



# 2025-2026

FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Sacramento County Data

Sacramento County is the eighth largest county in California with a diverse population of approximately 1.6 million, and 32.4 percent of its population speak a language other than English (U.S. Census Bureau, 2023). The County covers 994 square miles in the northern portion of the Central Valley, which is California's prime agricultural region. The County is the home of Farm-to-Fork and hosts a wide range of entertainment and activities.

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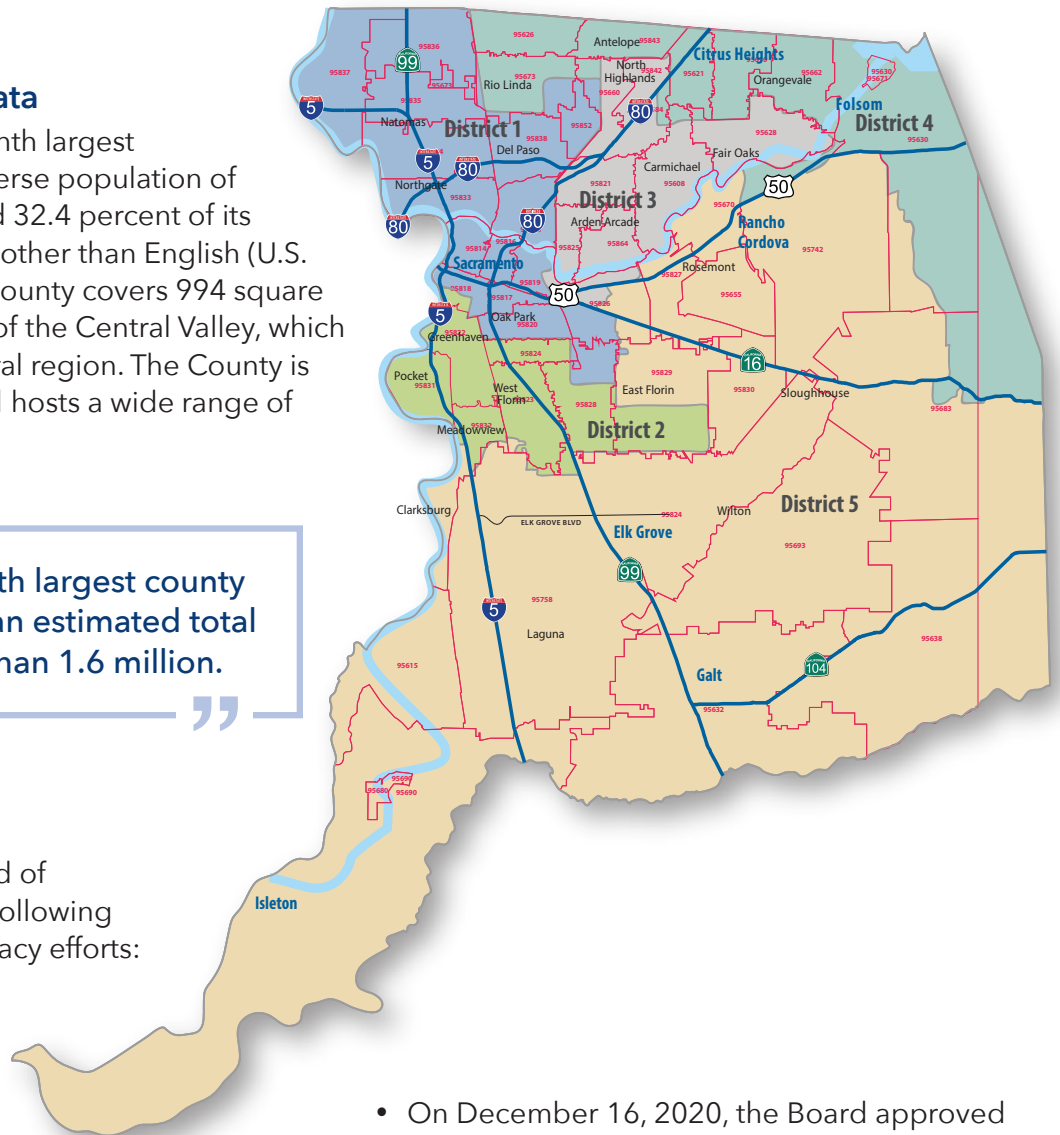
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### B. Key Board Actions

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors (Board) took the following actions that help guide advocacy efforts:

- On December 17, 2019, the Board adopted the **Environmental Justice Element** to address public health risks and environmental justice concerns of those living in disadvantaged communities, many of which are the result of geographic or procedural inequities (Resolution 2019-0908).
- On November 17, 2020, the Board approved a resolution declaring **racism a public health crisis** and directed the establishment and equity cabinet to identify and address racial disparities and inequities (Resolution 2020-0773).
- On December 16, 2020, the Board approved a resolution declaring a **Climate Emergency** calling for carbon neutrality by 2030 and the establishment of a County Climate Emergency Task Force (Resolution 2020-0856).
- On December 8, 2021, the Board approved recommended budget priorities, including funding new or enhanced programs that focus on the most critical and urgent needs, such as **homelessness** and related issues **of housing, mental health and substance abuse**, as well as improving the condition of **streets and roads**.





- On February 15, 2022, the Board declared a **Shelter Crisis** and authorized the County to enter into contracts to respond to the crisis. This action modified the Building Code to allow non-traditional facilities to be used as shelters (Resolution 2022-0153).
- On March 8, 2022, the Board approved a resolution to amend the General Plan's Housing Element, which identified the need to produce significant **housing** units over the next eight years and more (Resolution 2022-0205).
- On April 22, 2022, the Board reaffirmed policies relating to the protection of the **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta** and authorized staff time and resources to be spent toward this effort (Resolutions 2008-1171, 2012-0544).
- On December 13, 2022, the Board created the Sacramento **County Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** (DEI) Cabinet and associated position (Resolution 2022-1085).
- On March 12, 2024, the Board adopted a **Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Adaption Plan** (Resolution 2024-0166).
- On November 5, 2024, the Board adopted an ordinance related to **unlawful camping**.
- On November 6, 2024, the Board adopted the **Sacramento County Climate Action Plan** (Resolution 2024-0901).

## II. PURPOSE OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

This document establishes the Board's legislative and regulatory priorities, principles, and policy statements.<sup>1</sup> These priorities guide staff and interested partners on the Board's positions on key federal and state policy matters.

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<sup>1</sup> These priorities are lettered and numbered for reference and do not indicate priority order.



These priorities are drafted in consultation with County departments and presented to the Board for consideration. Legislative or regulatory issues that are not addressed herein and require County input will be presented to the Board before action.

## III. FOCUS AREAS

1. Housing and homelessness, including efforts to address related impacts.
2. Funding to modernize aging transportation corridors (Fix-it-First), including funding for rural and Farm-to-Market roads.
3. Support streamlined implementation and adequate funding of state behavioral health initiatives.
4. Foster Youth placement options that include intensive mental/behavioral health treatment services.
5. Support funding to enhance local climate mitigation and adaptation efforts.
6. Support efforts to address underlying social determinants of health and health equity.
7. Improve and mitigate risks to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.



8. Support flood risk reduction improvements to rural levees and roads.

#### **IV. SPONSORED BILLS AND BUDGET REQUESTS**

1. State General Fund request to fund the use of electronic benefit transfers (EBT) at farmers' markets.
2. Amend the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15300 to allow counties, like cities, to apply the exemption class to projects that meet all infill criteria.
3. Pursue possible legislation and funding, in collaboration with county partners, to ensure appropriate placement options that include intensive mental health services for foster youth. Such advocacy will be done at the federal and state levels.
4. State General Fund request for Cosumnes Watershed Project.
5. State General Fund request for Pet Aid Wellness Services program to provide medical and transportation services for pets belonging to the unhoused population.
6. Pursue additional Federal and State funding and legislation on issues that may arise according to the Priorities herein.

#### **V. GENERAL STATE AND FEDERAL PRIORITIES**

##### **A. Budget**

1. Ensure adequate and ongoing funding for county programs, including support of efforts to provide constitutional protections that guarantee ongoing revenue.
2. Support funding for county programs that is proportional to county responsibility for mandated programs.

3. Support proportional and ongoing funding for cost shifts from the federal or state government to the county for new or expanded mandated programs.
4. Support efforts to prevent any pass-through to counties for payment of federal penalties or sanctions imposed upon county programs.
5. Support adequate and ongoing funding for the expansion or revision of discretionary county programs or services.
6. Support timely state payments owed to counties and oppose deferrals of payments to counties.
7. Support efforts to prevent funds diverted from current programs, unless the Board specifically supports the new or expanded program that diverts such funds.

##### **B. County Revenues**

1. Support efforts to protect discretionary county revenues.
2. Support any efforts to protect current state constitutional protections for county revenues.
3. Support efforts to obtain reimbursement for the costs of operating county programs.
4. Support the distribution of adequate shares of funding from state or federal formulas to Sacramento County.
5. Support legislation that gives counties the flexibility to determine which programs discretionary revenues will fund.
6. Support maintenance of effort fund matching requirements that are no more restrictive than those requirements already specified in state or federal legislation.
7. Support the protection of county revenues due to new city incorporation or annexation.



8. Support legislation that provides sufficient revenue for county services.
9. Participate in state-local government program restructuring and fiscal reform efforts.
10. Support restoring the county share of property taxes to the pre-Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund level.

### C. County Home Rule

Support the preservation of local governments' home rule authority and local decision-making authority. Oppose preemption of local control or local autonomy.

