



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 03/18/2025

ITEM NO: 12

DESK ITEM

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DATE: March 18, 2025  
TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager  
SUBJECT: Discuss the Impacts of Recent Executive Orders on the Town's Federal Funding and Grants

REMARKS:

Attachment 3 contains public comments received before 11:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Attachment received with the Staff report:

1. Town Federal Funding

Attachment received with the Addendum:

2. Town Federal Funding – Revised

Attachment received with this Desk Item:

3. Public Comments

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**From:** [Jared Ajlouny](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Thoughts on the Financial Impacts of Federal Policy on the Town  
**Date:** Monday, March 17, 2025 3:12:21 PM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Council Members,

Although I am unable to attend the council meeting tomorrow evening, I wanted to share my perspective regarding the financial impacts of current federal policies on our town.

While a majority of the town may not have voted for the current administration, it is important to recognize that the United States operates as a democratic republic. The administration was elected by a majority of citizens to carry out the very policies affecting our town. While we may not like these policies, that is part of living in a democratic republic.

Given this, it may not be beneficial or productive for the town council or town resources to oppose federal policies, especially when these efforts are already being addressed at the state level. The town has limited resources, and we should prioritize using them to maintain and enhance what makes Los Gatos an exceptional place to live. If funding is restricted, a thorough review of the entire budget should be conducted to ensure resources are allocated to initiatives that have the greatest positive impact on the majority of residents. Now is not the time to cater to fringe interests that may not significantly contribute to or reflect the needs of our community. The focus should remain on safeguarding the quality of life for Los Gatos residents.

Additionally, clear and nonpartisan communication regarding budget constraints and diminishing resources would benefit all town residents. There is currently a significant amount of debate and speculation (Noise) regarding the impact of federal policies on our budget. Providing factual, objective information would help all residents understand how decisions at all levels of government can influence our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jared Ajlouny

**From:** [Pat Blair](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fight at the local level...  
**Date:** Monday, March 17, 2025 5:47:10 PM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Council Members,

It is a sad fact that we are under attack from the very top of our government. Everything I read says that we need to stay with eyes wide open at the local level. Since so many terrible things are happening that can directly affect Los Gatos, I feel we need to be as proactive locally as possible. Social Security is threatened and 401ks are being decimated. The opening up public lands to the highest bidder, demolition of our Post Office so as to privatize. Getting rid of our Department of Education, terrorizing immigrants and US citizens, all can impact us here in our beautiful town. Please keep eyes on D.C. and ways we can shield and protect ourselves locally as best we can! Keep the conversations going.

In gratitude for your service,

Pat Blair  
Lorain Place  
Los Gatos

**From:** [Sue Ann Lorig](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Impacts of Executive Orders on LG budget, DEI, immigrants, climate change, and more  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025 12:53:14 AM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Mayor Hudes, Vice Mayor Moore, and Council Members Badame, Rennie, and Ristow:

Thank you for holding a discussion on the impacts of President Trump's recent executive orders on the Town's federal funding and grants.

It is far beyond unfortunate that we need to have discussions on what will happen if federal monies are withheld, but we find ourselves in unprecedented times and must plan accordingly.

Questions that come up for me regarding an increasingly possible loss of federal funding include:

- How much of the Town's budget is covered by federal funding?
- What budget items will be impacted if federal funding is reduced or completely withheld?
- Is there a ranking to prioritize expenditures should there be a shortfall in funding? What will be funded and what will be cut?
- Do we have reserves to cover expenditures if there is a material loss in funding? Will we use them?
- Importantly: What is the plan if we have a material loss in federal funding?

Impacts from the executive orders affect the Town in other ways than funding, as well, and these impacts need to be addressed.

Noncitizens, even those with legal status, are being arrested, harassed, and are suffering other abuses.

ICE has been active in Santa Clara County.

Medicare and Medicaid are threatened.

Environmental regulations have been thrown out the window.

This land of diversity is outlawing DEI!

Women and nonwhite people are being erased from historical records.

LGBTQ+ people are under attack, fearing for their lives.

How are we going to confront these challenges? How are we going to help impacted community members?

Is there money in the budget to help affected community members?

Will the Town join other cities and counties in passing a resolution to support immigrants?

This is not life as usual. These challenges are not covered in our emergency preparedness kits.

We are facing economic devastation, rapid escalation of climate change, human rights abuses, and loss of fundamental freedoms.

As the federal administration alienates and antagonizes other countries, including our allies in North America and abroad, we must consider how they might retaliate, as well. Tariffs are destructive. Could there even be war?

I am overwhelmed by it all and know you must be, too. But we can't let the enormity of it all stop us from doing what we can. We can't act like this is the pandemic shutdown and hide in our homes until the worst of it has passed. This is worse than Covid. Much worse.

