

**Federal, State and Intergovernmental Relations (FSIR)
Meeting
March 6, 2020
2:30 PM
Mount Elbert**

**Council Member Angela Lawson, Chair
Council Member Allison Hiltz, Vice Chair
Council Member Crystal Murillo, Member**

Serve as leaders and partner with other governments and jurisdictions

1. Consent Items (None)
2. Federal Legislative Update Hettinger
3. 2020 Census Update Hancock
4. State Legislative Update O'Keefe/Palmisano
5. Water Update Kitzmann
6. Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration

Next meeting – March 20, 2020



Federal, State and Intergovernmental Relations Agenda Item Commentary

Item Title: State Legislative Update
Item Initiator: Palmisano, Luke
Staff Source: Palmisano, Luke, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
Deputy City Manager Signature:
Outside Speaker:
Council Goal: 2.0: Serve as leaders and partners with other governments and jurisdictions--2012: 2.0--Serve as leaders and partners with other governments and jurisdiction

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

- Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session
- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Information Only

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ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

QUESTIONS FOR Committee

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

State Legislative Update 3.6.20.docx

MEMORANDUM

TO: FSIR
FROM: LUKE PALMISANO: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MANAGER
SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
DATE: 3/6/2020

FSIR Action Items

Sustainable Severance & Property Tax Policies: SB20-168

The bill modifies the community solar garden property tax exemption, which exempts the percentage of alternating current electricity capacity of a community solar garden that is attributed to subscribers who are tax exempt. The bill will be heard by the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee on February 27th. **City Staff recommend an active oppose position.**

This bill affects local control to set rates on local property taxes.

Nonsubstantive Emails And Open Meetings Law: HB20-1308

This Bill offers some guidance or direction as to when electronic communications (e-mails) begins implicating the Open Meetings law. The bill has been assigned to the House Transportation and Local Government Committee. No hearing date has been set. **City Staff recommend an active support position.**

The Bill clarifies that scheduling e-mails and e-mails forwarding backup for future meetings are not the types of e-mails which implicate the Open Meetings law. Such e-mails can be broadcast e-mails copying multiple parties.

Consumer and Employee Dispute Resolution Fairness: SB20-093

This bill updates the guidelines surrounding arbitration of construction defects lawsuits. The bill passed second reading on the Senate floor on February 7th but has been laid over on third reading. **City staff recommend an active oppose position.**

This bill could make arbitration more difficult which could prolong judgement in construction defects lawsuits and stunt for sale condo construction.

Consumer Protection Construction Defect Time Period: SB20-138

This is a companion bill to SB20-093 and increases the statutory limitation period for construction defects lawsuits. The bill passed through the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 12th. **City staff recommend an active oppose position.**

This bill will increase the statutory limitation period for actions based on construction defects from 6 to 10 years which could prolong judgement in construction defects lawsuits and stunt for sale condo construction.



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Item Title: Update on Aurora's Census 2020 activities
Item Initiator: Karen Hancock, Planning Supervisor
Staff Source: Karen Hancock, Planning Supervisor
Deputy City Manager Signature:
Outside Speaker:
Council Goal: 2.3: Actively participate in regional organizations on intergovernmental issues--2012: 2.3--Actively participate in regional organizations on intergovernmental issue

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The decennial census is conducted in accordance with the Constitution for the purpose of Congressional representation and allocation of federal funds. City Council approved a 2019 Service Level Adjustment Request (SLAR) to support a complete count in the 2020 Census. This one-time budget item spans 2019 and 2020 activities and includes two contract positions and funds to purchase branded promotional items such as tee shirts, printed materials, and travel mugs. A complete count is critical to assuring that Aurora's federal funding allotments are sustainable for the next 10 years. Additionally, it is estimated based on population growth that in 2021 an additional seat may be allocated to Colorado in the House of Representatives.

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In the second quarter of 2019, a contract Census staff member was hired to coordinate and streamline marketing, events and coordination with federal Census Bureau staff. A tight job market made hiring a qualified Census Coordinator housed in the Planning and Development Services Department difficult. Funds allocated for staff salary were converted to professional services and in December 2019, CREA Results was hired to take over role of Census Coordinator. The contractor was selected through an competitive bid process and the team began taking over the Census 2020 duties and responsibilities in January 2020. City staff successfully applied for a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant for \$53,000. Grant funds are designated to purchase specific items that support hard-to-count (HTC) populations by encouraging and facilitating survey completion. Surveys are projected to be available for submission beginning March 11, 2020. CREA Results, Aurora city staff and staff from our county partners are working

closely to convene a number of community "hubs" in HTC geographies that will offer resources to residents. Resources include translation, interpretation, technology, food, childcare and information. Communications staff has offered a continuing menu of culturally appropriate tactics for getting the word out for all residents to "Be Seen, Be Heard, Be Counted." In preparation for the March 11 advance survey notice mailing and Census Day on April 1, 2020, a Census Complete Count statement has been prepared for Mayor Coffman to read at the City Council regular meeting on March 16 and on April 6, staff and the consultant will have a table in the city hall Lobby to provide information and resources to support survey completion. A presentation will be provided at the FSIR meeting that will provide an accounting of Aurora 2020 Census activities; a summary of community and business partners who have been and will be engaged; a description of how messaging and resources have and will be deployed; and an opportunity for policy committee members to ask questions and provide feedback to assure that all residents are counted.

QUESTIONS FOR Committee

Does the Committee have additional direction and feedback for staff and the consultant?

Does the Committee wish to forward this item to Study Session?

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