### D. County Administrative Flexibility

1. Support legislation that will increase county flexibility in administration of federal, state, or local programs.
2. Support legislation that removes or eases costly or burdensome administrative regulations, which limit or delay the efficient delivery of county programs and services.
3. Support the allocation of bond funds or block grant funds to counties with maximum flexibility on how funds are to be administered.
4. Support reasonable state regulatory and administrative oversight of programs counties carry out on behalf of the state.
5. Support budget proposals or legislation that require counties to administer changes or reductions to existing programs when there is or will be adequate guidance, timelines, or resources from the state.
6. Support legislation that improves operations through the use of technology and/or enhanced operational efficiencies, including cybersecurity.

7. Advocate to carefully adopt Artificial Intelligence (AI) innovation, while protecting sensitive county information and constituents' privacy.
8. Support legislation that promotes consistency between programs and/or simplifies eligibility determinations.
9. Oppose legislation or regulations that do not allow the county sufficient time for effective implementation of new programs or state-imposed mandates.
10. Support legislation to give counties more flexibility in the use of design-build as an alternative method of project delivery.

### E. Pandemic Response and Recovery

1. Support additional relief funding to allow the county to continue to respond to and recover from pandemics and future health impacts.
2. Work with the state to develop an array of county budget stabilization measures to mitigate significant shortfalls and continue to provide essential services to communities.
3. Support and advocate for funding opportunities to bolster Public Health workforce and infrastructure, allowing for preparedness and response not only to current pandemic, but to future health impacts.
4. Oppose legislation or regulations that penalize the county monetarily when external factors, such as delays in receiving state allocations, create situations in which the county would not be able to meet mandated performance measures (i.e., work participation rates, immediate need, and/or expedited services).



## **VI. FEDERAL PRIORITIES**

### **A. Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources**

#### **1. Specialty Crop Pests**

- a.** Support federal appropriations that maintain consistent and adequate funding of the Animal and Plant Health Inspections Service's (APHIS) Specialty Crop Pests programs.
- b.** Support increased funding for pest and disease eradication programs through the 2013 Farm Bill.

#### **2. Wildlife Services Damage Management**

Support federal appropriations for the United States Department of Agriculture, APHIS Wildlife Services Damage Management program.

#### **3. Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta**

- a.** Support policies consistent with the Delta Counties Coalition Principals. Support federal actions related to the Delta that do not reduce or preempt the authority of Sacramento County.
- b.** Oppose the Delta Conveyance Project proposed by the California Department of Water Resources and described in the Draft Environmental Impact Report dated June 27, 2022, and legislative or regulatory actions that would advance the project.
- c.** Support the preservation of state granted water rights and promote state and federal water operations that ensure delivery of water supplies based on water rights and contract obligations.
- d.** Support funding for eradication programs for invasive species, including nutria, water hyacinth, and harmful algal blooms.

#### **4. Water Resources and Infrastructure**

- a.** Support actions that promote local control, public safety, water resource resiliency, improved water management, including conservation and regional interconnections, and mitigation of impacts to our region and county.
- b.** Support federal funding for water supply, reuse, recycling, groundwater, conjunctive use, and multi-benefit projects (such as RiverArc and the Sacramento Groundwater Bank) including access to federally-backed, low-cost, long-term financing and competitive grant assistance opportunities.
- c.** Support increased federal support for locally-led surface water and groundwater supply projects, such as Sites Reservoir, RiverArc, and the Sacramento Groundwater Bank, to help address the urgent need to build a more drought-resilient, sustainable water supply for the county and its residents.
- d.** Support additional federal assistance to help address the water supply needs of disadvantaged communities and rural residents.

#### **5. Floodplain Management**

- a.** Support the Natomas Levee Improvement Program as lead by the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, California Department of Water Resources, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- b.** Support actions and projects that will help secure 100-year flood protection as soon as possible, and 200-year flood protection over time, for the Natomas Basin.



- c. Support actions and activities that allow agricultural operations and local agricultural-based economies and communities to remain economically viable and sustainable in light of levee decertification, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Map Modernization program, federal floodplain management strategies, and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- d. Advocate for and support changes in the NFIP and FEMA regulations that allow for the replacement of, and reinvestment in, existing agricultural structures and operations in the floodplain without requiring elevation or floodproofing.
- e. Support efforts to provide access to affordable flood insurance for property and business owners in the county including agriculture and legacy communities located in the floodplain.
- f. Advocate for changes in the NFIP to allow homeowners in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area, whose homes have sustained major damage from a fire or other unforeseen event, to rebuild their homes without elevation requirements while ensuring their flood insurance costs remain the same.

## 6. Alternative Fuel Credits

Support efforts to reauthorize and/or establish alternative fuel, alternative fuel vehicle, and/or alternative fuel infrastructure programs including, but not limited to, incentive, rebate, payment, grant, and/or tax credit programs.

## 7. Extended Producer Responsibility

Support legislation to establish product stewardship programs that provide incentives and/or require product

manufacturers to redesign products to make them less toxic, less wasteful and easier to recycle, and shifts the end-of-life cost for collection, recycling, and proper disposal of the products from local government to the manufacturers and retailers and other sources.

## 8. Sustainability

Support funding to enhance local climate mitigation and adaptation efforts, including efforts in partnership with local agencies and jurisdictions, including the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, other regional agencies and associations, and the region's environmental and social justice member organizations.

## B. Transportation

### 1. General Objectives

Support a more streamlined and flexible approach to allocating federal funds, in which federal programs provide state, regional, and local agencies the ability to allocate their fair share of federal funds for a range of highway, transit, local road, and bicycle/pedestrian improvements based on need and local priorities.

### 2. Protect and Enhance Transportation Revenues and Expenditures

- a. Support enhanced revenues and keep the Highway Users Trust Fund solvent. This includes support for an increase and/or index of the federal gas tax.
- b. Support core programs, such as preservation and safety, when considering consolidation of existing programs.



### **3. Protect Previous and Future Investments via System Maintenance and Preservation**

- a.** Support providing increased funding as it is critically needed to provide for adequate maintenance and preservation of both the existing local and state transportation systems.
- b.** Support providing increased funding for preventative maintenance on bridges, and for rehabilitation and upgrades to structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridges, on and off of the Federal-Aid system. Support increased funding for the Highway Bridge Program.
- c.** Support federal funding for modernizing aging corridors, active transportation improvements, evacuation route improvements, and maintaining, preserving, and enhancing safety of the local system, especially in rural communities.

### **4. Increase Safety on Existing Transportation System**

- a.** Support increased funding for safety infrastructure projects on the existing transportation system, with an emphasis on programs/projects aimed at reducing vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle fatalities. Specifically, support and increase funding for the Highway Safety Improvement Program and the High-Risk Rural Road Program.
- b.** Support funding for the implementation of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan and funding for the bicycle and pedestrian safety projects and programs.
- c.** Support streamlining of pedestrian, bicycle and transit projects and plans by expanding the exemptions from the c of 1969 (NEPA), which would allow for

more efficient and improved delivery of sustainable transportation projects.

### **5. Streamline the Regulatory and Project Delivery Processes**

- a.** Support streamlining of federal regulations/requirements to facilitate more expeditious project delivery. For instance, mandate federal permitting agencies to meet the prescribed scheduled and deadlines that are specified in the environmental review process, reduce overhead, eliminate waste, and reduce documentation that is redundant with processes required under state law.
- b.** Ensure that federal project oversight is commensurate to the amount of federal funding.

### **6. Increase State, Regional and Local Agency Flexibility to Respond to Needs**

- a.** Support maximizing use and flexibility of an agency's fair share of federal funds by not requiring minimum federal matches.
- b.** Support the elimination of the need to program multiple phases for small projects and Transportation Improvement Program programming for air quality neutral projects.

### **7. Provide Assistance for Data Collections**

Provide funding, training, tools, and uniform standards for the collection of roadway and traffic data specifically for the local and rural roadways. (Without adequate data on local and rural roadways, it is difficult to evaluate safety performance. There are no uniform, national standards for traffic safety data collection, system analysis, and management except with reporting of fatal incidents.)



#### **8. Support Federal Grant Requests for Transportation and Other Projects**

Support transportation projects that include complete streets components that accommodate bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes of travel, and creates infrastructure to support development of new housing as well as farm-to-market roadways.

### **C. Airports**

#### **1. Passenger Facility Charge (PFC)**

Support raising the federal cap on the PFC program and adjust it periodically to offset the impacts of inflation.

#### **2. Maintain and Expand Tax-Exempt Financing Options for Airports**

Support the preservation and restoration of the tax-exempt financing for airport bonds to include restoration of tax-free advance refunding. Advocate for expansion of tax-free project financing whose interest is also exempt from the alternative minimum tax.

#### **3. Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)**

In any PFAS related legislation, Congress should explicitly exempt from Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) liability, any airports that have utilized firefighting foam in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules and regulations.

#### **4. Prohibit Unfunded Federal Mandates and Cost-Shifting to Airports**

Oppose Federal mandates requiring airports to take on functions that are or should be the domain of the government, and efforts by Federal agencies to shift federal responsibilities and costs to local airport operations.

#### **5. Support Efforts to Provide Funding for Sustainability at County Airports**

Support funding for initiatives to make the County's Airports more sustainable, including clean energy sources, reducing vehicle emissions and other initiatives.

#### **6. Support Expedited Federal Permitting for California Act (H.R. 4908)**

Support amending title 23, United States Code, to make airport and port development projects eligible for approval under State environmental laws and regulations instead of NEPA.

#### **7. Explore Operational Measures and Protocols that Minimize Airport Impacts on Surrounding Communities**

Continue to work with the FAA and Sacramento County's Congressional delegation to explore operational measures and protocols that minimize airport impacts on surrounding communities, including overflight noise.

#### **8. Federal Agency Matters**

##### **a. Air Traffic Control Tower Staffing Issues for non-federal Towers:**

Air Traffic Controller staffing is a problem across the country currently leaving many non-federal towers experiencing "ATC Zero" conditions. Executive Airport (SAC) and Mather Airport (MHR) are non-federal towers experiencing this.

##### **b. Mather Airport Instrument Landing System (ILS):**

The Department's ILS maintenance provider retired, and Airports is unable to find a certified vendor leaving the system unsupported at this time. Planned ILS Cat III upgrades will leave SMF as the only airport owning/maintaining a Cat III system.



## **D. Social Services**

### **1. Funding**

- a.** Advocate for funding for Behavioral Health Services to clients who are newly transferred into the County Mental Health Plan Care, including but not limited to those transferred through the Kaiser Carve In.
- b.** Support efforts to maintain or increase funding for services and housing, including from the Continuum of Care, Emergency Solutions Grant, and the Community Services Block Grant to support services and permanent housing solutions for persons and families experiencing homelessness.
- c.** Support funding for the Social Services Block Grant, used to augment County and state funded in-home supportive services for elderly and disabled persons.
- d.** Support maintenance of federal funding levels to support the TANF (CalWORKS), SNAP (CalFresh), Medicaid (Medi-Cal), and child support services programs to deal with escalating caseloads in each of these areas and support state and local flexibility to operate these programs consistent with community needs.
- e.** Support funding to help reduce barriers to accessing fresh food including at farmers' markets.
- f.** Advocate to update the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, so that foster kids can receive a fair federal match.
- g.** Support funding and legislation to preserve access to health and dental services, such as the provisions established by the Affordable Care Act.

### **2. Homelessness and Housing**

Support legislation to increase flexibility and availability of the Continuum of Care, Public Housing, and Housing Choice Voucher Programs.

### **3. Medi-Cal**

- a.** Support removal of restrictions on the number of beds that inpatient psychiatric and drug treatment facilities and Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) may have in order for counties to receive Federal Medicaid financial participation in the cost of treatment as these restrictions limit the ability of treatment providers to financially sustain such treatment facilities and STRTPs. Removing this limitation will expand coverage by increasing the number of local inpatient facilities and placements for foster youth where services are Medi-Cal reimbursable.
- b.** Support efforts to expand services and improve quality of services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, both under the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal and other initiatives.

### **4. Human Trafficking**

Support legislation and funding opportunities for efforts that combat human trafficking and protect and assist victims of human trafficking, including children, young adults and caregivers involved with child welfare and probation.

### **5. Veterans**

- a.** Support funding and legislation to ensure appropriate benefits and services are provided to eligible veterans and their dependents.



- b. Support funding and legislation to ensure administrative supports (Veterans Claims Representatives) are provided to maximize services provisions and supports to eligible veterans and their dependents.

## **6. Adult and Aging Services**

Support funding and legislation to ensure appropriate services and supports are provided to older adults involved in Adult Protective Services and In-Home Supportive Services.

## **7. Public Guardian/Public Conservators Office**

Support funding and legislation to ensure appropriate case management and mental health services and supports are provided to individuals under Probate, Lanterman-Petris Short and Murphy Conservatorships.

## **E. Economic Development**

- a. Support continued funding for clean-up and development of the former McClellan Air Force Base and Mather Air Force Base.
- b. Support funding and incentives for businesses adopting energy-efficient and clean energy equipment and sustainable practices. Promote job training programs to prepare a workforce skilled in maintaining energy-efficient systems and sustainable practices.

## **F. Emergency Services Funding**

1. Support legislation and regulations that maximize Sacramento County's ability to effectively mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from natural and human-caused disasters and public health emergencies. For example:
  - Support adherence to the National Incident Management System processes.

- Support efforts to help solve the insurance crisis.

## **2. Support full and flexible funding for ongoing emergency preparedness and all-hazard planning through grants, such as:**

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities funding,
- Homeland Security Grants
- Emergency Management Performance Grant

## **3. Support maintaining or reducing current cost share levels in the Stafford Act.**

## **VII. STATE PRIORITIES**

### **A. Public Safety and Administration of Justice**

#### **1. Funding**

- a. Support adequate and ongoing funding for all segments of the public safety system.
- a. Support efforts to secure constitutional protections of funding sources for counties to perform state-to-county realigned functions.
- b. Support funding for jail and juvenile facility reconstruction and facilities upgrade costs.
- c. Support efforts to expand capacity to provide medical and mental health services to jail inmates and justice-involved youth.

