



# PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE Virtual Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2022

1:00PM-3:00PM (PST)

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**AGENDA FOR THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV  
PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, December 5, 2022 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

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Public Policy Committee Members:			
Katja Nelson, MPP Co-Chair	Lee Kochems, MA Co-Chair	Alasdair Burton, (Alternate)	Felipe Findley
Jerry D. Gates, PhD	Eduardo Martinez (Alternate)	Ricky Rosales	Martin Sattah, MD
Courtney Armstrong			
<b>QUORUM: 5</b>			

AGENDA POSTED November 29, 2022

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Call to Order, Introductions and Check-in, Conflict of Interest Statements 1:00 PM – 1:05 PM

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1:05 PM – 1:08 PM

- 1. Approval of Agenda **MOTION #1**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes **MOTION #2**

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1:08 PM – 1:10 PM

- 3. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

**III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

1:10 PM – 1:15 PM

- 4. Opportunity for Commission members to recommend new business items for the full body or a committee level discussion on non-agendized Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation, or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

**IV. REPORTS**

- 5. Executive Director/Staff Report 1:15 PM – 1:25 PM
  - a. Operational Updates
  - b. Policy and Legislative Docket Training Update
  - c. Co-Chair Nominations/Elections

d. Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) Update

- 6.** Co-Chair Report 1:25 PM – 1:45 PM
  - a. Act Now Against Meth (ANAM) Update
  - b. Workplan Update and 2023 Workplan Development
  - c. Annual Meeting Debrief

**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 7.** Legislative Docket 1:45 PM – 1:50 PM
- 8.** Policies Priority – Action Plan 1:50 PM – 2:10PM
- 9.** State Policy & Budget Update 2:10 PM – 2:20 PM
- 10.** Federal Policy Update 2:20 PM – 2:30 PM
- 11.** County Policy Update 2:30 PM – 2:50 PM
  - a. COH Coordinated Response to the STD Crisis

**VI. NEXT STEPS**

2:50 PM – 2:55 PM

- 12.** Task/Assignments Recap
- 13.** Agenda development for the next meeting

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2:55 PM – 3:00 PM

- 14.** Opportunity for members of the public and the committee to make announcements

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

3:00 PM

- 15.** Adjournment for the meeting of December 5, 2022

<b>PROPOSED MOTIONS</b>	
<b>MOTION #1</b>	<b>Approve the Agenda Order as presented or revised.</b>
<b>MOTION #2</b>	<b>Approve the Public Policy Committee minutes, as presented or revised.</b>



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**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

November 7, 2022

**Draft**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
P = Present   A = Absent   EA = Excused Absence			
Katja Nelson, MPP, Co-Chair	P	Eduardo Martinez (Alternate)	A
Lee Kochems, MA, Co-Chair	P	Ricky Rosales	P
Alasdair Burton (Alternate)	P	Martin Sattah, MD	A
Felipe Findley	P	Courtney Armstrong	P
Jerry Gates, PhD	A		
COMMISSION STAFF AND CONSULTANTS			
Cheryl Barrit, Lizette Martinez, Jose Rangel-Garibay			

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**CALL TO ORDER-INTRODUCTIONS-CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Katja Nelson, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order, led introductions, and stated that conflicts of interest can be found in the meeting packet.

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #1:** Approval of the Agenda Order as presented or revised ✓ Passed by Consensus

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINTUES**

**MOTION #2:** Approval of October 3, 2022, Public Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented or revised ✓ **Passed by Consensus**

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**3. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION.** *No public comments.*

**III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

**4. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS TO RECOMMEND NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR THE FULL BODY OR A COMMITTEE LEVEL DISCUSSION ON NON-AGENDIZED MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AND (IF REQUESTED) PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING, OR MATTERS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION BECAUSE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, OR WHERE THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.** *No committee new business items.*

**IV. REPORTS**

**5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT**

**a. Operational Updates – *No updates.***

**b. Annual Meeting Announcement**

- Cheryl Barrit, Executive Director, reminded attendees that the Commission on HIV (COH) Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022. She encouraged members of the Public Policy Committee (PPC) to share the Annual Meeting flyer with consumers to increase participation.
- C. Barrit reminded the PPC that a feedback survey will be available after the meeting.

**c. Co-Chair Nominations**

- C. Barrit announced that Co-Chair positions for the PPC are now open. Committee members interested in running for Co-Chair position can self-nominate and can nominate Committee members not in attendance. Nominations will remain open until the December 5, 2022, PPC meeting, in which the election will be held.
- C. Barrit provided an overview of the Duty Statement for Committee Co-Chairs. She added that co-chair terms are for one year, there are two seats available, and the Co-Chairs of the PPC will also be part of the COH Executive Committee. See meeting packet for additional details.
- K. Nelson and Lee Kochems were nominated for the Co-Chair positions and accepted the nominations.

**d. Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) Update**

- C. Barrit announced that the CHP has been sent out for public comment. The public comment period will close on November 21, 2022. All comments can be e-mailed to [hivcomm@lachiv.org](mailto:hivcomm@lachiv.org).

- C. Barrit reported that AJ King, Consultant, will provide an update on the plan at the COH Annual Meeting on Thursday 11/10/22 in which he will outline key highlights of the CHP.

## **6. CO-CHAIR REPORT**

### **a. Act Now Against Meth (ANAM) Update**

- K. Nelson reported that the Act Now Against Meth (ANAM) Coalition is waiting to receive a report back from various County departments stating how they plan to address the meth epidemic in Los Angeles County. The report is expected in December 2022.

### **b. Workplan Update**

- K. Nelson provided an overview of the 2022 PPC Workplan. She noted that on December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Committee will vote on a Motion to approve the Policy Priorities document and elevate to the full body COH. If approved, the full body COH will vote on a Motion to approve the Policy Priorities document at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. See meeting packet for additional details.

### **c. Annual Meeting Discussion/Preparation**

- K. Nelson discussed the plan for the Annual Meeting discussion regarding modernizing the Ryan White (RW) Care System. The document includes the session objectives and facilitation questions. The session will feature a brief Ryan White CARE Act overview provided by staff from the Division on HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) and a discussion facilitated by the PPC Co-Chairs on ways to improve access and quality of HIV care in Los Angeles County. There will also be an opportunity for providers and consumers to share their feedback on what is working well and what challenges they are experiencing with Ryan White-funded services in Los Angeles County. The COH Annual meeting packet will also include a handout with a list of Ryan White-funded agencies and a "The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program: The Basics" factsheet developed by the Kaiser Family Foundation. See the packet for additional details.
- C. Barrit recommended highlighting the top political landscapes and challenges around the RW Program (RWP) and create a list of action items from the perspective of the DHSP to improve and modernize the RWP in Los Angeles County.
- L. Kochems noted that whether or not there is an opportunity for reauthorization, the ideas that come up can be used to improve the system. He added the PPC will process the items discussed at the COH Annual Meeting and add relevant items to the 2023 PPC workplan as appropriate.
- C. Barrit noted that the discussion will center around the RWP as a whole, and not focus on specific agencies. The aim is to focus the conversation on systems and service categories.
- PPC Co-Chairs will remind COH Annual Meeting attendees to refrain from naming agencies when discussing challenges and recommendations for improving the RWP and

direct any participants raising issues regarding specific agencies to the DHSP Customer Support Line for additional assistance.

- Felipe Findley asked a question about Public Charge rules regarding Medi-Cal for undocumented individuals given the upcoming Medi-Cal coverage expansion. K. Nelson noted that the County of Los Angeles Health and Mental Health Services meeting will take place on Wednesday 11/9/22 and the agenda includes an discussion item regarding Medi-Cal coverage for 50+ and Public Charge.

## **V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7. LEGISLATIVE DOCKET**

- K. Nelson informed the PPC that the End the Epidemics (ETE) Coalition held their brainstorming session to discuss potential budget and bill asks regarding HIV, STDs, harm reduction, and viral hepatitis. She indicated that some of the Coalition's priorities may help inform the development of the legislative docket for 2023.

### **8. POLICY PRIORITIES – ACTION PLAN**

- The 2022-2023 Policy Priorities will be presented and voted on for approval at the December 7, 2022, Executive Committee meeting.
- The Action Plan will be developed throughout the beginning of 2023.

### **9. STATE POLICY & BUDGET UPDATE**

- The PPC will review the results of the 2022 Midterm elections at their December meeting.
- K. Nelson directed the group to the California Department of Public Health's fact sheet on Training HIV Test Counselors to Use Rapid Tests for HIV, Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) relevant to SB 306 (Pan): Sexually transmitted disease: testing. See meeting packet for additional details.
- K. Nelson directed the group to the Insure the Uninsured Project (ITUP)'s fact sheet on Transformation and Innovation: Advancing Health for California's Older Adults. See meeting packet for details.

### **10. FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE**

- K. Nelson directed the group to the Health Care in Motion 1557 Proposed Rule: A New Life for Non-Discrimination Protections. See meeting packet for additional details.

### **11. COUNTY POLICY UPDATE**

- K. Nelson directed the group to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Motion on Support for Proposition 1: Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom. See meeting packet for additional details.

#### **a. COH Response to the STD Crisis**

- K. Nelson informed the PPC that the Co-Chairs and COH staff are working on coordinating a meeting with Health Deputies to discuss ways to better address the STD crisis.



**VI. NEXT STEPS**

**12. TASK/ASSIGNMENTS RECAP**

- The PPC Co-Chairs will prepare for their presentation for the Annual Meeting.
- Debrief and share reflections and impressions of the Annual Meeting and identify key action steps for the PPC.

**13. AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- The PPC will hold Co-Chair elections for the 2023 term.
- The PPC will decide if they will reschedule their January meeting to the second week of January to accommodate the New Year holiday at their next meeting.
- The PPC will continue watching for an update on the report from various County departments on how they will address the meth epidemic.
- The PPC will hold a debrief on the RWP reauthorization discussion that will be held at the Annual Meeting.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**14. OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS** *No announcements.*

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**15. ADJOURNMENT FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2022**

The meeting was adjourned by K. Nelson.



## COMMISSION MEMBER "CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST"

Updated 11/30/22

The following list identifies "conflicts-of-interest" for Commission members who represent agencies with Part A/B –and/or CDC HIV Prevention-funded service contracts with the County of Los Angeles. According to Ryan White legislation, HRSA guidance and Commission policy, Commission members are required to state their "conflicts-of-interest" prior to priority- and allocation-setting and other fiscal matters concerning the local HIV continuum of care, and to recuse themselves from discussions involving specific service categories for which their organizations have service contracts.

COMMISSION MEMBERS		ORGANIZATION	SERVICE CATEGORIES
<b>ALVAREZ</b>	<b>Miguel</b>	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
<b>ALVIZO</b>	<b>Everardo</b>	Long Beach Health & Human Services	Benefits Specialty
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			HIV and STD Prevention
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
			HIV Testing Storefront
<b>ARRINGTON</b>	<b>Jayda</b>	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
<b>BALLESTEROS</b>	<b>AI</b>	JWCH, INC.	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing & Syphilis Screening, Diagnosis, & inked Referral...(CSV)
			STD Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
			Health Education/Risk Reduction (HERR)
			Mental Health
			Oral Healthcare Services
			Transitional Case Management
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Benefits Specialty
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
Transportation Services			
<b>BURTON</b>	<b>Alasdair</b>	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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CAMPBELL	Danielle	UCLA/MLKCH	Oral Health Care Services
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Transportation Services
CIELO	Mikhaela	LAC & USC MCA Clinic	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
DAVIES	Erika	City of Pasadena	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing & Sexual Networks
DOAN	Pearl	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
DONNELLY	Kevin	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FINDLEY	Felipe	Watts Healthcare Corporation	Transportation Services
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Oral Health Care Services
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
FRAMES	Arlene	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FULLER	Luckie	APLA Health & Wellness	Case Management, Home-Based
			Benefits Specialty
			HIV Testing Specialty
			HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEX-C)
			Health Education/Risk Reduction
			Health Education/Risk Reduction, Native American
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Oral Healthcare Services
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			HIV and STD Prevention Services in Long Beach
			Transportation Services
Nutrition Support			

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GATES	Jerry	AETC	Part F Grantee
GONZALEZ	Felipe	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or Prevention Contracts
GORDON	Bridget	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
GREEN	Joseph	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
GREEN	Thomas	APAIT (aka Special Services for Groups)	HIV Testing Storefront
			Mental Health
			Transportation Services
HALFMAN	Karl	California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS	Part B Grantee
KOCHEMS	Lee	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
KING	William	W. King Health Care Group	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
MAGANA	Jose	The Wall Las Memorias, Inc.	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
MARTINEZ	Eduardo	AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Benefits Specialty
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Mental Health
			Oral Healthcare Services
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEX-C)
			Transportation Services
			Medical Subspecialty
			HIV and STD Prevention Services in Long Beach
MARTINEZ (PP&A Member)	Miguel	Children's Hospital Los Angeles	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			HIV Testing Storefront
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Transitional Case Management - Youth
Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations			

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<b>MILLS</b>	<b>Anthony</b>	Southern CA Men's Medical Group	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEX-C)
			Transportation Services
<b>MINTLINE (SBP Member)</b>	<b>Mark</b>	Western University of Health Sciences (No Affiliation)	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
<b>MOLLETTE</b>	<b>Andre</b>	Southern CA Men's Medical Group	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEX-C)
			Transportation Services
<b>MORENO</b>	<b>Carlos</b>	Children's Hospital, Los Angeles	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			HIV Testing Storefront
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Transitional Case Management - Youth
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
<b>MURRAY</b>	<b>Derek</b>	City of West Hollywood	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
<b>NASH</b>	<b>Paul</b>	University of Southern California	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Oral Healthcare Services

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NELSON	Katja	APLA Health & Wellness	Case Management, Home-Based
			Benefits Specialty
			HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEX-C)
			Health Education/Risk Reduction
			Health Education/Risk Reduction, Native American
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Oral Healthcare Services
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			HIV and STD Prevention Services in Long Beach
			Transportation Services
Nutrition Support			
OROZCO	Jesus ("Chuy")	HOPWA-City of Los Angeles	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
PERÉZ	Mario	Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs	Ryan White/CDC Grantee
ROBINSON	Mallery	We Can Stop STDs LA (No Affiliation)	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
ROBINSON	Redeem	All Souls Movement (No Affiliation)	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
ROSALES	Ricky	City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
SATTAH	Martin	Rand Schrader Clinic LA County Department of Health Services	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)

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SAN AGUSTIN	Harold	JWCH, INC.	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing & Syphilis Screening, Diagnosis, & inked Referral...(CSV)
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Health Education/Risk Reduction
			Mental Health
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			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Benefits Specialty
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Transportation Services
SPENCER	LaShonda	Oasis Clinic (Charles R. Drew University/Drew CARES)	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
STALTER	Kevin	Unaffiliated consumer	Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
VALERO	Justin	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts



## 2022 WORK PLAN – PUBLIC POLICY

Committee Name: <b>PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE (PPC)</b>		Co-Chairs: Katja Nelson, Lee Kochems		
Committee Adoption Date: January 3, 2022		Revision Dates: 8/9/22, 8/22/22, 9/27/22, <b>12/5/22</b>		
<b>Purpose of Work Plan:</b> To focus and prioritize key activities for COH Committees and subgroups for 2022				
#	TASK/ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	TARGET COMPLETION DATE	STATUS/NOTES/OTHER COMMITTEES INVOLVED
1	Develop the Comprehensive HIV Plan 2022-26	The Committee will gather, discuss and provide policy issues for inclusion in the plan.	10/2022	The Committee will agendize the CHP and information will flow to the consultant on an ongoing basis.
2	Address Areas of Improvement from the HealthHIV Planning Council Effectiveness Assessment	The Committee will hold public hearing(s) to encourage community engagement and representation in Commission legislative policy making. Public Policy priorities will be streamlined and barriers for community participation reduced.	06/2022 COMPLETE	The Committee is scheduled to hold a public hearing in February or March of 2022.
3	Continue to advocate for an effective County-wide response to the STD epidemic. Assess and monitor federal, state, and local government policies and budgets that impact HIV, STD, STIs, Hep C and other sexual health issues. Follow up with BOS motions that include recommendations from the ANAM platform and track reporting.	The Committee will better inform the development of legislative and policy priorities with public hearings. The Committee will review government actions that impact funding and implementation of sexual health and HIV services.	Ongoing	The Committee has included “COH Response to STD crisis” as a standing item on the meeting agenda to track BOS motions related to the BOS STD response and the ANAM platform.
4	Prepare Policy Priorities for 2022 to include the alignment of priorities with the Black/African American Community (BAAC) Task Force, Women Caucus, Aging Task Force, Consumer Caucus, Prevention Workgroup and Trans-gender Caucus recommendations.	The Committee will discuss and craft policy priorities for 2022, ensuring policy efforts prioritize recommendations.	<del>04/2022</del> 12/2022	The Committee approved the Policy Priorities 2022-2023 document on 9/12/22. <b>The Executive Committee will vote on a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Policy Priorities document on 12/7/22. If the document is approved, it will be added to the 12/8/22 Full-body Commission meeting agenda.</b>



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#	TASK/ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	TARGET COMPLETION DATE	STATUS/NOTES/OTHER COMMITTEES INVOLVED
5	Develop an Action Plan to align with the Policy Priorities document	The Committee will craft a document to describe and track the goals and action steps related to the recommendations outlined in the Policy Priorities document.	12/2022- Ongoing	Commission staff developed a template to populate with action steps.
6	Develop 2022 Legislative Docket	Review legislation aligned with information gathered from public hearing(s) as well as recommendations from Commission taskforces, caucuses, and workgroups to develop the Commission docket, and discuss legislative position for each bill.	<del>5/2022</del> 07/2022 COMPLETE	<p>The Committee will begin legislative bill review in 2/2022. Once the docket is established it will be submitted to the Commission for approval.</p> <p>The legislative docket was approved by the Commission on 7/14/22. The document was edited on 9/27/22 to reflect the Governor’s decisions on listed Bills.</p>
7	Monitor and support the City of Los Angeles safe consumption site project.	Coordinate with the City of LA AIDS Coordinator’s Office	03/2022 - Ongoing	The Committee is scheduling a presentation with the City of Los Angeles Safe Consumption site providers.
8	Efforts to Modernize the Ryan White Care Act	The Committee will facilitate a discussion for the interest in modernizing the Ryan White Care Act at the Commission’s Annual meeting.	2023- Ongoing	<p>The Committee Co-chairs will be listed as topic sponsors on the annual meeting agenda.</p> <p><b>Key takeaways from the “Dreaming Big: Community Wish List for a Better and Modernized Ryan White Care System &amp; Ryan White CARE Act Legislation Overview”:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a need for a centralized eligibility process to End the HIV Epidemic. The amount of energy spent on eligibility screening is taxing on clients and providers</li> <li>• The lack of health system integration places undue burden on patients</li> </ul>



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				<p>who are already suffering. Modernizing the application process so that clients do not have to constantly renew and duplicate documentation. Documentation is a barrier.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Living taking meds is not enough anymore. Need to reform the way HIV care and prevention can be more than just biomedical interventions; make care more holistic.</li><li>• Need to improve training of incoming HIV care/prevention staff to enable them to provide holistic care and prevent adding more trauma to clients.</li></ul>
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2022-2023 Legislative Docket

Approval Date: COH 7-14-22

POSITIONS: SUPPORT | OPPOSE | SUPPORT w/AMENDMENTS | OPPOSE unless AMENDED | WATCH

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	RECOMMENDED POSITION	STATUS
AB 4 (Arambula)	Medi-Cal: eligibility	The bill would extend eligibility for full scope Medi-Cal benefits to anyone regardless of age, and who is otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status.  <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB4">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB4</a>	Support	11-AUG-22 In Committee: Held Under Submission.
AB 15 (Chiu)	COVID-19 relief: tenancy: Tenant Stabilization Act of 2021	This bill would extend the definition of "COVID-19 rental debt" as unpaid rent or any other unpaid financial obligation of a tenant that came due between March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021. The bill would also extend the repeal date of the act to January 1, 2026. The bill would make other conforming changes to align with these extended dates. By extending the repeal date of the act, the bill would expand the crime of perjury and create a state-mandated local program.  <a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB15">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB15</a>  Per Assembly Chiu Office the Assembly person will hold the bill until the next legislative cycle. Due to the passing of AB 3088, SB 91 and AB 832 which prevent eviction due to non-payment of rent for those whose income was negatively impacted by the pandemic.	Support with questions	01-FEB-22 From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56(1)

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AB 16 (Chiu)	Tenancies: COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Act of 2021	<p>This bill would establish the Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Program.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB16">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB16</a></p> <p>Per Assembly Chiu Office the Assembly person will hold the bill until the next legislative cycle. Due to the passing of AB 3088, SB 91 and AB 832 which prevent eviction due to non-payment of rent for those whose income was negatively impacted by the pandemic.</p>	Watch	01-FEB-22 From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56(1)
AB 65 (Low)	California Universal Basic Income Program: Personal Income Tax	<p>This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to create a California Universal Basic Income Program, with the intention of ensuring economic security for all Californians.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB65">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB65</a></p>	Watch	01-FEB-22 From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56(1)
AB 77 (Petrie-Norris)	Substance use disorder treatment services	<p>This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact Jarrod’s Law, a licensure program for inpatient and outpatient programs providing substance use disorder treatment services, under the administration of the State Department of Health Care Services.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB77">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB77</a></p>	Support	01-FEB-22 From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56(1)
AB 240 (Rodriguez)	Local health department workforce assessment	<p>This bill would require the department to contract with an appropriate and qualified entity to conduct an evaluation of the adequacy of the local health department infrastructure and to make recommendations for future staffing, workforce needs, and resources, in order to accurately and adequately fund local public health.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB240">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB240</a></p>	Support with Questions	<i>27-SEP-22 Vetoed by Governor.</i>

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AB 328 (Chiu)	Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program	<p>This bill would establish the Reentry Housing Program. The bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to, on or before July 1, 2022, take specified actions to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, provide grants to counties and continuums of care, as defined, for evidence-based housing and housing-based services interventions to allow people with recent histories of incarceration to exit homelessness and remain stably housed.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB328">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB328</a></p>	Support	01-FEB-22 Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. (1)
AB 835 (Nazarian)	Hospital emergency departments: HIV testing	<p>This bill would require every patient who has blood drawn at a hospital emergency department to be offered an HIV test, as specified. The bill would specify the manner in which the results of that test are provided. The bill would state that a hospital emergency department is not required to offer an HIV test to a patient if the department determines that the patient is being treated for a life-threatening emergency or if they determine the person lacks the capacity to consent to an HIV test.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB835">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB835</a></p>	Support	26-AUG-21 In Committee: Held Under Submission
AB 1038 (Gipson)	California Health Equity Program	<p>This bill would establish the California Health Equity Program, a competitive grant program administered by the Office of Health Equity to community-based nonprofit organizations, community clinics, local health departments, and tribal organizations to take actions related to health equity. The bill would establish the California Health Equity Fund.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1038">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1038</a></p>	Support	26-AUG-21 In Committee: Held Under Submission

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AB 1400 (Kalra)	Guaranteed Health Care for All	<p>This bill, the California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act, would create the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program, or CalCare, to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1400">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1400</a></p>	Support	01-FEB-22 Died on third reading file.
AB 1542 (McCarty)	County of Yolo: Secured Residential Treatment Program.	<p>This bill would, until January 1, 2025, authorize the County of Yolo to offer a pilot program, known as the Secured Residential Treatment Program, for individuals suffering from substance use disorders (SUDs) who have been convicted of qualifying drug-motivated felony crimes, as specified. The bill would require the program to meet certain conditions relating to, among other things, a risk, needs, and psychological assessment, a comprehensive curriculum, a determination by a judge of the length of treatment, data collection, licensing and monitoring of the facility by the State Department of Health Care Services, and reporting to the department and the Legislature.</p> <p><a href="#">Bill Text - AB-1542 County of Yolo: Secured Residential Treatment Program. (ca.gov)</a></p>	Watch	3-FEB-22 VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR
AB 1928 (McCarty)	Hope California: Secured Residential Treatment Pilot Program	<p>Existing law authorizes a court to grant pretrial diversion to a defendant in specified cases, including when the defendant is suffering from a mental disorder, specified controlled substances crimes, and when the defendant was, or currently is, a member of the United States military. This bill would, until January 1, 2026, the Counties of San Joaquin, Santa Clara, and Yolo to develop, manage, staff, and offer a secured residential treatment pilot program, known as Hope California, for individuals suffering from substance use disorders (SUDs) who have been convicted of qualifying drug-motivated felony crimes, as specified. The bill would require the program to meet certain conditions relating to, among other things, a risk, needs, and psychological assessment, a comprehensive curriculum, a determination by a judge of the length of treatment, data collection, licensing and monitoring of the facility by the State Department of Health Care Services, and reporting to the department and the Legislature.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1928">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1928</a></p>	Watch	19-MAY-22 In committee: Held under submission.

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	RECOMMENDED POSITION	STATUS
AB 2194 (Ward and Lee)	Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians: continuing education: cultural competency	<p>Requires pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to complete at least one hour of continuing education through a cultural competency course focused on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning (LGBTQ+) patients.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2194">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2194</a></p>	Support	<i>30-SEP-22 Approved by the Governor.</i>
AB 2223 (Wicks)	Reproductive Health	<p>Existing law requires a county coroner to hold inquests to inquire into and determine the circumstances, manner, and cause of violent, sudden, or unusual deaths, including deaths related to or following known or suspected self-induced or criminal abortion. Existing law requires a coroner to register a fetal death after 20 weeks of gestation, unless it is the result of a legal abortion. If a physician was not in attendance at the delivery of the fetus, existing law requires the fetal death to be handled as a death without medical attendance. Existing law requires the coroner to state on the certificate of fetal death the time of fetal death, the direct causes of the fetal death, and the conditions, if any, that gave rise to these causes.</p> <p>This bill would delete the requirement that a coroner hold inquests for deaths related to or following known or suspected self-induced or criminal abortion, and would delete the requirement that an unattended fetal death be handled as a death without medical attendance. The bill would prohibit using the coroner's statements on the certificate of fetal death to establish, bring, or support a criminal prosecution or civil cause of damages against any person.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2223">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2223</a></p>	Support	<i>27-SEP-22 Approved by the Governor.</i>

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AB 2312 (Lee)	Nonprescription contraception: access	<p>This bill would, with certain exceptions, prohibit a retail establishment, as defined, from refusing to furnish nonprescription contraception to a person solely on the basis of age or any of the above-listed characteristics by means of any conduct, including, but not limited to, requiring the customer to present identification for purposes of demonstrating their age or other characteristic.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2312">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2312</a></p>	Watch	6-APR-22 In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
AB 2521 (Santiago)	Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, or Intersex Fund	<p>This bill would rename the fund as the Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, or Intersex Fund. The bill would require the office to establish a community advisory committee for the purpose of providing recommendations to the office on which organizations and entities to select for funding and recommendations on the amount of funding for each organization or entity. The bill would require the community advisory committee to be composed of multiple marginalized members of the TGI community for whom the services provided by the funds are intended.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2521">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2521</a></p> <p>Sponsored by TransLatin@ Coalition</p>	Support	<i>30-SEP-22 Approved by the Governor.</i>
SB 17 (Pan)	Office of Racial Equity	<p>This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the department to address racism as a public health crisis.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB17">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB17</a></p>	Support	31-AUG-22 Ordered to inactive file on request of Assembly Member Reyes
SB 56 (Durazo)	Medi-Cal: eligibility	<p>This bill would, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, and effective July 1, 2022, extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals who are 65 years of age or older, and who are otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status.</p> <p><a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB56">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB56</a></p>	Support	23-JUNE-21 From Committee: Do Pass and Re-refer to Committee on Appropriation



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SB 57 (Wiener)	Controlled Substances: Overdose Prevention Program	<p>This bill would, until January 1, 2027, authorize the City and County of San Francisco, the County of Los Angeles, and the City of Oakland to approve entities to operate overdose prevention programs for persons that satisfy specified requirements, including, among other things, providing a hygienic space supervised by trained staff where people who use drugs can consume preobtained drugs, providing sterile consumption supplies, and providing access or referrals to substance use disorder treatment.</p> <p><a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB57">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB57</a></p> <p>The City of Los Angeles approved a pilot site for this program and requested a bill amendment to include the City of Los Angeles. The sponsor held the bill for this legislative session and will continue the legislative process in January 2022 (Legislative Session 2022-23).</p>	Support	22-AUG-22 Vetoed by the Governor. In Senate. Consideration of Governor's item veto pending.
SB 217 (Dahle)	Comprehensive sexual health education and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention education.	<p>This bill would require the governing board of a school district to adopt a policy at a publicly noticed meeting specifying how parents and guardians of pupils may inspect the written and audiovisual educational materials used in comprehensive sexual health education.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB217">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB217</a></p>	Opposed Unless Amended	01-FEB-22 Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56(1)
SB 225 (Wiener)	Medical procedures: individuals born with variations in their physical sex characteristics	<p>This bill would prohibit a physician and surgeon from performing certain sex organ modification procedures on an individual born with variations in their physical sex characteristics who is under 12 years of age unless the procedure is a surgery required to address an immediate risk of physical harm, as specified.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB225">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB225</a></p>	Support	<i>27-SEP-22 Approved by the Governor.</i>

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SB 316 (Eggman)	Medi-Cal: federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics	This bill would authorize reimbursement for a maximum of 2 visits taking place on the same day at a single location if after the first visit the patient suffers illness or injury requiring additional diagnosis or treatment, or if the patient has a medical visit and a mental health visit or a dental visit, as defined.  <a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB316">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB316</a>	Support	09-SEP-21 Ordered to inactive file on request of Assembly Member Reyes.
SB 357 (Wiener)	Crimes: loitering for the purpose of engaging in a prostitution offense	Existing law prohibits soliciting or engaging in an act of prostitution. This bill would repeal those provisions related to loitering with the intent to commit prostitution and would make other conforming changes.  <a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB357">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB357</a>	Support	01-JULY-22 Approved by the Governor
SB 464 (Hurtado)	California Food Assistance Program: eligibility and benefits	This bill, commencing January 1, 2023, would instead make a noncitizen applicant eligible for the California Food Assistance Program if the noncitizen satisfies all eligibility criteria for participation in the CalFresh program except any requirements related to immigration status.  <a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB464">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB464</a>	Support	01-JULY-21 From Committee: Do Pass and Re- refer to Committee on Appropriation. Re-referred to Committee Appropriation
SB 523 (Leyva)	Health care coverage: contra- ceptives	This bill would make various changes to expand coverage of contraceptives by a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issues, amended, renewed, or delivered on and after January 1, 2022.  <a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB523">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB523</a>	Support	<i>27-SEP-22 Approved by the Governor.</i>

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<p>SB 679 (Kamlager)</p>	<p>Los Angeles County: Affordable Housing</p>	<p><i>This bill, the Los Angeles County Regional Housing Finance Act, would establish the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency and would state that the agency's purpose is to increase the supply of affordable housing in Los Angeles County by providing for significantly enhanced funding and technical assistance at a regional level for renter protections, affordable housing preservation, and new affordable housing production, as specified. The bill would require a board composed of 21 voting members and one nonvoting member from Los Angeles County, as specified, to govern the agency.</i></p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB679">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB679</a></p>		<p>28-SEP-22 Approved by the Governor.</p>
<p>SB 923 (Wiener)</p>	<p>Gender-affirming care</p>	<p>This bill requires health plans and insurers to require all of its support staff who are in direct contact with enrollees or insureds to complete evidence-based cultural competency training for the purpose of providing trans-inclusive health care for individuals who identify as transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex. This bill adds processes to continuing medical education requirements related to cultural and linguistic competency for physician and surgeons specific to gender-affirming care services, as specified.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB923">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB923</a></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>29-SEP-22 Approved by Governor.</p>
<p>SB 939 (Pan)</p>	<p>Prescription drug pricing</p>	<p>This bill prohibits payers and drug manufacturers from imposing requirements, conditions, or exclusions that discriminate against certain health care entities participating in a federal drug discount program, including contracted pharmacies of the health care entities.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB939">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB939</a></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>28-JUNE-22 June 28 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.</p>

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SB 1033 (Pan)	Healthcare Coverage	<p>This bill would require the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) and the Insurance Commissioner, no later than July 1, 2023, to revise specified regulations that would require health plans, specialized health plans, or insurance policies, excluding Medi-Cal beneficiaries, for cultural and health-related social needs in order to improve health disparities, health care quality and outcomes, and addressing population health.</p> <p>This bill is referred by the community as the health equity and data bill.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB1033">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB1033</a></p>	Support	<p>11-AUG-22 Joint Rule 62(a) suspended. August 11 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.</p>
SB 1234 (Pan)	Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment Program	<p>The bill would require reimbursement, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature and any potential draw down of federal matching funds, for services related to the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including counseling, screening, testing, follow-up care, prevention and treatment management, and drugs and devices outlined as reimbursable in the Family PACT Policies, Procedures and Billing Instructions manual, to uninsured, income-eligible patients or patients with health care coverage who are income-eligible and have confidentiality concerns, including, but not limited to, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBTQ+) patients, and other individuals who are not at risk for experiencing or causing an unintended pregnancy, and who are not in need of contraceptive services. In addition, the bill would require any office visits, including in-person and visits through telehealth modalities, to be reimbursed at the same rate as office visit.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB1234">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB1234</a></p>	Support	<p>25-SEP-22 Vetoed by the Governor. In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.</p>

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SB 1338 (Umberg)	Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Program	<p>Senate Bill 1338 would establish the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program, which would authorize specified persons to petition a civil court to create a CARE plan and implement services for individuals suffering from specified mental health disorders. If the court determines the individual is eligible for the CARE Court Program, the court would order the implementation of a CARE plan, as devised by the relevant county behavioral services agency, and would oversee the individual's participation in the plan.</p> <p><a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=2021202205B1338">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=2021202205B1338</a></p> <p>Supported by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors</p>	Watch with reservations	14-SEP-22 Approved by the Governor.
<b>FEDERAL BILLS</b>				
BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	RECOMMENDED POSITION	STATUS
H.R.5 (Cicilline)	Equality Act	<p>This bill prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in areas including public accommodations and facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit, and the jury system.</p> <p><a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5">https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5</a></p>	Support	17-March-2021 Senate Committee on the Judiciary Hearings Held
H.R. 1201 (Lowenthal-Markey)	International Human 5 Rights Defense Act of 2021	<p>The bill is to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI Peoples. The Special Envoy shall serve as the principal advisor to the Secretary of State regarding human rights for LGBTQI people internationally.</p> <p><a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1201/text">https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1201/text</a></p>	Support	02-APRIL-21 Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health and Global Human Rights

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H.R. 1280 (Bass)	George Floyd Justice and Policing Act of 2021	<p>This bill addresses a wide range of policies and issues regarding policing practices and law enforcement accountability. It increases accountability for law enforcement misconduct, restricts the use of certain policing practices, enhances transparency and data collection, and establishes best practices and training requirements.</p> <p>The Commission on HIV refer this bill back to the Committee because funding for the police is included in the bill. This is at odds with the movement for Black Lives which opposes the bill.</p> <p><a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1280?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22George+Floyd+Justice+and+Policing+Act+of+2021%22%5D%7D&amp;s=2&amp;r=1">https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1280?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22George+Floyd+Justice+and+Policing+Act+of+2021%22%5D%7D&amp;s=2&amp;r=1</a></p>	Watch with reservations	09-March-21 Received in the Senate Referred Back to Committee in Discussion
Federal Bill Proposal (Sponsored Movement for Black Lives)	The BREATHE Act	<p>Divesting Federal Resources from Policing and Incarceration &amp; Ending Federal Criminal-Legal System Harms</p> <p>Investing in New Approaches to Community Safety Utilizing Funding Incentives</p> <p>Allocating New Money to Build Healthy, Sustainable &amp; Equitable Communities for All People</p> <p>Holding Officials Accountable &amp; Enhancing Self-Determination of Black Communities</p>	Watch with discussion	Referred Back to Committee in Discussion

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	RECOMMENDED POSITION	STATUS
<p>HR 5611 (Blunt Rochester)/ S. 1902 (Cortez Masto)</p>	<p>Behavioral Health Crisis Services Expansion Act</p>	<p>This bill establishes requirements, expands health insurance coverage, and directs other activities to support the provision of behavioral health crisis services along a continuum of care.</p> <p><a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5611?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22hr5611%22%2C%22hr5611%22%5D%7D&amp;s=1&amp;r=1">https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5611?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22hr5611%22%2C%22hr5611%22%5D%7D&amp;s=1&amp;r=1</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1902?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22S1902%22%2C%22S1902%22%5D%7D&amp;s=2&amp;r=1">https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1902?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22S1902%22%2C%22S1902%22%5D%7D&amp;s=2&amp;r=1</a></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p><b>HR 5611</b> 02-NOV-21 House Referred to the Subcommittee on Health</p> <p><b>S. 1902</b> 27-MAY-21 Read Senate twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions</p>
<p>S.1 (Merkley)</p>	<p>For the People Act</p>	<p>This bill addresses voter access, election integrity and security, campaign finance, and ethics for the three branches of government.</p> <p><a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22S+1%22%5D%7D&amp;s=1&amp;r=1">https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22S+1%22%5D%7D&amp;s=1&amp;r=1</a></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>11-AUG-21 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar Under General Orders. Calendar No. 123</p>
<p>S. 854 (Feinstein)</p>	<p>Methampheta- mine Response Act of 2021</p>	<p>This bill designates methamphetamine as an emerging drug threat (a new and growing trend in the use of an illicit drug or class of drug). It directs the Office of National Drug Control Policy to implement a methamphetamine response plan.</p> <p><a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/854">https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/854</a></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>14-MARCH-22 Became Public Law/Signed by the President</p>

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	RECOMMENDED POSITION	STATUS
S.4263/ H.R.4 (Leahy)	John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act 2021	<p>To amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.</p> <p><a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.4%22%2C%22H.4%22%5D%7D&amp;r=1&amp;s=4">https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.4%22%2C%22H.4%22%5D%7D&amp;r=1&amp;s=4</a></p>	Support	14-SEP-20 Received in the Senate.





## **PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE (PPC)<sup>1</sup>** **2022-2023 POLICY PRIORITIES**

HIV has been raging in communities across the world for almost 40 years and with advancements in biomedical interventions, research and vaccines, the time for the HIV cure is now.

With a renewed sense of optimism and urgency, the PPC remains steadfast in its commitment to universal health care, eradication of racism in all forms, and unfettered access to trauma informed care and supportive services, including comprehensive harm reduction services, to ensure that all people living with HIV and communities most impacted by HIV and STDs, live full, productive lives.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has demonstrated that with political will, funding, and most important of all, urgency, rapid and safe vaccine development is possible. Nevertheless, like the HIV epidemic, (globally, nationally, and locally), it is our most marginalized communities, including youth, who are disproportionately impacted with higher rates of disease and death. In addition, The COVID-19 global pandemic is severely impacting the delivery of HIV prevention and care services. The PPC is compelled to encourage and support innovative efforts to reduce bureaucracy, increase funding, enhance HIV prevention, and care service. This effort is to address the negative impacts of COVID-19 and restore pre-COVID service levels, preferably exceeding the quantity and quality of HIV and prevention services.

The PPC recommends the Commission on HIV endorse the prioritization of the following issues. PPC will identify support legislation, local policies, procedures, and regulations that address Commission priorities in calendar years 2022 and 2023. (Issues are in no order.)

### **Systemic and Structural Racism**

- a. Establish health equity through the elimination of barriers and addressing of social determinants of health such as: implicit bias; access to care; education; social stigma, (i.e., homophobia, transphobia, and misogyny); housing; mental health; substance abuse; income/wealth gaps; as well as criminalization.

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<sup>1</sup> The Public Policy Committee acts in accordance with the role of the Commission on HIV, as dictated by [Los Angeles County Code 3.29.090](#). Consistent with [Commission Bylaws Article VI, Section 2](#), no Ryan White resources are used to support Public Policy Committee activities.

- b. Reduce and eliminate the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS and STIs in the Black/African American community. To include the identification of and rooting out of systemic and systematic racism as it affects Black/African American communities.

### **Racist Criminalization and Mass Incarceration<sup>2</sup>**

- a. Eliminate discrimination against or the criminalization of people living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS including those who exchange sex for money (e.g., Commercial Sex Work).
- b. Support the efforts of Measure J, the Alternatives to Incarceration and closure of Men's Central Jail and seek increased funding for services and programming through Measure J as well as through redistribution of funding for policing and incarceration.<sup>3</sup>

### **Housing<sup>4</sup>**

- a. Focus b, c, and d below especially in service to LGBTQIA+ populations
- b. Improve systems, strategies and proposals that expand affordable housing, as well as prioritize housing opportunities for people living with, affected by, or at risk of transmission of HIV/AIDS
- c. Improve systems, strategies, and proposals that prevent homelessness for people living with, affected by, or at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.
- d. Promote Family housing and emergency financial assistance as a strategy to maintain housing.

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<sup>2</sup> Black/African Americans, while making up only 8% of the LA County population, represent over 30% of the jail population. In the [Los Angeles County Alternatives to Incarceration Report](#), "Los Angeles County operates the largest jail system in the United States, which imprisons more people than any other nation on Earth." As documented in the [Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Strategy for 2020 and Beyond](#); "Incarceration destabilizes communities, disrupts family relationships, and magnifies the accumulation of health and social disadvantage for already marginalized populations. Incarceration is associated with harmful effects on viral suppression, lower CD4/T-cell counts, and accelerated disease progression."

<sup>3</sup> [Developing a plan for closing men's central jail as Los Angeles county reduces its reliance on incarceration](#) (item #3 July 7, 2020, board meeting)

<sup>4</sup> Homelessness is a risk factor for HIV transmission and acquisition. LGBTQIA+ experience a number of factors which increased the risk of being unhoused, from family discrimination at home to discrimination in employment. Such discrimination contributes to higher rates of poverty; undermines their ability to thrive; and increases the risk of arrest and incarceration. Homelessness is a risk factor for HIV transmission and acquisition.

## **Mental Health**

- a. Expand and enhance mental health services for people living with, affected by, or at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.
- b. By increasing services for those with underlying mental health issues, there will be less reliance on incarceration. Los Angeles County Jail has also become the largest mental health institution in the country.
- c. Support the building of community-based mental health services.
- d. Support the placement in mental health facilities of the estimated 4,000+ individuals currently incarcerated and in need of mental health services and support closing of Men's Central Jail. (See footnote 3)

## **Sexual Health**

- a. Increase access to prevention, care and treatment and bio-medical intervention (such as PrEP and PEP) services. Promote the distribution of services to people at risk for acquiring HIV and people living with HIV/AIDS.
- b. Increase comprehensive HIV/STD counseling, testing, education, outreach, research, harm reduction services including syringe exchange, and social marketing programs.
- c. Maximize HIV prevention to reduce and eliminate syphilis and gonorrhea cases; especially among young MSM (YMSM), African American MSM, Latino MSM, transgender persons and women of color.
- d. Advance and enhance routine HIV testing and expanded linkage to care.
- e. Maintain and expand funding for access and availability of HIV, STD, and viral hepatitis services.
- f. Promote women centered prevention services to include domestic violence and family planning services for women living with and at high-risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS.
- g. Preserve full funding and accessibility to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP).

## **Substance Abuse**

- a. Advocate for substance abuse services to PLWHA.
- b. Advocate for services and programs associated with methamphetamine use and HIV transmission.
- c. Expand alternatives to incarceration/diversion programs to provide a "care first" strategy and move those who need services away from incarceration to substance abuse programs.
- d. Expand harm reduction services (including and not limited to syringe exchange, safe administration sites, over-dose prevention strategies) across all of Los Angeles County.
- e. Support trauma informed services for substance users.

## Consumers

- a. Advocate and encourage the empowerment and engagement of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/A) and those at risk of acquiring HIV. Focusing on young MSM (YMSM), African American MSM, Latino MSM, transgender persons (especially of color), women of color, and the aging.

## Aging

- a. Create and expand medical and supportive services for PLWHA ages fifty (50) and over.

## Women

- a. Create and expand medical and supportive services for women living with HIV/AIDS. This includes services such as family housing, transportation, mental health, childcare, and substance abuse.
- b. Advocate for women's bodily autonomy in all areas of health care services including and not limited to full access to abortions, contraception, fertility/infertility services and family planning.

## Transgender

- a. Create and expand medical and supportive services for transgender PLWHA.
- b. Promote and maintain funding for the Transgender Wellness Fund created by the passage of AB2218.

## General Health Care

- a. Provide access to and continuity of care for PLWHA focusing on communities at highest risk for the acquisition and transmission of HIV disease.
- b. Fund and expand eligibility for Medicaid, Medicare, and HIV/AIDS programs and health insurance coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions.
- c. Increase and enhance compatibility and effectiveness between RWP, Medicaid, Medicare, and other health systems. This includes restructuring funding criteria to **not** disincentives contractors from referring clients to other contractors.
- d. Expand access to and reduction of barriers (including costs) for HIV/AIDS, STD, and viral hepatitis prevention and treatment medications.
- e. Preserve full funding and accessibility to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) Assistance, Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment (EB-HIPP), and Medigap.
- f. Provide trauma informed care and harm reduction strategies in all HIV Disease health care settings

### **Service Delivery**

- a. Enhance the accountability of healthcare service deliverables. This would include a coordinated effort between federal, state, and local governments.
- b. Incorporate COVID strategies to reduce administrative barriers, increase access to health services and encourage the development of an HIV vaccine mirroring the COVID 19 vaccine process.

### **Data**

- a. Use data, without risking personal privacy and health, with the intention of improving health outcomes and eliminating health disparities among PLWHA.
- b. Promote distribution of resources in accordance with the HIV burden within Los Angeles County.



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Dear Supervisors:

### **STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2023-24 SESSION (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

This letter includes recommended changes to the County's State Legislative Agenda for the 2023-24 State Legislative Session, which were developed in coordination with the Board of Supervisors' (Board) offices and County departments. It also presents the State legislative outlook for 2023, based on available information at this time; and outlines the County's major State legislative priorities that will be pursued based on this outlook. Unless otherwise directed by the Board, the County's advocacy efforts on these priorities and other legislation affecting the County will be pursued, consistent with Board-adopted legislative policies.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Approve the attached additions, deletions, and changes to existing Board-adopted policies and positions for inclusion in the 2023-24 State Legislative Agenda (Attachment).
2. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer, the County's Sacramento Legislative Representatives, and affected departments to work with the County's Legislative delegation, other counties and local governments, and interest groups to pursue these priorities and positions in the State Legislature and with the Administration and its agencies.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The recommended changes to the State Legislative Agenda seek to minimize the adverse impact of State actions on the County, achieve greater flexibility over the use of State funds, protect revenue sources for County-provided services, secure State financial assistance whenever possible, and promote the growth of the State and local economy.

## **RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY'S STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

The recommended changes in the attachment represent requests from this office, County departments, and Board offices to add or modify policy statements consistent with existing operational goals and plans. Significant updates to the County's State Legislative Agenda will be made every other year, before the start of the two-year legislative session. New policy statements represent emerging priority programs and issues for which we are seeking the Board's approval to guide future advocacy efforts in Sacramento. In addition, some policies are no longer applicable because legislation specifically addressing these issues has been enacted in the last session and, therefore, are recommended to be removed.

All other State Legislative Agenda policies and positions previously adopted by the Board remain in effect and, as such, advocacy will continue on these matters. A revised comprehensive list of all State Legislative Agenda policy statements will be published subsequent to the Board's consideration and approval of the changes included in this letter.

## **LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK**

The State Legislature introduced over 2,000 bills in 2022. Of those, Governor Newsom signed 997 into law and vetoed 169. Some of the major bills enacted address issues related to addiction and severe mental illness, labor rights, affordable housing, climate change, reproductive rights, care for trans children, gun reforms, and COVID-19 vaccines, among many others. Several County-sponsored proposals were successfully enacted in 2022 including: AB 988 (988 Suicide and Prevention Crisis Hotline Centers); AB 2117 (Mobile Stroke Units); AB 2473 (Training standards for Substance Use Disorder Counselors); AB 2766 (Subpoena authority for County Counsel); and ACR 177 (Removes the Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway designation from Interstate 10). The Legislature also approved AB 195 and AB 183 which incorporate provisions from County-sponsored AB 2421 and AB 2425 to provide authority to county counsels to civilly prosecute and enjoin water theft and to provide stipends equivalent to the State's minimum wage to individuals within three years of exiting incarceration, and while they participate in a credential attainment or career training program, respectively. The County will continue to sponsor legislative and budgetary proposals in the 2023-24 State Legislative Session to further support the County's program and operational needs.

State legislators that won the November 8, 2022 mid-term elections will be sworn in on December 5, 2022, and will officially assume office on January 4, 2023, when the State Legislature reconvenes to begin the first year of the two-year 2023-24 Legislative Session. Governor Gavin Newsom and the Legislature are expected to begin the session with taking early action to ensure any federal student debt relief provided is not subject to state taxes. This proposal, which is anticipated to be part of Governor's January 10 Proposed Budget, would provide up to \$1.3 billion in tax relief for more than 3.5 million Californians. Governor Newsom is also expected to propose a price gouging penalty to address record high profits by oil companies over the past three months despite the cost of crude oil going down.

On June 27, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom signed the 2022 State Budget Act which provided: \$47 billion for infrastructure investments, with more than \$2 billion to fund local projects, including \$10 million to the County's Department of Parks and Recreation to convert a closed landfill into a new regional park, and \$7.8 million to the County's Department of Public Health for the Via Care's Cesar Chavez Health Center and; over \$17 billion in fiscal relief to millions of Californians to help offset rising costs, among other items. The 2022 State Budget Act also included funding for several County-sponsored State budget proposals including: \$200 in FY 2022-23 and \$100 million in FY 2023-24 (for a combined one-time investment of \$300 million over two years), for the Los Angeles County Child Welfare Stabilization; \$100 million to the County to support and expand access to treatment for individuals with behavioral health disorders that are involved in the justice system; \$50 million for the LAC + UCS General Hospital Campus Reuse; and \$30 million to establish the Hire UP pilot program.

All of the aforementioned investments were made possible due to State revenues growing at historic rates, providing the State with a significant surplus despite the ongoing global pandemic and its disparate health and economic impacts. However, since the beginning of the new fiscal year, which started July 1, 2022, State revenues have underperformed against budget estimates. According to the California Department of Finance, for the first three months of the 2022-23 fiscal year, General Fund revenues were \$4.781 billion below the forecast of \$42.946 billion. With reserves at an all-time high, the State is more prepared for a potential downturn, but fiscal restraint and spending prudence will be ongoing themes moving forward in 2023, especially as it pertains to ongoing spending commitments.

## COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

As described below, unless otherwise directed by the Board, Los Angeles County's advocacy efforts in 2023 will be primarily concentrated on: affordable housing and homeless services; child welfare and early childhood development; digital divide; economic and workforce development; environment and sustainability; health services; infrastructure investments; and justice reform.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESS SERVICES

Through its ability to leverage federal, state, and local funds, the County prides itself on sponsoring new solutions and partnering with private and public agencies to increase the availability of affordable housing and preserve existing affordable housing for residents. The County will continue to support State proposals that: 1) provide funding to construct new affordable housing units while preserving and rehabilitating existing affordable housing units; 2) provide rental and legal assistance for individuals and families at-risk of housing instability or homelessness; 3) provide down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers; and 4) fund initiatives to ensure housing stability for youth, including those currently and formerly in foster care.

The County has also partnered with the State, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and other regional stakeholders to implement a comprehensive and multipronged plan to reduce homelessness among the most vulnerable in the community. Despite the County's ongoing local investments and one-time federal and state investments to prevent and address homelessness, the 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count recorded a 4.1 percent increase in homelessness since 2020 primarily due to the slow economic recovery and the high cost of housing in the region. The County remains focused on transitioning those experiencing homelessness into stable housing and implementing effective strategies to reduce the flow of individuals and families into homelessness.



The County will continue to support State proposals that include: 1) on-going funding to reduce and prevent homelessness beyond the additional year of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention funding included in the state budget; 2) financial resources to expand the availability of interim, permanent supportive and affordable housing, and reduce state restrictions and barriers to ensure flexibility in local utilization of these types of housing; and 3) allowing counties to maximize federal, state and local funds to provide services to persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, including Medicaid reimbursable services.

## CHILD WELFARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

The County is committed to its collaboration and partnerships with stakeholders to increase resources that improve the outcomes for children, youth, and families involved or at risk of getting involved in the child welfare system. The County has prioritized investments in programs and services that strengthen families; prevent child abuse and neglect; and promote optimal childhood development and learning by investing in high-quality, accessible early care and education programs.

The County will continue to support State proposals that provide: 1) services and funding for case management, mental health, educational attainment, career development, and stable housing that promote self-sufficiency among transition-age foster youth, non-minor dependents, and former foster youth; 2) comprehensive trauma informed services and robust continuum of placement resources tailored for vulnerable children and youth with unique and complex needs, including commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) victims; 3) investments in critical services to improve outcomes for vulnerable children, youth, and families and address racial disparities while enhancing child safety, well-being and permanency; 4) evidence-based child abuse and neglect prevention services; 5) high-quality early care and education programs and 6) support for the County's efforts to successfully implement child welfare reform without disruption to vital services (e.g., the Family First Prevention Services Act).

## DIGITAL DIVIDE

Access to high-speed broadband internet and related resources is an essential means to accessing health services, education, economic resources, County services and job opportunities. In Los Angeles County, areas where more than 20 percent of households lack broadband service, are largely the same areas where the average household incomes are less than \$50,000 annually, and where people of color are more likely to be the majority of residents. The County will continue to support state legislation and regulations that provide funding for the development and expansion of broadband infrastructure and reliable, affordable networks to bridge the digital divide by increasing access to high-speed internet for as many households as possible, particularly in underserved communities.

The County will support proposals that would: 1) incentivize private investment in broadband infrastructure in historically underserved and rural communities; 2) create workforce development pipeline programs in the broadband, fiber and related telecommunications infrastructure industries; 3) utilize innovative, short-term and long-term strategies to provide free or low-cost high-speed internet and related devices to disadvantaged communities; and 4) expand and modernize Wi-Fi at County facilities to help close the digital divide for residents in disadvantaged and broadband deficient communities.

## ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The County is strategically and equitably investing in support for entrepreneurs, small businesses, and innovative economic and workforce development programs in high growth and emerging industry sectors that create a pipeline to well-paying jobs.

The County will support state proposals that promote inclusive and sustainable economic development, stimulate quality job growth in the region, and help lift economically disadvantaged residents out of poverty and into self-sufficiency. This includes proposals that would: 1) support the expansion and growth of key industry sectors, including technology, health care, trade, manufacturing, construction, leisure and hospitality, childcare, bioscience, clean energy, and creative economies; 2) develop workforce programs – including high road training partnerships and apprenticeships that center around equity, employer partnerships, and job quality – to prepare workers for jobs in high-growth and emerging industries and propel community and regional economic growth; 3) stimulate regional investment and business development and encourage private sector participation in advancing equitable and sustainable growth; 4) support comprehensive employment and training programs that advance diversity, equity and inclusion, and provide wrap-around supportive services; and 5) provide economic relief to industries, small businesses and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to support the County’s economic recovery and foster sustained regional growth.

## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

The County continues to support policies and investments that improve the energy, water, food, and transportation systems; help overcome past inequities that have resulted in disproportionate pollution burdens and health outcomes for communities of color; help local businesses, organizations, and residents in disadvantaged communities adapt to climate change; and advance racial and gender equity.

To address these environmental issues and make this a sustainable region, the County will advocate for proposals that promote clean energy infrastructure, advance environmental justice, and invest in climate resiliency.

The County will support State proposals that: 1) further decrease greenhouse gas emissions; 2) develop infrastructure (e.g., organic waste processing capacity) and community-scale programs (e.g., resilience hubs, extreme heat risk communication strategies), as well as provide funding to address imminent health risks; 3) increase local water supply and improve water quality, as well as support sustainable water infrastructure; 4) enhance the electric grid infrastructure, and expand community-based solar and storage projects; 5) support efforts to properly abandon orphaned oil wells and conduct site remediation when no responsible party can be identified; 6) strengthen regional food supply chains and improve urban access to fresh local foods; and 7) promote climate resiliency and provide sufficient funding to encourage and incentivize production methods and technologies that advance clean manufacturing, create greenhouse gas reducing jobs, and eliminate motor vehicle emissions.

## HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND MENTAL HEALTH

The health and well-being of the County’s diverse communities are critically important for preventing physical and behavioral health conditions, and for reducing health inequities across the region. Medi-Cal is essential for providing healthcare for the County’s most vulnerable residents, especially through California’s Medicaid 1115 and 1915(b) waivers that aim to transform and improve quality of

care, access, and efficiency of healthcare services.

The County supports state proposals that will: 1) effectively respond to current and future public health emergencies, emerging threats, and other disasters; 2) build-up community health, disease prevention and control programs; 3) broaden wellness efforts to address the root causes of physical and behavioral health conditions, including but not limited to monkeypox, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), substance use and overdose epidemics; 4) improve other behavioral health programs; and 5) help recruit and retain workforce for the County's health care systems.

The growing need for treatment for individuals with serious mental illness and substance use disorders continues to outpace resources for critical services at all levels of care, including acute inpatient, outpatient, and residential facilities. The County will support State funding opportunities to broaden behavioral health infrastructure, including expanding community-based facilities like Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs, also known as Board and Cares), which are a vital part of the County's mental health safety net and homeless prevention networks for treating the most vulnerable citizens.

