



# City of Woodland

## 2018 Legislative Priorities

### 1. Transportation

- During the 2015 legislative session, funding for public works infrastructure projects was essentially eliminated with the defunding of the Public Works Assistance Account. The City supports efforts to create a long-term funding source for public works infrastructure.
- Support funding for the City of Woodland Scott Ave Reconnection Project which will improve traffic flows. This should be a priority for traffic routing especially in the event of an emergency as demonstrated during the December 2015 Interstate 5 landslide event just north of Woodland.
- Support funding for the redesign of I-5 exit 21 area which will improve traffic flows. Continual traffic congestion due to the close proximity of multiple intersections makes this a major concern for the citizens of Woodland.

### 2. Support for Capital Budget Allocation for the Scott Hill Park

The City of Woodland and the Rotary Club of Woodland have partnered to build the Scott Hill Park and Sports Complex. The City has purchased the property and the Rotary Club is raising funds to build the park. We believe this project is good for the community and will bring economic benefits to the region. We fully support the request for a Capital Budget Allocation for the park.

### 3. Regulatory Relief and Revenue Flexibility/Unfunded Mandates and Do No Harm

Public Records Requests have become a burden on local government by persons who are abusing the intent of the law. We support government transparency but a solution to the abuse of the system is needed.

Given the growth in both social media and the change in communication technology, the Legislature should further clarify what electronic messaging constitutes a public record requiring storage and indexing and what electronic data does not. Furthermore, penalties for failure to timely respond to public record requests should be indexed on a sliding scale tied to population and to tax base to avoid catastrophic penalties against small cities who do not have sufficient tax revenue to hire a full time “public records officer”.

The city strongly opposes any legislation that would preempt authority traditionally and historically vested with local government or impose new or additional unfunded mandates.

#### **4. Public Safety**

Medical Costs for Offenders – The Legislature should pass legislation which provides health insurance under Apple Health for those arrested by city police and incarcerated by courts, including persons not legally residing in the United States. Even during good financial times, the public safety budget for small local governments can be devastated by unanticipated inmate health costs.

#### **5. City encourages Legislators to consider AWC Priorities**

#### **6. Government Funding**

The City also requests that the legislature resist proposals that would reduce or eliminate funds historically designated for cities. This can place an undue burden on cities to tax or assess fees on citizens in order to keep services stable.