



Meeting Date: May 13, 2026

TOWN OF MORAGA

STAFF REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Approve, by minute order, the Proposed 2026 Moraga Legislative Platform.

BACKGROUND

On January 28, 2026, Town Council approved the very first regional Lamorinda Legislative Framework (Framework) for the three municipalities of Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda. Lafayette City Council approved the Framework on November 24, 2025. Orinda City Council approved it on November 18, 2025. This policy document was prepared by the three Lamorinda City Managers, working in concert with Townsend Public Affairs staff, to develop a regional legislative platform for the 2026 calendar year. A copy of the final Framework document is included in this staff report as Attachment B.

At the January 28, 2026 Town Council meeting, staff was also directed to prepare a separate Legislative Platform for the Town of Moraga, similar to the past practice in both Lafayette and Orinda. In response, Town staff from all of the operating departments worked with Townsend Public Affairs and Cal Cities staff to prepare the Proposed 2026 Moraga Legislative Platform which is contained in Attachment A.

DISCUSSION

Flexible Public Policy Document

Once approved, the Moraga Legislative Platform will serve as a starting point to allow the Town and Townsend Public Affairs to advocate at the federal, state, and regional levels. This will be an important living public policy document which will be able to be revised at any time when Town Council determines necessary.

Legislative Platform Purpose and Overview

The Platform begins with a “Purpose” and “Platform Overview.”

Guiding Principles

The Platform contains the following “Guiding Principles:”

- I. Preserve Local Control
- II. Promote Fiscal Stability and Sustainability
- III. Support Funding Opportunities

Legislative Policy Components

The Platform contains the following “Policy Components:”

1. Administrative Services
2. Climate and Environment
3. Community and Economic Development
4. Local Government Finance
5. Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Community Services
6. Public Safety
7. Public Works and Public Infrastructure
8. Conformity with the Lamorinda Legislative Framework

Legislative Position Options

The Platform concludes with an overview of the following position options:

1. Support
2. Support, If Amended
3. Neutral
4. Oppose
5. Oppose, Unless Amended
6. Watch

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this agenda item. Having a formal Moraga Legislative Platform will allow the Town to advocate more effectively for federal, state, and regional legislation, 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. Approve the Proposed Moraga Legislative Platform with revisions.
2. Do not approve the Proposed Moraga Legislative Platform and direct staff to rely on the National League of Cities, League of California Cities, Contra Costa County Mayors Conference, Townsend Public Affairs, and other professional associations to advocate on behalf of the Town.
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, the Proposed 2026 Moraga Legislative Platform will go into effect right away. This document will be reviewed at least annually by Town Council and revised, as determined necessary.

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A - Proposed Town of Moraga 2026 Legislative Platform](#)
[Attachment B - Lamorinda Legislative Coalition Framework](#)