

**CITY OF THORNTON
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

COUNCIL UPDATE

**March 9, 2010
5:45 p.m.**

Training Room

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| A. State Legislative Overview | 5:45 |
| B. Draft Itinerary for Congressional Meetings | 5:55 |

II. COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

III. COUNCIL INFORMATION SHARING

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ITEM TITLE: Legislative Update

ISSUE: The attached document is a weekly update of City Council's position regarding the 2010 Bills of Interest. Updated information from Ruben and Amber Valdez will be distributed at the meeting.

City of Thornton - 2010 Bills of Interest
Updated 3/4/10

Bill	Sponsors	Name of Bill	Status	Category	Thornton	CML
HB 1051	Rep. Pommer	Water Efficiency Plans Annual Reports	Introduced in House 1/13	Water	M	O
Requires water providers to annually report to the Colorado Water Conservation Board various measures of water usage and conservation beginning in 2013.						
HB 1107	Rep. Fischer, Sen. Carroll M.	Urban Renewal Area Agricultural Lands	Introduced in Senate 2/12	Urban Renewal	O	S
Prohibits any Urban Renewal Area (URA) to include agricultural land unless the land is a Brownfield site, determined blighted, previously included in a URA prior to the bills, etc.						
HB 1162	Rep. Soper, Sen. Bacon	Retainage Construction Contracts	House Committee Witness testimony discussion only 2/24	Other	O	O
Prohibits retaining more than 5% of the payments due to a contractor to ensure that work is satisfactorily completed.						
HB 1211	Rep. Tyler, Sen. Williams	Reduce Late Vehicle Registration Penalty	Introduced in Senate, assigned to State, Veterans, and Military	Transportation	O	S
Reduces the penalty for a vehicle without motive power and under 2,000 lbs. to \$10.						
HB 1212	Rep. Rice, Sen. Schwartz	Require Rules for Late Vehicle Registration Fee Exemptions	Introduced in Senate, assigned to State, Veterans, and Military	Transportation	O	S
Creates a state-wide uniform standard in which vehicle owners are exempt from paying a late fee on vehicle registration.						
HB 1284	Rep. Massey, Sen. Romer	Medical Marijuana Regulations	Introduced in Senate, assigned to State, Veterans, and Military	Other	O	S
Creates a medical marijuana licensing authority in the Department of Revenue. Limits primary caregivers to 5 patients, limits places or situations where the use or possession of medical marijuana is allowed. Imposes a one year moratorium on opening new medical marijuana centers.						

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SB 4	Sen. White	Repeal Late Registration Penalties of SB09-108	Witness testimony/committee discussion 1/27	Transportation	O	M
Repeals mandatory late vehicle registration fee of \$25 up to \$100 enacted by Senate Bill 09-108. Reinstates waivable \$10 fee.						
SB 25	Sen. Whitehead, Rep.	Extend Funding Water Efficiency Grants	Introduced in House, assigned to Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural	Water	S	S
Extends the water efficiency grant program until July 1, 2020 (currently sunsets July 1, 2012) and authorizes up to \$550,000 annual appropriations from the cash fund.						
SB 27	Sen. Sandoval, Rep. Roberts	Fine Illegal Surface Water Diversion	Introduced in House 2/17	Water	S	M
Subjects a person who illegally diverts surface water to the same \$500/day fine that currently applies to illegal diversion of groundwater.						
SB 29	Sen. Penry	Create Efficiencies in State and Local Government	Introduced in Senate 1/13	Other	M	M
Increases government efficiency including implementing a 2-year statewide hiring freeze, eliminating bonuses for state employees for 2 years, reducing the number of FTEs by 3% in the next 5 years, and removing the requirement of a front license plate on vehicles.						
SB 44	Sen. Lundberg, Rep. Lambert	Repeal Late Registration Penalties of SB09-108	Witness testimony/committee discussion 1/27	Transportation	O	M
Repeals mandatory late vehicle registration fee of \$25 up to \$100 enacted by Senate Bill 09-108. Reinstates waivable \$10 fee.						
SB 52	Sen. Brophy, Rep. Curry	Alter Designated Groundwater Basin Area	Passed Senate, introduced in House 2/1	Water	M	O
Would allow the groundwater commission to revise the boundaries of a designated groundwater basin to omit previously included area only if the revision would not exclude any wells for which conditional of final permits have been issued.						

