes programs to address and increase the level of physical activity within our community.
- c. Support legislation that provides funding for beautification programs at the local level.
- d. Oppose legislation that directs park and recreation funds only to disadvantaged communities without including underserved communities.

11. Regional Governance

Support legislation that reflects a positive, collective, and cohesive approach to regional solutions, as long as local control is maintained.

- a. Support measures that would provide enhanced transparency and performance evaluation of county-run programs and services. Support efforts to provide equitable funding from counties to cities to address public health, including mental health and homelessness issues. Support efforts to enhance communication between counties and cities.

