



# TRI-VALLEY CITIES Legislative Framework



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# TRI-VALLEY CITIES VALUES STATEMENT

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The Tri-Valley Cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and the Town of Danville value regional leadership, innovation, collaboration, and problem solving to maintain and improve the quality of life for Tri-Valley residents, provide a vibrant climate for businesses, and enable continued opportunities for public and private investment within the region.

Each City and Town provides a unique perspective on how to meet the needs of their residents and businesses. The Cities and Town agree to respect the individuality of each community and are committed to open and honest communication with a goal of building consensus and a united approach to advocacy for solutions that will serve the residents and businesses of the Tri-Valley.

## TRI-VALLEY CITIES LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

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The Tri-Valley Cities Legislative Framework seeks to inform all levels of governmental interaction (e.g., federal, state, regional, local) regarding legislation, policies, and programs that have a direct impact on the region. The TVC has defined Legislative Focus Areas which have an overarching objective to retain and promote local control and decision-making as it relates to the implementation of laws and regulations and to have the ability to integrate them in a manner that meets the unique needs of each community. The TVC will advocate together to achieve outcomes benefiting the region in each of these Focus Areas.

### ***Transportation and Infrastructure***

Residents of the Tri-Valley region are subject to some of the heaviest commutes in the Bay Area and are impacted by the heavy flow of traffic along the region's freeways, which often spills over onto the local surface streets as commuters pursue alternatives to their commute through the Tri-Valley. A key objective of the region is to reduce congestion on the region's freeways, and to increase mobility of goods and people through the Tri-Valley with continued financial investment in transportation infrastructure: developing alternative modes of transportation, modernization of transportation corridors, and creation, modernization, and expansion of rail systems. The TVC also seeks to partner on other significant non-transportation infrastructure projects, especially those with regional and multi-regional benefits.

### ***Climate, Environment, and Health***

The TVC seeks to work collaboratively with federal, state, and regional partners to address the new landscape of year-round wildfires, air quality, public safety power shutoffs, water quality (including PFAS/PFOS contaminants) and supply issues, as well as waste and recycling mandates. The TVC will advocate for increasing financial and technical support in these areas, as well as for investment in key infrastructure at all levels of government.



## ***Public Safety***

The TVC prides itself on providing the highest quality of life for its residents, businesses, workers, and visitors alike – a critical part of which is ensuring the basic right to safety, without fear of harm to oneself or one’s property. As such, the coalition will advocate for reasonable public safety reforms, especially with regard to retail theft, burglary, and assault, all while maintaining a lens of equity.

## ***Economic Development***

The Tri-Valley region is an innovation hub that spurs job growth, sustains a healthy economy, and provides a high quality of life for residents and business. Key objectives are developing a healthy workforce; and supporting innovation, capacity building, economic stimulus, and growth in the region.

## ***Affordable Housing and Homelessness***

The TVC supports balanced solutions which consider housing, jobs, and transportation together and seeks to support, promote, protect, and increase affordability in the region’s housing stock. Key objectives are to work with federal, state, and regional partners to provide funding for affordable housing through a variety of programs and options and to work to address barriers to building housing at Very Low, Low, and Moderate income levels. TVC also remains committed to mitigating and eliminating homelessness, including working with partners at all levels of government to address the root causes of housing insecurity and homelessness.

## ***Mental Health***

The TVC recognizes that social services are vital to supporting residents and providing crucial safety net services in our region. While the TVC cities do not provide direct delivery of social services, the Cities seek to work together to support local non-profits and organizations that do provide these services, and advocate together for these vital resources and services from all levels of government. Mental health support is a growing need in our region, and the TVC seeks to advocate for the resources to meet the needs of all our residents.

## ***Fiscal Sustainability***

Fiscal Sustainability is an important role for all levels of government. The TVC seeks to advocate against the imposition of unfunded mandates and the removal of funding streams from local governments.