1) General

a) Support any legislation that protects local control over matters of governance and funding of public services and infrastructure and oppose any legislation that reduces such authority.

2) Finance

a) Support legislation that proposes to provide funding for transportation infrastructure, public facilities and systems, public safety, and park development without raising taxes.

b) Oppose legislation that reduces, eliminates, redistributes, or otherwise limits local discretion over revenue allocations, including sales, property, and HUTA/gas taxes, vehicle in lieu fees, public safety grants, transportation infrastructure funding, etc.

c) Oppose legislation that imposes unfunded mandates upon local governments without guaranteed financial offsets or benefits.

d) Support legislation that advocates equitable distribution of Property Tax allocations based on overall contribution.

3) Economic Development

a) Support legislation that provides new and enhanced tools to stimulate the local economy develop and retain businesses, and create new jobs.

4) Transportation

a) Oppose legislation that identifies the SR-60 Freeway Corridor as a preferred alternative for truck-only lanes.

5) Land Use

a) Oppose legislation that weakens local government authority over any land use and/or zoning decisions, including, but not limited to, housing developments of all kinds, energy and utilities projects, massage establishment, dispensaries, and telecommunications sites.
b) Support legislation that enhances local authority over group residential care facilities, including oversight and location.

c) Oppose measures that mandate unattainable Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements.

d) Support legislation that enhances the City’s ability to enforce municipal codes for businesses operating outside their approved land use and without a Conditional Use Permit.

6) Public Works

a) Support legislation authorizing local governments to enter into agreements with private entities to finance specified types of revenue generating infrastructure projects.

b) Oppose legislation requiring local public works projects to be designed and/or approved by state engineers/architects.

7) Public Safety

a) Support legislation that enhances local crime prevention and reduction efforts, particularly for those related to violent and property crimes and sales or manufacturing of illegal drugs.

b) Support legislation that addresses statewide increases in crime directly related to realignment and early release initiatives.

c) Support legislation that strengthens consequences for those convicted of burglary, larceny theft, and vandalism of public property.

8) Environmental

a) Oppose legislation and/or regulations that place undue hardship on local governments in an effort to implement new environmental or clean energy mandates.

b) Support legislation that provides fiscally responsible policy for renewable energy programs.
c) Support legislation that provides increased funding opportunities for storm water and associated compliance requirements.

**Administrative Procedures:**

1. The City Council’s adopted Legislative Platform establishes the City’s legislative advocacy strategy necessary to promote Diamond Bar’s long-term interests. The Platform identifies the key issues, objectives, and priorities and establishes procedures to formally respond effectively to time-sensitive legislative actions at the regional, state, and federal levels.

2. Staff shall monitor legislative proposals and consult with key advocacy groups such as the League of California Cities, California Contract Cities Association, and other professional and membership based organizations to analyze for consistency with the Council’s adopted Platform. The City will take a position on matters that directly impact the provision of municipal services. Generally, the City will not take a position on matters unrelated to municipal services, including international and/or social issues.

3. Once consistency with the Platform is confirmed, staff is authorized to prepare an official position letter affixed with the Mayor’s electronic signature, with the following exceptions:
   a) Legislative proposals with tax implications of any kind shall be reviewed by the Legislative Subcommittee and approved by the City Council before an official position letter is generated.
   b) Legislative proposals that conflict with two or more categories in the Platform shall be reviewed by the Legislative Subcommittee and approved by the City Council before an official position letter is generated.

4. A copy of the official position letter shall be distributed to the author of the bill, the Mayor and City Council, and other key stakeholders with a copy maintained in the City’s electronic records repository.

5. During the Legislative session and as otherwise necessary, staff shall prepare a monthly legislative digest for the City Council, coordinate with the Legislative Subcommittee, identifying bills on which the City has taken a position. The digest shall include a summary of the bill and current legislative status.