#### **2. Community Correctional Partnership (CCP)**

Support legislation to change the current 4/5th vote requirement for rejection of the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Implementation Plan, as proposed by the CCP, to a majority vote approval by the Board of Supervisors.



### **3. Human Trafficking**

Support legislation and funding opportunities for efforts that combat human trafficking and protect and assist victims of human trafficking, including children, young adults and caregivers involved with child welfare and probation.

### **4. Non-Serious, Non-Violent, Non-Sexual Offenders**

Support legislation to modify county responsibility for housing newly sentenced non-serious, non-violent, non-sexual offenders, including legislation requiring offenders who are sentenced to multiple years in county jail to be committed to state prison.

### **5. Bail Reform**

In the context of bail reform, support the use of risk-based release decisions and oppose imposition of significant pre-trial or other responsibilities on counties without adequate funding and local decision-making authority. Support flexibility for counties to implement bail reform, including adequate time to address local needs and priorities.

### **6. Public Officials**

Support efforts to ensure the safety of public officials, such as the protection of personal contact information that could be used to retaliate or cause harm.

### **7. Sexually Violent Predators (SVP)**

- a. Support efforts that increase county discretion and authority in the placement process of SVPs.
- b. Support efforts that enhance the notification to counties, including to the Board of Supervisors, when the Department of State Hospitals initiates a conditional or unconditional release of an SVP.

### **8. Sideshows**

Support efforts to increase penalties for sideshow activities.

### **9. Death Row**

Oppose legislation allowing death row inmates to be relocated to Folsom State Prison or California State Prison, Sacramento.

### **10. Coroner Services**

- a. Support efforts to fund training, including training relating to mass fatality events.
- b. Support efforts to fund and train multidisciplinary teams that can respond to mass fatality events.

## **B. Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources**

### **1. Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures**

- a. Support legislation that reinstates subvention funding back to the counties for Williamson Act Contracts, which help protect agricultural land from non-compatible uses.
- b. Support funding for pest prevention program activities.
- c. Support funding resources for weights and measures programs at the state (Division of Measurement Standards) and local (Sealer) level for consumer protection.
- d. Oppose legislation that would allow for industry self-certification of commercial weighing and measuring devices.

### **2. Sustainability and Natural Resources Management**

- a. Support legislation that encourages and funds greater landfill diversion, while maximizing economy and efficiency,



including: 1) the development of appropriate and adequate infrastructure and products, and 2) the creation or enhancement of new technologies (i.e., the production of energy and/or reduction of greenhouse gases).

- b.** Support funding to enhance local climate mitigation and adaptation efforts and drought-related impacts.
- c.** Support funding for hazard mitigation for the wildland urban interface to ensure the safety of our communities and for fire mitigation efforts that protect native California Oak species, including those present in valley communities.

### **3. Water**

- a.** Support legislation that is consistent with the Board's 2008 water policies, the principles of the Delta Counties Coalition of which we are a member, and the 2011 regional policies of the Sacramento Region Water Resources Coalition.
- b.** Oppose isolated Delta conveyance project, including a single tunnel project, and any legislative or regulatory actions that would further the project.
- c.** Support the preservation of state granted water rights and priorities and promote state and federal water operations that ensure delivery of water supplies based on water rights and contract obligations.
- d.** Support actions that promote local control, mitigation of impacts to our region and county, and increase state funding for water resources, reuse, recycling projects including access to competitive grant assistance opportunities.
- e.** Support legislation to provide funding for stormwater, water, and wastewater

programs, including a constitutional amendment, which would place stormwater fees in the category of water and wastewater fees, for the purposes of Proposition 218 compliance.

### **4. Parks**

- a.** Support legislation that would allow community volunteers to implement park maintenance, program operations, and improvement projects in the county park system.
- b.** Support legislation that would provide or increase funding for parks, open space, trail connectivity through park systems, the American River Parkway, and Lower American River Conservancy Program projects including the Natural Resources Management Plan.
- c.** Support efforts to provide funding for the rehabilitation, development and capital improvements for local park improvements to enhance recreational infrastructures.
- d.** Support legislation that provides funding for wildfire prevention and restoration programs in parks and open spaces.
- e.** Support legislation that provides funding to expand Nature Based Climate Solutions in parks and open spaces.
- f.** Support the enactment of policies and encourage state funding opportunities to assist agencies in meeting sustainability objectives including energy and water efficiencies, active transportation enhancements, connectivity, and mobility improvements and carbon sequestration through natural landscape management and protection.
- g.** Support increased funding to the AmeriCorps State and National Grant Programs.



## C. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Work with the Legislature and Administration towards meaningful CEQA reforms that will improve the process and prevent abuse of the law.

## D. Elections

Support legislation to reimburse counties for the costs of any special election called by the Governor and for the state's share of all other election ballot costs.

