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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2016 CITY OF COMMERCE CITY LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

**Summary and Background Information :**

The City Council of Commerce City is committed to creating a Quality Community for a Lifetime, establishing goals that provide policy direction to staff for administrative work activities. The city’s 2016 federal and state legislative principles serve as a guide for the city in developing positions on any forthcoming federal and state legislation, consistent with city council’s stated vision and goals. The document also serves as a reference for elected representatives when considering legislation that may impact the City of Commerce City. These legislative principles describe the underlying interest Commerce City has on specific issues, providing clear direction and a framework for staff to develop positions on legislation that can impact the city. Council may revisit the city’s legislative priorities, as a body or through its legislative committee. Strategic, targeted, and/or abbreviated versions of the information contained in this document also will be created throughout the year for use in further legislative communications.

As a member of the Colorado Municipal League, Commerce City relies on the organization's advocacy team to provide reliable information on legislative issues and their impact on Colorado’s cities, towns and their residents. The city’s director of communications and government affairs serves as staff liaison for federal and state government relations. Commerce City contracts with Squire Patton Boggs to advance its federal advocacy work and contracts issue-specific General Assembly support with Axiom Strategies, Inc.

The city council legislative subcommittee met Sept. 28 and Oct. 12 to receive an update on current federal and state legislative priorities and provide input on 2016 advocacy areas. A draft document reflecting the committee's feedback was presented to the full council during the Oct. 26 study session for further comment. Exhibit A reflects the final policy statement as a result of those discussions. The city's annual state legislative reception is November 30; the annual federal advocacy trip will be in March 1-4, 2016, in tandem with the National League of Cities conference March 5-9, 2016.

**Staff Responsible (Department Head ):** M. Halstead

**Staff Member Presenting :** Michelle Halstead

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**Funding Source :** 0

**Staff Recommendation :** Approve resolution as presented.

**Suggested Motion :** I move to approve Resolution 2015-85