

**SUBJECT: 2026 CITY OF LOUISVILLE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2025**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Legislative Agenda serves as a guiding framework for the City's engagement in legislative affairs prior to and during the legislative session. The proposed Legislative Agenda reflects the City's policy goals, as well as local and regional policy issues of importance to the Louisville community. Council held discussion and provided direction on the Legislative Agenda on October 14, 2025, and the intention of this meeting is to adopt the 2026 Legislative agenda

**BACKGROUND / PRIOR DISCUSSIONS:**

Council typically reviews their Legislative Agenda annually. For the 2025 cycle, Council held a discussion / direction on December 17, 2024 (materials start on pg. 373 of [the packet](#)) and adopted it on January 7, 2025 (materials start on pg. 250 of [the packet](#)).

During the year, Council may identify issues for future inclusion. During 2025, Council indicated interest in considering E-Bikes on the legislative agenda and staff has included proposed language for consideration. Council held [discussion / direction on the 2026 Legislative Agenda October 14, 2025](#).

**ANALYSIS:**

In 2025, the Legislative Agenda was updated to include guiding language for council members on the purpose and use of the document. The City Council also provided feedback and supplied a number of changes. For 2026, staff has a few recommended changes, summarized below, and is interested in receiving direction from Council.

In addition, City Council encouraged advisory boards and commissions to submit memos with their recommendations for the 2026 Legislative Agenda. At this point in time, staff is aware of two memos from boards and has not heard of other boards drafting memos. The Open Space Advisory Board memo was provided to Council October 14, 2025 and the Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board provided a memo November 19, 2025. Both are attached.

The Colorado Municipal League is considering updates to their Policy Statement, and staff will pass that along to Council when available. In the meantime, their [2025-2026 Policy Statement](#) is available online.

Changes:

*\*Changes resulting from the October meeting are indicated as NEW.*

- Home Rule/ Local Control
  - NEW – Language Adjustment - “Local Problems to Local Issues”
- Community Recovery and Resiliency
  - o Propose removing the first bullet about the Wildfire Resiliency Code Board’s efforts now that the code is on the books with the State.
  - o Broadened to include more of an all-hazards approach
- Tax and Finance Policy
  - o Moved item related to transition from fossil fuels from the Tax and Finance Policy section to the Energy and Environment section
- Public Health and Safety
  - o Added support for efforts to improve and enhance traffic safety for all road users including vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, and e-bikes
  - o Added support of efforts to address children under 16 operating e-bikes, etc.
- Energy and Environment
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  - o NEW
    - Removed: The bullet indicated City support for a regional approach to the implementation of energy efficient building codes.
    - Added: Collaboration language to the section’s introduction.

**2025 COUNCIL WORK PLAN:**

Advocacy is a component of the Core Services priority in the 2025 Council Work Plan and expected to carry into the 2026 Council Work Plan. The Legislative Agenda is a key component of advocacy as it sets Council’s agenda and provides guidelines for Council Members and staff in supporting state and regional policy work.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Budgeted?: **Not Applicable**

There is no anticipated fiscal impact.

**ALTERNATIVE(S):**

Council may choose not to adopt a Legislative Agenda. This would remove a guiding document for Council Members to use in their appointed roles, such as with the Metro Mayor’s Caucus or Denver Regional Council of Governments, and may create an inefficient process of seeking council direction on each issue, which may not meet the timing requirements of the legislative session, resulting in Louisville not taking positions on items. Council may also choose to delay adoption and continue revisions. This may be a challenge for Council members and staff as work on the 2026 legislative session has already begun and Louisville is already being engaged.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Council approve the 2026 Legislative Agenda.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. 2025 Legislative Agenda
2. Draft 2026 Legislative Agenda – Redlines
3. OSAB 2026 Legislative Agenda Memo
4. LSAB 2026 Legislative Agenda Memo
5. Presentation

# 2025 City of Louisville Legislative Agenda

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state action and investment is needed in order to mitigate future disasters and ensure our communities are prepared when disaster strikes. The front-end investment in community resiliency will reduce the local, state, and federal costs of the severe climate disasters we are experiencing today.