## E. Social Services

### 1. Health Services

- a. Oppose any efforts to reduce funding or shift costs to the county for health care services, including the following: changes or repeal to the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid funding, behavioral health funding, and public health funding.
  - b. Support health coverage enrollment and renewal processes that are easy to administer and are easy for clients to use and access.
  - c. Support legislation that would help increase patient access to local health and dental care services, and the quality of care provided. This includes support for the following:
    - Increasing public health infrastructure, including staffing capacity, to address communicable diseases, chronic diseases, sexually transmitted infections, and emerging infectious diseases.
    - Minimize impacts to funding and services related to Proposition 1 (2024) implementation on Behavioral Health Services.
- d. Oppose any efforts to shift additional In-Home Support Services (IHSS) costs to the county, including scheduled increases in the IHSS Maintenance of Effort (MOE). Support the reevaluation of the IHSS MOE in the context of 1991 realignment given its unsustainable program growth and the likelihood of fiscal impact to other realigned programs, while maintaining our capacity to provide vital health, mental health, and other social services programs.
  - e. Oppose any new diversions of funds away from county programs from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Support maximum flexibility in the use of MHSA funds.
  - f. Support legislation that reduces complexity and increases local control of the Medi-Cal managed care system in Sacramento County.
  - g. Support funding and legislation to ensure appropriate services and supports are provided to older adults involved in Adult Protective Services.
  - h. Support funding and legislation to ensure appropriate case management and mental health services and supports are provided to individuals under Probate, Lanterman-Petris Short and Murphy Conservatorships.



- i. Support initiatives and efforts (such as those under CalAIM) to improve access to quality health care for vulnerable residents in Sacramento County.
- j. Support efforts to combat the growing drug crisis (e.g., fentanyl, methamphetamine), including funding for training, awareness, and technology.
- k. Support efforts to ensure that cannabis, intoxicating hemp, tobacco-related vaping products, and similar products that cause harm stay out of the hands of children and youth.
- l. Support funding for responsible data management and sharing to improve efficiency and expand utilization of social health information systems.
- m. Secure funding and preserve local control for Emergency Medical Services to best serve the community.

## 2. Homelessness and Housing

- a. Support legislation that promotes and finances the development of affordable housing and supportive services and that makes efforts to eliminate homelessness, including additional funding for outreach and navigation services, transition-age youth programs, prevention, diversion and rapid rehousing, homeless shelters, transitional housing, permanent housing, seniors, and related services.
- b. Support administrative action that would increase the ability for Medicaid to cover the costs of flexible services and housing related supports that promote housing stability for persons experiencing homelessness.
- c. Support legislation to increase flexibility of the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant and Encampment Resolution Funding Grant, including shifts

away from annual competitive funding cycles to annual entitlement allocation.

## 3. Child, Family and Adult Services

- a. Support funding for the state's Family First Prevention Services program to support implementation of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act.
- b. Support legislation and funding opportunities to ensure the provision of appropriate placement options that include intensive mental/behavioral health services for foster youth.
- c. Support legislation and funding opportunities to address the Foster Family Agency insurance crisis.

## 4. Child Support Funding

Support efforts to reduce the child poverty rate through increased participation in the county's child support payment collection program.

## 5. First 5 Commission

- a. Support First 5 Sacramento's efforts to explore and advance alternative revenue sources for children's services. Oppose legislation that would reduce, eliminate, or redirect funding for the First 5 Sacramento Commission.
- b. Support legislation to promote equity for all children and their families, with special focus on bills that address racial disparities in learning, parent supports, and healthcare.
- c. Support legislation to maintain or expand funding for subsidized childcare and early learning/preschool for low-income working families.
- d. Support legislation that promotes healthy childhood nutrition and a physically active lifestyle, which will positively



influence children's health and overall quality of life.

#### **6. Veterans' Affairs**

Support legislation to ensure the state provides appropriate benefits and services to eligible veterans and their dependents.

### **F. Extended Producer Responsibility**

Support legislation to establish product stewardship programs that provide incentives and/or require product manufacturers to redesign products to make them less toxic, less wasteful and easier to recycle, and shifts the end-of-life cost for collection, recycling, and proper disposal of the products from local government to the manufacturers and retailers and other sources.

### **G. Voter Threshold of Local Taxes**

County positions on measures that seek to lower the voter threshold for local taxes will be brought before the Board of Supervisors and considered on a case by case basis.

### **H. Property Tax Administration Fee**

Support legislation that would require all taxing jurisdictions which share in property tax revenues to pay their fair share of the costs incurred by the assessor, auditor, and tax collector in administering the property tax system.

### **I. Transportation**

1. Support state funding to modernize aging corridors, active transportation improvements, and evacuation route improvements. Maintain, preserve, and enhance safety of the local system, especially in rural communities.
2. Support the preservation of existing funding sources dedicated to transportation, including the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill 1), to ensure that dedicated

funding remains available to meet local transportation needs.