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SB 57	Sen. Cadman	Nonmotorized Vehicle Late Registration Fee	Witness testimony/committee discussion 1/27	Transportation	O	M
Amends the late fee applied to nonmotorized vehicles (ex. Trailers, boats, campers). Specifies that the \$25/month fee is only applicable to motor vehicles and mobile machinery.						
SB 84	Sen. Tochtrop, Rep. Gagliardi	Peace Officers' Bill of Rights	Introduced in Senate 1/20	Local Control	M	O
Establishes minimum standards that all employing agencies must provide to peace officers as part of their employment.						
SB 109	Sen. Romer, Rep. Massey	Medical Marijuana Doctor-Patient Relations	House second reading laid over 2/26	Other	M	S
Requires physicians to maintain a separate record keeping system for his or her medical marijuana patients and would create a medical marijuana review board.						
SB 120	Sen. White, Rep. Rice	Prepaid Wireless Telephone 911 Surcharge	House referred amended to Appropriations 2/18	Other	S	S
Imposes a 1.4% charge on the retail sale of prepaid wireless telephone service. 911 call centers will receive revenue proportionally to the number of wireless calls they receive.						
SB 156	Sen. Heath, Rep. Hullinghorst	Rights of Mobile Home Owners	Introduced in House 2/4	Other	S	M
Increases protections to mobile home owners who lease space in mobile home parks.						

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ITEM TITLE: Draft Itinerary for Congressional Meetings

ISSUE: This is the draft itinerary to meet with various Congressional representatives, their key staff members, members of the administration to pursue the City's federal legislative agenda. The City's lobbying firm, CJ Strategies, has coordinated the meetings and will also be in attendance. The itinerary is likely to change as other pending contacts are confirmed.

CJ Strategies is preparing briefing packets which provide background on who Council is meeting with, the purpose of the meeting and the key points of the issues being discussed at the meetings.



ITINERARY
City of Thornton

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

6:30 p.m. **Dinner—Capitol Grille**
Reservations for 15 under Lynn Jacquez
601 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004
Contact: (202) 737-6200

Thursday, March 11, 2010

9:00 a.m. **Breakfast Briefing at CJ Strategies**
CJ Strategies
525 9th Street, NW
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20004
Contact: (202) 465-3000

10:00 a.m. **Representative Ed Perlmutter**
Aaron Greco, Legislative Assistant
415 Cannon House Office Building
Contact: (202) 225-2645

11:00 a.m. **Representative Jared Polis**
501 Cannon House Office Building
Contact: Danielle Oliveto (202) 225-2161

11:30 a.m. **Representative Betsy Markey**
1229 Longworth House Office Building
Contact: Jeannette Cleland (202) 225-4676

12:00 p.m. **Lunch at Capitol Visitors Center Restaurant**

2:30 p.m. **Senator Mark Udall**
B40E Dirksen Senate Office Building
Contact: Lisa Carpenter (202) 224-5941

5:00 p.m. **Reception for Chairman Dave Obey**
Chairman

House Committee on Appropriations
Wasserman Conference Room
430 South Capitol Street, SE
Contact: Taylor Beis (202) 347-3042

Friday, March 12, 2010

- 11:00 a.m.** **Shelley Poticha, Director**
Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, SW
Room 10180
Contact: Deborah Glembocki (202) 402-2280
- 12:30 p.m.** **Lunch—Guest Speaker**

Fred Abousleman, Executive Director
National Association of Regional Councils
1666 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20009
Contact: 202.986.1032 ext. 216
- 1:30 p.m.** **Susan Borinsky, Director**
Office of Planning and Environment
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Room E 45-302
Contact: Anthony Loui (202) 366-5094
- 2:00 p.m.** **Mitch Warren, Professional Staff, Majority**
Bonnie Graves, Legislative Fellow, Majority
Shannon Hines, Counsel, Minority
Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
534 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Contact: (202) 224-7391
- 3:00 p.m.** **Kate Hallahan, Clerk**
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
Contact: (202) 225-2141
- 4:00 p.m.** **Assistant Secretariat for Transportation Policy**

Linda Lawson, Director
Office of Safety, Energy, and Environment
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Room W82-302
Contact: Claudette Pandohie (202) 366-4416

Contacts:

CJ Strategies Office: (202) 465-3000

Lynn's cell: (202) 744-2745

John's cell: (202) 352-8364

Pending:

Senator Bennet

Amy Scarton

Laura Perrotta

Paul Dean—APTA

Rep. Oberstar

Fernandez (EDA)

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