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- The City of Louisville supports insurance reform that helps residents be better prepared and able to recover from climate disasters, while promoting the roles and responsibilities of homeowners, renters, and landlords in securing insurance coverage. Examples of desired insurance reform include legislation that:
  - Reduces system-wide underinsurance
  - Improves the transparency of the coverage gap that a private property owner or renter has with their existing policy
  - Eliminates the practice of insurance companies requiring contents itemization in total losses to receive the contents' coverage stated in a policy
  - Supports regulating the loss ratio for property and casualty insurance so that premiums paid go to cover losses and do not become excessive
  - Supports exploration of reinsurance for disaster impacts
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  - Supports programs for affordable insurance.
- The City recommends CDPHE establish standards for acceptable levels of contaminants in water systems, soils, homes, businesses, and schools. Without these standards, there is no FEMA reimbursement opportunity or insurance standards for coverage.

## Tax and Finance Policy

The City supports a fair and consistent tax policy that preserves and expands the authority of local governments and opposes exemptions that erode municipal sales taxes, use taxes, property taxes, and other revenue sources.

**Positions:**

- The City supports fiscally responsible government spending, and believes it is important the legislature understands the layers of constraints on local government budgets resulting from the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR).
- The City supports equitable sharing with municipalities of existing and future state revenues derived from state-collected, locally shared revenues, such as the Cigarette/Tobacco/Vaping Tax, Highway Users Tax Fund, Lottery funds, and Marijuana tax funds.
- With the repeal of the Gallagher Amendment and new tax cuts and exemptions, the City believes it is critical to maintain ongoing residential and commercial property taxes to preserve public service revenues to the state, local governments, fire districts, schools, health providers, and others dependent on property taxes to deliver essential services.
- The City supports tax and financial incentives that speed the transition away from fossil fuels.

## Municipal Administrative Services

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### **Positions:**

- The City supports increased funding and resources to elevate cyber-security prevention, response, and recovery/rebuilding when attacks occur.
- The City has implemented accessibility measures that assist persons with disabilities in accessing City information and services, as required by HB21-1110. The City supports accessible digital communications but opposes unfunded mandates on local governments without reasonable opportunity to remediate complaints. Given the expense involved with remediation, the City supports dedicated funding and amendments to HB21-1110 to allow reasonable time for municipalities to come into compliance.
- The City supports the exploration of an accessible database to facilitate information and data sharing between the state and municipal courts.
- The City supports funding for municipalities to help better serve non-English speakers.

## Public Health and Safety

The City supports policies that ensure public health and safety, thereby improving the quality of life in partnership with the community.

### **Positions:**

- The City supports state-level actions to address gun violence. While regional and local legislation can be effective in reducing gun violence, state action is needed to improve safety and regulatory consistency across jurisdictions.
- The City supports access to quality and affordable healthcare for residents and businesses across Colorado.
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- The City supports statewide efforts to expand mental/behavioral health services, reduce barriers to care, and provide funding to support such initiatives. This includes additional assistance for law enforcement to address community-wide mental health impacts and mitigate the costs for healthcare and mental health services for persons in custody.
- The City opposes legislation that would prohibit the use of red-light cameras and speed radar.

## Energy/Environment

The City supports legislation to address climate change by improving energy efficiency, increasing the use of cost-effective renewable energy, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil fuels while maintaining the reliability and resilience of energy delivery and local control.

### **Positions:**

- The City supports the state's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through reduced energy consumption, increased use of clean energy and transitioning away from fossil fuels.
- The City supports statewide policies that reduce overall energy demand and consumption, while preserving and expanding local governments' ability to reach their sustainability and climate action goals.

- The City supports the improvement of air quality, renewable energy production, and emission reductions through legislative, administrative, and regulatory actions.
- The City supports efforts to reduce noise impacts and air pollution, and lead pollution associated with local metropolitan airport activities.
- The City supports opportunities and funding for municipalities to implement local clean energy strategies and solutions.
- The City supports a regional approach to the implementation of energy efficient building codes.
- The City supports actions that effectively address the metro Denver region's violations of Clean Air Act standards in a timely manner.

## Transportation

Colorado's transportation infrastructure, which connects our communities and facilitates the movement of people and goods, is essential to the economic vitality of our state and necessary to maintain the high quality of life enjoyed by Coloradans. Appropriate investments in transportation, as one of the largest sectors of greenhouse gas emissions, also further the City's energy and environmental goals.