The County will support state proposals that will: 1) advance the State's pursuit of an 1115 waiver to permit Medicaid Institutions of Mental Disease treatment and increased bed capacity for serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance; 2) provide individuals with mental illness with access to critical services in the most appropriate, least restrictive setting; 3) increase flexibility for Mental Health Services Act funding to more comprehensively address the needs of local communities; 4) expand funding for public behavioral health services and placements/housing; and 5) provide dedicated ongoing funding for Public Guardians/Public Conservators services.

## INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

The County will continue to advocate to advance infrastructure investments and projects that support cities, counties, and the State in improving and maintaining vital public infrastructure in the greater Los Angeles region. The County is committed to making its communities more climate resilient, modernizing its infrastructure systems, helping local businesses to partner with community-based organizations to advance environmental justice and spur economic opportunity for disadvantaged communities, and advancing racial and gender equity in the workforce.

The County will support infrastructure projects that are sustainable, equitable, and resilient to include: 1) transportation mobility and safety; 2) water and stormwater infrastructure; 3) disaster prevention/mitigation efforts; and 4) additional public infrastructure such as waste management, energy, and electric-vehicle infrastructure.

## JUSTICE REFORM

The County continues to make investments to advance the "Care First, Jails Last" vision with community investments and the establishment of new initiatives to create a more just and equitable justice system. The County is taking the next steps to develop a new model for pretrial services and transforming the youth and criminal legal systems. Such major reforms to the youth and criminal legal systems necessitates a robust multi-disciplinary effort, including a continued and expanded partnership with the State.

The County supports state legislative and funding proposals that advance statewide and local efforts to transform the adult and youth criminal legal systems, including proposals that would support the County's goals to: 1) divert adults and youths from incarceration and into rehabilitative, health-focused, and care-first systems; 2) mitigate disparities in the juvenile and criminal legal systems

based on racial, economic, or immigration status; 3) strengthen law enforcement transparency, accountability, and policing reforms; 4) implement pretrial reforms and associated best practices to reduce detention while maintaining public safety; 5) reduce the reliance on jails and mass incarceration; 6) promote and streamline access to criminal records clearing services; and 7) support increased funding and eligibility for resources and support, including but not limited to, the areas of housing, mental health, substance use disorders, youth development, and employment and training for youth and adults impacted by the criminal legal system.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed policies in the State Legislative Agenda are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness and Fiscal Sustainability. Operational Effectiveness is achieved by providing timely advocacy on proposals that could significantly impact the County and support the delivery of efficient public services. Fiscal Sustainability will result from efforts by the Chief Executive Office and County departments to sustain essential services through proactive and prudent fiscal policies.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The proposed policies would allow this office to provide timely and appropriate advocacy on state funding and policy proposals that could significantly impact the County's fiscal health.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

None.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

None.

### **CONCLUSION**

The recommended additions, deletions, and changes to existing adopted policies are submitted for the Board's consideration as guiding principles for inclusion in the State Legislative Agenda for the 2023-24 Legislative Session. This office will ensure that all legislative positions pursued are communicated to the Board, and that Board offices are provided the opportunity for input on those positions prior to any initial advocacy.

The policies and proposals contained in this package are in addition to and are not intended to replace or be exclusive of, any position the Board may adopt at any time during the year. As in the past, the State Legislative Agenda will be updated to reflect any Board actions taken in 2022 and will be shared with the Board and all County departments prior to the beginning of the 2023 Legislative Session.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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## **2023-2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**DRAFT PROPOSED CHANGES**

**As of 11-14-22**

**STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA  
ADDRESSING ISSUES OF MAJOR COUNTY INTEREST**

**2023-24 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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## **GENERAL STATE LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES**

15. [Support proposals that combat misinformation and disinformation related to Elections and Voting, Immigration, Consumer Protection, and/or Public Health.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Solis and Kuehl) approved by the Board on March 1, 2022. Technical change.

### **1. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

#### **1.1 Child Welfare Services**

27. [Support proposals to require the re-convening of the California Child Death Review Council to provide State coordination and integration of State and local efforts to track, investigate, and prevent child deaths.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on April 19, 2022. Technical change.

28. [Support proposals to ensure family law court judges and personnel are educated and equipped to recognize and respond to child abuse and prioritize child safety in family court proceedings.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Barger) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

29. [Support proposals that change the definition of and threshold for what constitutes “child neglect” to reduce the number of referrals falling under the jurisdiction of child welfare, and for changing requirements for relative caregivers to increase the number of relatives qualifying as appropriate placements.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

30. [Support proposals that define government-to-government relationships with tribes and consultation processes to improve outcomes for Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) cases.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) children and youth have a unique legal status as citizens of tribal governments with federal laws, like ICWA, that provide important safeguards to help maintain tribal and family relationships. Despite these important protections, AIAN children are still overrepresented within State foster care systems nationally and in some states their rates in foster care are as much as 10 times their population rate. Rather than undermining and allowing states to ignore the requirements in ICWA, there has never been a greater time to ensure effective implementation and adherence to the law. **Recommended by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission.**

31. [Support proposals that clarify the principles and roles for implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\), as well as those that promote government-to-government relationships with tribes and consultation processes to improve outcomes for ICWA cases.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) children and youth have a unique legal status as citizens of tribal governments with federal laws, like ICWA, that provide important safeguards to help maintain tribal and family relationships. California has adopted the ICWA wholesale into the State statutes and expanded upon it. To ensure effective implementation and adherence to the ICWA and related California law, further clarification of

court and agency requirements are needed. **Recommended by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission. Concurrence received from the Department of Children and Family Services.**

32. [Support proposals that expand resources and flexibility for counties to provide comprehensive, intensive and trauma-informed services for vulnerable children and youth with unique and complex needs \(i.e., substance use disorder, mental health, homelessness\), as well as robust continuum of placement resources and options.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. DCFS reports that children and youth who have unique and complex needs, many of whom are severely impacted by trauma, require specialized, intensive and/or comprehensive services; and professional caregivers and providers who can meet these needs and deliver the necessary services. Support, resources and funding are critical to building capacity and robust continuum of care, including in the areas of mental health and substance use, intensive case management and other integrated support and services. **Recommended by the Department of Children and Family Services.**

33. [Support proposals that would combat racial disparities in the child welfare system, while also preserving and advancing child safety, well-being, and permanency.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. According to DCFS, research indicates that families from racial and ethnic minority populations are disparately represented in the child welfare system. There is a need to address bias in decision-making and reduce the overrepresentation of children of color in foster care. In recognition of this need, DCFS continues to address necessary efforts towards reducing and addressing the racial disparities in the child welfare system and building more equitable child welfare system. The addition of this policy would allow the County to advocate for needed reforms to address racial inequities and continue to advance prioritizes on child safety, well-being and permanency. **Recommended by the Department of Children and Family Services.**

### **1.2 Child Welfare Services – Foster Care**

12. Support proposals that provide and fund substance use [prevention](#), treatment, [and recovery](#) services for children and parents in the Child Welfare Services system.

**Justification:** Revised policy and technical change. This change would provide flexibility for support of proposals and funding for the array of substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery services and recognizes the intersectionality of child welfare and substance use disorders. This would also provide a Technical Change to ensure the gamut of substance use disorder (SUD) services is included in the comprehensive support to members of the Child Welfare Services system. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Substance Abuse and Prevent Control. Concurrence received from the Department of Children and Family Services.**

26. Support proposals to protect the reproductive rights of foster youth through access to sexual health education and information, and that provide child welfare workers with training to provide [or refer to](#) these services, [including pregnancy options and abortion education and services with training to provide or refer to these services.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. Foster youth need access to the full spectrum of reproductive health education and services, including pregnancy termination services. It is also important

in the current environment to specifically mention abortion access. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Office of Women’s Health. Concurrence received from the Department of Children and Family Services.**

29. [Support proposals that increase federal and state supports available for current and former foster and probation youth up to age 26.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

### **1.3 Child Development and Early Care and Education**

11. [Support proposals that invest in family resource centers.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Build localized hubs of care for community-based organizations and service providers serving low-income residents and provide high quality, culturally competent, and equitable health services, expanded childcare, access to public support programs, and community spaces for power building and civic engagement. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Public Health.**

12. [Support proposals that align eligibility for subsidized child-care to County-level living-wage calculations instead of state-level income calculations.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

13. [Support proposals that provide state funding to increase affordable child-care options and increase the state’s early care and education reimbursements rate to a level that cover the true cost of care for young children.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

## **2. ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND RECREATION**

### **2.1 Air Quality**

8. Support proposals that provide authority to local and regional agencies to reduce ~~locomotive, railyard, port, and~~ mobile source emissions [and emissions from their associated operating facilities, including locomotive, railyard, port, and trucking.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. The recommended revision to the existing policy is intended as a technical update to encompass mobile source emissions and associated operating facilities. The existing statement does not include trucking operational facilities which are major sources of emissions, and this seems like an unintended oversight. Mobile source emissions typically are categorized as 1) on-road vehicles and 2) off-road vehicles/equipment. The existing policy statement includes freight, but the facility types listed do not capture the comprehensive intent to include trucking facilities. **Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Works.**

23. [Oppose proposals that would impose additional State barriers and requirements on local governments that are acting to reduce the emission of harmful air pollution caused by the use of fossil fuels in new buildings or existing buildings when altered or retrofitted.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Kuehl and Mitchell) approved by the Board on June 14, 2022. Technical change.

### **2.3 Environmental Protection and Open Space**

3. Support proposals to streamline the permitting process and provide funding for the control, removal and/or eradication of invasive species that negatively affect natural landscape, open space areas, water quality, and water supply, [as well as provide funding for the restoration of natural resources impacted by invasive species.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 5 (Thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity) and Strategy 5A of the County’s “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan to increase ecosystem function, habitat quality, and connectivity, and prevent the loss of native biodiversity in the region. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Works.**

4. Support legislation to promote environmentally friendly programs that address reasonable protection of resources such as ~~pesticide use~~, care of trees, ecological systems and open space, and use of gray and reclaimed water.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The recommended revision to the existing policy is intended to clarify that pesticides are not necessarily environmentally friendly. The term “pesticide use” appears as a one-off from the list of other environmentally friendly practices. Pesticides remain controversial. At the community level (such as in the Santa Monica Mountains) pesticides and rodenticides end up killing larger animals like cougars because they eat mice/rats that have eaten rodenticides or plants treated with pesticides. While pesticides are regulated at the State level, the County has taken an approach to not use them on County property unless absolutely necessary and on a case-by-case basis. **Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning.**

14. Support proposals that provide State funding for planning and/or implementation of environmental protection and health, [environmental justice](#), sustainable communities, climate resiliency, and [criteria pollutant and](#) greenhouse gas reduction programs at the local level.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place) and Strategy 1A of the County’s “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan to minimize the exposure of vulnerable populations to pollution and reduce health disparities. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Works.**

19. [Support legislation to assure a full "cleanup to background" of the contaminated areas at and surrounding the Santa Susana Field Lab, as outlined in the 2007 Consent Order between Boeing and key Federal and State agencies and the 2010 Administrative Orders on Consent agreement between key Federal and State agencies.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Kuehl and Barger) approved by the Board on May 3, 2022. Technical change.

20. [Support proposals and funding that improve access to parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces for Native American people to observe traditional practices.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Currently, there are various laws and policies that limit the ways that local California Indian tribes and other Native American people can access public spaces and lands to observe traditional practices. Item 78 of Strategy 6A of the County-Wide Sustainability Plan, adopted by the Board, directs specific County departments and agencies to collaborate with local tribes to identify and address barriers to observance of traditional practices such as harvesting and gathering, particularly on County-owned land. While this is a fantastic first step many of the access issues that will likely be identified will require changes to existing law or policy and additional funding to ensure equitable access to public spaces and lands for Native American people. **Recommended by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission. Concurrences received from the Department of Beaches and Harbors, Department of Parks and Recreation, and Department of Public Works.**

21. [Support proposals that prohibit freeway expansion projects in communities overburdened by environmental pollutants.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative (ARDI) recommends that the County establish policy to support efforts to prohibit freeway expansion near census tracts that are overburdened by environmental pollutants as identified in CalEnviroScreen. CSO further notes that the addition of this policy is consistent with the Board-adopted OurCounty Sustainability Plan, specifically Goals 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place) and 8 (A convenient, safe, clean and affordable transportation system that enhances mobility while reducing car dependency). It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrences received from the Department of Public Works and the Chief Sustainability Office.**

## **2.4 Parks**

1. Support proposals for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of parks, recreation facilities, open space, and trails, and that prioritize the establishment of new parks in the underserved areas of the County as identified in the Parks Needs Assessment [and the forthcoming Rural and Regional Edition.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 6 (Accessible park, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces that create opportunities for respite, recreation, ecological discovery, and cultural activities) and Strategy 6A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to improve access to park, beaches, recreational waters, public

lands, and public spaces. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Parks and Recreation.**

15. Support proposals that prioritize joint-use agreements with schools [in park-poor communities or communities identified as high-need in the LA County Parks Needs Assessment](#) to increase physical activity for youth and [adults and](#) alleviate the liability of school districts and local government partners in relation to joint-use of school facilities for educational and cultural activities, and public recreation.

**Justification:** Revised policy. According to Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion, prioritizing joint-use agreements in communities identified as high-need will ensure policy implementation centers an equity approach to addressing park access in the County. Additionally, joint-use agreements are useful strategies to improving open space access and recreational opportunities for urban and suburban communities where available land for park development is scarce and costly. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Parks and Recreation.**

17. [Support proposals that would establish an Equitable Access Grant Program consistent with the LA County's Park Needs Assessment.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends that the County add policy to support efforts to establish and fund programs to support access to natural or cultural resources for at-risk youth, outdoor environmental educational experiences for underserved and at-risk populations, and equitable access to parks and outdoor spaces for all Californians. This policy would allow L.A. County to support similar future parks proposals that aim to improve access for youth of color. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Parks and Recreation.**

18. [Support proposals that incentivize or reward the development of parks, recreation facilities, open space and trails in the underserved areas that integrate a community-centered participatory design process.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends that the County support legislation that rewards proposals for the acquisition and development of parks, recreation facilities, open space, and trails in underserved areas of the County, and that integrate a community-centered, participatory design process as identified in the Parks Needs Assessment. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance

efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Parks and Recreation.**

19. [Support proposals that support culturally and linguistically accessible park programming.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends the County advocate in support of any legislation that promotes healthy activities, exercise programs, and employment opportunities for youth and adults should be culturally responsive and linguistically accessible. Ensuring park programming is culturally and linguistically competent will foster park accessibility to immigrant communities and communities of color who have historically been sidelined from targeted parks and open space funding. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Parks and Recreation.**

20. [Support proposals that fund cooling strategies in parks.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Solis) approved by the Board on October 4, 2022. Technical change.

### **2.5 Watershed Management and Flood Control**

16. [Support proposals that provide incentives, such as property tax exemptions, to property owners to undertake measures that improve flood resiliency for their buildings and properties.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. State law (Revenue and Taxation Code) currently exempts certain specified structural improvements, such as seismic retrofits and solar panels, from increased property tax assessments. Floodproofing is not among the specified exemptions. Including floodproofing among the exemptions will make flood resiliency more affordable, especially for low- to moderate-income homeowners and owners of buildings with low- to moderate-income renters. **Recommended by the Department of Public Works.**

### **2.6 Water Supply**

4. Support proposals to ~~encourage~~ [increase](#) water conservation and ~~increase the~~ efficiency of water use.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience) and Strategy 2A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to integrate climate adaptation and resilience into planning, building, infrastructure, and community development decisions. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Works.**

13. Oppose legislation that would create new drinking and potable water quality requirements that would not result in clear, quantitative benefits to ~~ratepayers~~ [consumers](#).



**Justification:** Revised policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience) and Strategy 2A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to integrate climate adaptation and resilience into planning, building, infrastructure, and community development decisions. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Works.**

26. [Support proposals to incentivize property owners to replace leaky, corroded, and/or unsafe pipes and fixtures.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place) and Strategy 1E (Ensure access to safe, clean, affordable water). It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

## **2.7 Recycling and Waste Reduction**

22. [Support proposals and funding that facilitate recovery and recycling of lithium-ion vehicle batteries.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 9 (Sustainable production and consumption of resources) and Strategy 9E (Divert reusable and recyclable materials from landfills) of the County's Board-adopted "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

## **3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

### **3.1 Retirement, Compensation and Benefits, and Workers' Compensation**

18. [Support proposals, such as the Excluded Workers Pilot Program, that provide the functional equivalent of unemployment insurance benefits to workers who are not eligible for regular state or federal unemployment insurance benefits due to their immigration status.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Solis and Hahn) approved by the Board on June 14, 2022. Technical change.

19. [Support proposals that increase unemployment insurance rates and recalibrate eligibility requirements and limits.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Solis and Hahn) approved by the Board on June 14, 2022. Technical change.

### **3.2 Land Use Planning**

18. Support legislation that promotes the development of housing sites near public transit hubs, discourages sprawl, or promotes urban design that encourages safe walking and cycling routes to commercial districts, parks, and schools; [and integrate anti-displacement policies into housing development plans to ensure community residents are not displaced as a consequence of neighborhood investments.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative reports that including anti-displacement language and policies in the development of housing sites will ensure area rents and housing prices remain stable. These policies can prevent displacement of low to middle income renters in the neighborhood and support diverse, productive, mixed-income neighborhoods. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Regional Planning.**

19. [Support proposals to promote the use of public and private land for urban and peri-urban agriculture.](#)

**Justification:** Technical change. This existing policy is being relocated to Section 3.2 from Section 6.0 as it relates to land use planning. **Recommended by the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

20. [Support proposals that enable local tribes to identify and address barriers to observance of traditional practices such as harvesting and gathering, particularly on publicly-owned land, to the extent that the activities and participants are safe and do not prevent agencies from carrying out their functions and habitat preservation.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan's Goal 6 (Accessible parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces that create opportunities for respite, recreation, ecological discovery, and cultural activities), Action 78, "collaborate with local tribes to identify and address barriers to observance of traditional practices such as harvesting and gathering, particularly on County owned land. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Works.**

21. [Support proposals that would better enable local governments to increase density near transit, while addressing racial inequity and better serve communities of color.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 3 (Equitable and sustainable land use and development without displacement) and Strategy 3A of the County's

“OurCounty” Sustainability Plan to increase housing density and limit urban sprawl. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Works.**

22. [Support proposals that provide funding for the planning and implementation of building decarbonization strategies for new and existing buildings.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 7 (A fossil fuel-free LA County) and Strategy 7A of the County’s “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan to transition to a zero-carbon energy system. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

23. [Support proposals that would reconcile and/or harmonize potential conflicts between State housing policies and State-mandated airport land use compatibility planning responsibilities and implementation guidelines.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Under existing law, the Regional Planning Commission is mandated to function as the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for Los Angeles (LA) County. The ALUC is responsible for preparing and adopting Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans (ALUCPs) for the influence area (incorporated and/or unincorporated) surrounding each public use airport within the LA County, reviewing airport master plans to determine consistency with the respective ALUCP, completing land use compatibility/ALUCP consistency reviews (city and county) for proposed plans and development proposals within each airport’s influence area, and also serves as an appeal body for airport land use compatibility planning and related matters. In the past decade, the State has mandated a significant number of new housing laws to increase housing production in all cities and counties within California, however the California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook (adopted in 2011) guiding airport land use compatibility planning has not been updated to harmonize with State housing laws. The requirements for each mandate are often developed mutually exclusive of each other and this creates potential conflicts. The recommended policy change is needed to support housing production that is compatible with airports, to protect public safety and to keep airports viable. **Recommended by Department of Regional Planning. Concurrences received from the Department of Public Works and the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

### **3.3 Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures**

10. [Support proposals that incentivize the practice of regenerative agriculture and the monitoring and/or reduction of agricultural activities that have an adverse impact on the environment.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 (A sustainable and just food system that enhances access to affordable, local, and healthy food) and Strategy 10B of the County’s “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan that supports the fair and sustainable production of food. It is also consistent with the August 6, 2019 Board approved [motion](#), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas

where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office and the Chief Executive Office - Food Equity Roundtable. Concurrences received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

### **3.4 Consumer Protection and Fair Business Practices**

35. Support proposals which would create safer alternative loans [including small dollar and short-term lending](#) products.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCBA) notes that the proposed revision to this existing policy is intended to update references for specific classes of affordable consumer lending products. Recognized by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, a federal entity charged with maintaining the stability of the U.S. monetary and financial system. Responsible small-dollar loan programs exemplify the following characteristics: 1) Promote lending products where a high percentage of customers are able to successfully repay their small dollar loans in accordance with original loan terms, which is a key indicator of affordability, eligibility, and appropriate underwriting; and 2) Conventionally encompass repayment terms, pricing, and safeguards that minimize adverse customer financial outcomes, including detrimental cycles of debt due to rollovers or reborrowing; and Repayment outcomes and program structures that enhance a borrower's financial capabilities. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

36. [Support proposals that increase consumer access to affordable health food items such as through the distribution of free EBT machines to food retail businesses.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 (A sustainable and just food system that enhances access to affordable, local, and healthy food) and Strategy 10A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan that ensures residents have access to healthy foods that optimize their health and well-being without compromising the land where the food is grown. It is also consistent with the August 6, 2019 Board approved [motion](#), which among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. This recommendation is consistent with the Goal 4 of the Food Equity Roundtable to promote sustainability and resilience in the food system. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office and the Chief Executive Office - Food Equity Roundtable. Concurrences received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and Department of Public Social Services.**

37. [Support proposals that would diversify, expand, and/or otherwise strengthen food supply chains, especially through support from local and/or minority-owned food production, processing, distribution, and retail businesses.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 (A sustainable and just food system that enhances access to affordable, local, and healthy food) and Strategy 10B of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan that supports the fair and sustainable production of food. It is also consistent with the August 6, 2019 Board approved [motion](#), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. This

recommendation is consistent with the Goal 4 of the Food Equity Roundtable to promote sustainability and resilience in the food system. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office and the Chief Executive Office - Food Equity Roundtable. Concurrences received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and Department of Economic Opportunity.**

38. [Support proposals that increase the capacity of free food distribution programs to recover, store, and/or distribute health foods.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 of the Board-adopted “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan to create a sustainable and just food system. It is also consistent with the August 6, 2019 Board approved [motion](#), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office and the Chief Executive Office - Food Equity Roundtable. Concurrences received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

### **3.5 Child Support Administration**

4. Support legislation to improve collection of child support orders including, [but not limited to:](#)
- a. Proposals that seek to base a child support order contained in a default judgment on the payor-parent’s actual income, rather than presume, in the absence of proof of the payor-parent’s income, that the payor-parent works 40 hours per week earning minimum wage;
  - b. Proposals that seek to enable local child support agencies to: (1) collect child support from non-traditional sources of income such as gaming proceeds paid to parents who owe past-due child support, (2) [and proposals that incentivize timely support payments via enhanced enforcement tools;](#)
  - c. Proposals to further adjust the mandatory statewide child support guideline for low-income parents;
  - d. Proposals to increase collections by developing data matches between counties and local child support agencies, including data matches for individuals that contract with or receive a license or permit from a county, to the extent the information is public, which would yield specific information enabling the local child support agency to locate the assets of more parents who owe child support and collect more child support for children and families;
  - e. Proposals to eliminate the accrual of interest on past-due child support payments in order to make child support arrearages more manageable;
  - f. [Proposals that increase efficiency, such as](#) electronic filing of court documents, use of electronic signatures, [increase online access to other court and counties’ records and orders,](#) and the elimination of [notarizing and](#) maintaining hard copies of legal documents; and
  - [g. Proposals that support more uniformity and consistency in case enforcement.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. According to the Child Support Service Department (CSSD), the proposed changes and addition to the existing policy are needed to allow the County to support proposals that would allow CSSD to collect more child support and on time from children and families. It would also provide flexibility for the County to respond to forthcoming legislation that is anticipated following the adoption of the full pass-through plans for assisted families slated for 2023. **Recommendation by the Child Support Services Department.**

6. [Support proposals that allow people to receive the supports and benefits they are entitled to without being penalized because they marry or are receiving child support and/or other public benefits.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Solis and Hahn) approved by the Board on June 14, 2022. Technical change.

7. [Support proposals that promote Local Child Support Agencies' employees' safety in performing their duties.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. According to CSSD, this policy would allow the County to support a forthcoming Local Child Support Agency Association's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) confidentiality proposal. **Recommended by the Child Support Services Department.**

8. [Support proposals that promote programs aimed at alleviating child poverty.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. According to CSSD, this policy would allow the County to support a forthcoming Local Child Support Agency Association's legislative proposal. **Recommended by the Child Support Services Department.**

### **3.8 Historic Preservation**

3. [Support proposals and funding to assist California Native American tribes to purchase and preserve their ancestral land.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. California Native Americans are descendants of those who lived in what is now known as California for millennia before settlers arrived. In July 2021 the County formally apologized to California Native Americans for harms that the government has perpetuated against them. These harms include dispossession of their land. Efforts to support land return and reclamation would help to address longstanding and deep harm committed against tribes, as well as support the interdependent relations Native peoples have with land and water. **Recommended by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Works.**

4. [Support proposals to fund programs that help low and moderate-income homeowners and commercial business owners comply with local preservation and restoration policies in Los Angeles County.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 1 (A resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place) and Strategy 1D to Ensure household utility affordability. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including

identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

### **3.9 Human Relations**

7. Support proposals that require businesses in California to address harassment of their customers based on specified characteristics including race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and national origin, by, among other things, posting a sign with specified content, training employees; and having a policy to collect data related to incidents of such harassment on business premises.

**Justification:** Motion (Solis and Barger) approved by the Board on May 3, 2022. Technical change.

8. Support proposals and funding that raise awareness and understanding of street harassment (defined as words, gestures, or actions directed at a specific person in a public place without the consent of that person, based on the person's actual or perceived race, color, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, religion, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, age, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation, that the person experiences as intimidating, alarming, terrorizing, or threatening to their safety) as a public health problem with the purpose of preventing its occurrence.

**Justification:** Motion (Solis and Barger) approved by the Board on May 3, 2022. Technical change.

9. Support proposals and funding that require transit operators to develop and implement a plan to reduce the street harassment experienced by its riders, and to consider the safety concerns and needs of riders impacted by street harassment when planning, designing, and operating their systems.

**Justification:** Motion (Solis and Barger) approved by the Board on April 19, 2022. Technical change.

10. Support proposals that advance funding, support, and advocacy for victims and survivor of hate incidents.

**Justification:** Motion (Solis and Kuehl) approved by the Board on August 2, 2022. Technical change.

### **3.10 Library Services**

9. Support proposals to fund public safety enhancements and/or social service interventions at libraries including, but not limited to, public safety staffing, social workers/clinicians, and technology (i.e., video cameras, ~~weapon screening~~, etc.).

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed changes to the existing policy are intended to update the policy to reflect the current services and needs of the Library. **Recommended by LA County Library.**

10. Support proposals to provide or increase funding for public libraries to provide outreach, programs, and services to customers ~~patrons~~.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed change to the existing policy is intended to more accurately reflect the connection between the services and programs the Library offers with the residents of Los Angeles County. **Recommended by LA County Library.**

11. Support proposals that would provide funding for public library facility capital, deferred maintenance and/or other infrastructure projects.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed change to the existing policy is intended to more accurately reflect the scope of capital projects in need of funding. **Recommended by LA County Library.**

12. Support proposals that further justice, equity, diversity and inclusion policies at public libraries.

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with the Library's strategic initiative to develop the Library as a center of community engagement, and with the County's Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative. **Recommended by LA County Library.**

13. Support proposals that provide funding for services and programming at libraries in support of the unhoused population, as well as in support of mental health and well-being.