If we are to get through this, we have to change as a society. We have to listen to each other — really listen. We have to work together with compassion and empathy. We need to keep reminding ourselves to be kind; for most of us, extreme stress like we're under makes that harder. We need to care for each other, all living things, and Earth. We need to somehow find joy while doing this. We need to set the example of being good humans.

You are our leaders. The people of Los Gatos need to hear from you. It's ok, and, frankly, expected if you're struggling with all that we're confronting. We need to hear that you're paying attention to what's going on and you're doing all that you can. Let us know what you're doing. Include us in the conversation. We want to help. We're all in this together.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and all that you do for Los Gatos.

Sincerely,  
Sue Ann Lorig  
Los Gatos resident

**From:** [Lisa Wade](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Financial impacts of the actions of the new federal administration.  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025 9:45:32 AM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Town Council,

I'm pleased to see that you will be discussing the financial impacts of the actions of the new federal administration. So many in our community and beyond are feeling the financial and social consequences of the administration's actions. I'd like to see the town support residents and keep this discussion on the agenda in the future.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Wade

**From:** Kathleen Willey

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025 10:32 AM

**To:** Council <[Council@losgatosca.gov](mailto:Council@losgatosca.gov)>

**Subject:** Agenda item for tonight's Council meeting -exposing wasteful taxpayer dollar spending

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Los Gatos Town Council members. I understand there is a meeting tonight to discuss "the financial impacts of the heinous actions of the new federal administration." I unfortunately cannot attend so I would like to submit a written comment. I have lived in lovely Los Gatos for 14 years now and have never really paid much attention to politics to be honest. That is until Covid happened and I witnessed our last administration become more like a dictatorship, stripping away civil liberties and censoring people who didn't go along with the mainstream narrative.

I am disappointed to see our Town holding a meeting to challenge an administration that more than half of our country voted for, including many people that live here. I personally am happy we are finally getting some reckoning from years of corruption and wasteful spending from our taxpayer dollars. Yes, mistakes will be made during the cuts - the administration has admitted this, but this needs to be exposed and it is a huge undertaking.

As an ethical vegan, it is horrifying to learn about cruel and useless animal testing. Testing on animals is cruel and a waste of taxpayer dollars because over 90% of the tests fail once applied to humans.

"In 2004, the FDA estimated that 92 percent of drugs that pass preclinical tests, including "pivotal" animal tests, fail to proceed to the market.<sup>38</sup> More recent analysis suggests that, despite efforts to improve the predictability of animal testing, the failure rate has actually increased and is now closer to 96 percent.<sup>39</sup> The main causes of failure are lack of effectiveness and safety problems that were not predicted by animal tests."

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC4594046/>

***Just think of what we could do with aprox 20 billion of our tax dollars!***

***"Many people don't realize that the U.S. government is the single largest funder of animal testing in the country, and, in fact, the world. Based on government documents, we estimate that over \$20 billion a year of taxpayers' money is wasted on ineffective and inhumane tests on tens of millions of puppies, kittens and other animals in the U.S. and in hundreds of foreign laboratories. As we will discuss today, Congress and the public don't have exact figures because oversight of taxpayer-funded animal testing is woefully inadequate."*** <https://oversight.house.gov/release/hearing-wrap-up-the-federal->

[government-wastes-millions-of-taxpayer-dollars-on-inapplicable-unnecessary-testing-that-is-cruel-to-animals%EF%BF%BC/](#)

There is much, much more fraud that luckily is being exposed.

**Here are only a few examples of the WASTE and ABUSE:**

- \$1.5 million to “advance diversity equity and inclusion in Serbia’s workplaces and business communities”
- \$70,000 for production of a “DEI musical” in Ireland
- \$2.5 million for electric vehicles for Vietnam
- \$47,000 for a “transgender opera” in Colombia
- \$32,000 for a “transgender comic book” in Peru
- \$2 million for sex changes and “LGBT activism” in Guatemala
- \$6 million to fund tourism in Egypt
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars for a non-profit linked to designated terrorist organizations — even AFTER an inspector general launched an investigation
- Millions to EcoHealth Alliance — which was involved in research at the Wuhan lab
- “Hundreds of thousands of meals that went to al Qaeda-affiliated fighters in Syria”
- Funding to print “personalized” contraceptives birth control devices in developing countries
- Hundreds of millions of dollars to fund “irrigation canals, farming equipment, and even fertilizer used to support the unprecedented poppy cultivation and heroin production in Afghanistan,” benefiting the Taliban

**The list literally goes on and on — and it has all been happening for decades.**  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/02/at-usaid-waste-and-abuse-runs-deep/>

I thank you kindly for your service and reading my email of concern.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Willey



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