### **Positions:**

- The City supports ongoing state and federal funding sources for transportation projects, such as those along the CO Highway 42 and South Boulder Road, that provide funding for the maintenance of existing infrastructure, multimodal improvements, accessibility improvements, and other investments that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
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*Approved January 7, 2025*

## MEMORANDUM

**To: City Council**  
**From: Open Space Advisory Board**  
**Date: October 14, 2025**  
**Re: Discussion/Direction Item 5: 2026 Legislative Agenda**

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The Open Space Advisory Board appreciates the opportunity to review the 2026 Legislative Agenda and supports and recommends the following edits listed in red below:

Recommended revisions for consideration:

- i. "The City supports increased wildfire mitigation funding for local communities in the plains areas to establish and maintain risk reduction measures on public lands including climate change adaptation strategies." **and methods to effectively protect wildlife and plant life while maintaining habitat.**
- ii. "The City supports state and federal efforts to protect **and preserve** open spaces."

Link to Reference Materials:

<https://www.louisvilleco.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/44218/638743530398870000>

## Memorandum

To: Louisville City Council Members  
From: Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board  
Date: November 19, 2025  
Re: Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board Legislative Agenda for 2026

Dear Louisville City Council Members,

As the City Council begins to set legislative priorities for 2026, the Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board respectfully submits this legislative agenda for your consideration. Our recommendations are grounded in the City's Sustainability Action Plan and aim to support the Council adopted Climate Action Goals, reflecting the shared commitment to a sustainable, resilient, and equitable future for our community.

We believe that sustainability and resiliency should remain a central lens through which all major, long-term City decisions are evaluated. From infrastructure investments to housing, energy, and economic development, policies should prioritize outcomes that build resilience, reduce emissions, and support community well-being—especially for those most affected by climate change.

Louisville has already demonstrated strong leadership in this work through collaboration with regional partners such as the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), sharing knowledge and aligning strategies to advance sustainability goals. The City's efforts to integrate sustainability into both the legislative agenda, Comprehensive Plan, and City Council Work Plan further underscore its dedication to environmental stewardship. Building on this momentum, the Board urges City Council to continue placing sustainability and resiliency at the center of decision-making, ensuring that every action taken today contributes to a thriving and climate-resilient future.

### **Vision for 2026 and Beyond**

Louisville continues to face the complex challenges of climate change, resource management, and equitable growth. To meet these challenges, we urge the City to:

- Continue prioritizing sustainability and resiliency as core criteria in all significant, long-term policy and financial decisions.
- Advance the City's transition to renewable energy and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through data-driven decision-making that focuses on the highest-impact strategies.
- Support communities disproportionately impacted by climate change through targeted adaptation strategies, financial incentives, and inclusive engagement.

These priorities reflect our belief that sustainable practices are not only environmentally necessary but also economically and socially beneficial.

## **Recommended Legislative Tasks for 2026**

### **1. Integrate a Sustainability and Resilience Evaluation Framework into Major City Decisions**

Formalize a decision-making framework requiring that all major capital projects, infrastructure investments, and policy initiatives include an evaluation of sustainability, resilience, and climate equity impacts. Embedding this framework into City processes ensures that sustainability and resilience considerations are consistently applied across all departments, fostering accountability and long-term planning.

### **2. Advance Renewable Energy Adoption and Data-Driven Emission Reduction**

Accelerate Louisville's transition to renewable energy and ensure that greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategies are guided by accurate, data-driven analysis to achieve the greatest possible impact. By grounding decisions in emissions data and cost-benefit evaluation, the City can effectively progress toward its goals of reducing emissions by 60% by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. This includes continued investment in tools that enable staff to efficiently collect, analyze, and interpret emissions data, empowering them to make informed, strategic decisions about where to target reductions and how to expand renewable energy projects and initiatives most effectively.