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is intended to help provide support for some of the programs and services that the Library is now providing. **Recommended by LA County Library.**

### **3.11 Museums, Arts, and Culture**

5. Support proposals that provide State funding to support the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County's expansion project renovation and expansion of the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum site.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The existing policy is being revised because the Natural History Museum's expansion project has been completed. The revision will allow the County to continue to support efforts to secure funding for the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum renovation and expansion project. The La Brea Tar Pits and its internationally-renowned collections are an unparalleled resource for understanding environmental change in Los Angeles, and the planet, during the last 50,000 years of Earth's history. In addition to being a federally-designated natural landmark, the La Brea Tar Pits was recently named a First 100 Geological Heritage Site by the International Union of Geological Sciences for its role as both the richest Pleistocene ("Ice Age") fossil site on earth and a key site for learning about this time period for both scientists and the general public. Over many decades, the site has been the subject of more than 400 scientific publications, with new research emerging every day. Efforts to reimagine La Brea Tar Pits as both a state-of-the-art destination for critical research on climate change and as a hub for telling uniquely compelling stories about its effects to local, national, and global audiences will allow a next-generation Tar Pits to become a powerful catalyst for meaningful action. **Recommended by the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County.**

7. Support proposals that promote the protection and preservation of cultural heritage and cultural artifacts.



**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Barger) approved by the Board on May 3, 2022. Technical change.

8. [Support proposals that provide funding or resources to the 18 actionable strategies from the Countywide Cultural Policy Strategic Plan to ensure that every resident of the County has meaningful access to arts and culture.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. On June 23, 2020, the Board unanimously approved a motion by Supervisors Hilda L. Solis and Sheila Kuehl to adopt the Countywide Cultural Policy and directed the Department to report back on next steps. In order to understand the potential impact of the Cultural Policy, the Department sought a baseline of knowledge of where County arts and culture resources are currently allocated. Additionally, a strategic plan was needed to implement the vision of the Cultural Policy. On April 20, 2021, the Board directed Arts and Culture to lead development of a Cultural Policy Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan) and on June 28, 2021, the Board approved funds to perform an Arts and Culture Needs Assessment. The strategies proposed in this Strategic Plan, adopted by the Board on August 9, 2022, combined with partnerships the Department is developing with sister County departments, will accelerate this work and begin to realize the vision of the Board of Supervisors to ensure that all County residents have equitable access to the arts. **Recommended by the Department of Arts and Culture.**

9. [Support proposals that provide funding to support public arts agencies and nonprofit arts and humanities organizations that directly combat systemic racism through the arts and humanities.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on May 17, 2022. Technical change.

### **3.12 Education**

8. Support proposals to assist school districts in providing school-based health programs to ensure the behavioral, mental health, physical [health, and sexual and reproductive health](#) needs of students are addressed, and all students are ready to learn.

**Justification:** Revised policy. School-based health programs that have the capacity and local clearance to provide sexual and reproductive health services can more comprehensively address student health and well-being, preventing negative health and educational outcomes for students of all genders. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Office of Women’s Health.**

13. [Support proposals the provide greater equity in how funding gets distributed to school districts, particularly for those with the highest level of disparities.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

14. [Support efforts to incorporate culturally relevant pedagogy into state educational curricula to highlight the history, culture, and contribution of minority groups to American civilization, while also addressing the political, economic, and social impacts of settler colonialism and slavery.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative indicates that schools can help students develop healthy adolescent identities by incorporating and affirming race history in the curriculum. Additionally, adopt a school curriculum that includes a more expansive discussion of the experiences of Black Americans in a way that is accurate and honest. Moreover, this curriculum should highlight the humanity of Black Americans before, during, and after slavery and emphasize how this sense of humanity

empowered generations of Black Americans to fight for social justice and liberation. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative.**

15. [Support proposals that would repeal unnecessarily punitive truancy laws that contribute to the marginalization of Black youth in schools and contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative recommends the County add policy to advocate to stop the punishment and prosecution of parents who fail to prevent truancy as well as support policies designed to support families and children who are chronically absent and use reparative strategies and wraparound services to address the barriers families face. Zero tolerance policies have known adverse effects on children such as leading to loss of classroom time and impacting school climate. Reduction in instruction time leads to increased dropout rates which is then corresponds to higher incarceration rates for Black youth. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative.**

### **3.13 Public Records**

8. [Support proposals that provide State funding for the development, implementation, and ongoing support for a centralized process to allow information sharing electronically among various government agencies, such as data records and personal information, to expedite the issuance of benefits and provide more efficient services to constituents.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The recommendation is to allow and provide funding for information sharing technology among various government agencies. DPSS is currently working with the DMV on the Electronic File Transfer (EFT) project, where information is shared between Los Angeles County and the DMV. Facilitating such a program will allow Los Angeles County to receive information directly from the DMV. It would reduce the time and inconvenience to a constituent of going to the DMV to request a copy of their identification. It will also help prevent the denial of applications due to missing identification. **Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services.**

### **3.15 Elections and Voting**

16. [Support proposals and funding that seek to make voting more accessible to Native Americans.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Native Americans were denied American citizenship and voting rights until the 20th Century and that history has had a lasting effect on electoral and civic participation. Native American people were not granted American citizenship until 1924, and even then, not all tribes were given full access to the right to cast a ballot. These factors have contributed to why voter turnout among Native Americans is five to 14 percent lower than that of other ethnic or racial groups. **Recommended by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission.**

### **3.19 Small Business Development**

1. Support proposals that would increase economic opportunities for small businesses, microbusinesses, entrepreneurs, social enterprises and nonprofits, including access to capital, contracting and microlending opportunities.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The recommended revisions update existing policy to allow the County to advocate for measures that support economic opportunities for additional categories of businesses, enterprises and entities. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

3. Support proposals to increase incentives for businesses to hire unemployed or underemployed workers and deliver other community benefits.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The recommended revisions update existing policy to allow for support of measures that incentivize the private sector to deliver community benefits that extend beyond hiring. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

5. Support proposals to provide ~~funding for local agencies for a disaster assistance~~ economic relief to industries, small business, and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and other natural or man-made disasters to advance economic recovery and foster sustained economic growth. ~~fund to mitigate the economic impact that disasters have on the business community.~~

**Justification:** Revised policy. The recommended revisions broaden existing policy to allow the County to support a wider range of economic relief measures in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and other natural and man-made disasters. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

## **4. HEALTH**

### **4.2 Emergency and Trauma Care**

1. Reaffirm the County's commitment to the trauma care system in Los Angeles County and continue to work with the statewide coalition to seek a continuation of State funding for trauma centers, including funding for prevention and intervention programs to reduce trauma hospital visits.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This expansion aligns with recent State-level changes enabling Medi-Cal reimbursement for community health worker services, including violence prevention services. **Recommended by Department of Public Health – Office of Violence Prevention. Concurrence received from the Department of Health Services.**

### **4.3 Medi-Cal and Children's Health Care Coverage**

6. Support proposals to continue State funding for prenatal services to undocumented ~~women~~ birthing people.

**Justification:** Revised policy. Including this language allows for more inclusivity, including transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming people who may otherwise face barriers to these systems. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Office of Women's Health.**

20. [Support legislative and budget proposals for continued State funding to support the Community Health Outreach Initiative \(CHOI\) program activities.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on May 17, 2022. Technical change.

21. [Support proposals to expand full-scope Medi-Cal and healthcare subsidies to all residents, regardless of age or immigrant status.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Solis and Mitchell) approved by the Board on April 19, 2022. Technical change.

22. [Support proposals to expand the safety net for abortion care, including for Medi-Cal eligible and undocumented people.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Abortion is a public health issue, and it should be included in options for reproductive services for vulnerable populations. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Office of Women’s Health. Concurrence received from the Department of Health Services.**

23. [Support proposals that ensure managed care plans can appropriately reimburse safety net providers for the full value and cost of services, including but not limited to paying for: service levels appropriate for the acuity and needs of the patient population; care coordination and management; community supports; and other investments in the safety net to promote the efficient and effective delivery of care.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has placed increased responsibility and risk on managed care organizations (MCOs) to deliver Medi-Cal services. Funding the MCOs receive to arrange for service delivery is determined through a complex set of rate setting rules and other levers designed to incentivize plans to expend funds in the most efficient manner possible. Despite good intentions, these rules can have unintended consequences when they interact or are applied to local circumstances. Legislation may be necessary to correct for these negative impacts and ensure plans receive rates that allow them to appropriately compensate safety net providers like Department of Health Services. **Recommended by the Department of Health Services.**

24. [Support efforts to require private health care plans to utilize evidence-based practices for the collection and reporting of demographic data, including sexual orientation and gender identity, and data on community needs, such as housing, nutrition, and other supports.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative recommends that the County add policy to advocate on proposals to compel commercial health plans to establish standards for the collection of demographic and health-social needs data from Californians enrolled in commercial health insurance. These data improvement standards will allow for state leaders, consumer advocates, and community stakeholders to identify and then address racial, ethnic, and gender disparities; improve the quality of care; and, enable California to truly begin to resolve issues that impact population health for communities of color and other historically excluded groups. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion**

**Initiative. Concurrences received from the Department of Public Health, the Department of Health Services and the Department of Mental Health.**

25. [Support proposals that codify the use of Medi-Cal funding for health plans, local health and behavioral health departments, and community organizations to employ Community Health Workers, including Violence Prevention Professionals, to conduct outreach, education, system navigation, and peer support services to community members.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This policy aligns with recent State-level changes enabling Medi-Cal reimbursement for community health worker services, including violence prevention services. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Office of Violence Prevention. Concurrences received from the Department of Health Services and the Department of Mental Health.**

#### **4.4 Health Insurance and Coverage**

2. Support proposals to enhance access to prescription drugs, [including medications for medical abortion \(abortion pills\)](#), durable medical equipment and immunizations, especially for low- and moderate-income uninsured persons.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This change will allow for optimized access to medical abortion prescriptions using Medi-Cal dollars and expand access for uninsured persons. **Recommended by Department of Public Health – Office of Women’s Health. Concurrence received from the Department of Health Services.**

16. [Support proposals that increase health insurance subsidies to lower insurance and health care costs.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

17. [Support proposals to include and expand midwife and doula care as Medi-Cal covered reimbursable services.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This policy aligns and protects with recent State-level changes enabling Medi-Cal reimbursement for doula and midwife care. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Office of Women’s Health. Concurrence received from the Department of Health Services.**

#### **4.5 HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

- ~~1. [Support proposals to allow the continuation and review of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program to ensure the provision of an uninterrupted supply of medications and the preservation of savings obtained through drug rebates.](#)~~

1. Support proposals and increased funding for the provision of [comprehensive HIV testing, counseling, bio-medical prevention, education, outreach, research, social marketing](#), care and treatment services, ~~and bio-medical research and interventions (such as pre-exposure prophylaxis and post-exposure prophylaxis)~~ for people living with HIV/AIDS.

2. Support proposals ~~to promote~~ [that improve the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and STDs policy in among persons housed in](#) State [and county](#) correctional and incarceration

facilities consistent with accepted public health standards, and upgrade and expand HIV *and* STD counseling, testing, prevention, education, outreach, care, treatment, and transitional services for persons prisoners living with HIV/AIDS who are in custody.

- ~~3. Support proposals to mitigate losses of Federal funding for HIV/AIDS services with State budgetary appropriations.~~
3. Support proposals and increased funding for the provision of comprehensive HIV/STD counseling, testing, education, outreach, research, and social marketing programs.
4. Support regulatory or legislative changes to residential care facility law and regulation to enhance the provision of services to special populations, such as persons living with HIV ~~clients~~, in residential settings.
5. Support proposals and funding to increase access to ~~Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD)~~ syphilis and congenital syphilis prevention, screening, treatment, and surveillance activities for individuals who are at the highest risk.
6. Support proposals and increased funding to more effectively support institute STD surveillance in order to identify emerging areas of need, better direct scarce resources, ~~craft programming responses~~, and further appeal ensure adequate for levels of Federal funding commensurate with levels of infection.

**Justification:** Revised policies. The recommended changes are intended to reflect the current areas of need and eliminate reference to obsolete or currently non-relevant policy items.  
**Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Division of HIV and STD Programs.**

#### **4.6 Public Health**

1. Support measures that provide funding to strengthen the ability of ~~the~~ public health or health services systems, including, but not limited to, environmental health monitoring and oversight, to detect, prevent, and respond to natural, and deliberately-caused disasters, including as well as man-made disasters, including acts of terrorism and climate disasters such as heatwaves, pandemics, acts of terrorism, mass shootings, community violence.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place) and Strategy 1F (Develop community capacity to respond to emergencies) of the Board-adopted "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan. It is also consistent with the Board approved motion (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. Adding pandemics to the list of specified disasters to enable the County to quickly support and advocate. Additionally, violence prevention policies and funding should be under the purview of public health. Most violence prevention and intervention funding are currently housed within criminal justice systems as opposed to public health systems, in spite of the fact that a community-driven, public health approach is needed and recognized as a best practice. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office and the Department of Public Health – Office of Violence Prevention.**

2. Support proposals that protect the public's health and/or that preserve or increase funding for public health/environmental health activities including: chronic disease prevention (such as

asthma, heart disease, cancer, obesity, and diabetes), acute and chronic communicable disease control, immunizations, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted disease control, veterinary public health and rabies control, public health laboratory, maternal and child health, family planning [and abortion](#), childhood lead poisoning prevention, injury and violence prevention, food safety and nutrition, climate adaptation and emergency preparedness and response.

**Justification:** Revised policy. While some definitions of family planning include abortion services, specific mention of abortion highlights its importance as a public health item and codifies it into the legislative agenda. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Office of Women’s Health.**

9. Support measures which establish, enhance, or fund policies, programs, research, standards, educational curriculum, and public awareness campaigns that encourage health promotion, health protection, disease and infection control, and injury and violence prevention efforts, including suicide prevention, [healthy relationships \(in relation to domestic violence and intimate partner violence\)](#), [community violence prevention](#), behavior health awareness, anti-bullying and human trafficking prevention and intervention.

**Justification:** Revised policy. Violence prevention policies and funding should be under the purview of public health. Most violence prevention and intervention funding are currently housed within criminal justice systems as opposed to public health systems, in spite of the fact that a community-driven, public health approach is needed and recognized as a best practice. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Office of Violence Prevention.**

16. Support measures that promote partnerships between organizations that serve communities and public health agencies to establish and enhance public awareness campaigns to encourage healthy lifestyles, [provide avenues for community members to share input, and improve access to and awareness of available services.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. This policy would enable and amplify community voices in the development, provision, and use of services. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Office of Violence Prevention.**

28. Support and/or sponsor legislation that promotes:

- a. increased affordability of fresh fruits and vegetables, specifically through financial incentives, subsidies and outreach [to CalFresh-eligible/CalFresh recipients and healthcare and](#) retailer participation in health incentive programs;

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed revision to this existing policy is intended to broaden this policy to include other nutrition safety net programs and expand the settings in which nutrition incentives, produce prescriptions, and other programs, are conducted. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Social Services.**

51. [Support legislative and funding proposals to support and expand the Community Health Worker and/or promotoras/es initiatives.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Solis) approved by the Board on February 15, 2022. Technical change.

52. [Support proposals and funding that aim to ensure equitable rapid response, economic recovery, and funding to communities disproportionately impacted by public health emergencies and natural disasters.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The COVID-19 pandemic has put a spotlight on the entrenched health, social, racial, political, and economic inequities within American society as the incidence of severe morbidity and mortality from the disease caused by the virus appears to be much greater in Black, Native American and other racial/ethnic minority populations, within homeless and incarcerated populations, and in lower-income communities in general. The COVID-19 pandemic showed that the U.S. is currently ill equipped to realize health equity in prevention and control efforts for any type of health outcome, including an infectious disease pandemic as well as with a natural disaster. In order to be better prepared for new waves of the current pandemic, for when another novel pandemic emerges or for when an event such as the next major earthquake hit it is critical that a health equity framework for preparedness is in place in order to best respond to communities that historically are disproportionately impacted by these types of events. Native people must also be included in all state and county economic recovery efforts. **Recommended by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission. Concurrences received from the Department of Public Health and the Office of Emergency Management.**

53. [Support proposals that protect workers, older adults, unhoused individuals, and other vulnerable populations from impacts of climate disasters \(e.g., heatwaves\), including through communications, services, building codes and funding for home cooling.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place) and Strategy 1F (Develop community capacity to respond to emergencies) of the Board-adopted “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

54. [Support proposals that increase the capacity of free food distribution programs to recover, store, and/or distribute healthy food.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 of the Board-adopted “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan to create a sustainable and just food system. It is also consistent with the August 6, 2019 Board approved [motion](#), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office and the Chief Executive Office - Food Equity Roundtable. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Health.**

55. [Support efforts to provide grants to community-based organizations and/or faith-based organizations to identify health and racial justice issues in their communities and develop solutions to address them.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative reports that this is a big priority for CBOs working on health equity issues in



communities of color, and we expect there will be future a legislative proposal. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative.**

56. [Support anti-preemption policies that allow local jurisdictions to pass sugar-sweetened beverage taxes and other public health-focused interventions.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Taxes on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages (SSBs) have been demonstrated to reduce their consumption, generate revenue streams, and promote public health. The beverage industry is using a strategy called “preemption,” which occurs when a higher level of government (e.g., a state) limits the authority of a lower level (e.g., a city or county) to enact new policies. The tobacco industry has successfully used the preemption strategy since the 1980s. In 2018, California enacted a law preempting local taxes on SSBs through 2030, prohibiting cities and counties from implementing SSB taxes. State preemption prevents local governments from using effective strategies to decrease the consumption of SSBs. Efforts are underway (e.g., AB 1163) to repeal the current law and restore the right of cities and counties to impose future taxes on sugary drinks should they desire to. This revenue source could help local governments with budget shortfalls and support lowering rates of chronic diseases, including diabetes and heart disease. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention. Concurrence received from the Department of Health Services.**

57. [Support legislation that expands funding to or supports education campaigns for all ages on reproductive health care including abortion, contraceptives, and pregnancy prevention.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. On June 24th the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, that the Constitution of the United States does not confer a right to abortion. The court's decision overruled both *Roe v. Wade (1973)* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992)*, giving individual states the full power to regulate any aspect of abortion not preempted by federal law. As a result, 13 States to date have either banned abortion entirely or reduced abortion access to 6 weeks of gestation. In 1973 Congress enacted the Hyde Amendment, which blocks federal funds from being used to pay for abortion outside of the exceptions for rape, incest, or if the pregnancy is determined to endanger the woman's life, resulting in dramatically limited coverage of abortion under Medicaid and other federal programs. California is one of 16 States that uses its own funding to support abortion service through medical, which provides some of our most vulnerable residents with healthcare coverage. On May 3rd, 2022, the LA County Board of Supervisors passed a motion directing the County of Los Angeles Sacramento Advocates to support Senate Bill 1245 and its companion State budget request of a \$20 million one-time allocation to support an LA County Safe Haven for Abortion Access pilot program. As a result of the Dobbs decision, we anticipate an increase in people seeking abortion services in LA County. These policies would allow the County to support similar measures to SB 1245 that would bring funding to the County to assist people seeking abortion services. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Women & Girls Initiative. Concurrences received from the Department of Public Health and the Department of Health Services.**

#### **4.7 Substance Use**

17. Support proposals that increase access to Food and Drug Administration-approved ~~medication-assisted treatments~~ [medications for addiction treatment](#) by clinical providers (i.e., physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants for SUD treatments.)

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed revision to the existing policy is intended to align language to current practice in the field. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.**

21. [Support proposals that reduce the prosecutorial and legal system interference with overdose and infection prevention initiatives, and reduce interference with addiction treatment for people who use drugs.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This policy will facilitate SUD treatment access, specifically including medications for addiction treatment, in the state prisons, county jails, juvenile halls and camps, for individuals under post-release state and county supervision, and in other relevant prosecutorial and legal system settings (e.g., AB 2733 – Parolee substance use disorder treatment). This policy also advocates support for plans of safe care for people who use drugs that leave families intact (e.g., Office of Child Protection advocacy regarding families first supports in lieu of Department of Children and Family Services’ child abuse and neglect investigations). This policy also advocates for the revision of drug paraphernalia laws to clarify that personal possession and distribution of the full range of safer consumption equipment in the context of public health harm reduction programs should not be subject to prosecutorial and legal system interference. **Recommended by Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control. Concurrences received from the Department of Health Services, the Department of Children and Family Services, the District Attorney’s Office and the Alternate Public Defender’s Office.**

22. [Support proposals that expand access to overdose and infection prevention tools for people who use drugs.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This policy aligns with the County-supported SB 57 in the last legislative session, which would have established overdose prevention program, to continue operating overdose prevention programs and to provide a legal pathway for counties to establish safer consumption facilities, including state funding for counties to operate these services. This policy also aligns with the July 26, 2022, Board motion, to expand harm reduction efforts including but not limited to developing a plan to establish safer consumption sites in the County. In addition, the policy advocates for the elimination of state barriers to access the full range of safer consumption supplies that are evidence-based, including smoking supplies. This policy advocates for state-level decriminalization and regulation of drug possession for personal use further protecting people from prosecution for personal drug use when used in private, an extension of the safer consumption site logic. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control. Concurrences received from the Alternatives to Incarceration Unit, the District Attorney’s Office and the Alternate Public Defender’s Office.**

#### **4.8 Health Education and Training**

10. Support proposals that establish funding for workforce development and infrastructure for *mental public behavioral* health care and SUD treatment providers, *including non-licensed staff such as SUD counselors and peer support specialists.*

**Justification:** Revised policy. Explicitly defining the behavioral health workforce as inclusive of licensed and non-licensed SUD occupations ensures that the entire behavioral health workforce is included in all proposals to enhance funding and support for behavioral health workforce development, particularly in non-licensed-specific roles such as SUD counselors. In response to the urgent need to address the severe behavioral health workforce shortage, initiatives to develop and strengthen pathways into behavioral health careers have disproportionately focused on mental health occupations with licensures and college or master-level degrees. This implicitly overlooks a significant portion of the workforce, including SUD counselors, who are integral to prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery for individuals living with SUDs. Specifically, SUD counselors comprise approximately 80% of LA County's specialty SUD workforce whereas licensed clinicians (e.g., social workers, psychologists) only comprise the remaining 20 percent. As a result, any behavioral health workforce initiative that only focuses on licensed individuals will exclude most of the SUD workforce in LA County and potentially in many states. Initiatives to enhance the behavioral health workforce in either quantity or quality should include both licensed and unlicensed professionals as eligible practitioners to avoid situations where the SUD workforce is largely overlooked among these initiatives. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control. Concurrence received from the Department of Mental Health.**

11. *Support policy proposals that incentivize students to pursue careers in allied health, health and mental health care; and facilitate the development of a diverse pipeline of workers from the local community, including those who have a background with the criminal justice system.*

**Justification:** Motion (Mitchell and Solis) approved by the Board on April 19, 2022. Technical change.

#### **4.9 Women's Health**

5. *Support legislative and funding proposals intended to reduce the cost of feminine products and diapers, to cover the cost of providing these free products to low-income residents, and/or to allow government benefits to cover the cost of feminine hygiene products and diapers.*

**Justification:** Motion (Solis and Kuehl) approved by the Board on April 5, 2022. Technical change.

6. *Support proposals to adopt amendments to the California Constitution to explicitly enshrine the fundamental rights of privacy essential to personal liberty, including the right to access contraceptives, the right to access abortion, and the right to same-sex marriage.*

**Justification:** Motion (Solis and Kuehl) approved by the Board on May 17, 2022. Technical change.

7. *Support proposals that enhance, expand, and protect pregnant people's right to abortion services.*

**Justification:** New policy. Include abortion in the legislative agenda for women’s health to align with state and county policies on reproductive freedom and access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services for all. **Recommended by Department of Public Health – Office of Women’s Health.**

8. [Support legislation that protects or provides additional funding for abortion rights and access to reproductive health care including contraceptives.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. On June 24th the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, that the Constitution of the United States does not confer a right to abortion. The court's decision overruled both *Roe v. Wade (1973)* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992)*, giving individual states the full power to regulate any aspect of abortion not preempted by federal law. As a result, 13 States to date have either banned abortion entirely or reduced abortion access to 6 weeks of gestation. In 1973 Congress enacted the Hyde Amendment, which blocks federal funds from being used to pay for abortion outside of the exceptions for rape, incest, or if the pregnancy is determined to endanger the woman’s life, resulting in dramatically limited coverage of abortion under Medicaid and other federal programs. California is one of 16 States that uses its own funding to support abortion service through medical, which provides some of our most vulnerable residents with healthcare coverage. On May 3rd, 2022, the LA County Board of Supervisors passed a motion directing the County of Los Angeles Sacramento Advocates to support Senate Bill 1245 and its companion State budget request of a \$20 million one-time allocation to support an LA County Safe Haven for Abortion Access pilot program. As a result of the Dobbs decision, we anticipate an increase in people seeking abortion services in LA County. These policies would allow the County to support similar measures to SB 1245 that would bring funding to the County to assist people seeking abortion services. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Women & Girls Initiative. Concurrences received from the Department of Public Health and the Department of Health Services.**

## **5. MENTAL HEALTH**

35. [Support proposals and funding that promote the adoption of Culturally Defined Evidence Practices \(CDEPs\) and other culturally and linguistically appropriate care, including but not limited, to provision of services from traditional healers and community practitioners.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. A focus on CDEPs and cultural practitioners is a recognition of how structural racism has resulted in the exclusion of behavioral health interventions developed and tested by and for more broadly BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities' health and wellbeing. It is also a recognition that these communities deserve wellness and, to effectively meet these communities' unique needs, require interventions that most closely align with their worldview and inherent knowledge that has existed for millennia. The current 'evidence-based practice' approach is held as a gold standard in dominant systems which have historically and still to this day, harm BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities through policies and practices that uphold structural racism and exclusion. These seemingly different systems of knowledge and evidence need not be mutually exclusive and must be practiced in tandem to optimize wellbeing for all. **Recommended by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission. Concurrence received from the Department of Mental Health.**

36. [Support legislation that permits people with mental illness to state their preferences for treatment in advance of a mental health crisis through a Psychiatric Advance Directive \(PAD\).](#)

**Justification:** New policy. An advance mental directive outlines a person's wishes if they are incapacitated or unable to express wishes for their mental health care. It allows individuals with SMI to authorize who can receive information about their mental health when incapacitated or unable to express their wishes and avoids conflict with HIPAA and privacy laws. **Recommended by the Department of Mental Health. Concurrence received from the Department of Health Services.**

### **5.1 Residential Care Facilities**

4. Support legislation to require the State to regulate and establish standards for [Recovery Homes](#) and Sober Living Homes to ensure their safety.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The revised policy language would ensure uniform regulation/standards across recovery homes, including SAPC's Recovery Bridge Housing network. Currently, Recovery Bridge Housing providers contracted by SAPC must at minimum, align with the standards of care as recommended by the National Alliance of Recovery Residences. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.**

## **6. HOUSING, ECONOMIC, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

1. Support proposals that provide incentives to local governments and/or developers to increase and protect affordable **housing** and mixed-income **housing**, and that provide flexibility for counties to promote a diversity of affordable housing types through local **land-use** policies.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The revised policy helps to further clarify the intent of the policy. **Recommended by the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

2. Oppose legislation which would require local governments to ~~streamline approvals of proposed housing development projects by eliminating entitlement and environmental reviews, or that imposes~~ one size fits all solutions to preserving and **creating** new affordable housing, in particular, prescribed development standards and densities/intensities, or which would result in significant displacement of existing low and moderate-income residents or a net loss of existing affordable housing units.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The recommended revision to the existing policy is an update to clarify the intention is to avoid one-size-fits-all solutions and displacement of existing affordable housing units, and to avoid implying that the County opposes streamlining measures. **Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning. Concurrence received from the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

3. Support proposals that increase home ownership opportunities for low- moderate-, and middle-income families. ~~, and employees in vital occupations.~~

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed revision to this existing policy is intended to update and expand support for homeownership opportunities to households across the county, regardless of an individual's type of occupation. **Recommended by the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. Concurrence received from the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

6. Support proposals which would stimulate the local economy by accelerating or increasing spending on public works and infrastructure projects, especially those which would improve public health and public safety, mitigate hazards, including climate hazards, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, or improve transportation.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The recommended revision corrects a drafting error. Technical change. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Development.**

- ~~21. Support legislation which would establish a permanent source of funding for affordable housing by placing a fee on real estate transaction documents, excluding home sales, to ensure that all Californians have access to affordable housing.~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. The policy identified above was addressed with the adoption of Senate Bill 2 (Chapter 364, Statutes of 2017), which provides a new source of funding for affordable housing by imposing a \$75 fee on select real estate transaction documents. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations.**

22. Support legislation to allow eligible taxing agencies, public agencies, or nonprofit organizations to purchase tax-default property ~~for the construction and rehabilitation of mixed-use residential/commercial buildings for the purposes of developing affordable housing and other social services that have a public benefit.~~ *to construct or rehabilitate residential or mixed-use residential/commercial buildings that incorporate an affordable housing and social services component that has a public benefit.*

**Justification:** Revised policy. The recommended revision aims to clarify the intent of the existing Policy. **Recommended by the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

- ~~24. Support legislation that would expand the definition of source of income in the California Fair Employment and Housing Act to include lawful, verifiable income paid to a housing owner or landlord on behalf of a tenant, including federal, state or local public assistance, housing subsidies, and housing assistance vouchers, including but not limited to, federal housing assistance vouchers under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937.~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. The Policy identified above was addressed with the adoption of County-sponsored legislation, Senate Bill 329 (Chapter 600, Statutes of 2019), which amended the definition of source of income to include the provisions above and prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of source of income. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations.**

26. Support proposals that stimulate regional investment and encourage private sector participation in advancing equitable and sustainable growth, including through the support of ~~Support research and development in~~ high-growth and emerging industries, including, but not limited to, life sciences/biosciences, arts, culture, leisure and hospitality (including entertainment/sports), creative economies (including television, film and digital media), technology, health care, trade, child care, manufacturing (including ~~and~~ rail/bus manufacturing, other advanced transportation manufacturing and maintenance and green chemistry/clean manufacturing), and support proposals which would facilitate job training and educational opportunities that will train a workforce capable of supporting those industries.

