



City of Aurora

2023 Interim State Priorities

These proposed priorities were identified based on the 2023 State Priorities approved by the City Council along with input from internal staff, the lobbying team, and issues that arose during the 2023 Legislative Session. The priorities are areas where staff and city lobbyists will seek to work alongside our state electeds to address these areas of concern. Specific focus will be given to Affordable Housing and Homelessness as well as Public Safety to find interested sponsors for these issues and draft legislation. In this, our goal is to work with legislators during the interim period to address city concerns and take a proactive approach.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

- Ensuring municipalities keep zoning control over their jurisdictions.
- A regional and collaborative approach to addressing housing and homelessness.
- Encourage changes to Proposition 123 (HB23-1304) to address the definition of affordable housing and data reporting concerns.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Either removing the cap on juvenile beds for youth detention complexes or implementing floating caps to adjust for capacity.
- Address the possession of weapons by previous offenders (POWPO).
- Addressing street racing as a crime and public safety issue.
- Encourage sentencing guidelines for displaying/discharging a firearm in the commission of a crime.

TRANSPORTATION

- Funding to address transportation and infrastructure needs projects.
- Supporting regional transit that includes an equitable portion of new revenue to cities and other local governments.

BROADBAND

- Funding for Broadband Infrastructure.
- Increased Wi-Fi Access and Digital Literary Services.

CYBERSECURITY

- Funding to address cybersecurity needs for critical infrastructure, such as water, wastewater, traffic control systems, and public safety systems.