



STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

CITY • OF • ONTARIO • 2025-2026

ABOUT ONTARIO

Founded as a Model Colony, based on innovation, planned development, community service and family values, the City of Ontario has become the economic heart of the region. The City Council is committed to maintaining Ontario's leadership role in the Inland Empire by continuing to invest in the growth and evolution of the area's economy while providing a balance of jobs, housing, educational and recreational opportunities for our residents in a safe, well-maintained community.

Incorporated December 10, 1891, the City of Ontario covers an area of 50 miles within San Bernardino County. It is located 35 miles east of Los Angeles.

The primary objective of the Legislative Platform is to establish official City positions on clearly stated legislative issues. The Legislative Platform is developed and maintained using the goals and objectives of the City Council. The central theme adopted by the City Council is a sustained, community-wide prosperity which continuously adds value and yields benefits. Adding value encompasses a range of applications, including adding value to prosperity as well as to people, making Ontario truly a premier community of choice. Adding value is expressed in land, revenues, infrastructure, businesses, as well as in education, employment, health, community services and recreation.

By aligning investment and policy goals, the City can create systems that improve quality of life, foster economic prosperity and contribute to a more sustainable future.

1. Local Control & Governance

- a. Retain local control over all aspects of municipal land use.
- b. Oppose legislation seeking to reallocate revenue obtained from the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax.
- c. Oppose unfunded mandates.
- d. Support legislation that holds the State accountable to the same governance laws and regulations for local elected bodies and the State legislature.

2. Economic Investment

- a. Funding for "Smart Growth" and transit-oriented multimodal development.
- b. Reinstate options for tax increment financing to cities, either as infrastructure finance districts, redevelopment agencies or new funding programs.
- c. Funding for adaptive reuse and/or historic preservation.
- d. Funding for workforce development, veterans job opportunities and job readiness.
- e. Increase funding for trade corridors, gateways, intermodal connectors and freight facilities in the region.
- f. Assist with additional revenue streams to support freight movement investment adequate to address the local and regional impacts of national freight flows.
- g. Advocate for direct federal funding to local jurisdictions without unnecessary distribution through the State and County.
- h. Invest in transportation networks to enable businesses to efficiently move goods and services, fostering economic development.

3. Public Safety

- a. Invest in the security of the City and public safety officers.
- b. Invest in training and equipment for all first responders.

- c. Increase funding for disaster preparedness, prevention, recovery and response for all-hazard threats.

4. Collaboration with Other Governmental Agencies

- a. Regional homelessness program and mental health epidemic.
- b. Regional wastewater & recycled water services.
- c. Support local authority to contract emergency and medical transport services.
- d. Advocate for accountability and reciprocal transparency with State Boards

5. Commercial & Residential Neighborhoods

- a. Support funding for Regional Housing Needs Assessment requirements.
- b. New funding for homelessness services and the construction of high quality, fully serviced transitional housing facilities.
- c. Support reform of SCAQMD policies to mitigate negative impacts on the local and regional economy.
- d. Explore cutting-edge freight conveyance systems for on and off-airport freight movement.
- e. Allow local jurisdictions to plan and develop affordable housing on a City-wide basis.
- f. Encourage State investment in affordable housing.
- g. Allow Cities to pay other Cities for affordable housing units.
- h. Implement California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform to its original intent.

6. Infrastructure

- a. Investment in water, streets, sewers, parks, storm drains and public facilities.
- b. Support the reduction and dependence on imported water from the State Water Project.
- c. Expand economic options for Ontario logistics projects/investments.
- d. Oppose further restrictions on Surplus Land Act requirements.
- e. Oppose efforts to divert transportation infrastructure revenues for non-transportation purposes.
- f. Invest in local transit connectivity and multi-modal solutions.

7. Quality of Life

- a. Provide Care Act resources to San Bernardino County.
- b. Increase railroad funding for grade separations.
- c. Support streamlined environmental revisions that remove duplication of State and Federal processes.
- d. Support increased funding for historic preservation and retrofit, and

community centers.

8. Technological Innovation and Efficiency

- a. Support efforts to expand municipal broadband and cooperation of service delivery with the private sector, such as OntarioNet.
- b. Support funding for wireless solutions and promote smart city options and high-quality broadband services.
- c. Support cities who have invested local funding to broadband expansion efforts.
- d. Advocate for funding towards zero emission municipal fleets.
- e. Expand necessary cellular service and providers.
- f. Advance the streamlining of electric energy infrastructure.