### **3. Strengthen Community Resilience and Climate Equity**

Enhance Louisville's climate adaptation and disaster recovery planning to better support residents and neighborhoods most vulnerable to environmental change. Recognizing that climate impacts disproportionately affect low-income households, seniors, renters, and those lacking resilient housing or transportation, the City should prioritize equitable access to sustainability investments. Key actions include expanding energy-efficiency and home resilience programs for income-qualified residents, partnering with community organizations to improve heat mitigation, air quality, and emergency preparedness, and pursuing state and federal funding for local resilience projects that create green jobs and safeguard public health.

The Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board remains committed to supporting the City Council in advancing a resilient, equitable, and climate-conscious future. By continuing to integrate sustainability and resilience into every major City decision, we can safeguard our community's long-term well-being, strengthen economic stability, and position Louisville as a regional leader in sustainability innovation.

We thank the Council for its continued partnership and look forward to collaborating on the 2026 legislative agenda to ensure that sustainability remains at the heart of Louisville's vision for the future.

Sincerely,

## The Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board



## Discussion / Direction 2026 Legislative Agenda

December 12, 2025  
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## Purpose and Expectations

- To review revised the draft legislative agenda
  - NOTE – Changes since October denoted in the presentation as NEW
- Provide direction to staff for edits, if needed
- Adopt the 2026 Legislative Agenda
- Will review section by section



## Purpose & Use

- 2026 – No Changes
- New section in 2025
- Legislative Agenda a guiding document for Council Members
- Used in Council assignments such as NW MCC, DRCOG, etc.
- Council members should share actions in their reports
- If unclear on the agenda, bring item to the full Council

## Board/Commission Engagement

- All advisory boards and commissions encouraged to submit in joint meetings early in 2025
- OSAB Memo – October 14, 2025
- LSAB Memo - November 19, 2025

## Home Rule/Local Control

- 2026
  - **NEW** - Language Adjustment – "Local Problems" to "Local Issues"
- Continued advocacy for local control and meaningful collaboration on items that require statewide or multi-jurisdictional response

## Community Recovery & Resiliency

- 2026
  - Removed - Resiliency code board section (on the books with the state)
  - Broadened to include more of an all-hazards approach
- Continued advocacy for standards, funding, and support to promote resilience and expedite recovery.

## Tax and Finance Policy

- 2026 –
  - MOVED – An item related in incentives to transition from fossil fuels to the Energy/Environment section
- Continued advocacy for fair and consistent policy that preserves and expands the authority of local government and protects municipal revenue sources.

## Municipal Administrative Services

- 2026 – No Changes
- Continued support of funding, resources, and accessibility to support high-performing and effective administrative services.

## Public Health and Safety

- 2026
  - Added – Support for efforts to improve and enhance traffic safety for all road users including vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, and e-bikes
  - Added - Support of efforts to address children under 16 operating e-bikes, etc.
- Continued advocacy for a variety of policies supporting public health including addressing gun violence, affordable health care, court and law enforcement practices, mental and behavioral health services, and redlight cameras / speed radar.

## Energy and Environment

- 2026
  - Included item related to transition from fossil fuels, formerly in the Tax and Finance section
  - **NEW** – Change
    - Removed: The City supports a regional approach to the implementation of energy efficient building codes.
    - Added: Collaboration language in the introduction section.
- Continued advocacy for legislation to address climate change by improving efficiency, increasing renewable energy, reducing GHG emissions and dependence on fossil fuel.

## Transportation

- 2026 – No Changes
- Continued advocacy for funding and investments in transportation including projects in Louisville, support for Complete Streets and Vision Zero, increase of RTD services, and rail.

## Utilities, Telecommunications, and Broadband

- 2026 – No Changes
- Continued advocacy for policies to protect natural resources and allow the City to maintain facilities efficiently, allowing for reasonable and equitable rates while maintaining quality.

## **Land Use, Development and Revitalization, Housing**

- 2026 – No Changes
- Continued advocacy for local control as the starting point of land use planning, as well as investments and meaningful collaboration on policy development.

## **Economic Vitality and Business Development**

- 2026 – No Changes
- New in 2025
- Continued advocacy for coordinated state efforts to attract and retain employers while supporting workforce development.

## 2026 Legislative Agenda - Direction Needed

- Clear direction on edits, if needed
- Motion to adopt  
OR
- Staff can revise and bring on January 6 for adoption

## Thank you & Next Steps