**Justification.** Revised policy. The revision will update existing policy to reflect specific growth and emerging sectors identified by the County and would allow the County to support measures that advance these sectors as part of its broader goal of advancing equitable and sustainable economic growth. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

31. Support or sponsor legislation that would create new financial incentives, including an expansion of the [property tax](#) welfare exemption for units covenanted at up to 120 percent of Area Median Income, to facilitate development of affordable housing around transit.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This Policy, which was added to the State Legislative Agenda pursuant a Board-approved [motion](#) on December 3, 2019, is being revised to clarify the intent of the policy and correct a drafting error and clarifies the intent of the existing policy. **Recommended by the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

- ~~38. Support proposals to promote the use of public and private land for urban and peri-urban agriculture.~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. This policy relates to measures that incentivize the use of public and private land for urban agriculture and have been relocated to Section 3.2 Land Use Planning. **Recommended by the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

- ~~39. Support of sponsor proposals to define Deeply Low Income in State housing law as 15 percent Area Median Income or lower.~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. The policy identified above was addressed with the adoption of County-sponsored legislation, Assembly Bill 1043 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2021), which amends State law to define persons and families whose incomes do not exceed 15 percent Area Median Income as an “acutely low-income household”. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations.**

37. [Support proposals that would provide funding for the Stay Housed LA Program, such as access to counsel for eviction legal services.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Kuehl and Mitchell) approved by the Board on September 27, 2022. Technical change.

38. [Support proposals that repeal Article 34 from California’s constitution, which has been identified as an antiquated and ‘racist rule’ that requires cities to get voter approval to build low-rent housing when using public dollars.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

39. [Support proposals that support urban and regenerative agriculture, including through funding and the use of public and private land.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 (A sustainable and just food system that enhances access to affordable, local, and healthy food) and Strategy 10B (Support the fair and sustainable production of food) of the Board-adopted “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan. It is also consistent with the August 6, 2019 Board approved [motion](#), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying

potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Food Equity Roundtable. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Works.**

40. [Support proposals that would: 1\) promote a just transition to the green economy, including support for green industries and their workforce; and 2\) ensure job seekers and current workers, particularly those who are low income and/or reside in disadvantaged communities, receive necessary workforce development, training, and supportive services to allow for a transition into a green economy with dignity and without bearing the costs of change.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 4 (A prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents and businesses and supports the transition to a green economy) and Strategy 4A Promote inclusive growth across the changing economy and 4B to Support wealth-generating activities in disinvested neighborhoods. This recommendation would also support the County’s ongoing work to create a Just Transition strategy for displaced oil workers and front-line communities as directed by the September 15, 2021 motion, “Developing a Comprehensive Strategy for a Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels in Los Angeles County.” It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

41. [Support proposals to protect residential and commercial tenants from displacement impacts from activities such as housing repairs, improvements, and community investment, including but not limited to right to counsel, rent escrow, rent control, just cause eviction, and “right-to-return” ordinances.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 3 (Equitable and sustainable land use and development without displacement) and Strategy 3D of the County’s “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan to ensure that public investments do not facilitate displacement, particularly of disadvantaged communities. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrences received from the Los Angeles County Development Authority and the Chief Executive Office - Homeless Initiative.**

42. [Support proposals that promote transitions to a zero-carbon or carbon negative energy system that reduces air and climate pollution and that minimizes the dangers of a changing climate to our communities and economy.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 7 (A fossil fuel-free LA County) and Strategy 7A of the County’s “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan to transition to a zero-carbon energy system that reduces air and climate pollution and that minimizes the dangers of a changing climate to our communities and economy. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for



State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrences received from the Internal Services Department and the Department of Public Works.**

43. [Support proposals and policies that integrate climate resilience and adaptation into planning, buildings, infrastructure, and community development.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience) and Strategy 2A of the County’s “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan to integrate climate resilience and adaptation into planning, buildings, infrastructure, and community development decisions. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. Additionally, this recommendation is consistent with Board-approved motions regarding strengthening climate and infrastructure equity and resilience. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Regional Planning.**

44. [Support proposals and policies that ensure that people stay in place and are not displaced when there are public investments, particularly in disadvantaged communities.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 3 (Equitable and sustainable land use and development without displacement), Strategy 3D of the County’s “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan to ensure that public investments do not facilitate displacement, particularly of disadvantaged communities. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

45. [Support proposals that provide funding for programs that support community members across different age, income, ethnicity, and language groups to actively and meaningfully engage in decision-making related to sustainability efforts.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 11 (Inclusive, transparent, and accountable governance that encourages participation in sustainability efforts, especially by disempowered communities) and Strategy 11B of the County’s “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan to promote environmental stewardship and accessible education across different age, income, ethnicity, and language groups. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

47. [Support proposals and legislation which aim to increase 9 percent Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit \(LIHTC\) allocations.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. According to the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), Congress has not permanently increased the 9 percent LIHTC allocation in 22 years,

and many viable potential housing developments are turned down each year as a result. According to Novogradac, an annual 25 percent increase in 9 percent LIHTC, plus inflation adjustments, would result in affordable rental housing production and preservation by 299,000 more homes nationwide over 2022 – 2030. The current Administration has called upon Congress to expand and strengthen the LIHTC program. This new Policy would position the County to support a proposed expansion of the LIHTC program. **Recommended by the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

48. [Support legislation that prioritizes first-time homebuyers in home sales, such as the providing of financial incentives to sellers.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. According to the LACDA, first-time homebuyers are facing increasing difficulty entering homeownership due to high competition in bidding for homes. In general, a first-time homebuyer likely has less money to put down on a home and cannot make bids that are as competitive as cash offer buyers and home flippers. In order to bridge this economic gap, the LACDA recommends support for legislative proposals that will incentivize sellers to prioritize offers from first-time homebuyers over cash offer “flippers” and developers. **Recommended by the Los Angeles County Development Authority. Concurrence received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

49. [Support proposals that support equitable and inclusive economic development, including through infrastructure investments and capital development projects that include robust stakeholder engagement, community benefit commitments, and quality jobs for local communities.](#)

**Justification.** New policy. The proposed policy reflects the County’s commitment to equitable development and allow support for measures that are consistent with Board policies related to Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring, Community Benefits for Economic Development Projects and the White House Talent Pipeline Challenge. In addition, this Policy is consistent with the [motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on October 4, 2022, endorsing the County’s participation in the White House Talent Pipeline Challenge and the Equity in Infrastructure Project Pledge. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Development.**

50. [Support proposals that seek to end speculative evictions by repealing and/or reforming the Ellis Act.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI reports that the Ellis Act, adopted in 1985, allows landlords to evict residential tenants when exiting the rental business or changing the building use. Many Ellis Act Evictions take place to convert apartments complexes into condominiums or Tenant in Common (TIC) buildings and the Ellis act has historically been used as a vehicle for gentrification and displacement. Recent legislative proposals aim to reform the Ellis Act by creating a 5-year holding period before the Ellis Act can be used to deter speculator abuse. It is anticipated that legislation will be reintroduced in forthcoming sessions. The addition of this policy would allow to advocate in support of legislation that would reform the Ellis Act. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrences received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

51. [Support proposals that invest in Social Housing, including anti-displacement policies and repeal discriminatory housing laws.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends the County advocate for legislation that would create and fund a statewide governmental system dedicated to producing public housing (an alternative to the market rate housing model) as a means of increasing the affordable housing stock in California for low- to mid-income households. This session legislation was introduced to establish The Social Housing Act. The legislation ultimately stalled, however, it is anticipated that it may be reintroduced. The addition of this policy would allow the County to advocate in support when the legislation is reintroduced. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrences received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

52. [Support proposals that would establish a Los Angeles Black Housing Fund.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI explains that this policy would include advocacy for proposals that provide financial support for initiatives such as down payment assistance for low-and moderate-income Black households, preserving Black housing and neighborhoods, pre-development resources for housing development by Black-led developers, and preserving cultural districts and anchor institutions. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrences received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

53. [Support proposals that promote and/or provide resources for community-based approaches to emergency response.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends the County establish policy to advocate in support of proposals that build upon recent state legislation to establish a pilot program that funds community-based organizations to provide emergency response services such as mobile crisis response teams and community para-medicine programs. These programs do not include law enforcement officers or agencies as first responders to help prioritize cultural competency and de-escalation in emergency response. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrences received from the Department of Health Services, and the Sheriff's Department.**

57. [Support proposals that would remove administrative barriers and/or provide resources to strengthen tenant protections and improve housing stability, particularly for individuals and families at-risk of housing instability or homelessness.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Kuehl) approved by the Board on September 27, 2022. Technical change.

## **7. JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **7.1 General**

17. Support proposals that would allow local government agencies to match anonymous criminal justice, public health, [substance use disorder data](#) and mental health data, pertinent to justice-involved individuals and which has been de-identified by the appropriate bodies/departments, through a secure, central database for statistical analysis and reporting.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed revision to the existing policy is intended to align current and emerging State behavioral health data requirements, (e.g., substance use disorder and mental health) pertinent to the justice-involved population. **Recommended by Department of Public Health – Substance Abuse and Prevent Control.**

30. [Support and/or sponsor legislation that would mandate the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training \(POST\) to create regulations that: revise/eliminate the Work Sample Test Battery \(WSTB\) and replace it with a health-focused screening tool; incorporate modern day policing skills in the candidate vetting process and in the training academy; or require training be conducted with an adult learning model.](#)
31. [Support and/or sponsor legislation that would create a Gender Parity Division within POST to review gender balance issues in law enforcement with regulatory recommendations to achieve gender parity.](#)
32. [Support and/or sponsor legislation to require the formation of an independent task force to study specific gender balance issues and make legislative and regulatory recommendations in a report to the Governor and the Legislature.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Kuehl) approved by the Board on January 25, 2022. Technical change.

33. [Support proposals and funding that aim to reduce the rates of missing and murdered Indigenous women by improving collaboration between law enforcement agencies and other strategies.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The 2010 Census data revealed that Native populations are overrepresented in the criminal justice system. In an analysis conducted by the Prison Policy Initiative, the data on prisons and jails were combined, and it was found that, in 2010, there were a total of 37,854 American Indian/Alaskan Natives in adult correctional facilities, including 32,524 men and 5,132 women (198 were 17 or younger). That is equivalent to a total incarceration rate of 1,291 per 100,000 people, more than double that of white Americans (510 per 100,000). In states with large Native populations, such as California, American Indian/Alaskan Native incarceration rates can be up to 7 times that of whites. **Recommended by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission. Concurrences received from the Alternate Public Defender’s Office, Alternatives to Incarceration, the Court, Jail Closure Implementation Team, Department of Health Services - Office of Diversion and Reentry, Public Defender’s Office, and the Sheriff’s Department.**

34. [Support proposals and funding that seek to reduce the disproportionate impact of juvenile and adult incarceration on Native Americans.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The 2010 Census data revealed that Native populations are overrepresented in the criminal justice system. In an analysis conducted by the Prison Policy Initiative, the data on prisons and jails were combined, and it was found that, in 2010, there were a total of 37,854 American Indian/Alaskan Natives in adult correctional facilities, including 32,524 men and 5,132 women (198 were 17 or younger). That is equivalent to a total incarceration rate of 1,291 per 100,000 people, more than double that of white Americans (510 per 100,000). In states with large Native populations, such as California, American Indian/Alaskan Native incarceration rates can be up to 7 times that of whites. **Recommended by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission. Concurrences received from the Alternate Public Defender's Office, Alternatives to Incarceration, the Court, Jail Closure Implementation Team, Department of Health Services - Office of Diversion and Reentry, Public Defender's Office, and the Sheriff's Department.**

35. [Support proposals that would reduce racial inequities in the debt-to-income ratio, such as through debt forgiveness and elimination of fines and fees for low-level infractions.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 4 (A prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents and businesses and supports the transition to a green economy) and Strategy 4B to Support wealth-generating activities in disinvested neighborhoods. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrences received from the Alternate Public Defender's Office, Public Defender's Office, the Court, Alternatives to Incarceration, Jail Closure Implementation Team, Department of Health Services – Office of Diversion and Reentry and the Sheriff's Department.**

38. [Support proposals that would eliminate the mandated reporting to law enforcement and instead requires providers to refer patients to supportive services.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Hahn and Kuehl) approved by the Board on August 9, 2022. Technical change.

39. [Support proposals that would provide funding for the Stay Housed LA Program, such as access to counsel for eviction legal services.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Kuehl and Mitchell) approved by the Board on September 27, 2022.

40. [Support policies that increase access to housing opportunities for justice-involved populations.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Individuals with histories of justice-involvement face distinct barriers to accessing safe, stable and affordable housing that, in turn, increase risks of housing instability and homelessness. This policy would allow the County to advocate for measures that address housing barriers that impact justice-involved populations. Included at the request of Supervisorial District 1.

41. [Support policies that reduce barriers to community integration, including barriers to housing, for justice-involved populations.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Individuals with histories of justice-involvement face distinct barriers to accessing safe, stable and affordable housing that, in turn, increase risks of housing instability

and homelessness. This policy would allow the County to advocate for measures that address housing barriers that impact justice-involved populations. Included at the request of Supervisorial District 1.

### **7.2 Pretrial Recidivism Reduction, and Diversion Programs**

18. Support proposals that promote and provide funding for arts-based programming, alternatives to incarceration, [community violence intervention and peer mentoring](#), and services for justice-involved individuals and communities at risk of becoming justice-involved.

**Justification:** Revised policy. Violence prevention policies and funding should be under the purview of public health. Most violence prevention and intervention funding are currently housed within criminal justice systems as opposed to public health systems, in spite of the fact that a community-driven, public health approach is needed and recognized as a best practice.

**Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Office of Violence Prevention. Concurrences received from the Department of Health Services – Office of Diversion and Reentry and Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative.**

### **7.4 Probation**

15. Support proposals that would provide additional funding for programs, services, and facilities that provide a continuum of services to adult probation populations, including health, mental health, [peer mentoring and restorative justice programs](#), and substance use disorder screenings and treatment services.

**Justification:** Revised policy. Violence prevention policies and funding should be under the purview of public health. Most violence prevention and intervention funding are currently housed within criminal justice systems as opposed to public health systems, in spite of the fact that a community-driven, public health approach is needed and recognized as a best practice.

**Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Office of Violence Prevention. Concurrences received from the Department of Health Services – Office of Diversion and Reentry and Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative.**

### **7.5 Juvenile Justice**

21. [Support proposals that would create and require posting of a Youth Bill of Rights for incarcerated youth at all juvenile facilities.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Kuehl and Solis) approved by the Board on May 3, 2022. Technical change.

### **7.7 Sex Offenders and Human Trafficking**

- ~~10. Support legislation to impose mandatory sanctions, including jail and/or prison terms, for sex offenders who tamper with or remove a GPS monitor.~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. Chief Executive Office – Women & Girls Initiative reports that in 2013, Senate Bill 57 prohibited a person who is required to register as a sex offender and who is subject to parole supervision from removing an electronic, GPS, or other monitoring device affixed as a condition of parole. Upon a violation of the provision, the parole authority is required to revoke the person's parole and impose a mandatory, 180-day period of incarceration.

**Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Women & Girls Initiative. Concurrences**

received from the Department of Health Services – Office of Diversion and Reentry, the Alternate Public Defender’s Office and the Public Defender’s Office.

### **7.8 Gun Violence**

3. [Support legislation or proposals that would help reduce the proliferation and purchase of firearms by increasing restrictions related to ghost guns and other firearms, expanding prohibitions for the manufacturer or new firearms, or imposing new excise taxes related to the purchase of certain firearms.](#)

4. [Support legislation that would expand those eligible to petition for gun violence restraining orders.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Solis and Hahn) approved by the Board on June 28, 2022. Technical change.

5. [Support proposals that would prohibit persons who are on the United States Federal Bureau of Investigations’ No Fly List from purchasing or possessing a firearm.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Hahn and Solis) approved by the Board on September 13, 2022. Technical change.

### **7.10 Animal Care and Control**

2. Support legislation to prohibit the intentional feeding of select wild animals that present a threat to public [health or safety, or that create a nuisance.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed change to the existing policy is to more accurately reflect the intent of the policy. **Recommended by Animal Care and Control.**

3. Support or sponsor legislation that would [enhance the ability of local animal control agencies to obtain reimbursement](#) from owners for the impoundment and care of their animals pending resolution of existing litigation or an investigation of potential mistreatment or criminal neglect.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed change to the existing policy is to more accurately reflect the intent of the policy. **Recommended by Animal Care and Control.**

4. Support legislation that would expand the time period for animal care agencies to hold a post-seizure hearing when the agency seizes animals that are allegedly [being neglected or](#) abused.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed change to the existing policy is to more accurately reflect the intent of the policy. **Recommended by Animal Care and Control.**

8. Support [or sponsor](#) legislation that would authorize animal control officers, when trained and certified, to administer controlled substances in the field for the limited purpose of euthanizing animals that are irremediably suffering.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed change to the existing policy is to more accurately reflect the intent of the policy. **Recommended by Animal Care and Control.**

9. ~~Support or sponsor proposals that establish minimum statewide training standards; increase the availability of training; and enhance the quality of training for animal control and humane officers through efforts that include shifting the oversight of training requirements to the California Animal Welfare Association (CalAnimals) or other qualified organizations/authorities.~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. This policy is no longer needed as it has already been addressed. **Recommended by Animal Care and Control.**

9. Support legislation [that would enhance the ability of the Department to provide economical and efficient services to County residents, including but not limited to](#) allowing registered and properly trained veterinary technicians to administer rabies vaccinations in an animal shelter setting, without a veterinarian present, for the purpose of issuing dog licenses.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed change to the existing policy is to more accurately reflect the intent of the policy. **Recommended by Animal Care and Control.**

10. Support legislation that would [aid in the return of lost or stray animals to their owners, including but not limited to increasing the microchipping or spay/neuter of dogs and cats.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed change to the existing policy is to more accurately reflect the intent of the policy. **Recommended by Animal Care and Control.**

11. [Support legislation that increases the ability of the County to protect the health, safety or welfare of animals or people from animals.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is intended to help support proposals that are in alignment with and advance the goals and mission of Animal Care and Control. **Recommended by Animal Care and Control.**

12. [Oppose legislation that is contrary to the stated mission and goals of the County's Department Animal Care and Control as approved by the Board.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is intended to help support and advance the goals and mission of Animal Care and Control. **Recommended by Animal Care and Control.**

13. [Support legislation that increases the ability of the County to regulate animal-related industries or business operations that affect Los Angeles County residents.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is intended to help support proposals that are in alignment with and advance the goals and mission of Animal Care and Control. **Recommended by Animal Care and Control.**

14. [Support legislation that promotes consumer protection, including but not limited to that which limits the importation or transfer of animals that were produced in substandard breeding operations.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is intended to help support proposals that are in alignment with and advance the goals and mission of Animal Care and Control. **Recommended by Animal Care and Control.**



### **7.11 Trial Court**

12. [Support proposals and pilots that would provide and fund a new court model that would promote community-based services to chronically homeless individuals who are involved with the criminal justice system.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Hahn and Mitchell) approved by the Board on May 3, 2022. Technical change.

### **7.12 Forensics and Crime Lab**

5. [Support proposals that would separate the duties of the Coroner's Office from the duties of the Sheriff's Office.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on April 5, 2022. Technical change.

### **7.16 Law Enforcement Reforms**

- ~~4. *Support legislation that would prohibit the use of kinetic energy projectiles or chemical weapons by any law enforcement agency to disperse an assembly protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; except under very limited circumstances that would require designated personnel assigned to video record use of such weapons and subject official recordings to the California Public Records Act and any use of force investigations.*~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department reports that this policy is no longer necessary due to the passage of AB 48 (Chapter 404, Statutes of 2021). Technical change.

- ~~3. *Support legislation that would require law enforcement agencies to require officers to immediately report potential excessive force and intercede when present and observing an officer using excessive force; as well as to require all officers to attend evidence-based bystander training.*~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department reports this is no longer necessary due to the passage of AB 26 (Chapter 403, Statutes of 2021). Technical change.

- ~~6. *Support legislation that would require a law enforcement agency or oversight agency to complete investigations into allegations of the use of force, sexual assault, discharge of a firearm, or dishonesty relating to the investigation of a crime or misconduct by another peace officer or custodial officer, despite the peace officer's or custodial officer's voluntary separation from the employing agency.*~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department reports this is no longer necessary due to the passage of SB 2 (Chapter 409, Statutes of 2021). Technical change.

- ~~7. *Support legislation that would create a statewide process to automatically revoke the certification of a peace officer following the conviction of certain serious crimes or termination of employment due to specified misconduct.*~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department reports this is no longer necessary due to the passage of SB 2 (Chapter 409, Statutes of 2021). Technical change.

8. ~~Support legislation that would expand the categories of personnel records of peace officers and custodial officers that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department reports this is no longer necessary due to the passage of SB 16 (Chapter 402, Statutes of 2021). Technical change.

~~11. Support legislation that would allow authorized members of the press to lawfully enter areas that have been closed by law enforcement due to a public demonstration and prohibits officers from citing members of the press or from intentionally assaulting, interfering with, or obstructing a representative who is gathering for communication to the public.~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department reports this is no longer necessary due to the passage of SB 98 (Chapter 759, Statutes of 2021). Technical change.

## **9. REVENUE AND TAXATION**

32. Support proposals to expand eligibility, [outreach campaigns](#), and increase funding for the California Earned Income Tax Credit.

**Justification:** Revised policy. According to DCBA, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is widely - regarded as the nation's largest anti-poverty program, however, each year, millions of dollars are left on the table at the federal and state level from taxpayers who didn't claim the credit. The combined credits alone could provide approximately \$10,000 to local families; significant money to help them with their basic necessities. A few major reasons why money is left on the table each year are: (1) very low wage earners who don't have a filing requirement fail to file a return; not knowing that they are missing out on these refundable credits; (2) for most, the act of filing income taxes is burdensome, especially for people with disabilities and language barriers; (3) Indigenous populations remain largely unconnected to the tax system, therefore missing out on these credits. Another challenge with the EITCs is that they prioritize individuals with minor dependents over single adults and adults who no longer have minor children living at home. The most significant group of workers largely left out of the current EITC are those with no children at home. Considered "childless" for tax purposes, these workers sometimes do have children, but their children might be too old to be considered qualifying children for tax purposes or they might live with another parent most of the time. (Source Urban Institute -Tax Policy Center) **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

35. [Support proposals that expand the California EITC and Young-Child Tax Credit levels and eligibility.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

36. [Support proposals that adopt regulatory steps outlined under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Action plan to Advance Property Appraising and Valuation Equity, in order to address ethnic and racially systemic discriminatory and biased appraising practices.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. DCBA reports that for many Americans, racial and ethnically biased appraising practices have been contributing factors that can distort valuations on properties. Such discriminatory and inequitable appraising affects a households' ability to purchase or sell a home and an opportunity to financially benefit from accumulated equity value which comes from the wealth building benefits of homeownership. Persistent mis-valuations from private

sector appraisers lead to lending discrimination that can result in inequitable mortgage redlining against ethnic and racial minority communities. In adopting this principle, the County can support actionable policies identified under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Action plan to Advance Property Appraising and Valuation Equity to assure the appraising industry equitably reinforces a culture of unbiased appraising practices. These policies seek to promote adoption of new regulatory solutions needed to identify, address, and remedy racially and ethnically discriminatory appraisal creating barriers to wealth building for our disadvantaged communities. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. Concurrences received from the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative and the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

## **10. SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **10.1 Reforming the Safety Net and Promoting Self-Sufficiency**

- ~~6. Support a statewide safety net that covers legal immigrants while holding sponsors, when available and able to pay, financially liable for sponsored immigrants.~~

**Justification:** Remove Policy. According to DCBA, this policy excludes the undocumented, who are often most vulnerable and experienced the worst pandemic impacts. Holding sponsors financially liable provides no financial benefit to the County for programs funded by the federal and state government. This would have significant negative impact on immigrant households by discouraging immigrants from seeking various forms of critical support out of fear of financial impact on their sponsor/relative, whether their sponsor is liable or not. DCBA's Office of Immigrant Affairs routinely answers calls from immigrants who are reluctant to access benefits out of ill-founded concerns about the financial impact on their sponsor or other relatives. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. Concurrence received from the Department of Health Services.**

- ~~13. Support adequate funding for data collection, verification, reporting, and fraud detection systems, while continuing investments in technology for the automation of public assistance programs, including the LEADER Replacement System (LRS), which is currently supporting the constituents of the Los Angeles County and shall be expanded to become the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) to eventually support the automation need for all 58 counties.~~

13. Support adequate funding for data collection, verification, reporting, and fraud detection while continuing investments in technology for the automation of public assistance programs, including CalSAWS, which is currently supporting the constituents of Los Angeles County and shall be expanded to eventually support the automation of all 58 counties.

- ~~14. Support funding for the development, maintenance, and operation of the mission-critical LRS, the migration of other counties onto LRS technology, and ancillary systems that support end-to-end business processes for health and human services.~~

**Justification:** Remove/Revise policies. Consolidation of items number 12 and number 15, as they both address similar policies. **Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services.** Technical Change.

15. Oppose proposals to repeal State law that allows the first ~~\$50~~ \$100 of child support payments to be passed on to CalWORKs participants for a family with one child in the household and up to \$200 for a family with two or more children in the household.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed revision is intended to capture the increase to the child support disregard effective January 1, 2022. The child support disregard changed from "up to the first \$50" to "up to \$100" for a family with one child and "up to \$200" for a family with two or more children living in the home. **Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services. Concurrence received from the Child Support Services Department.**

16. Support proposals that provide emergency food assistance to millions of low-income Californians during ~~the COVID-19 crisis~~ a public health emergency regardless of immigration status.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed revision to the existing policy is intended to allow the County to support legislation for future public health emergencies beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention.**

- ~~17. Support proposals to give counties the flexibility to develop and translate CalWORKs screening and evaluation forms into non-English languages if the State has not provided translated versions of the forms.~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. Recommend deleting this item as it is no longer applicable based on current CDSS policy. **Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services.**

33. Support proposals that reindex the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and public benefit levels, and recalibrate time constraints and eligibility requirements, particularly those affecting allowable assets.

**Justification:** Motion (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

34. Support proposals that exempt guaranteed-income payments, or similar cash-transfer program payments, from eligibility determinations for public benefits so that participants do not experience negative impacts to other public benefits they are receiving.

**Justification:** Motion (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

35. Support proposals that expand free Metro passes to all youth and seniors, plus recipients of CalWORKs, General Relief, and CalFresh.

**Justification:** Motion (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

36. Support proposals that provide more flexible federal and State funding to provide customers and/or their families services and supports in a manner that best meets their needs.

**Justification:** Motion (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

37. Support proposals that ensure free daily meals to children in childcare by enabling all Child and Adult Care Food Program childcare providers to qualify for the highest level of reimbursements for the meals they serve.

**Justification:** New policy. Federal rules for childcare meal programs don't reflect poverty levels in California, leaving many children unable to access nutritious affordable meals. For example, a family of four must make less than \$34,060 a year in order for a childcare center to serve a free meal. Childcare providers take the hit financially for federal rules that don't take into account California's high cost of living. Each year, childcare providers absorb tens of millions of dollars in costs for meals served to children who don't qualify for free meals – childcare providers who have low income themselves. The harm to children and the burden on providers is exacerbated by state policies that financially penalize childcare providers for feeding younger children. Existing statute creates a pay penalty that limits providers to only 75 percent of the state reimbursement for meals served. With adequate state funding, the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program can fill the gap in equitable access to healthy meals in childcare while supporting the financial stability of the workforce. Legislation introduced last year; SB 1481 (Becker) would enable all childcare providers to qualify for the highest level of reimbursements for the meals served. This policy would allow the County to support similar measures to SB 1481 and ensure free daily meals to children in childcare. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention.**

38. [Support proposals to expand SNAP Restaurant Meals Program to include other prepared foods in non-restaurant settings \(i.e., grocery stores\).](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Established as a program via federal action in 1978, the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) gives older adults and/or people with disabilities who are recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits the option to purchase prepared food at authorized restaurant vendors. In 1996, the program was expanded to serve SNAP recipients who are experiencing homelessness. In 2019, AB 942 mandated that CDSS implement RMP as a statewide program. Los Angeles County participates in RMP which allows certain groups that are at high risk for chronic hunger the option to use SNAP benefits to buy prepared meals at approved participating restaurant vendors. However, heated foods, hot foods, and cold prepared foods cannot be purchased by a SNAP recipient at a retail food store, based on Sections 3 and 9 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008. For example, currently, a SNAP recipient is not eligible to purchase a rotisserie chicken at a grocery store. Legislation introduced this year, AB 2100 (Carrillo) would make all CalFresh recipients eligible to participate in the RMP, and would replace most uses of the term “restaurant” with the term “establishment,” so that ready-to-eat foods could be purchased in a grocery store. This policy would allow the County to support similar legislation to AB 2100 and allow the purchase of heated foods, hot foods, and cold prepared foods by RMP participants in grocery store settings. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Social Services.**

42. [Support proposals that provide funding and expand eligibility to food assistance programs to Californians of all ages, regardless of immigration status.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends that the County establish a policy to support a variety of proposals that would expand food eligibility assistance to all Californians, including those that are not limited to the COVID-19 pandemic, certain age groups, or immigration status. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Social Services.**

43. [Support proposals that would allow electronic signatures on state or federal forms such as the SSP 14, that are needed from customers to access public benefits including, but not limited to the General Relief \(GR\) Program and the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants \(CAPI\).](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The acceptance of electronic signatures is needed to work seamlessly across programs. The ability to process documents, such as the State Supplementary Payment 14 in the GR and CAPI programs, with telephonic/electronic signature and case journal, during the current pandemic emergency and going forward. This will allow the County to continue with its efforts to meet the demands of the COVID-19 pandemic for the public and its staff, while providing a more efficient delivery of services, and assist constituents with a more streamlined approach in completing and submitting their forms. Moving forward, allowing external entities to accept electronic signatures will help reduce barriers to access public benefits.

**Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services.**

45. [Support proposals that would increase drinking water affordability such as through CalFresh/EBT water supplements.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 (A sustainable and just food system that enhances access to affordable, local, and healthy food) and Strategy 10A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan that ensures residents have access to healthy foods that optimize their health and well-being without compromising the land where the food is grown. It is also consistent with the August 6, 2019 Board approved [motion](#), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and federal funding to support the Plan.

**Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Food Equity Roundtable. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Social Services.**

46. [Support proposals that establish or expand guaranteed income programs, matched savings, baby bonds, or other measures to reduce income inequality and the racial wealth gap.](#)

**Justification:** New Policy. This recommendation is consistent with the Goal 1 of the Food Equity Roundtable to support the ability to afford healthy food and Goal 4 of the OurCounty Sustainability Plan to create a prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents.

**Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Food Equity Roundtable and the Poverty Alleviation Initiative.**

47. [Support proposals that increase access to SNAP online ordering and delivery services.](#)

**Justification:** New Policy. This recommendation is consistent with the Goal 1 of the Food Equity Roundtable to support the ability to afford healthy food and Goal 4 of the OurCounty Sustainability Plan to create a prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents.

**Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Food Equity Roundtable and the Poverty Alleviation Initiative.**

## **10.2 CalWORKs**

- ~~15. Support proposals to modify asset and/or income eligibility limits and increase earned income deductions for the CalWORKs and the CalFresh Programs to assist families and individuals impacted by a recession, pandemics such as COVID-19, or natural disasters, who would otherwise not qualify for these programs.~~

15. Support proposals that modify income eligibility limits and increase income deductions for the CalWORKs and the CalFresh programs to assist families and individuals impacted by a recession, a pandemic such as COVID-19, or a natural disaster, and to prevent the denial or loss of benefits by working families that are impacted by annual State and/or County minimum wage increases but continue to live at or below the federal poverty level.

~~22. Support measures that increase earned income disregard levels to prevent the denial or loss of CalWORKs benefits by working families that are impacted by annual State and County minimum wage increases but continue to live below the federal poverty level.~~

**Justification:** Revised/remove policies. Consolidation of policies 15 and 22, as they both address similar policies. **Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services.** Technical change.

### **10.3 Workforce Development**

~~2. Support proposals that streamline economic and workforce development service delivery, improve data sharing, and establish reasonable performance measures to demonstrate efficacy of County service delivery.~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. This policy is being integrated into existing policies related to service delivery. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

3. Support the flexible use of the Governor's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) reserve dollars (15 percent discretionary funds) to provide workforce development services delivered by local workforce development boards. ~~in the State of California, and to provide employment and training services for evacuees of natural disasters who relocate to California.~~

**Justification:** Revised policy. The recommended revisions would allow the County to support the use of WIOA reserve dollars for services provided by local workforce development boards. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

4. Support proposals that provide additional resources to local workforce development programs, including dedicated funding for summer and year-round employment programs, proposals that increase work experience funding for in-school and out of school youth to increase the viability of locally created career pathways based on high growth sectors, and to ensure local areas can train and pay workforce staff at appropriate levels.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The revisions above include language consistent with proposed revisions to the Federal Legislative Agenda and clarifies key funding priorities related to workforce programming. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

5. Support proposals that provide an allocation of resources to regions and/or among workforce development boards based on need as measured by factors such as unemployment, poverty, and the number of ~~workers~~ individuals with barriers to employment, according to the latest available data.

**Justification.** Revised policy. The revisions above include language consistent with proposed revisions to the Federal Legislative Agenda. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

8. Support ~~legislation proposals~~ which would ~~create a~~ enhance the Homeless Hiring Tax Credit or create similar measures, including business services, employer-based training, and hiring incentives, to incentivize employers to create access to good jobs and living wages for ~~individuals experiencing homelessness~~ priority populations.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This policy, which was added to the State Legislative Agenda pursuant to a Board-approved motion on March 17, 2020, is being revised with the adoption of Assembly Bill 150 (Chapter 82, Statutes of 2021). With the Homeless Hiring Tax Credit program due to expire on December 31, 2026, the revisions will allow the County to support future proposals to extend the Homeless Hiring Tax Credit or the concept of business services, employer-based training and hiring incentives for individuals from priority populations.

**Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

10. Support proposals to reduce employment barriers and expand career opportunities for justice-involved individuals, such as eliminating licensing barriers, including requirements to disclose and consider criminal history; and creating pathways into careers with family sustaining wages.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This policy is being revised to reflect research and reports from the National Conference of State Legislatures, which indicates individuals with criminal records gravely suffer from government-imposed barriers such as licensing requirements which are required for successful entry into the labor force.

**Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity. Concurrences received from the Department of Health Services, Alternatives to Incarceration and the Jail Closure Implementation Team.**

18. Support investments in a Black health workforce.

**Justification:** New policy. Chief Executive Office – Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative recommends the County establish policy to supporting proposals that widen the pipeline for a diverse health workforce by investing in reliable funding streams for education, training, mentoring/coaching, and skill building focused on Black communities and Black health workers. Formalize the existing community health workforce into the health system. It is also consistent with the Board approved motion (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrences received from the Department of Public Health, Department of Mental Health and the Department of Public Health.**

19. Support legislation to enhance implementation of the California Fair Chance Hiring Act - AB 1008 (Chapter 789, Statues of 2017) including proposals which:

- prohibit employers from requiring self-disclosure of past criminal legal system involvement;
- require employers to document and provide individualized assessments in writing;
- increase the period of time within which applicants can submit evidence of rehabilitation or mitigating circumstances to contest a rescinded employment offer to ten (10) business days; and require employers to notify candidates of rescinded job offers by email, as well as by mail, and provide a clear point of contact in the email that appeals can be sent to.

**Justification:** New policy. This policy is being proposed in response to the January 25, 2022 Board Motion (Mitchell and Solis), which directed CEO-LAIR to evaluate options for



strengthening the enforcement of the State's Fair Chance Act - AB 1008 (Chapter 789, Statutes of 2017). This Policy was developed in conjunction with participating stakeholders and intended to address the high risk of inconsistencies in any voluntary disclosure of past criminal legal system involvement that may negatively affect consideration of a candidate (e.g. "candor trap" or "truth test"). The Policy also reflects feedback received on the importance of written individualized nexus assessments that offer job candidates with evidence of a direct and adverse relationship between a conviction and job duties, and provide the opportunity for a Fair Chance candidate to submit evidence of mitigating circumstances if a conditional offer of employment is rescinded. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations and the Department of Health Services – Office of Diversion and Reentry. Concurrences received from the Department of Human Resources and Department of Economic Development.**

20. [Support proposals that provide funding for state and local enforcement of the California Fair Chance Hiring Act, as well as employer and job seeker education, outreach and marketing.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The [motion](#) (Mitchell and Solis), which directed CEO-LAIR to evaluate options for strengthening the enforcement of the State's Fair Chance Act - AB 1008 (Chapter 789, Statutes of 2017). Among its responses, working group participants identified a strong a need for increased state-level enforcement and resources for additional education and outreach services for employers and job candidates in the County. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations and the Department of Health Services – Office of Diversion and Reentry. Concurrences received from the Department of Human Resources and Department of Economic Development.**

#### **10.4 Citizenship, Legalization Assistance, and Immigration Matters**

- ~~2. [Support funding to assist in the legalization of immigrants covered under the Legal Immigration and Family Equity Act of 2000.](#)~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. Department of Consumer and Business Affairs - Office of Immigrant Affairs (DCBA-OIA) reports that this policy is no longer necessary. The Legal Immigration Family Equity Act (LIFE Act), enacted on December 21, 2000, created a nonimmigrant visa category, the V visa, with specific provisions for certain spouses and children of U.S. lawful permanent residents (LPRs). The purpose of the LIFE Act was to reunite families who had been or could be separated for long periods during the process of immigrating to the United States. V visas, therefore, allowed these family members to be in the United States with their LPR spouses and parents while waiting to complete the immigration process. According to USCIS, U.S. Embassies and Consulates have not issued any V visas for the past several years because applicants with priority dates on or before December 21, 2000, were able to apply for immigrant visas as their priority dates became current. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

11. Support proposals that provide services and/or funding for unaccompanied minors (and their families) that seek asylum or other ~~victim-based~~ [humanitarian](#) immigration relief protection.

**Justification:** Revised policy. DCBA-OIA recommends updating the language from "victim-based immigration relief" to "humanitarian immigration relief." As written, the policy would allow the County to support a range of policies including those relates to Temporary Protected Status, Violence Against Women Act, Asylum and other forms of humanitarian relief. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

13. [Support proposals that do not bar immigrants in need of assistance from receiving benefits.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on July 12, 2022. Technical change.

14. [Support proposals that would expand access to Identification Cards for all residents of California.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Solis) approved by the Board on August 29, 2022. Technical change.

### **10.5 Domestic Violence**

7. [Support efforts to fund prevention efforts and innovative approaches to end domestic and sexual violence.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends the County establish policy to support proposals to support nonviolence programs for people seeking support in healthy relationships, with programs that are tailored for men, LGBTQIA community, and culturally rooted programs; funding for culturally responsive and culturally specific victim service providers; and, pilot projects for restorative and transformative justice programs and helplines for people who are at risk of causing harm in their homes, relationships, and/or communities. Related budget proposals have been sponsored by the Alliance for Boys and Men of Color and California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, but failed to make it into this year's state budget. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Health.**

### **10.6 In-Home Supportive Services**

9. [Support proposals that fully restore the funding for IHSS Public Authority Consumer Advisory Committees and Governing Boards.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Hahn and Solis) approved by the Board on May 17, 2022. Technical change.

10. [Support proposals that expedite and/or reduce barriers for family caregivers to obtain legal guardianship/conservatorship over a dependent adult family member and/or older adult family member receiving or applying for IHSS benefits.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. When an individual does not have the mental capacity to fully comprehend and/or manage his or her In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) benefits and cannot delegate someone to do it for him/her, a legal guardianship or conservator can make the necessary IHSS decisions. For example, IHSS dependent minors often have family caregivers managing their activities of daily living, health, and financial affairs (e.g., signing timesheets) who may not have the legal authority to do so once the minor turns 18. As included in WIC Section 12300.3(g), "An authorized representative who is a provider of services for the recipient may not sign his or her own timesheet on behalf of the recipient unless the authorized representative is the IHSS applicant or recipient's court-appointed guardian or conservator." IHSS Social Workers work with the applicant/recipient and/or his/her family by providing additional resources to assist the applicant/recipient in obtaining legal representative status. However, the process to obtain

legal guardianship or conservatorship can be both lengthy and costly and imposes a hardship on IHSS families living on limited means. This may result in an interruption of care when the health and/or financial agencies become aware. This policy would allow the County to support measures that would protect the decision-making authority of the legal guardian/conservator for purposes related to the IHSS Program and the continuity of care for IHSS recipients and applicants. **Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services. Concurrence received from the Department of Mental Health.**

11. [Support proposals to provide State funding for Disaster Response Services for IHSS recipients when they are displaced or otherwise impacted by a disaster or severe weather-related emergency.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The increase in severe weather-related emergencies and other disasters often displace California residents from their homes. During such emergencies, IHSS recipients are at an increased risk as their need for personal care services must continue uninterrupted to ensure their safety. IHSS recipients who are directly impacted by such emergencies require emergency related services that allow the delivery of personal care, paramedical and protective supervision services outside of the home such as temporary shelters or homes of friends/family as they await to return home. IHSS providers are often unequipped or unprepared to deliver services in emergency situations or prepare the home for the recipient's safe return home. This policy would allow the County to support measures that would provide emergency funds to IHSS providers who provide services beyond personal care during weather-related emergencies or disasters. **Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services. Concurrence received from the Office of Emergency Management.**

12. [Support proposals that would include the confidentiality of Social Workers' personal information in the Department of Motor Vehicles' records for In-Home Supportive Services Social Workers.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. IHSS Social Workers use their personal vehicles to conduct their assessments and are vulnerable to harassment and identity theft. As such, their home addresses and other personal information should be protected. The IHSS program is staffed by Social Workers who conduct home visits to assess care needs and must report abuse and neglect when they are discovered. Department of Public Social Services indicates that IHSS staff face personal attacks and harassment during their work which includes making referrals to Adult Protective Services on reports of alleged abuse. IHSS Social Workers often face the same dangers in the field as their child protective services counterparts, who are afforded this protection of the suppression of personal records by the Department of Motor Vehicles. This policy would allow the County to support measures that would protect the safety and security of IHSS staff. The addition of this policy does not impact other departments. **Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services.**

13. [Support proposals and funding for individuals who are in the process of applying or have the intent to apply for a U-Visa and/or Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\) petition with the United States Citizen and Immigrant Services \(USCIS\) to access critical support and benefits.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The policy would enable the County to access funding for immigration legal services for domestic violence (DV) victims that have not yet completed a U-visa. Currently, in order to be eligible for LA County DV supportive services, a DV victim non-citizen must have a U-Visa filed, or in process, and be eligible/receiving CalWORKs, due to the use of Single Allocation funds. This current policy leaves a gap in coverage for DV victims that have not filed a U-visa. **Recommended by Department of Public Health – Office of Women's Health.**

**Concurrences received from the Department of Public Social Services and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs - Office of Immigrant Affairs.**

**10.7 Senior and Adult Services**

17. Support proposals, [such as the California Wandering Prevention Task Force](#), that [develop strategies and interventions to prevent and reduce the risks and better protect](#) ~~promote~~ the safety and well-being of individuals with cognitive impairments, including the reunification of families with loved ones who have tendencies to wander, such as individuals with Alzheimer's, dementia, and autism.

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Hahn) approved by the Board on March 1, 2022. Technical change.

23. [Support proposals that expand eligibility for congregate meal programs to dependent adults, ages 18-60, with disabilities.](#)

**Justification:** New Policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 (A sustainable and just food system that enhances access to affordable, local, and healthy food) and Strategy 10A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan that ensures residents have access to healthy foods that optimize their health and well-being without compromising the land where the food is grown. It is also consistent with the August 6, 2019 Board approved [motion](#), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and federal funding to support the Plan.

**Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Food Equity Roundtable. Concurrence received from the Aging and Disabilities Department.**

**10.11 Homelessness**

2. Support proposals which provide funding to meet the housing and related supportive service needs of special populations, including homeless, veterans, elderly, Native Americans, disabled, [justice-involved individuals](#) and those with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This policy is being revised to include justice-impacted populations and address the distinct housing and supportive service needs of the population.

**Recommended by Supervisorial District 1.**

13. [Oppose proposals that establish a separate joint powers authority with the County, City of Los Angeles or any other city within the County for purposes of funding housing to assist low-income households, exercise land use authority, oversee administration of County social services, acquire land through eminent domain and receive new state and federal funding.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Barger and Kuehl) approved by the Board on April 19, 2022, Technical change.

14. [Oppose legislation that seeks to weaken or remove the Housing First model for homeless services.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell and Solis) approved by the Board on May 3, 2022. Technical change.

15. [Support proposals that provide ongoing funding for housing and services for those experiencing homelessness with options for individuals with higher levels of care needs, such as Adult Residential Facilities \(ARFs\) and Residential Facilities for the Elderly \(RCFEs\).](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Promoting long-term, permanent, and stable funding will aid in maintaining continuity of care and wraparound services for individuals to thrive and maintain stability and stop disruption to services. Housing is healthcare and the only way to end homelessness is through permanent housing with appropriate supportive services. **Recommended by the Department of Health Services.**

16. [Support proposals that increase funding to address Native American homelessness and increase Native American housing.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. According to a recent study by the RAND Corporation, LA County's AIAN population represents approximately 2-3 percent of the County population, and 19 percent of those experiencing homelessness. The AIAN community is critically in need of additional supports and resources to address the homelessness crisis and increase housing for Native people. **Recommended by the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission. Concurrence received from the Chief Executive Office - Homeless Initiative.**

17. [Support legislation that identifies population-specific funding for groups disproportionately impacted by homelessness.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Over the years LA County has recognized that certain groups are disproportionately affected by homelessness and poverty. In 2019 The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) authored a report on black people experiencing homelessness which found that Black people make up 9 percent of the population of LA County but account for 30 percent of those experiencing homelessness. In 2022, LA County sponsored a County Wide Women's Needs Assessment to determine how to best support the nearly 22K (32 percent of the overall homeless population) women experiencing homelessness in LA county. 44 percent of homeless individuals in LA's continuum of care (COC) have experienced Domestic Violence (DV). Which is why the City of Los Angeles and the State of California have funded DV Housing First programs to specifically target this population. This year California passed Senate Bill 914, the Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations Act that will support dv survivors, unaccompanied women, and transgendered individuals who are experiencing homelessness by requiring cities, counties, and COC's that receive state funding to address homelessness, also provide specific services for these populations. The bill will also require the California Interagency Council on Homelessness to set and measure progress towards goals to prevent and end homelessness for these vulnerable populations. The addition of this policy would allow the County to support similar measures to SB 914 that will help reduce homelessness for those disproportionately impacted. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Women & Girls Initiative. Concurrence received from the Chief Executive Office - Homeless Initiative.**

## **11. TRANSPORTATION**

3. Support [proposals that provide support](#), funding [or flexibility](#) for [the expansion and maintenance of](#) pedestrian and bicycle-oriented infrastructure such as crosswalks, [pedestrian](#) lighting, bicycle facilities, [parklets and other pedestrian amenities](#), and traffic controls that promote safe [and](#) active transportation, [consistent with traffic safety initiatives such as Vision Zero.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. Los Angeles County Public Works reports that despite the interest in the systemic deployment of pedestrian and bicycle safety infrastructure and amenities, some maintenance, such as that for pedestrian lighting and parklets, may be limited to certain eligible funding sources with limited available funding. Further, restrictive state guidance often prevents the County from proactively recommending such pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Expanding this policy could increase the scope of funding available for use by the County and result in broader deployment. This amendment aligns with other County policies as it will aid in reducing traffic fatalities and greenhouse gas emissions and increase non-motorized forms of transportation. **Recommended by the Department of Public Works.**

25. Support legislation and transportation funding proposals, including new fees and taxes, that would: 1) provide permanent and sustainable funding to maintain and repair the State's transportation infrastructure and local streets and roads to ensure the safe, clean, and efficient mobility of the traveling public and the economic vitality of California; 2) ensure an equitable funding formula between the State and local governments; and 3) adhere to the following priorities.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The existing policy is from a motion approved on February 16, 2016. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 8 (A convenient, safe, clean, and affordable transportation system that enhances mobility and quality of life while reducing car dependency) and Strategy 8A (Reduce vehicle miles traveled by prioritizing alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles) of the County's Board-adopted "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan. It is also consistent with the Board approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

34. Support proposals that provide funding, support or flexibility to local governments to implement transit first policies and traffic safety programs, policies and initiatives, consistent with such as Vision Zero, including flexibility establishing enforceable speed limits.

**Justification:** Revised policy. Los Angeles County Public Works reports that achieving the County's Vision Zero goal requires a holistic approach to traffic safety, including policies around road and vehicle design, post-crash care, and speed management. Expanding this policy could increase the available tools to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries. **Recommended by the Department of Public Works.**

35. Support proposals that allow the County to adopt a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) Transportation Plan to accommodate the operation of NEVs within the County's public right of way.

**Justification:** Motion (Barger) approved by the Board on April 5, 2022. Technical change.

36. Support proposals that require transit providers to develop anti-harassment plans, to be considered and implemented as part of the agencies' planning, designing, and operating their systems.

**Justification:** Motion (Hahn and Solis) approved by the Board on April 19, 2022. Technical change.

37. [Support State funding requests for congestion relief and climate resiliency projects along The Old Road in the Santa Clarita Valley.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Barger) approved by the Board on September 13, 2022. Technical change.

38. [Support proposals that would limit searches associated with traffic or pedestrian infractions \(including, but not limited to, technical violations, equipment violations, proper lighting and broken taillights\) for which there is not a strong causal connection to a collision.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Solis) approved by the Board on August 6, 2022. Technical change.

## **12. UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **12.1 Energy**

1. Support proposals to expand [renewable](#) electric generation and supply in California to ensure energy resiliency.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The recommended revision to the existing policy clarifies the County's intention to support renewable energy. Supply of renewable energy generation has not been as significant an issue as energy supply delivery. Expanding generation and supply alone does not ensure resiliency. Rural communities are experiencing more frequent blackouts. The physical infrastructure may need to be upgraded to ensure consistent/regular/reliable energy. **Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning. Concurrence received from the Internal Services Department.**

8. Support proposals to assist low-income [medical device dependent](#), and elderly households with energy assistance, such as payment subsidies, conservation education, weatherization, and energy efficiency improvements.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience) and Strategy 2A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to integrate climate adaptation and resilience into planning, building, infrastructure, and LACDA decisions. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

14. Support proposals and funding which assist local governments in the development and implementation of Climate Action Plans [and Sustainability Plans](#) that aim to reduce energy and water consumption, ~~equipment and fleet~~ [mobile source](#) emissions, and other greenhouse gas emissions targeted under AB 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006) and SB 32 (Chapter 248, Statutes of 2016).

**Justification:** Revised policy. The recommended revision to the existing policy clarifies the County's intention to broadly support reducing mobile source emissions. The existing policy statement focuses narrowly on the transportation sector and on fleet emissions (where fleets are a large supply of vehicles or boats under single ownership), which may unintentionally limit the policy's applicability. This recommendation is also consistent with Goal 2 (Buildings and

infrastructure that support human health and resilience) and Strategy 2A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to integrate climate adaptation and resilience into planning, building, infrastructure, and community development decisions. **Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning and the Chief Sustainability Office.**

18. Support legislation that facilitates and/or funds local governments new or increased code or ordinance compliance, enforcement, or development requirements that result from the State's clean energy policies [and County decarbonization goals](#).

**Justification:** Revised policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience) and Strategy 2A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to integrate climate adaptation and resilience into planning, building, infrastructure, and community development decisions. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

22. [Support proposals that require at least 40 percent of federal climate, clean energy and other infrastructure funds be allocated to benefit disadvantaged communities and an additional 10 percent of funds be allocated to benefit low-income communities and households.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell) approved by the Board on June 14, 2022. Technical change.

23. [Support proposals to expand renewable and emissions-free electric generation and supply in California.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 7 (A fossil-fuel free LA County) and Strategy 7A (Transition to a zero-carbon energy system that reduces air and climate pollution and that minimizes the dangers of a changing climate to our communities and economy). It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan. It is also consistent with the goals of the County-established community choice energy program (the Clean Power Alliance) which the Board approved on April 10, 2018. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Internal Services Department.**

24. [Oppose proposals that restrict or inhibit local government's latitude to advance reach codes.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience) and Strategy 2A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to integrate climate adaptation and resilience into planning, building, infrastructure, and community development decisions. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Works.**



### **12.4 Underground Utilities**

3. ~~Support legislation that strengthens the State's oversight and regulations pertaining to gas storage facilities, oil refineries, and gas/oil extraction.~~

**Justification:** Remove policy. Proposed move to Section 12.5. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

### **12.5 Oil and Gas Facilities**

1. Support proposals which would: 1) provide a comprehensive statutory framework for regulation of hydraulic fracturing (or “fracking”) and other well stimulation treatments in California; 2) provide statutory and regulatory protection from potential hazards to the environment, groundwater quality, air quality, seismic safety, and public health that may result from these processes; ~~and~~ 3) require the disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and other well stimulation treatments; and 4) provide funding for supportive services, workforce development and other assistance that helps displaced fossil fuel workers' transition to the green economy or other industries that offer career pathways with family-sustaining wages.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 4 (A prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents and businesses and supports the transition to a green economy) and Strategy 4B to Support wealth-generating activities in disinvested neighborhoods of the Board-adopted “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

6. Support proposals which would ban the use of modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF) or require refineries in California to convert from MHF to safer alternatives.

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Hahn) approved by the Board on February 15, 2022. Technical change.

11. Support legislation that strengthens the State's oversight and regulations pertaining to gas storage facilities, oil refineries, and gas/oil extraction.

**Justification:** Proposed move from Section 12.4. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

12. Support legislation that would phase out oil extraction and proposals that would support funding for site remediation/reuse for local governments that have already committed to the phase out of extraction.

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 4 (A prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents and businesses and supports the transition to a green economy) and Strategy 4B to Support wealth-generating activities in disinvested neighborhoods of the Board-adopted “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan. This recommendation is also consistent with recent motions adopted by the Board of Supervisors to phase out oil drilling within the County (“Protecting Communities Near Oil and Gas Drilling Operations in Los Angeles County”, September 15, 2021) and develop a just transition strategy for displaced workers

“Developing a Comprehensive Strategy for a Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels in Los Angeles County”, September 15, 2021). It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Regional Planning.**

13. [Support proposals to fund and support health and safety protections, including continuous air monitoring programs near oil and gas operations.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Mitchell and Hahn) approved by the Board on September 27, 2022. Technical change.

### **13. CANNABIS**

16. [Support proposals that support the establishment of a safer cannabis market, including promoting access to banking and financial resources, safer cannabis products and businesses, and increased resources for local public health, equity and consumer protection programs.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Solis and Mitchell) approved by the Board on February 15, 2022. Technical change.

