

Memorandum

TO: City Council Workshop
FROM: Brad Martens , City Manager
DATE: December 15, 2025
SUBJECT: 2026 Legislative Priorities
ITEM NUMBER: 1.b
SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

INTRODUCTION

The City Council is being asked for input prior to adoption of its legislative priorities for 2026.

DISCUSSION

The 2026 legislative session will begin on February 17, 2026. In order for staff to effectively advocate on behalf of Shoreview, it is recommended to adopt a list of priorities. The list of priorities is not meant to be comprehensive, rather they are the most important areas to focus our time advocating. The League of Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities, and the Municipal Legislative Commission will also advocate on behalf of their member cities which includes Shoreview.

Staff has drafted the attached document for consideration which includes the following topic areas:

- Housing
- Tax policy and local issues
- Public safety aid
- Franchising authority
- Infrastructure and transportation
- Ebike laws
- Increased purchasing authority

In addition to discussing these topics, Councilmember Doan has requested the city discuss support for a advocating for cities to establish local gun violence prevention ordinances. The second and third attachments are related to that topic for reference.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to staff on any edits to the proposed 2026 legislative priorities.

ATTACHMENTS

[2025-12-10 draft 2026 Legislative priorities.pdf](#)
[Talking Points_Summary of Local GVP Ordinance.pdf](#)
[Gun ordinances - Final CAO Language.pdf](#)