3. Support the Green Means Go initiative proposed by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, which would help accelerate infill development, and reduce and electrify vehicle trips through targeted infrastructure investment.
4. Support streamlining of pedestrian, bicycle and transit projects and plans by expanding the exemption from CEQA, which would allow for more efficient and improved delivery of sustainable transportation projects.
5. Support state funding for farm-to-market road projects.
6. Support the development of plans to provide a sustainable and equitable revenue source for transportation projects and programs.

### **J. Disability Access**

Support legislation that provides funding for the county and local businesses to comply with Federal and State laws and regulations governing disability access.

### **K. Airports**

#### **1. Customer Facility Charges (CFC)**

Support legislation to increase the cap from the current \$9 per day for up to six days to a level commensurate with inflation, and index CFCs to an inflation metric.

#### **2. Aviation Fuel Tax Revenue**

Support state efforts to identify and redirect aviation fuel tax revenue in accordance with the FAA directive, Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenue (FAA-2013-0988).



### **3. Air Quality Emissions at Airports**

Oppose legislation that would regulate emission requirements for airport shuttle buses or airport ground service equipment that does not provide funding to incentivize or reimburse airports for the cost to procure qualifying replacement buses or equipment.

### **4. Prohibit Unfunded State Mandates and Cost-Shifting to Airports**

Oppose State and Federal mandates requiring airports to take on functions that are or should be the domain of those governments, and efforts by State and Federal agencies to shift federal responsibilities and costs to local airport operations.

## **L. Countywide and Regional Agencies**

Support policy positions of neighboring cities, regional agencies, or other local agencies relating to action before the state legislature or state regulatory/administrative agency when appropriate or consistent with county policy.

## **M. Development, Code, and Licensing**

1. Support the prudent and innovative adoption of advanced seismic resiliency initiatives for building structures in an enforceable and fiscally feasible manner. Such initiatives must take into account the diversity within the geographic boundaries of California, as well as the personnel, charge and overall capacity of the County's Building Division.
2. Support funding to remove abandoned vessels, including vehicles and motorhomes.
3. Support funding and incentives for businesses adopting energy-efficient and clean energy equipment and sustainable practices. Promote job training programs to prepare a workforce

skilled in maintaining energy-efficient systems and sustainable practices.

4. Support proposals that promote economic development in the region and create a safe environment for local businesses to thrive.
5. Support legislation that clarifies and streamlines the Surplus Land Act process to reduce the administrative burden while ensuring that affordable housing and economic development remain priorities.
6. Support the expansion of broadband to drive economic development, support county service delivery and improve health, education, and public safety for the community, especially in underserved areas.
7. Support efforts to help clarify state business regulation practices and address unlicensed activities or violations while preserving local control.

## **N. Emergency Services Funding**

1. Support legislation and regulations that maximize Sacramento County's ability to effectively mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from natural and human-caused disasters and public health emergencies.
  - Support adherence to the Standardized Emergency Management System processes, especially as it relates to the operational area concept.
  - Support efforts to help solve the insurance crisis.



## **VIII. Procedures for Expedited Positions and Comments on Federal and State Legislation and Rulemaking**

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, the County Executive or designee shall direct the Governmental Relations and Legislative Officer on the appropriate position or comments that should be taken or made on pending state and federal legislation, budget items or regulatory rulemaking when:

- A majority of the Board has taken a position as members of another local legislative body and affected county department(s) agree(s) with the position; or
- The proposal is technical, non-controversial or the policy impacts to the county are minor and there is no existing legislative policy; or
- Action is needed immediately to ensure that the county's interests are protected; or
- Action is needed to prevent modification or termination of an existing county program or policy; and
- The Board of Supervisors will be informed of the actions taken on their behalf.

## **IX. Procedures for Board of Supervisors' Consideration of Statewide Ballot Measures**

- Only qualifying ballot measures will be presented to the Board for consideration. The Board will not be asked to take positions on petition initiatives while circulated for signatures.
- Constitutional amendments and bond measures, upon which the county may have taken a position while pending in the state legislature, may also be presented, if qualified for the statewide ballot.
- The Board will only consider ballot measures related to county policies or programs. If no relevant adopted legislative policy applies, a new policy must be developed and submitted to the Board at the same time as the ballot measure.
- The Governmental Relations and Legislative Officer must review the ballot measure(s) and provide the Board an impartial analysis prior to Board presentation. A decision to present a ballot measure to the Board, regardless of the recommending party, reflects a consensus about county impacts.
- The Board report will include a copy of the ballot measure or a link to it; sufficient information to understand the impacts to the county; a list of known support or opposition; and county policies that justify the recommended position or new policy.
- The Board report will be scheduled for action in advance of the election, and to the extent possible, to enable the Board to postpone and reconsider the measure at a later date.