### **14. RACIAL EQUITY AND JUSTICE**

**Justification:** New policy section. Currently, there is no section on this topic in the LA County State Legislative Agenda. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative.**

1. [Support proposals that would address, correct and/or remedy past public policy which produced or sustained racial inequity.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI explains that this type of policy includes laws that act as barriers to advancing policies that reduce or eliminate a persistent racial inequity. Legal barriers may bar the prioritization of racial group as the beneficiary of a policy aimed at repairing past harm caused by government policies (e.g., Prop. 209, approved in 1996 which “bars the state from appropriating funds or giving preferential priority on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, and public contracting), or create procedural obstacles to policy that advances racial equity. Further, this includes proposals that foster transparent, equitable, and inclusive decision-making processes that prioritize and fund the participation, engagement, leadership and decision-making power of residents and communities facing racial and health inequities. This also includes proposals that incorporate local community input and oversight of department policies, programs, procedures and investments on a long-term, regularized, and culturally representative basis. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and

federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative.**

2. [Support proposals that affirmatively advance and/or provide resources to promote racial equity.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI explains that this includes a broad range of policy designed to reduce or eliminate racial inequities by providing benefits, extending protections, or setting aside resources to improve community and material conditions and close racial disparities related to health, safety, educational attainment, income and wealth, homeownership, etc. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative**

3. [Support proposals to broaden the scope of authority of the state's Racial Equity Commission to ensure state agencies, departments, and offices develop and implement racial equity action plans and align their policies, procedures, budgets, and services with the Commission's Racial Equity Framework, and develop monitoring and accountability mechanisms to track progress.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. To build upon support of the establishment of the state Racial Equity Commission, ARDI recommends the County adopt policy to support proposals would strengthen the commission's authority beyond its current advisory role, including the authority to conduct an assessment of state department and agency efforts to advance racial equity and require each agency to prepare a report on its progress toward goals set forth in the Commission's Racial Equity Framework; develop a strategic plan with policy and practice recommendations and benchmarks; establish methodologies, a system of measurement, and data needs for assessing how state statutes, regulations, and practices contribute to, uphold, or exacerbate racial disparities and prepare an annual report; or, hire administrative, technical, and other personnel needed to perform the duties of the Commission. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative.**

4. [Support proposals that would establish a State Office of Racial Equity.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends the County establish policy to support efforts to establish a CA Office of Racial Equity to advance racial equity in all state actions. The office would coordinate, analyze, develop, evaluate, and recommend strategies and policies for advancing racial equity across state agencies, departments, and the office of the Governor. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative.**

5. [Support proposals to conduct and/or fund Racial Impact Assessments.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals that would require lawmakers to provide a “racial impact statement” before they pass any new law or regulation to figure out whether a law will disproportionately affect Black youth, Black residents, and other groups that face structural racism. This is an approach that has been adopted in some jurisdictions, but not to our knowledge in California. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative.**

6. [Support proposals to establish The California African American Freedmen Affairs Agency.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals that would include those that establish a cabinet-level secretary position over an African American/Freedmen Affairs Agency tasked with implementing the recommendations of the California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans. The role of the agency is to identify past harms, prevent future harm, work with other state agencies and branches of California’s government to mitigate harms, suggest policies to the Governor and the Legislature designed to compensate for the harms caused by the legacy of anti-Black discrimination, and work to eliminate systemic racism that has developed because of the enslavement of African Americans in the United States. This agency would facilitate, process, and support Californian’s reparations claims as well. (This recommendation comes from the California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans). Forthcoming legislation is anticipated. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative.**

7. [Support proposals to address the wrongful taking of property owned by BIPOC Residents.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals would include those that the state could investigate and provide reparations for the dispossession and destruction of Black-owned property and property owned by other marginalized groups. This could entail estimating the value of Black-owned businesses and property in California stolen or destroyed through acts of racial terror, distribute this amount back to Black Californians, and make housing grants, zero-interest business and housing loans and grants available to Black Californians. (This recommendation comes from the California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans). Forthcoming legislation is anticipated. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative.**



## Treating Stimulant Use Disorder: CalAIM's Contingency Management Pilot

In the years before the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States was already seeing increasing numbers of drug overdose deaths. More than 70,000 people died of an overdose in 2019.<sup>1</sup> Today, many health care providers and public officials are actively promoting evidence-based treatments to help people recover from substance misuse and substance use disorder. Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) continues to be the gold standard of care for opioid and alcohol use disorders, and states like California have made considerable progress in ensuring access to these services for Medicaid enrollees. However, the overdose epidemic in California has changed significantly in the last decade. Each year an increasing number of people die from an overdose resulting from stimulants, which include both illicit drugs, such as cocaine and methamphetamine, and prescription drugs, such as amphetamine.<sup>2</sup>

While there are currently no Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications to address stimulant use disorders, contingency management (CM) is a proven, effective non-medication approach. CM is a treatment service that relies on reinforcing substance use reduction and abstinence with positive rewards. California recently received authorization through a Medicaid waiver from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to include CM as a Medi-Cal covered service under the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative. In fall 2022, California will become the first state in the nation to cover CM as a Medicaid benefit, and to evaluate its effectiveness when launched at scale in a large state.

### What is the current state of the stimulant use crisis in California?

While California has fared better than other states when it comes to the overdose epidemic, it has nonetheless been unable to stop the accelerated increase of overdose deaths. In 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) reported 8,894 deaths due to an overdose, an increase of 43% from 2019.<sup>3</sup> Of those deaths, more than half involved use of a stimulant, such as methamphetamine or cocaine. In addition, the rate of stimulant use disorder-related overdose deaths in California almost quadrupled between 2011 and 2019.<sup>4</sup> Although many of these stimulant use-related deaths also involved fentanyl or another opioid, most people who consume fentanyl are unaware that their stimulant drugs contain dangerous amounts of the potent opioid, which means they inadvertently consume fentanyl while using stimulants.<sup>5</sup>

The number of people diagnosed with substance use disorders (SUDs) in California has also continued to trend upwards, and stimulant use disorders now represent a significant portion of these conditions. The state experienced a reduction in misuse of pain medications in the five-year period from 2014 to 2019, but use of stimulants increased during that same time frame. Reported cocaine use rose by 27% from 2014 to 2019, and use of methamphetamine increased by 25% from 2016 to 2019.<sup>6</sup> The number of nonfatal emergency department visits due to amphetamine use also doubled from 2018 to 2020. Latino/x Californians accounted for 40% of those ED visits, while Black Californians had the highest rate of nonfatal ED visits

for amphetamine, highlighting the need to care for people with stimulant use disorders as a measure to address health disparities among Californians.<sup>7</sup>

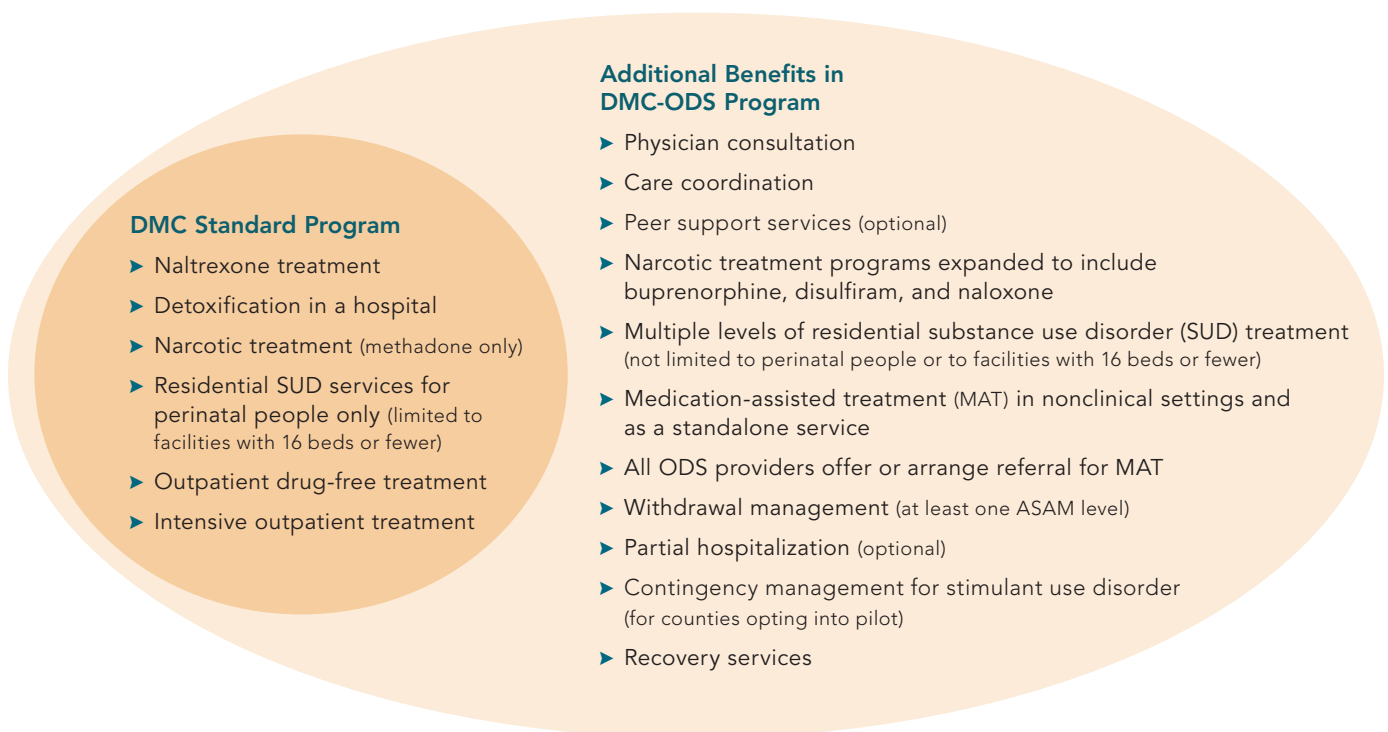
## How is SUD care delivered in Medi-Cal, and what changes does CalAIM introduce?

Medi-Cal pays for 28% of all SUD treatment in California, making the program the single largest source of insurance coverage for Californians with SUDs.<sup>8</sup> Medi-Cal SUD services are provided primarily through county-based drug and alcohol plans under the statewide Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) program. As part of DMC, all counties are responsible for contracting with SUD providers for delivery of basic services at various levels of care, including outpatient services, intensive outpatient treatment, residential services in facilities with up to 16 beds, and MAT when delivered or administered at narcotic treatment programs (NTPs).<sup>9</sup> In addition, Medi-Cal covers, on a fee-for-service basis, all FDA-approved medications for treating

alcohol and opioid use disorders, as well as naloxone, the opioid overdose-reversal medication.<sup>10</sup>

Since 2015, counties have the option of participating in the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) program, a component of California's Medicaid federal waiver program.<sup>11</sup> Under DMC-ODS, participating counties are responsible for providing, in addition to all DMC services, residential services in facilities with more than 16 beds, NTP services not limited to methadone treatment, at least one American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) level of withdrawal management, recovery services, care coordination, MAT provided in nonclinical settings (such as street-based outreach programs) and as a stand-alone service, and clinician consultation (Figure 1).<sup>12</sup> In addition, counties participating in DMC-ODS have the option of providing partial hospitalization and additional levels of inpatient, residential, and withdrawal management services. As of January 2022, 37 counties, accounting for 96% of California's population, have opted to participate in the DMC-ODS program.<sup>13</sup>

Figure 1. Services Covered in Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS)



In December 2021, CMS approved the CalAIM waiver request. In so doing, CMS reaffirmed various changes implemented as part of a one-year extension to the original section 1115 waiver, and authorized new changes to the DMC-ODS benefit structure.<sup>14</sup> First, CalAIM removed limitations on the number of residential treatment episodes that can be reimbursed in a one-year period and on the maximum number of days in a residential stay, calling instead for an individualized clinical needs assessment. At the same time, CalAIM now requires all SUD providers, including residential facilities, to either offer or have effective referral mechanisms for MAT in place. The approved waiver also clarifies that NTPs may be reimbursed for ordering, prescribing, administering, and monitoring of all medications for SUDs, as well as for counseling associated with MAT.

CalAIM also extends coverage for nonresidential DMC-ODS services to include the 30-day period following an assessment, regardless of whether an SUD was diagnosed. After this period, adult enrollees are eligible for services if they have an SUD diagnosis. People leaving incarceration are also eligible for services if they had an SUD diagnosis prior to incarceration. Meanwhile, enrollees under 21 are still covered by the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) medical necessity criteria.<sup>15</sup> In fact, CalAIM clarifies that, in order to comply with EPSDT requirements, early intervention services (ASAM level 0.5) are available for enrollees under 21 in DMC-ODS counties without the requirement of an SUD diagnosis, and that all DMC-ODS services are available for enrollees under 21 even in DMC counties that do not participate in the DMC-ODS program.<sup>16</sup>

Finally, CalAIM requested coverage for three specific new benefits: traditional healers and natural helper services for American Indian and Alaska Native enrollees (proposed to be required for DMC-ODS counties but not yet approved by CMS); peer support specialist services (optional for DMC-ODS counties, covered effective July 1, 2022); and CM for stimulant use

disorders (optional for counties wishing to participate in the pilot program, covered effective fall 2022).<sup>17</sup>

## **What is contingency management, and what does the research show about its effectiveness?**

Contingency management consists of behavioral health interventions that positively reinforce desired outcomes. The program typically consists of providing participants with prizes or vouchers exchangeable for goods and services each time a desired behavior is achieved (incentives typically reset to their starting levels when the behavior is not achieved). A recent example of CM in a non-SUD context is the use of payment to reward people who receive the COVID-19 vaccine. California implemented such a program and targeted Medicaid enrollees specifically in order to improve vaccination rates among this population. In the case of CM for people with SUDs, participants are usually rewarded each time they return a negative test for the presence of a particular substance. The goal of the treatment service is to eliminate the use of substances that may be contributing to an SUD, at least for the duration of the treatment course, followed by other types of interventions to prevent relapse and reoccurrence of the SUD.

CM services are effective in treating various SUDs among different age groups, ranging from adolescents to adults.<sup>18</sup> CM has a positive impact on the use of opioids, marijuana, alcohol, nicotine, and stimulants.<sup>19</sup> The service increases levels of abstinence, medication adherence, and treatment engagement at all levels of care, including outpatient and residential settings. CM interventions are particularly effective in treating stimulant use disorders. A recent meta-analysis found that 18 of 22 studies (81.8%) evaluated reported that CM had statistically significant effects on reducing stimulant use.<sup>20</sup> The results demonstrated that 75.8% of CM participants had a better outcome than the mean outcome in the control group. Another meta-analysis of studies on treating veterans enrolled in CM programs

found that the average abstinence rate, based on negative test results, exceeded 90%.<sup>21</sup>

While CM increases abstinence during the course of treatment, evidence around sustained effectiveness post-CM treatment period is weaker. In some studies, the average effect of CM was not sustained significantly six months after CM ended.<sup>22</sup> However, other findings indicate that establishing and maintaining abstinence during treatment facilitates overall recovery by allowing patients to engage productively in other services that prioritize broader psychosocial aspects of recovery.<sup>23</sup> In addition, some studies have found that, because of the importance of social determinants of health on the prevalence of SUDs, offering incentives that help people develop skills that can then be useful in gaining employment may be more effective for maintaining healthy habits in the long run than other interventions.<sup>24</sup>

CM has been implemented in private settings across the US, which has prompted some legal analysts to question the legality of potentially using federal funds to pay for the incentives in the face of federal anti-kickback laws and laws prohibiting certain kinds of inducements for services among enrollees. In a 2008 advisory opinion, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) analyzed whether CM incentives would violate the federal anti-kickback statute or prohibitions against inducements to enrollees of public programs to access certain services.<sup>25</sup> This advisory opinion concluded there are ways to design CM programs that do not violate federal law. In particular, the opinion concluded that factors such as incentives being provided in the form of gift cards instead of cash and the program not being widely advertised contribute to the conclusion that CM programs may incorporate safeguards that ensure compliance with federal anti-kickback laws. In an advisory opinion issued in March 2022 related to a different CM program, HHS-OIG reaffirmed the 2008 conclusion and identified additional potential guardrails that could help avoid illegal action, including offering low-value incentives and loading incentives

into smart debit cards, which allow vendors to monitor use of the cards.<sup>26</sup> The approval of CM as a Medicaid benefit is further federal reassurance that CM is considered a legitimate SUD treatment, lowering the concern about violation of anti-kickback laws.

## What does DHCS's contingency management pilot program entail?

California's Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) received approval from CMS to use federal matching funds to implement a contingency management pilot program starting no earlier than July 1, 2022, to December 31, 2026. Funding was approved through the Home and Community-Based Services Spending Plan through March 2024. DHCS now formally calls the program "Recovery Incentives: California's Contingency Management Program." While the state intends to expand availability of CM to all counties if the pilot is successful, only DMC-ODS counties may participate in the initial period of the pilot, running from 2022 through March 2024. The pilot will roll out in two phases, the first launching in fall 2022 with seven participating DMC-ODS counties. DHCS expects to publish a final report on the two phases of the pilot program in July 2024.<sup>27</sup>

### Contingency Management Pilot Program Is Not Tied to SB 110

CalAIM's contingency management pilot program is not tied to Senate Bill 110. This bill was passed by the California legislature in 2021 but then vetoed by Governor Gavin Newsom.<sup>28</sup> SB 110 would have clarified that CM programs are not in violation of state anti-kickback laws and would have additionally required Medi-Cal to cover CM programs. Governor Newsom's stated reason for his veto was that the 2021 budget included the proposal to incorporate federal funds for CM programs under a pilot that would inform future action to permanently authorize CM coverage under Medi-Cal (the DMC-ODS pilot program).<sup>29</sup>



## Responsibilities of Participating Counties and Providers

DHCS has approved 24 counties to participate in the pilot. Criteria for approval included:

- ▶ Developing a network of DMC-certified and DMC-ODS–contracted CM providers and ensuring providers comply with federal guidance around CM
- ▶ Providing training and technical assistance to participating providers
- ▶ Administering funding and reimbursement for CM while adhering to state guidance on funding and reimbursement
- ▶ Collecting information from providers and sharing it with the state to support oversight and monitoring
- ▶ Monitoring quality of care and implementing necessary changes

All SUD providers seeking to provide the CM benefit must be able to participate in state training that takes place prior to and during the pilot program. Pursuant to state policy, provider organizations are also responsible for assessing each enrollee for eligibility to participate in the CM program, and screening and assessing enrollees for eligibility for other DMC-ODS services. This includes conducting an ASAM assessment within 30 days of entry into care (or 60 days in the case of people experiencing homelessness) to determine the appropriate level of care needed.<sup>30</sup> Providers must also adopt mechanisms to report data to DHCS and the University of California, Los Angeles Integrated Substance Abuse Programs (UCLA ISAP) for monitoring and evaluation of the pilot program.<sup>31</sup>

In addition, each SUD provider organization must designate a CM coordinator, who may be a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA), an SUD counselor certified or registered by a DHCS-recognized organization and accredited with the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or a certified peer support specialist. While DHCS recommends counties hire a full-time or part-time CM coordinator,

who would focus exclusively on this work, counties are allowed to assign the responsibilities to existing staff when hiring constraints exist. The CM coordinator will be responsible for collecting urine samples, entering test results into the database, and supporting delivery of incentives to enrollees. The CM coordinator will also be responsible for maintaining ongoing communication with enrollees, including explaining and collecting consent forms from them; referring them to additional treatment, such as MAT and naloxone, when necessary; and attempting to contact them after a missed appointment.<sup>32</sup>

## Eligibility

While CMS did not explicitly limit the contingency management pilot program to stimulant use disorders, California has elected to focus solely on CM for stimulant use disorders, at least during the initial period of the program. All Medi-Cal enrollees (including those under 21) will be eligible for CM services if they have been diagnosed with a qualifying stimulant use disorder and after an assessment has determined that CM is medically appropriate for the diagnosed stimulant use disorder.<sup>33</sup>

In addition, Medi-Cal enrollees must meet all of the following requirements:<sup>34</sup>

- ▶ Reside in a DMC-ODS county that elects and is approved to participate in the CM pilot.
- ▶ Have an ASAM multidimensional assessment completed that indicates they can appropriately be treated in an outpatient treatment setting (i.e., ASAM levels 1.0 to 2.5).
- ▶ Not be enrolled in another CM program for their SUD (based on the enrollee’s electronic health record).
- ▶ Not be receiving residential DMC-ODS services.

While most enrollees who receive services through the CM pilot are likely to be eligible for and actively receiving other DMC-ODS services, eligibility for CM is not dependent on participation in other outpatient

treatment programs. In fact, DHCS's policy provides that an enrollee whose SUD provider recommends other treatment in conjunction with CM "will not be penalized, chastised, criticized, or discharged from the [CM] program for failure to participate in all recommended treatment."<sup>35</sup> Similarly, enrollees who voluntarily stop participating in the CM program during a course of treatment or who test positive for stimulant use disorders, making them ineligible to receive CM incentives, will be invited to reenter other forms of treatment.

## Services

Eligible Medi-Cal enrollees will participate in a 24-week course of CM treatment, which will be followed by six or more months of recovery support services, as needed. DHCS policy designates weeks 1 to 12 as the escalation/reset/recovery period, and weeks 13 to 24 as the maintenance period.<sup>36</sup> Throughout these 24 weeks, an enrollee may concurrently receive, either through the SUD provider providing CM or through a different SUD provider, the following services: individual, group, or family counseling; MAT; patient education; care coordination; peer support; withdrawal management; and recovery services.<sup>37</sup> During the escalation/reset/recovery period, enrollees will be asked to visit the CM provider/testing site at least twice a week, with each session separated by at least 72 hours for higher testing accuracy. During each visit, the provider will collect a urine sample and test it for the presence of stimulants. For every negative test, the enrollee receives an incentive starting at \$10 for the first week and increasing in value by \$1.50 per week of treatment. The maximum amount enrollees can receive during these first 12 weeks of treatment (for a total of 24 negative urine tests) is \$438.<sup>38</sup>

While an enrollee is not kicked out of the program if they test positive for stimulants, the enrollee receives no incentive in those situations. The enrollee regains eligibility for the incentives as soon as the enrollee tests negative in a subsequent test. At this point, the "reset" period begins, which allows the enrollee to

earn \$10 for two consecutive negative tests, followed by incentives in the amount the enrollee received immediately prior to testing negative (and increasing by \$1.50 for each subsequent week thereafter).<sup>39</sup>

During the maintenance period (weeks 13 to 24), visits to the testing site are reduced to once a week. In weeks 13 to 18, enrollees are eligible to receive an incentive of \$15 for each negative test; in weeks 19 to 23, the enrollee receives an incentive of \$10 for each negative test; and during week 24, the enrollee receives a final incentive of \$21 for a final negative stimulant test. The maximum amount enrollees may receive as incentives during this maintenance period is \$161 and, combined with the incentives during the escalation/reset/recovery period, the maximum aggregate incentive amount is \$599 per enrollee.<sup>40</sup>

DHCS plans to provide the incentives in the form of gift cards from retail stores, grocery stores, and gas stations. Enrollees will be unable to purchase cannabis, tobacco, alcohol, or lottery tickets with the gift cards, although the mechanisms to enforce these restrictions remain unclear. During the first months of the pilot program, DHCS intends to contract with a web-based incentive manager vendor to manage the tracking and distribution of incentives, which will be provided in the form of printed gift cards. Starting in December 2022, DHCS will contract with a mobile incentive manager vendor to provide access to incentives through smartphones and other mobile devices.<sup>41</sup>

## What are some of the challenges the state may face in implementing the contingency management pilot program?

Because California's CM Pilot Program is a novel initiative and the first CM program financed with federal Medicaid funding, the state will likely face challenges during the initial rollout. Since CMS approved CalAIM, DHCS has actively engaged county officials, behavioral health providers, and other stakeholders in

conversations to answer questions and anticipate problems that may arise in real-world scenarios. Some of these potential challenge areas are described below.

#### CHALLENGE #1

### Compliance with Federal Rules

The CalAIM waiver includes an agreement by the state to adhere to federally established conditions (called “Special Terms and Conditions”), which specifically state that California’s CM pilot program does not violate federal anti-kickback laws or civil monetary penalty provisions prohibiting inducements to enrollees.<sup>42</sup> This condition responds to DHCS’s careful delineation of the program in a way that addresses some of the issues that might contravene these laws. As part of its statewide CM policy, the state has incorporated some of the factors discussed in the 2008 HHS-OIG advisory opinion that shield CM programs from legal liability. Nonetheless, as the program is rolled out, consideration must be given to continuous compliance with federal laws, both at the state level and at the county and provider levels.

**Recommendation.** DHCS should establish guardrails for counties and providers to avoid noncompliance with federal law. These guardrails should provide examples of practices that may be considered to be inducing referrals to certain SUD providers in violation of federal anti-kickback laws. Moreover, DHCS should provide counties and providers with guidance regarding permissible marketing tactics that call attention to the CM program and other DMC-ODS services without preferentially inducing attendees to certain providers. This is particularly important in large counties that may have a higher number of CM providers. DHCS should clearly communicate these guardrails to counties and providers through state guidance, provider bulletins, and continual training.

#### CHALLENGE #2

### Intake

The success of California’s CM program will depend largely on the number of people with stimulant use disorders that it reaches. Because most people with stimulant use disorders are low-income, they are likely eligible for Medi-Cal and, thus, DMC-ODS and CM services, as long as they live in a participating county. However, most people with stimulant use disorders do not know about CM as a service, much less about its new availability in Medi-Cal. People with stimulant use disorders who have no co-occurring SUDs and who are currently not receiving DMC-ODS services for their stimulant use disorders will be harder to reach.

**Recommendation.** DHCS should engage a varied group of stakeholders in the Medi-Cal system to provide information to enrollees about availability of the CM program. For example, given that some potential enrollees who could benefit from CM are not yet receiving DMC-ODS services, DHCS should engage Medi-Cal managed care plans as well as county mental health plans in DMC-ODS counties, so that they inform and train providers who may be in a position to refer enrollees for CM services. Additionally, DHCS should require residential SUD facilities to incorporate potential referrals to CM providers as part of discharge planning, so that patients with stimulant use disorders can access timely behavioral treatment in their communities. DHCS should also remove the limitation on CM eligibility for patients actively receiving residential treatment. While there are important reasons not to overly incentivize residential treatment by expanding CM in institutional settings, DHCS could address these concerns by requiring residential facilities to connect patients with stimulant use disorders with community-based CM providers rather than offering CM on-site.

The state should also engage jails and prisons to identify inmates who need access to CM quickly upon release. Furthermore, DHCS should identify people who receive SUD care at emergency departments (EDs) or through mobile crisis teams, which for many

people with SUD is the first point of contact with the health care system. ED and mobile crisis providers should be properly informed about the CM pilot, so they can convey information to patients and refer them for treatment as appropriate. Finally, DHCS should engage providers, advocates, activists, and researchers to disseminate information about the program and encourage eligible beneficiaries to participate.

### CHALLENGE #3 Provider Participation

Lack of availability of SUD providers is an issue in all California counties but is particularly a barrier in rural counties, where enrollees have to travel long distances to access services. While telehealth has helped address some of these issues, many SUD services, including urine testing as part of the CM program, still require an in-person visit. The few providers available may also be hesitant to take on a novel service like CM, especially considering the additional staffing needs and legal liability risks (perceived or actual) that are attached to it.

**Recommendation.** DHCS will allow all DMC-certified and DMC-ODS–contracted providers to participate in the CM pilot. This is a necessary prerequisite to expanding the number of available providers; however, DHCS should also ensure that the conditions of participation are favorable for providers, including ensuring that reimbursement is sufficient to cover all expenses, such as testing and staffing. DHCS should mandate that CM providers require in-person visits only for testing services, while urging providers to set up telehealth capabilities for additional communication regarding the enrollee’s participation in the CM program. DHCS should explore allowing CM providers to subcontract with testing sites in rural counties to facilitate in-person access in areas with a dearth of providers. Finally, DHCS could offer free legal consultation, as part of or in addition to the recurring training, to address providers’ concerns related to risk management.

### CHALLENGE #4 Care Coordination

Medi-Cal’s behavioral delivery system is complex for enrollees to navigate on their own. Coordination of care between the different payers (managed care plans, county mental health plans, DMC-ODS programs, etc.) and providers (primary care and other physical health providers, mental health providers, and SUD providers) is often lacking. The CM program will open the door for people with stimulant use disorders to access needed care that was previously unavailable, but may also represent a point of entry for some enrollees who may need services for which they were already eligible but which they were not yet accessing. Proper care coordination will prevent people with stimulant use disorders and co-occurring disorders from continuing to fall through the cracks.

**Recommendation.** In addition to requiring an ASAM assessment for new participants, DHCS should require CM providers to provide warm handoffs to other SUD providers and to other delivery systems, as necessary. For example, CM provider organizations should have mechanisms in place to contact county mental health plans and providers when the CM provider suspects the enrollee would benefit from specialty mental health services. Similarly, when an enrollee requires physical health treatment, CM providers should be able to conduct a warm handoff to the enrollee’s managed care plan rather than simply offering a referral and a number for the enrollee to call. CM providers should also be able to recommend that the managed care plan provide the enrollee with Enhanced Care Management, as appropriate.

### CHALLENGE #5 Framing and Messaging

The evidence around CM’s effectiveness as a behavioral treatment is substantial. However, when implementing the program, the state, counties, plans, and providers must be careful not to contribute inadvertently to the stigma and discrimination that people who use drugs and those with stimulant use disorders or other SUDs

face. Like recurring physical health conditions such as cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, SUD is a treatable chronic condition, and access to evidence-based treatment should remain the ultimate goal. In the case of stimulant use disorders, that evidence-based treatment is based on positive reinforcement. As such, the positive reinforcement component of CM must be emphasized while avoiding practices that chastise or penalize patients who relapse during the course of treatment.

**Recommendation.** The state policy allowing enrollees to regain eligibility for incentives in the same amount they were receiving before a positive stimulant test, is an important and positive step. Nonetheless, DHCS should take further action to avoid discrimination by emphasizing proper interaction and communication with enrollees during county and provider training, highlighting the need to treat enrollees with kindness and compassion and to avoid judgment. DHCS, counties, plans, and providers should also avoid discriminatory language that incorporates bias and stigma into messaging, such as “failing to pass a drug test” and “achieving sobriety and drug-free status”; they should also avoid stigmatizing terms that have traditionally and regrettably formed the lexicon around drug use, such as referring to patients as “addicts,” “dirty,” or “clean.”

