

Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 9/4/2024

Subject - New Business - LOC Legislative Priorities 2025

Synopsis: Council all received emails from the LOC (League of Oregon Cities) on or around June 21st with a Legislative Priorities Voter Guide. Cities need to review the 23 recommendations from the League's seven policy committees. Each city will have a voice in shaping the LOC's legislative agenda for the next two years (2025-2026). Each city will have five votes, ranking their top five legislative priorities.

The Gearhart City Council each received a poll link from staff with instructions to mark 5 boxes that each individually believe represent the top 5 issues Gearhart recommends be added to the priorities for the League's 2025-2026 legislative cycle. A final Top 5 was derived from consensus when each responded to the poll.

Tonight, staff are sharing the poll results. The Top 5 Priorities that Chad will cast as Gearhart's vote on behalf of the City Council before the September 27th deadline are:

- Behavioral Health Enhancements
- Community Safety & Neighborhood Livability
- Restoration & Recreational Immunity
- Lodging Tax Flexibility
- Infrastructure Funding

Recommended Motion: N/A

Legal Analysis: Final LOC results from all Oregon cities will be announced at the annual conference in October. (Bend, OR)

Financial Analysis: N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad