## RESOLUTION NO. 2015-142

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING A CITY OF ROHNERT PARK LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM FOR 2015-16

WHEREAS; the California State Legislature considers thousands of bills during each twoyear legislative session; and

WHEREAS, any number of these bills can affect cities—through changes in funding, employment law, or water regulation as examples; and

WHEREAS, from time-to-time the League of California Cities asks its members to support or oppose certain bills because they are so beneficial or so damaging to city interests; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to adopt a Legislative Platform for 2015-16 providing overall guidance that allows staff or the mayor to send letters of support or opposition to the League and the legislature in certain instances.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park hereby adopts a "City of Rohnert Park Legislative Platform for 2015-16," attached as "Exhibit A" to this Resolution.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

Amy O. Ahanotu, Mayor

ATTEST:

JoAnne M. Buergler, City Clerk

Attachment: Exhibit A

CALLINAN: Aye MACKENZIE: Aye STAFFORD: Aye BELFORTE: Aye AHANOTU: Aye

AYES: (5) NOES: (0) ABSENT: (0) ABSTAIN: (0)

## (Exhibit A to Resolution)

## City of Rohnert Park 2015-16 Legislative Platform

The League of California Cities (League) is the primary resource for the City with respect to state legislative matters affecting municipal government. When requested to do so by the League, the City of Rohnert Park takes the following positions and the Mayor or City Manager may send corresponding letters of opposition or support without further City Council action.

**Government Administration & Budget/Finance:** Protect and secure local authority and revenue sources.

- 1) Oppose any attempts to restrict local authority with respect to issues that affect local communities.
- 2) Oppose attempts to decrease, restrict or eliminate city revenue sources.
- 3) Oppose any efforts at the state level to retain additional revenues currently dedicated to local government for state purposes.
- 4) Support state budget plan that provides sustainable, reliable funding for priority local government programs.
- 5) Support increases in transportation funding for local street and road improvements.

Quality of Life, Social Issues, and Political Statements: The City of Rohnert Park generally will not consider taking local positions on matters not affecting the primary scope and purpose of mu\nicipal government – for example social issues or foreign policy.