



Meeting Date: January 28, 2026

TOWN OF MORAGA

STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Scott Mitnick, Town Manager
Subject: Proposed 2026 Lamorinda Legislative Framework

RECOMMENDATION

Approve, by minute order, the proposed 2026 Lamorinda Legislative Framework.

BACKGROUND

On August 27, 2025, Town Council authorized a professional services agreement with Townsend Public Affairs to provide regional legislative advocacy services to the City of Lafayette, Town of Moraga, and City of Orinda for an initial one-year period from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026. The Lafayette City Council authorized entering into this agreement on August 11, 2025. The Orinda City Council authorized entering into this agreement on July 15, 2025.

One of the initial follow-up items, as part of this agreement, was for the three Lamorinda City Managers to work with Townsend Public Affairs staff to develop a proposed regional Lamorinda Legislative Platform (or Framework) for the 2026 calendar year for all three governing bodies to review and approve. The three City Managers and Townsend staff worked together and developed a draft Lamorinda Legislative Framework, included in Attachment A.

The Orinda City Council reviewed the proposed Lamorinda Legislative Framework and approved it on November 18, 2025. The Lafayette City Council reviewed the proposed framework, made a minor revision, and then approved it on November 24, 2025. A copy of the latest version of the proposed framework is attached.

DISCUSSION

The proposed framework is a starting point for the three municipalities and will allow Townsend and each municipality to more effectively advocate at both the federal and state levels. It is a living document which can be revised at any time, if any of the three municipalities feel necessary. Future revisions will require approval by the three legislative

bodies.

The proposed framework is divided into the five following “focus areas:”

1. Transportation and Related Infrastructure
2. Disaster Preparedness and Wildfire Readiness
3. Accessible Property Insurance
4. Housing
5. Fiscal Sustainability

With respect to the development of Town of Moraga’s Legislative Platform for 2026, Townsend and Moraga staff have prepared an initial draft which is currently under review by Town staff. It is anticipated that this document will be placed on an upcoming Town Council meeting agenda.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this agenda item. The indirect cost impact of staff time used to develop this staff report will be absorbed via the Adopted FY 2025-2026 General Fund Budget.

Having a formal regional Legislative Framework will allow the Town to more effectively advocate for federal and state legislative, regulatory actions, grants, funding, etc. This, in turn, may result in financial benefits to the Town and its taxpayers.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

This agenda item is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 2100 et. seq. and the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15000 et. seq.), including without limitation, Public Resources Code Section 21065 and California Code of Regulations 15378 as this is not a “project” that may cause a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Authorize the proposed framework with changes and refer it back to the City of Lafayette and City of Orinda for further review and re-authorization.
2. Do not authorize the proposed framework and direct staff to rely on the League of California Cities, national League of Cities, Contra Costa County Mayors Conference, and other professional associations to advocate on behalf of the Town.
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, the 2026 Lamorinda Legislative Framework will become the official legislative policy document for the three Lamorinda municipalities. Town staff will complete the Proposed 2026 Town of Moraga Legislative Platform for Town Council consideration at an upcoming Town Council meeting.

Town staff is also working on preparing for the upcoming Spring 2026 Lamorinda Regional Meeting which will be held in Moraga. At this meeting, several topics will be discussed, including an update on the effectiveness of the 2026 Lamorinda Legislative Framework.

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A - Lamorinda Legislative Framework](#)