Finally, because an important catalyst for bias and discrimination toward people who use drugs is the involvement of law enforcement, DHCS should clearly communicate to enrollees the department’s policy not to share information about the enrollee’s stimulant use or participation in the CM program with law enforcement under any circumstance. DHCS should also assure participants about the steps the department will take to avoid unwarranted law enforcement involvement.

## Conclusion

CM is a promising, evidence-based practice to treat stimulant use disorders. California has an opportunity to demonstrate its effectiveness among Medi-Cal enrollees and open the door to adoption of CM in other states. A well-designed program is key to ensuring the service reaches the intended populations and is successful in reducing the burden of stimulant use disorders and deaths due to overdoses that involve the use of these drugs. If carefully designed and implemented, the adoption, expansion, and widespread availability of the CM benefit will become an important complement to California’s harm reduction approach to the overdose crisis and will greatly aid the state’s efforts to address the epidemic.

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November 15, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO HIV/AIDS HEALTH EDUCATION/RISK  
REDUCTION PREVENTION SERVICES CONTRACT NUMBER PH-001044 WITH THE LOS  
ANGELES LGBT CENTER TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL MAXIMUM OBLIGATION EFFECTIVE  
DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to execute an amendment to HIV/AIDS Health Education/Risk Reduction Prevention Services Contract Number PH-001044 with the Los Angeles LGBT Center to increase the maximum obligation for the provision of additional prevention services effective date of Board approval through June 30, 2023, and delegated authority to extend the contract term through June 30, 2025.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Authorize and instruct the Director of the Department of Public Health (Public Health), or designee, to execute Amendment Number 18 to Contract Number PH-001044 with the Los Angeles LGBT Center (LGBT Center) for the provision of additional Health Education/Risk Reduction (HE/RR) Prevention services, substantially similar to Exhibit I, to increase the annual funding by \$134,338 from \$225,000 to \$359,338 effective date of Board approval through June 30, 2023, 100 percent funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention Program (IHSP) funds and CDC Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) funds.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, or her designee, to execute amendments to Contract Number PH-001044, that extend the term through June 30, 2025 at the revised annual base maximum obligation; adjust the term through December 31, 2025; and/or provide an increase



or decrease in funding up to 10 percent above or below each term's revised annual base maximum obligation, effective upon amendment execution or at the beginning of the applicable contract term, and make corresponding service adjustments as necessary, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, or designee, to execute change notices to the contract that authorize modifications to, or within, budget categories, and corresponding service adjustments, as necessary; changes to hours of operation and/or service locations; and/or corrections of errors in the contract's terms and conditions.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, or designee, to immediately suspend Contract Number PH-001044 upon issuing a written notice to the contractor if they fail to perform and/or fully comply with program requirements; to terminate the contract for convenience by providing a 30-calendar day advance written notice to the contractor; and to accept a voluntary contract termination notice from the contractor.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

HE/RR prevention services provide education, awareness, and skill-building to increase knowledge about HIV risk behaviors, decrease the frequency of those behaviors, and ensure that those individuals living with HIV reduce the probability of transmitting HIV to others. HE/RR prevention services also provide a means to link persons at high risk for HIV or persons of unknown HIV status to available HIV counseling and testing services, medical care, and biomedical HIV prevention services.

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow Public Health to amend the existing HE/RR prevention services contract with the LGBT Center to increase funding to cover the actual costs of a Community Embedded Disease Investigation Specialist (CEDIS). Currently, the CEDIS team are budgeted to provide services for 70 percent of their time, which does not allow for the full use of these staff. The augmentation will allow the agency to support these staff to provide services for 100 percent of their time. The CEDIS team play a significant role in LGBT Center's Community Health Programs ongoing efforts to prevent and reduce the transmission of HIV and sexually transmitted infections. As a compliment to the HE/RR prevention program, CEDIS offer preventative education, health literacy and treatment adherence education to all patients who come into the clinic with a positive result or known exposure. CEDIS locate and provide referrals to sexual partners of individuals who have tested positive for HIV and/or a sexually transmitted infection (STI). During the ongoing Novel Coronavirus-2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and the emerging outbreak of Monkeypox (M-Pox), the CEDIS team has assisted with morbidity report submissions and education to individuals who contracted and/or were exposed to COVID-19 and M-Pox. The CEDIS team play an integral part in the clinical flow by providing health education and risk reduction to patients who come into the LGBT Center. Additionally, the CEDIS team aligns with the HE/RR Prevention Program through the following activities:

- Builds rapport with patients which encourages them to improve their health status and reduce the risk of transmission to others.
- Provides information to all patients, with a large focus on patients living with HIV, by providing psychosocial and medical support services.
- Provides information on the importance of treatment adherence to remain undetectable and reduce HIV transmission is stressed with every patient interaction.

- Conducts follow up with sexual partners of patients who are HIV positive and/or have an STI and are counseled and brought in for testing and/or treatment.
- Provides HIV biomedical education on nonoccupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for patients exposed to HIV.
- Provides the necessary information on health care coverage options to patients that don't have insurance, so they can continue receiving services at the LGBT Center.
- Rapidly identifies patients who are unaware that they may be infected with HIV/STD and helps them receive treatment and care.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow Public Health to execute amendments to the HE/RR prevention services contract to extend and/or adjust the term of the contract, and/or increase or decrease funding up to 10 percent above or below the revised annual base maximum obligation, effective upon amendment execution or at the beginning of the applicable contract term, and make corresponding service adjustments to the SOW, as necessary. This recommended action will enable Public Health to amend the contract to adjust the term for a period of up to six months beyond the expiration date. Such amendments will only be executed if and when there is an unanticipated extension of the term of the applicable grant funding to allow additional time to complete services and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested to enhance Public Health's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

Recommendation 2 will also enable Public Health to amend the contract to allow for the provision of additional units of funded services that are above the service level identified in the current contract and/or the inclusion of unreimbursed eligible costs, based on the availability of grant funds and grant funder approval.

Approval of Recommendation 3 will allow Public Health to execute change notices to the contract that authorize modifications to, or within budget categories, and corresponding service adjustments to the SOW, as necessary; changes to hours of operation and/or service locations; changes to the hours of operation and/or service locations; and/or make corrections to the contract's terms and conditions.

Approval of Recommendation 4 will allow Public Health to immediately suspend Contract Number PH-001044, if the contractor fails to perform and/or to fully comply with program requirements, to terminate contract for convenience by providing a 30-calendar day advance written termination notice to contractor, and to accept a voluntarily request to terminate their contract.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support Strategy 1.2, Enhance our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions, of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total cost to amend Contract Number PH-001044 is \$134,338, increasing the annual maximum obligation from \$225,000 to \$359,338 for the period effective date of Board approval through June 30, 2023; 100 percent funded by CDC IHSP and CDC EHE funds.

Funding for this amendment is included in Public Health's fiscal year (FY) 2022-23 Final Adopted Budget and will be requested in future FYs, as necessary.

There is no net County cost associated with this action.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Public Health's allocation for this service category is aligned with the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV allocation directives.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Exhibit I as to form.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Since the original award date, this contract has undergone multiple amendments, including term extensions, adjustments to funding allocations, and revisions to the SOW.

On March 30, 2021, the Chief Executive Office on behalf of your Board approved the extension of Contract Number PH-001044 on a month-to-month basis until the end of the month of the six-month anniversary following the date on which the Proclamation of a Local and Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19. Public Health exercised that authority and extended Contract Number PH-001044 with LGBT Center effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at the annual maximum obligation of \$225,000.

Under the authority referenced above, Public Health again extended Contract Number PH-001044 with LGBT Center at the annual maximum obligation of \$225,000 for the term effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of these recommended actions will allow Public Health to enhance the delivery of HE/RR prevention services to residents in Los Angeles County.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

11/15/2022

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Ferrer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer  
Interim County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Contract No. PH-001044

**HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)/  
ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)  
HEALTH EDUCATION/RISK REDUCTION PREVENTION SERVICES**

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**HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)/  
ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)  
HEALTH EDUCATION/RISK REDUCTION PREVENTION SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Amendment No. 18

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into on \_\_\_\_\_,

by and between

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
(hereafter "County"),

and

LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER  
(hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document entitled "HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)/ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) HEALTH EDUCATION/RISK REDUCTION PREVENTION SERVICES AGREEMENT," dated October 1, 2009, and further identified as Agreement No. PH-001044, and any Amendments thereto (all hereafter "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of Public Health, or designee, to execute an amendment to the contract to increase the annual funding; and

WHEREAS, under this authority, it is the intent of the parties hereto to amend Agreement to increase the maximum obligation for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, to support the increase in services by the Community Embedded Disease Intervention Specialist (CEDIS) for the continued provision of Health Education/Risk Reduction Prevention services, and make other hereafter designated changes; and

WHEREAS, County has been awarded grant funds from the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention (hereafter "CDC"), Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention Program (hereafter "IHSP"), and CDC Integrated HIV Programs for Health Departments to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) in the United States, Assistance Listing Number 93:940; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement provides that changes may be made in the form of a written amendment which is formally approved and executed by the parties; and

WHEREAS, Contractor warrants that it possesses the competence, expertise, and personnel necessary to provide services consistent with the requirements of this Agreement and consistent with the professional standard of care for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. This Amendment is hereby incorporated into the original Agreement, and all of its terms and conditions, including capitalized terms defined therein, will be given full force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

2. This Amendment will be effective upon execution for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

3. Exhibit O, STATEMENT OF WORK, FOR HIV/AIDS HEALTH EDUCATION/RISK REDUCTION PREVENTION SERVICES, will be amended as shown in Exhibit O.1, and Schedule 23, BUDGET FOR HIV/AIDS HEALTH EDUCATION/RISK REDUCTION PREVENTION SERVICES, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, will be added to the Agreement.

4. Paragraph 4, MAXIMUM OBLIGATION OF COUNTY, will be amended to add Subparagraph W to read as follows:

"W. During the period of Date of Board Approval through June 30, 2023, the maximum obligation of County for all services provided hereunder will not exceed one hundred thirty-four thousand, three hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$134,338), as set forth in Schedule 23. This amount will be used to cover CEDIS costs, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Such maximum obligation is comprised of federal funds."

5. Paragraph 5, COMPENSATION, will be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"5. COMPENSATION: County agrees to compensate Contractor for performing services hereunder for actual allowable reimbursable cost as set forth in Schedules 21, 22, and 23, and the BILLING AND PAYMENT Paragraph of the Agreement. Invoices and cost reports must be submitted and will be reimbursed in accordance with approved line-item detailed budgets."

5. Paragraph 27, TERMINATION OF INSOLVENCY, DEFAULT, GRATUITIES, AND/OR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION AND CONVENIENCE, Subparagraph C, of the ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS, will be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"C. TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION: The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate the right of Contractor to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by the Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee, or agent, with the intent of securing the Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of the Agreement, or making of any



determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to the Agreement. In the event of such termination, the County will be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

The Contractor must immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee, or agent, to solicit such improper consideration. The report must be made to the Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861 or <http://fraud.lacounty.gov/>.

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.”

6. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Agreement will not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be executed by its Director of Public Health, or designee, and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.Ed.  
Director

LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER  
Contractor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Title \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
DAWYN R. HARRISON  
Acting County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT  
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By \_\_\_\_\_  
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**AMENDMENTS TO STATEMENT OF WORK**  
**HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)/**  
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**AMENDMENTS TO STATEMENT OF WORK  
EXHIBIT O.1**

**LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER**

**HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)/  
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HEALTH EDUCATION/RISK REDUCTION PREVENTION SERVICES**

1. Exhibit M, Paragraph 4, COUNTY'S MAXIMUM OBLIGATION, will be amended to add Subparagraph W to read as follows:

"4. COUNTY'S MAXIMUM OBLIGATION:

W. Effective date of Board approval through June 30, 2023, maximum obligation of County for CEDIS related services provided hereunder will not exceed one hundred thirty-four thousand, three hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$134,338), as set forth in Schedule 23, funded using federal funds."

2. Exhibit M, Paragraph 5, COMPENSATION, will be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"5. COMPENSATION:

A. County agrees to compensate Contractor for performing services hereunder for actual allowable reimbursable cost as set forth in Schedules 21, 22, and 23, and the BILLING AND PAYMENT Paragraph of this Agreement. Invoices and cost reports must be submitted and will be reimbursed in accordance with approved line-item detailed budgets."

**SCHEDULE 23**

AMENDMENT TO

**LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER**

**HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)/  
ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)  
HEALTH EDUCATION/RISK REDUCTION PREVENTION SERVICES**

**CDC IHSP AND CDC EHE  
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	<u>Budget Period</u> Date of Board Approval through <u>June 30, 2023</u>
Salaries	\$ 0
Employee Benefits	\$ 0
Travel	\$ 0
Supplies	\$ 0
Equipment	\$ 0
Other	\$ 0
Consultant/Subcontractor	\$ 0
Indirect Cost*	<u>\$ 0</u>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 134,338</b>

During the term of this Agreement, any variation to the above budget must be executed through a written Change Notice, executed by the Division of HIV and STD Programs' Director and the Contractor. Funds will only be utilized for eligible program expenses. Invoices and cost reports must be submitted and will be reimbursed in accordance with approved line-item detailed budgets.

December 06, 2022

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL**

**CalAIM Justice-Involved Pre-Release Medi-Cal/PATH Funding**

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is transforming healthcare Statewide through the implementation of California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal, known as “CalAIM,” which began on January 1, 2022. CalAIM will transform Medi-Cal into a comprehensive healthcare system that offers coordinated and equitable access to services to address physical, behavioral, developmental, dental, and long-term care needs for Medi-Cal eligible individuals, who historically have faced structural racism in the traditional health care system structure.

A key goal of CalAIM is to address poor health outcomes and disproportionate risk of illness and accidental death among justice-involved Medi-Cal eligible adults and youth as they re-enter their communities after incarceration. To accomplish this, we must ensure continuity of healthcare coverage via our current pre-release enrollment strategies for those who are incarcerated in our County jails and juvenile facilities and provide key services to them, to ensure successful re-entry into the community.

To support this effort, DHCS is offering funding through Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH), a five-year initiative designed to support the implementation and enhancement of the pre-release Medi-Cal enrollment and benefit retention process. The funding will be provided in two rounds.

Round 1 funding will support collaborative planning among County departments and other enrollment implementation partners to identify processes, protocols, and Information Technology (IT) modifications necessary to support implementation of pre-release enrollment and suspension processes.

Round 2 is an implementation grant funding opportunity that will provide larger application-based grants to support entities as they implement the processes, protocols, and IT

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system modifications that were identified during the Round 1 planning phase.

As the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) administers the Medi-Cal program for the County, it is most appropriate that they accept the CalAIM PATH Round 1 funding on behalf of their department and their County partners: the Sheriff's Department (LASD) and the Probation Department. The PATH Round 1 funding applicable to LASD/DPSS for the adult inmate population is \$28,271.02. The PATH

Round 1 funding applicable to Probation/DPSS for the youth population in juvenile facilities is \$33,781.93.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Authorize the Interim Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to accept a total of \$62,052.95 in California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Providing Access and Transforming Health - Round 1 funds on behalf of the Sheriff's Department, the Probation Department and DPSS, to build on existing efforts to ensure all eligible individuals are enrolled in Medi-Cal prior to release from County jails and juvenile facilities.

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November 15, 2022

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL**

**Expanding Interim Housing for the Transgender/Nonbinary Community in Service Planning Area 2 through Acquisition and Renovation of Interim Housing Facility at 14303 Sylvan Street in Van Nuys**

On December 6, 2016, the Board declared s a fiscal emergency with regard to homelessness in the County of Los Angeles. The declaration noted that homelessness in the County is pervasive and growing in severity, endangering the lives of tens of thousands of County residents and threatening the economic stability of the region by burdening the medical and social services safety net infrastructure. In addition, on October 30, 2018, the Board declared its first year-round shelter crisis in unincorporated areas of the County and for public facilities located in cities that have declared a shelter crisis (like the City of Los Angeles), and the Board has renewed the declaration annually since that time. These declarations describe the pressing need to quickly build new housing units at scale to support individuals experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness. On July 21, 2022, the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) published its annual Housing Inventory Count, which found that the region’s shelter capacity on any given night was 24,616 beds, a 57 percent increase over the last three years. While the County has significantly increased shelter capacity over the last few years, there remain gaps in the current portfolio for specific populations who are overrepresented in the County’s unsheltered homeless population, including individuals who identify as Trans or nonbinary.

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Family rejection, discrimination, and violence have contributed to LGBTQIA+-identified people being overrepresented among youth and adults experiencing homelessness. For the transgender/nonbinary community specifically, these challenges are compounded as they routinely encounter social service providers and shelters that lack the cultural knowledge and sensitivity to serve them appropriately. They are often housed in a gendered space they do not identify with, or they are denied shelter based on their identity altogether.

The impact of trauma and discrimination can be tremendous on LGBTQIA+ people, making the affirmation of identity, safety and access to necessary healthcare services are critical forces in promoting resiliency and wellbeing. In June of this year, the Board adopted a motion establishing a gender health program in Los Angeles County led by the Department of Health Services (DHS), acknowledging that access to gender-affirming medical services must be preserved and improved to support the well-being of transgender and nonbinary people. The motion instructs DHS to establish access points for youth, specifically youth in our child welfare system who are in need of gender affirming medical care. Though regions of the Third Supervisorial District are rich with services for the LGBTQIA+ community, there are currently very few LGBTQIA+ resources in Service Planning Area (SPA) 2, and no transgender/nonbinary-specific facilities are available. There is a clear gap in much needed culturally competent support for this population and Housing for Health, an offshoot of DHS responsible for serving people experiencing homelessness with high vulnerabilities, is uniquely suited to have this project within their portfolio and help fill that gap.

14303 Sylvan Street in Van Nuys is a privately-owned property (Property) that has been operating as interim housing for many years. The current owner is interested in selling. To aid in providing interim housing to individuals experiencing homelessness, the County should acquire the Property and contract with a nonprofit homeless service provider to operate approximately 32 beds of trans and nonbinary-inclusive interim housing, preserving existing interim bed capacity in a high needs, resource rich community. Beds would be paired with ample culturally sensitive wraparound services. To complete this endeavor, the County has approached the representatives of the Property, owned by Sylvan Inn LCC, expressing our interest in acquiring the Property for this purpose.

The proposed acquisition, rehabilitation, due diligence, and closing costs project budget is estimated to be \$9.0 million. Rehabilitation is anticipated to include upgrading mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, painting, updating flooring, reconfiguring the main entry for accessibility compliance, reconfiguring restrooms and a few bedrooms, fire/life safety upgrades, and updating sloping in the side yard to create emergency egress. The project will be funded by American Rescue Plan (ARP) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF). On September 13, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the Phase Two ARP Spending Plan, which includes \$215.0 million in funding for Capital Programs. Of the \$215.0 million ARP-enabled allocation for Capital Programs, \$9M will support the Sylvan Place Interim Housing Acquisition Project.

This project will be in partnership with the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and the United Way

of Greater Los Angeles, who have committed \$1.5M to support the project's success. To acquire the Property, the Chief Executive Officer or her designee will need to complete the appropriate due diligence, and subject to meeting County standards, negotiate, execute and consummate the purchase agreement as set forth herein.

Upon successful negotiations and acquisition of the Property by the County, the County can contract with a non-profit homeless services provider to operate the Property. LA Family Housing (LAFH) is one of the County's largest social services agencies and has been serving the most vulnerable residents in SPA 2 since 1988, as well as providing low-barrier housing options to people experiencing homelessness for 35 years. LAFH is uniquely qualified to rehabilitate and operate the proposed project as the lead Coordinated Entry System (CES) provider for individuals and families in SPA 2. DHS will enter into a lease agreement and operating agreement with LAFH to operate the Property by providing approximately 32 trans-inclusive interim housing beds, and other homeless support services, for individuals experiencing homelessness in SPA 2.

Bridge housing is a critical component of our homeless response system as it combines a safe place for people experiencing homelessness in the community to sleep and the comprehensive wraparound services they need to successfully obtain and retain permanent housing. This is an opportunity to increase trans-inclusive housing resources in SPA 2 with a gender-affirming space that centers trauma-informed care. As the County continues to expand our investments in addressing the homelessness crisis, the Board should approve the proposed

project at 14303 Sylvan Street to ensure adequate interim housing resources are available for transgender/non-binary people in SPA 2. If we hope to make meaningful progress in solving our homelessness crisis, it is critical to provide safe spaces for vulnerable populations to get back on their feet.

1. **I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors [1. Find that the proposed acquisition, leasing, renovation, and operation of the Sylvan Place Interim Housing Project (Project) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Government Code section 65660 et seq., as a by right low barrier navigation center development and pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.27, as it will be an emergency shelter within the City of Los Angeles. Further, find that the Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 21080(b)(4) of the Public Resources Code and section 15269(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, which exempts specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency and also categorically exempt pursuant to sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15311 (Accessory Structures), and 15332 (Infill Development) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 11 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project is within certain

classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment. In addition, based on the records of the proposed Project, it will comply with all applicable regulations, and is not in a sensitive environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, or indication that they may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable. Upon approval of these actions, the Department of Health Services (DHS) will file a Notice of Exemption (Notice) with the County Clerk pursuant to section 21152 of the Public Resources Code and will post the Notice to the County's website pursuant to section 20192.2 of the Public Resources Code.

2. Approve the Project;
3. Find that the property at 14303 Sylvan Street, in the City of Los Angeles (Property) once acquired by the County of Los Angeles (County), will not be needed for other County purposes and that the leasing of the Property on a gratis basis to Los Angeles Family Housing (LAFH) for the operation of approximately 32 interim housing beds for transgender/non-binary people experiencing homelessness will meet the social needs of the population of the County and serve public purposes pursuant to Government Code section 26227;
4. Establish the proposed Sylvan Place Interim Housing Acquisition Project, Capital Project No.

77042, with a total budget of \$5,200,000, which includes \$5,000,000 for the purchase price for the Property, and \$200,000 inclusive of due diligence costs, related transactional and closing costs, and other contingencies. Any residual balance from the purchase will be transferred to Department of Health Services for the purpose of rehabilitation of the Property;

5. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment that reflects an increase of \$5,200,000 in appropriation to the Sylvan Place Interim Housing Acquisition Project, Capital Project No. 77042, to acquire the Property, for associated due diligence and closing costs, and an increase of \$3,800,000 in appropriation for DHS to support the proposed renovations, both of which will be fully offset by the recognition of \$9,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) for the Project via ARP's revenue loss provisions.
6. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or her designee, to perform the normal and customary due diligence on the Property to determine it meets all County requirements before purchase;
7. Authorize the CEO, or her designee, pursuant to Government Code section 26227, to negotiate and execute all agreements necessary for acquisition of the Property for a purchase price not to exceed \$5,000,000 subject to confirmation by appraisal and appropriate adjustments as indicated by the due diligence, including any necessary options and a purchase and sale agreement, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel;

8. Subject to the satisfactory completion of normal and customary due diligence, authorize the CEO, or her designee, to take all further actions necessary and appropriate to complete the purchase of the Property, including opening and management of escrow, any administrative adjustments to the transfer documents, execution of all the requisite documentation for the completion of the transfer, and acceptance of the deed conveying title to the Property to the County;
9. Authorize the issuance of warrants, as directed by the Chief Executive Office, for the purchase and any other related due diligence and transactional costs.
10. Instruct the Assessor's Office to place the Property under the complete ownership of the County and remove the Property from the tax roll effective upon the transfer of title to the County;
11. Authorize the Director of Health Services, or her designee, to enter into a gratis lease with LAFH, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel, for a five-year term with automatic renewals for the renovation and operation of the proposed Project;
12. Approve the proposed Sylvan Street Place Interim Housing Acquisition Project, as a DHS-Capital Improvement Intermediary project, in the amount of \$3,800,000, for site rehabilitations;
13. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services to deliver the Project through the DHS - Capital Improvement Intermediary Program;

14. Authorize DHS, either directly or through its Capital Improvement Intermediary, to enter into agreements, as necessary, with approval as to form by County Counsel, to provide funding to LA-F to carry out the renovations of the proposed Project, contingent upon the County's successful acquisition; and
15. Instruct Chief Executive Office-Homeless Initiative to coordinate with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and DHS to identify operational funding for the Project and authorize the Director of Health Services, or her designee, to enter into an Operating Agreement with LAFH, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel, using existing delegated authority through the Supportive Housing and Services Master Agreement to operate the proposed Project and provide approximately 32 interim housing beds for transgender/non-binary people experiencing homelessness.

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November 15, 2022

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**

**FY 2022-23**

**4 - VOTES**

SOURCES		USES	
<b>PSS-INDIGENT AID</b>		VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS	
A01-SS-90-90WQ-26300-26460		<b>SYLVAN PLACE INTERIM HOUSING ACQUISITION</b>	
ARP - GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES		A01-CP-6006-65099-77042	
<b>INCREASE REVENUE</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>	CAPITAL ASSETS - LAND	
		<b>INCREASE APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>5,200,000</b>
		<b>HEALTH SERVICES - HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION</b>	
		A01-HS-5500-20000	
		OTHER CHARGES	
		<b>INCREASE APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>3,800,000</b>
<b>SOURCES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,000,000</b>	<b>USES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,000,000</b>

**JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects the recognition of \$9,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) of which \$5,200,000 is for the Sylvan Place Interim Housing Acquisition, CP No. 77042 and \$3,800,000 is for DHS to renovate the property, which will be funded via ARP's revenue loss provisions.

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**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**

JAMES YUN, MANAGER, CEO

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REVISED

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**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS SHEILA KUEHL  
AND HILDA L. SOLIS**

**Program Implementation Support for Pretrial Services**

With the formal launch of the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) on November 1, 2022, Los Angeles County has now created the nation's first department dedicated to coordinating services and optimizing funding sources for people who are, have been, or are at risk of being, involved in the justice system.

One of the primary charges of the new JCOD is to stand up an independent pretrial services unit, whose responsibilities will include developing and overseeing a network of providers delivering strengths- and needs-based services to support the successful countywide release and diversion of those incarcerated pretrial in partnership with the County justice system partners, including the Superior Court, District Attorney, Sheriff, Probation, and Public Defender / Alternate Public Defender. By supporting the increased release of those incarcerated pretrial but also working to ensure their needs are addressed upon re-entry, this unit will help reduce the jail population (nearly half of which is pretrial) while preserving public safety, an integral effort to meet the County's goal to decarcerate and close Men's Central Jail.

Now that JCOD has formally launched, it is working diligently to develop the independent pretrial services unit and the County should infuse additional available resources to augment JCOD's capacity to design and implement pretrial services programming, to enable JCOD to

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move forward quickly and effectively to carry out the County's *Care First, Jails Last* vision. JCOD has available funds, including funds from the Superior Court via SB 129 for pretrial services, which could be utilized to bring on additional program implementation and management support for pretrial services.

On June 28, 2022, the Board delegated authority to JCOD, once established, to move forward with many aspects of pretrial reform in LA County, including to negotiate and execute agreements with the Court, third party administrators, and community-based organizations to accomplish the goals of the Pretrial Release Evaluation Program (PREP) pilot, which is the County's foundational pretrial release platform that, once scaled and developed accordingly, will serve to link together all of the County's current and future pretrial release and diversion programs (such as the existing Prefiling and Rapid Diversion Programs).

The County needs to provide the critical support necessary to support the development of independent pretrial services unit by delegating additional limited authority to JCOD to enter into agreements for program implementation and management support, to be led by an internal JCOD project manager. This contracted support will be instrumental in the coordination, tracking, and hands-on delivery of pretrial services programming, and will complete tasks necessary to move implementation forward including, but not limited to:

- Support the establishment of the independent pretrial services unit within JCOD;
- Design and develop convenings with justice system partners, health and social services partners, community-based organizations, and other partners seeking to

- work with JCOD to help develop and implement the County's pretrial release, diversion, and support programming;
- Coordinate pretrial services solicitations and provider onboarding efforts, including the expansion of the PREP pilot to additional courthouses and to offer needs- and strengths-based support to the entire pretrial population (regardless of acuity or release status) to help facilitate their successful release and re-entry;
  - Provide material support to the JCOD-administered Warm Landing Place project including to ensure that it is well-designed to meet both the needs of the pretrial population and the needs of the County justice system partners who are instrumental in facilitating pretrial release;
  - Coordinate serial and parallel implementation meetings across county departments, consultants, and pretrial services providers as needed;
  - Develop reports, fact sheets, and presentations to support broad communication with stakeholders about the status and future steps in the pretrial services design, development and implementation process with key stakeholders and partners; and
  - Coordinate with CEO-CIO, justice system partners, health and social services partners, and others on the timely implementation of key JCOD data and dashboard deliverables related to pretrial services.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors delegate authority to the Interim Director of the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) to enter into one or more

contracts for program implementation and management support personnel to help implement the independent pretrial services unit within JCOD, utilizing up to \$3M from JCOD's funds for pretrial services and programs, with a contract term of one year and the option to extend up to one additional year, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel.