

Town of Danville

Legislative Framework

Town Council Legislative Committee



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Overview

The Town of Danville is actively engaged in legislative advocacy efforts that are aimed at protecting and promoting Danville's best interests at the local, state and federal levels. These efforts are driven by two primary considerations: 1) continuing to uphold the Town mission of delivering superior municipal services that make people's lives better; and 2) an increasing level of state involvement and regulation in areas that have previously fallen within local control.

The significant increase in bills being introduced in the State Legislature that have the potential to further impact cities' local control has prompted the Town to continue to expand advocacy efforts through various means and channels. Key to these efforts is the development of this Legislative Framework which outlines the Town's legislative principles, policies, goals and strategies. The Framework will be monitored and driven by a Town Council Legislative Committee.

Legislative Goals

- Advocate the Town's legislative interests at the federal, state, regional, and county levels to support our Town's vision and mission.
- Serve as an active participant with other local governments, the League of California Cities, regional agencies, and local professional organizations in addressing legislative issues that are important to the town and our region.
- Participate in the Tri-Valley Cities coalition to work together on legislative issues, projects and initiatives at the federal, state, regional and county levels.
- Seek grant and funding assistance for Town projects, services, and programs.
- Communicate to the Town's residents those legislative and agency rule-making matters which are of potentially general interest or concern.

Legislative Principles

To fulfill the goals identified, the Town supports legislation and policies that favor:

- 1. Outstanding Quality of Life** - provide opportunities to protect and enhance our residents' quality of life through active living, a healthy lifestyle and diverse recreational services.
- 2. Community Safety** - provide access to resources and services for residents, such as quality police, fire, emergency management, emergency medical services, services for vulnerable populations and community benefit efforts.
- 3. Local Control over Land Use and Preservation** - ensures the Town's continued ability and authority to exercise decisions on land use matters and reasonably regulate new development to ensure consistency with Town design standards. The orderly growth and development of the Town together with the preservation of open space is a high priority for the Danville community.

4. **Foster Economic Vitality and Growth** - provide funding for initiatives that promote: economic health and resilience, business development, workforce development, and small business entrepreneurship training and assistance.
5. **Public Infrastructure** - enable continued improvement and maintenance of the Town's public infrastructure.
6. **Transportation** - provide funding for planning and implementation of regional transportation projects.
7. **Housing** - seek balanced solutions which consider housing, jobs, and transportation together; does not take a one size fits all approach; provides funding and resources for infrastructure and allows the Town to exercise local control in developing locally appropriate plans that meet State objectives in a manner that is compatible with existing community character.
8. **Support Residents Growth and Enrichment** - enhance and encourage recreational programming, exercise, use of parks and services, community engagement, social and recreational experiences; and performing and visual arts.
9. **Sustainability** - enable sustainable development, conserve natural resources, provide resources to enable environmental awareness and health in our community and source vendors that comply with California environmental requirements that protect public health and air quality.
10. **Fiscal Sustainability** - protect existing federal, state, and local funding sources that provide revenues to the Town of Danville. Oppose Unfunded Mandates and legislation that seeks to impose any requirement upon the Town that is not fully funded; aid recovery of Town costs stemming from State and/or Federal mandates.

Town Council Legislative Committee

- The Legislative Committee shall consist of two members of the Town Council to be appointed annually by the Mayor, supported by appropriate Town staff.
- The committee shall meet as frequently as monthly to review and discuss the Town's legislative platform and pending/possible legislation.
- The committee shall develop positions on pending or possible legislation and make recommendations for consideration by the Town Council. Recommendations will be based upon a determination of potential legislative impacts upon the Town and its residents. Potential positions to be considered include:
 - *Support*: Legislation that the Town should support as drafted
 - *Support if Amended*: that the Town should support if the author accepts amendments proposed or supported by the Town
 - *Oppose*: Legislation that the Town should oppose as drafted
 - *Oppose unless amended*: Legislation the Town should oppose unless amended
 - *Watch*: Town will take no formal position but will watch the Legislation and

- consider taking a position as the legislative process progresses
- Once a determination has been made that a legislative proposal may impact the Town by the Legislative Committee, a letter outlining the Town's position will be drafted for the Mayor's or Town Manager's signature.
 - Legislative Proposals may sometimes advance or change rapidly. Should the need to respond to such a proposal arise prior to an opportunity for either the Legislative Committee or Town Council to meet to consider the matter, then the Town Manager is authorized to act expeditiously to respond via letter, in a manner that is consistent with the goals and principles contained in the Framework. All such letters shall be transmitted to the Town Council, and posted on the Legislative page of the Town website.
 - The Committee shall make regular reports to the Town Council at duly noticed public meetings.
 - The Committee shall work collaboratively with Tri-Valley Cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon to further the Tri-Valley Legislative Framework.

Strategic Documents

The following documents are available on the Town's website at www.danville.ca.gov

- Town Vision and Mission Statements
- Town of Danville General Plan 2030
- Town of Danville Adopted Budget and Capital Improvement Program
- Town of Danville Recreation, Arts & Community Services Master Plan
- Town of Danville Climate Action Plan

The Legislative Framework will be reviewed annually by the Town Council. Day to day oversight of legislative matters is the responsibility of the Town Manager's Office, consistent with this Legislative Framework and policy set by the Town Council.