



# Federal 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, and 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. Economic Investment**

- a. Funding for “Smart Growth” and transit-oriented multimodal development.
- b. Reinstate/reinstitute some form of practical tax increment financing.
- c. Funding for adaptive reuse and/or historic preservation.
- d. Funding for workforce development, veterans job opportunities, and job readiness.
- e. Advocate for 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. Support strong funding for Community Development Block Grants.
- h. Advocate for funding to come to local jurisdictions without having to be distributed through the State and County level.

## **2. Infrastructure**

- a. Surface Transportation Reauthorization – Provide funding for trade corridors, gateways, intermodal connectors and freight facilities.
- b. Increase federal investment in goods movement corridors.
- c. Develop policies that allow for the improvement of strategic freight bottlenecks to accommodate the growing logistics industry in our region.
- d. Recognize the importance of inland ports to overall goods movement systems as part of any investment plan and ground access funding.
- e. Investment in water, streets, sewers, parks, storm drains, and public facilities.
- f. Support the reduction and dependence on imported water from the State Water Project.
- g. Expand economic options for Ontario Logistics Projects/Investments.
- h. Restore incremental tax funding options to cities, either as infrastructure finance districts, redevelopment agencies, or new funding programs.

### **3. Public Safety**

- a. Invest in training and equipment for all first responders.
- b. 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.

### **5. Local Control**

- a. Maximize federal funding by developing reforms that will accelerate project procurement, promote flexibility and innovation, and respect local control.
- b. Support direct funding to Cities and Counties.
- c. Retain local control over all aspects of municipal land use.
- d. Oppose unfunded mandates.
- e. Oppose legislation that would eliminate the tax exemption for municipal bonds.

### **6. Commercial & Residential Neighborhoods**

- a. Explore cutting-edge freight conveyance systems for on and off-airport freight movement.
- b. Encourage private investment in affordable housing.

### **7. Quality of Life**

- a. Increase the private match for grade separations.
- b. Support streamlined environmental revisions that remove duplication of state and federal processes.
- c. Support increased funding for historic preservation and retrofit, and community centers.

### **8. Technology**

- 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 efforts.
- d. Advocate for funding towards zero emission municipal fleets.