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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. Committee and Caucus Updates
6. Co-Chair Report 1:25 PM – 1:40 PM
 - a. Co-Chair Nominations/Elections
 - b. Act Now Against Meth (ANAM) Update
 - c. Review of Policy Priorities

V. PRESENTATION

7. Transgender Wellness Fund (AB 2218) Michaé De La Cuadra 1:40 PM – 2:00 PM

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Legislative Docket 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM
9. State Policy & Budget Update 2:30 PM – 2:35 PM

- 10. Federal Policy Update 2:35 PM – 2:40 PM
- 11. County Policy Update 2:40 PM – 2:45 PM

VIII. NEXT STEPS

2:45 PM – 2:55 PM

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

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2:55 PM – 3:00 PM

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

3:00 PM

- 15. Adjournment for the meeting of January 4, 2021

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

By DIANNE FEINSTEIN

DEC. 29, 2020

Although opioids — especially oxycodone and fentanyl — dominate addiction news, another deadly drug has been lurking in the background, causing tens of thousands of fatalities: methamphetamine.

Meth addiction isn't new, but it has quickly emerged in recent years as a particularly deadly threat, and Los Angeles has been hard-hit.

Between 2008 and 2018, meth-related deaths in L.A. [increased tenfold](#), from 43 to 435, according to county statistics. By 2018, meth was involved in 44% of all drug overdose deaths in Los Angeles County.

Last summer, Mark Casanova, of Homeless Health Care Los Angeles, [told The Times](#) that meth accounted for 70% of drug use among L.A.'s homeless population. Between 2005 and 2019, according to county data, more than 185,000 individuals who entered publicly funded treatment programs in Los Angeles [were admitted for meth](#).

“It's way cheaper [than many other street drugs], it lasts longer, you can smoke it or inject it, it's easy to get,” Casanova said.

In September, Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa) and I introduced the Methamphetamine Response Act. The bill, which would direct the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop and implement a plan to address the growing use of meth, passed the Senate in November. Unfortunately, the House has not yet addressed the bill and likely will not pass it before the 116th Congress ends.

What did pass the House and Senate, as part of the massive omnibus end-of-year legislation that was signed into law Sunday, was a directive to the drug control policy office to finalize regulations for designating emerging drug threats. The office began the process in May; now it should finish that work as quickly as possible.

The meth surge isn't confined to California, of course. According to an [analysis](#) by researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, between 2008 and 2017, the number of people admitted nationwide for meth-related treatment rose from 260,000 to 373,000, a 43% increase. And the number admitted for meth treatment who were also using heroin increased from nearly 14,000 to more than 88,000, a stunning 530% increase. Such multiple-substance use exacerbates the dangers.

By the end of 2019, [Drug Enforcement Administration data show](#) meth availability was growing as street prices declined. Those increases continued this year even as prices started to rise again and much of the country faced public health restrictions due to COVID-19. And between March and May of this year, one lab found that nationwide urine drug testing positivity rates for meth [increased](#) by approximately 20%.

We're also seeing larger drug busts — again particularly in California, where the majority of meth interdictions at ports of entry occur. In October, U.S. Customs and Border Protection [seized](#) 3,000 pounds at the port of Otay Mesa, and the DEA [seized](#) 2,224 pounds of meth in Riverside County. Both seizures are among the largest on record for the agencies and indicate growing demand for the drug.

What Washington must do to address this crisis was laid out in the Methamphetamine Response Act.

First, the drug control policy office should declare meth an emerging drug threat. Based on the use and death statistics, it's clear that it meets the criteria, and as such, it should trigger a government-wide response.

Second, the office must develop and implement a plan that is specific to meth. Addiction is complex, and while a crucial component of the overall U.S. strategy is to reduce the flow of drugs, the problem cannot be solved through law enforcement efforts alone.

That's why, in addition to providing an assessment of the current availability of meth, the policy office must set short- and long-term goals focused on reducing demand, which means expanding prevention and treatment programs, as well as on reducing supply. To ensure accountability, the meth plan should also include performance measures related to those goals.

We know that fentanyl and other opioids are ravaging our country and that we must do all we can to prevent this, but we can't ignore the risks that other drugs pose in the process.

We must act now to prevent methamphetamine from turning into a full-blown national epidemic. This is a problem that won't go away on its own.

Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, is the senior U.S. senator from California.

For Executive Committee Review
Approved by Public Policy Committee - 3/2/2020



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2020 POLICY PRIORITIES

The Public Policy Committee recommends the following policy priorities (in no particular order) for the Commission on HIV to focus on in 2020:

1. Preserve access to and continuity of care for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and communities at highest risk for the acquisition and transmission of HIV disease.
 - Preserve or increase federal funding for Medicaid, Medicare, and for HIV/AIDS programs.
 - Preserve or increase health insurance coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions.
2. Protect and expand service access and availability for syndemic HIV, STD, and viral hepatitis in California's annual budgeting process and ensure the impact of services and allocation of resources are distributed in accordance to the HIV burden within Los Angeles County.
3. Preserve or increase the Ryan White Program at current or increased funding levels and, where appropriate and strategically viable, support stronger compatibility and greater effectiveness between the RWP, Medicaid, Medicare, and other health systems.
4. Advance and enhance routine HIV testing, expanded linkage to care, and other improvements to the local, state, and national HIV service delivery systems that optimize health outcomes in the HIV Continuum and advance HIV services in LA County consistent with efforts to end the HIV epidemic.
5. Support policies that use data, without risking personal privacy and health, to improve health outcomes and eliminate health disparities among PLWHA and communities highly impacted by HIV/STDs.
6. Enhance accountability for deliverables from a heightened and coordinated federal, state, and local response, particularly in the context of local planning and responsiveness to end the HIV epidemic.
7. Support proposals and increased funding for the provision of and access to: prevention, care and treatment services, bio-medical interventions (such as PrEP and PEP) for people at risk for acquiring HIV and people living with HIV/AIDS, and comprehensive HIV/STD counseling, testing, education, outreach, research, harm reduction services including syringe exchange, and social marketing programs.
8. Support proposals that seek to advance health equity, reduce HIV-related stigma, and address social determinants of health such as poverty, education, violence, substance use, food insecurity, and transportation in order to improve health outcomes for PLWHA and special populations at highest risk for contracting HIV.
9. Preserve or improve systems, strategies and proposals that seek to expand affordable housing, as well as prioritize housing opportunities for people living with, affected by, or at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.



10. Preserve or improve systems, strategies, and proposals that seek to prevent homelessness for people living with, affected by, or at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.
11. Support proposals that seek to create and expand medical and supportive services for PLWHA ages 50 and over.
12. Support proposals that eliminate discrimination against or the criminalization of people living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS.
13. Support proposals that expand access and reduce barriers and cost of HIV/AIDS, STD, and viral hepatitis prevention and treatment medication.
14. Preserve full funding and accessibility to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP), Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) Assistance, Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment (EB-HIPP), and Medigap.
15. Support proposals and policies that prioritize mental health services for people living with, affected by, or at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.
16. Support proposals and policies, especially in the event of Ryan White Reauthorization, that advocate for and encourage the empowerment and engagement of consumer PLWHA and those at risk for contracting HIV on all levels of policy creation, legislation, regulation, and service provision related to HIV prevention and treatment and care with the goal of ending all HIV transmissions and curing all PLWHA.

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.

Ending the HIV Epidemic Regional Meeting: *Taking Strategic Action to Address Substance Use in California*

Background

Substance use is closely associated with both increased risk of HIV infection and poorly managed HIV disease, which can result in poor health outcomes and further transmissions.¹ As a result, addressing substance use in California was identified as a key priority for the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Regional Response across California's EHE Phase 1 counties.² On October 20 and October 27, 2020, the UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) and the California HIV/AIDS Policy Research Centers (CHPRC) hosted a two-part EHE Regional Meeting entitled ***Taking Strategic Action to Address Substance Use in California***. This event brought together over 100 stakeholders from California's EHE Phase 1 counties, as well as other partners working at the intersection of HIV and substance use across the state, to discuss how to move evidence-based strategies forward to address substance use. The overall objectives of the meeting were to:

- Discuss the current state of substance use and how it contributes to the HIV epidemic and related syndemics in California.
- Identify multiple strategies to address substance use in California.
- Discuss action steps for policy, advocacy, programmatic, and research stakeholders to move these strategies forward over the next 12 months.

Both meeting days involved presentations from leading experts working to address substance use in the context of the HIV epidemic and related syndemics in California, followed by facilitated breakout group discussion. Breakout groups were pre-assigned by substance use topic (methamphetamine/stimulant use, opioid use, harm reduction, or overdose prevention), based on stakeholder preferences indicated during registration. **Day 1: The Current Landscape** focused on the existing state of substance use in California, how it contributes to the HIV epidemic and related syndemics, and evidence-based strategies available to address it. Breakout groups discussed the successes, challenges, and needs participants have experienced working to address substance use. **Day 2: Action Planning** focused on strategy implementation, with presentations detailing efforts currently being implemented to address substance use in California. Breakout groups discussed action that can be taken over the next 12 months to expand the implementation of evidence-based strategies to address substance use.

The rich discussion at this meeting yielded a robust collection of information from key stakeholders working to address substance use in the context of HIV and related syndemics in California. This brief summary outlines the primary findings and recommendations that emerged.

All registered meeting participants were invited to review a draft version of the summary. The final version of the summary provided here incorporates feedback received during the review process. This summary is intended to help identify opportunities for enhancing our collective efforts to strategically address substance use in California.

¹ HIV and Substance Use in the United States. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Last modified 29 Apr. 2020. Accessed 23 Nov. 2020. <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/risk/substanceuse.html>.

² A Regional Response to End the HIV Epidemic in California: Key Findings and Recommendations Report. UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services. June 2020. <https://chipts.ucla.edu/download/a-regional-response-to-end-the-hiv-epidemic-in-california-key-findings-and-recommendations-report/>.

Key Findings and Recommendations

Successes

Stakeholders noted several successes that California has experienced at both state and local levels in our efforts to address substance use:

- **Harm reduction-supportive policies.** There are multiple policies in place in California that support harm reduction approaches to substance use. Syringe possession is legal under California Assembly Bill 2077. Pharmacies across the state can dispense naloxone without a prescription under California Assembly Bill 1535. The Affordable Care Act, and particularly Medicaid expansion, has directly reduced overdose deaths. Medi-Cal covers treatments for drug use, including methadone and buprenorphine. While COVID-19 has created significant barriers to care, it has also resulted in measures to expand telehealth buprenorphine starts and methadone take-home quantities, offering greater access to services for people who use drugs (PWUD) in California. Additionally, we have seen reductions in our jail and prison populations during the pandemic, particularly among individuals incarcerated for drug charges.
- **Growth of syringe services programs (SSPs).** The presence of SSPs across the state has grown considerably over the last five years, with 60 programs currently in place. These programs can be authorized and funded at state and local levels, and have recently expanded into more high need, rural counties. Participation in these programs continues to rise.
- **Increasing substance use education and awareness.** Several efforts have succeeded at improving substance use education and awareness in California, both for health care providers and the public. The California Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion Project, which supports the California Substance Use Line that offers on-demand provider education and consultation on substance use, has been instrumental in this success. In some communities, data have been used successfully to confront Not In My Backyard (NIMBY) sentiments toward harm reduction programs. Rural counties – particularly in the Central Valley – have worked to shift cultural norms that have long prevented communities from talking about substance use. CHIPTS and other organizations have also held productive meetings and education sessions to increase awareness of methamphetamine (meth) use as a resurgent and critical issue in California.
- **Increasing collaboration.** California has multiple coalitions currently working collaboratively to advocate for evidence-based approaches to address substance use, such as the California Syringe Exchange Programs Coalition (CASEP) and the End the Epidemics coalition. These coalitions are breaking silos and bringing key stakeholders together for mutual aid and collective political action. Beyond formal coalitions, there has been increased interest among SSPs, public health agencies, and other service organizations across the state to collaborate on efforts to address substance use. Underlying these collaborations is an expanding syndemics approach that recognizes HIV and problematic substance use as two of several linked health problems (e.g., sexually-transmitted infections [STIs], hepatitis C virus, mental health issues) driven by social determinants of health that must be addressed concurrently.
- **Rising community mobilization.** As a result of the above successes, and through their own organizing, PWUD are gaining more power and momentum to advocate for their health needs. Community mobilization efforts and community-centered strategies to address problematic substance use are on the rise, particularly regarding meth use.

Challenges

Stakeholders also identified a variety of challenges that currently inhibit California's ability to effectively address substance use:

- **Limited resources.** Resources to support the health and wellness of PWUD are extremely limited given the level of need in California. Harm reduction often falls to the bottom of local and state priorities during funding allocation. The California Syringe Exchange Supply Clearinghouse has been underfunded for the last few years and did not secure new funding this year. It is also very challenging to obtain funding for low threshold services (i.e., services for PWUD that aim to reduce barriers to service access, including removing abstinence from drug as a condition of access), which are not covered by Medi-Cal, yet are often the best chance to link PWUD to health care. The capacity and quality of California's drug treatment programs are limited as well, with long waiting lists and insufficient training for staff providing services. COVID-19 has exacerbated these challenges, as public health funding and staffing for strategies to address substance use, HIV, and related syndemics have been diverted to the pandemic response. Yet the need for resources has only grown during this time, with overdose deaths skyrocketing across the state.
- **Stigma.** Stigma associated with problematic substance use is a major obstacle to addressing substance use in California. As harm reduction programming has expanded, so has vocal public and political opposition rooted in stigmatizing NIMBY attitudes. Stigma also poses a huge barrier to passing policies at the local, state, and federal levels that support the health and wellness of PWUD. Even when these policies are passed, such as legal syringe possession, the lives of PWUD are regularly disrupted by citations and arrests. This systematic stigmatization and marginalization of PWUD, as well as their families and social networks, is only amplified for those experiencing intersecting stigma and/or oppression from HIV, homelessness, racism, and other syndemics.
- **Insufficient mechanisms to address meth use.** California's substance use efforts have increasingly focused on problematic opioid use, though meth use is the biggest overdose concern in the state and is deeply intertwined with our HIV epidemic, particularly among men who have sex with men (MSM). Meth use is also strongly associated with other syndemics, such as homelessness, mental health issues, and other STIs – including the congenital syphilis epidemic impacting counties across the state. Current mechanisms to address meth use are insufficient. There is no effective pharmacotherapy approved for meth treatment. Contingency Management (CM) is an evidence-based behavioral intervention to treat meth addiction, but it is not currently covered by Medi-Cal. Furthermore, CM programs that are currently operating, such as the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Positive Reinforcement Opportunity Project (PROP), face significant barriers including yearly audits by the state that define financial rewards for behavior as unlawful "kick-backs." Meth use must be elevated as a top priority for the state in order to address substance use, HIV, and related syndemics in California.
- **Policy barriers.** Political will is the ultimate driver of California's ability to address substance use. Unfortunately, criminalization of drug use and possession in California continues to heavily impact all efforts to approach problematic substance use as a public health issue. People without legal status in the United States are particularly impacted by this, as they face strict deportation laws if found to be in possession of controlled substances. Implementation of evidence-based, cost-effective interventions to address substance use, such as CM for meth use, is severely limited by federal and state policies. Additionally, various local jurisdictions have passed resolutions prohibiting SSP and other harm reduction service operations. Substance use treatment restrictions, such as the required "X waiver" for buprenorphine prescribing, also pose a major barrier to effectively addressing substance use.

Opportunities for Action

As stakeholders discussed how to expand the implementation of evidence-based strategies to address substance use in California, the **FACE** of our strategic response to substance use emerged: **Funding, Advocacy, Coordination, and Engagement.**



- **Funding.** Increased funding to support harm reduction programs and effective treatment for problematic substance use is paramount to addressing substance use in California. Funding is needed to expand the capacity of and access to existing services, such as SSPs, medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) treatment, naloxone delivery, and CM. This is particularly crucial for low-resource, rural communities, and for populations being released from jail/prison, who have extremely high rates of overdose. Funding must also be allocated to support service provider training on evidence-based, culturally responsive approaches to substance use care. Beyond supporting existing strategies to address substance use, it is critical for California to dedicate funding to projects that explore innovative approaches, such as comprehensive substance use service delivery via mobile health units and family-centered recovery models. This is especially vital for meth use, given the magnitude of the issue and its relationship with the HIV epidemic, and the dearth of available strategies to address it. Stakeholders emphasized that there must be a dedicated force of meth-specific responders embedded in Ryan White clinics and other HIV prevention organizations working with large populations of people who use meth across the state. They also recommended that funding be allocated to a simplified Popular Opinion Leader (POL) intervention for harm reduction, with a focus on hook-up app outreach with people who use meth. Stakeholders recognized that creative solutions will be necessary to identify funding in our constrained budget environment. For example, counties could dedicate additional funding to harm reduction services by explicitly incorporating harm reduction activities in their EHE plans. Research and evaluation efforts are also essential, both to building the evidence for existing and emerging strategies to address substance use, and thereby to enabling the California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS and other grant administrators to further incorporate those strategies in funding opportunities.

- **Advocacy.** Strategic advocacy efforts are key to an effective substance use response in California. There are two key bills likely to be proposed in the next legislative session: Senate Bill 57 to allow the City and County of San Francisco, the County of Los Angeles, and the City of Oakland to pilot safer consumption sites, and a reintroduction of Senate Bill 888 (new bill number pending) to allow Medi-Cal funds to be used for CM. Focused advocacy efforts are needed to build support for these bills among elected officials, including increasing the number of individuals and organizations endorsing each bill and contacting their local political representatives to request their support. More broadly, advocacy is needed to raise awareness about problematic substance use as a public health issue, to address the stigma that surrounds it, to fight for the decriminalization of substance use, and to champion new political action that will support greater implementation of evidence-based strategies to address it. Racial disparities in policing and health outcomes must be highlighted throughout this work, as we aim to confront the intersectional inequities experienced by PWUD in our Black and Brown communities. Advocacy efforts are best supported by collective advocacy networks of people (e.g., substance use service providers, healthcare workers, PWUD and their loved ones) and organizations (e.g., substance use organizations, HIV organizations, mental health organizations,

hospitals) that can align their resources, relationships, and political influence. Stakeholders noted that existing coalitions, such as the End the Epidemics coalition, CASEP, the California Overdose Prevention Network, and the California Opioid Safety Network, can help provide some of the necessary infrastructure for collective advocacy. However, additional advocacy networks may be needed to urgently address some of our most critical substance use issues in California. In particular, a key action step that stakeholders identified during the meeting was to develop an active coalition of advocates who work to specifically champion efforts to address meth use across the state. Funding restrictions do not permit CHIPTS and CHPRC to engage in any direct advocacy. However, both centers are committed to promoting cross-sector dialogue and contributing research to inform this work.

- **Coordination.** Stakeholders highlighted that most work to address substance use, HIV, and related syndemics in California is still done in restricted silos, in contrast to EHE goals. New and/or expanded task forces should be put in place to ensure routine communication and provide infrastructure for collaboration across local government agencies and community-based organizations working to address these syndemics. It is also critical to engage other partners who provide regular care or support to PWUD, such as first responders and emergency room clinicians. The task forces should focus on identifying the programs and resources that currently exist to address these syndemics in a given local area, and linkage to care strategies to ensure each program (e.g. an HIV program) acts as a direct access point to other programs (e.g. substance use, mental health, HCV, STIs, housing, primary care) that support the health and wellness of PWUD. However, to effectively respond to our substance use epidemic in California, statewide coordination remains essential. While the Overdose Prevention Initiative, and particularly its Statewide Opioid Safety Workgroup, help to provide a collaborative infrastructure and statewide strategies for combatting the opioid epidemic in California, no comparable initiative exists for the meth epidemic. Implementing a statewide initiative with inter-agency support that focuses on specific strategies to address meth use is critical to our substance use response in California. Additionally, harm reduction strategies should be directly integrated into EHE efforts wherever possible. For example, efforts to expand routine HIV testing in emergency rooms could potentially be leveraged to establish overdose prevention and MOUD treatment activities in that setting, with guidance from the CA Bridge program and others leading efforts to integrate rapid substance use treatment in hospitals. CHIPTS and other research partners can help identify and evaluate models for service delivery at the intersection of these syndemics.
- **Engagement.** The success of our substance use response in California is heavily dependent on centering the voices and needs of PWUD. We must recognize PWUD as experts of their own experience and engage them in all efforts to address this critical public health issue across the state. Service organizations run by and for PWUD, such as the San Francisco Drug Users' Union, must be invited to participate and lead in strategic planning discussions. Broader community engagement efforts should also be pursued to ensure the diverse array of communities impacted by substance use in California have the opportunity to participate in the substance use response. We must simultaneously work to root out the stigma, misinformation, and mistreatment ingrained in and perpetuated by our own systems so that we can create sincere, compassionate, and productive partnerships with PWUD as we work together to address substance use in California.

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Assembly Bill No. 2218

CHAPTER 181

An act to add Division 119 (commencing with Section 150900) to the Health and Safety Code, relating to access to health services.

[Approved by Governor September 26, 2020. Filed with Secretary of State September 26, 2020.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2218, Santiago. Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund.

Existing law establishes an Office of Health Equity in the State Department of Public Health for purposes of aligning state resources, decisionmaking, and programs to accomplish certain goals related to health equity and protecting vulnerable communities. Existing law requires the office to develop department-wide plans to close the gaps in health status and access to care among the state's diverse racial and ethnic communities, women, persons with disabilities, and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning communities, as specified.

This bill would establish the Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund, under the administration of the office, for the purpose of funding grants, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to organizations serving people that identify as transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex (TGI), to create or fund TGI-specific housing programs and partnerships with hospitals, health care clinics, and other medical providers to provide TGI-focused health care, as defined, and related education programs for health care providers.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:

- (a) At least 218,400 people in California identify as transgender.
- (b) In California, 27 percent, or 796,000, of youth 12 to 17, inclusive, years of age are viewed as gender nonconforming by their peers at school.
- (c) An estimated 1.7 percent of the population is born with intersex traits.
- (d) One in five transgender adults in California have attempted suicide—a rate six times that of the state's adult cisgender population.
- (e) Transgender adults are significantly more likely to report having a disability due to a physical, mental, or emotional condition, 60 percent compared to 27 percent of cisgender adults.
- (f) Transgender adults are more likely to delay or not get needed doctor-prescribed medicine, at a rate of 32 percent compared to 11 percent of cisgender adults.

(g) Transgender, gender nonconforming, and intersex (TGI) people face serious barriers to care. Transgender patients report that the largest barrier to care is a lack of transgender-competent providers.

(h) TGI people's inability to access care paired with a high risk of serious COVID-19 complications has resulted in an urgent need for TGI-competent health care.

SEC. 2. Division 119 (commencing with Section 150900) is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

DIVISION 119. TRANSGENDER WELLNESS AND EQUITY

150900. (a) The Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund is established in the State Treasury.

(b) The State Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity shall administer the Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund for purposes of funding grants to create programs, or funding existing programs, focused on coordinating trans-inclusive health care for individuals who identify as transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex (TGI).

(c) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, moneys in the Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund may be used to fund grants for the following purposes:

(1) The grants shall be available to TGI-serving organizations for the purpose of increasing the capacity of health care professionals to effectively provide TGI health care and institute TGI-inclusive best practices. This includes the creation of educational materials or facilitation of capacity building trainings.

(2) The grants shall be available to TGI-serving organizations for the purpose of facilitating therapeutic arts programs, such as dancing, painting, or writing.

(3) The grants shall be available to TGI-serving organizations for purposes of assisting, identifying, and referring TGI people to access supportive housing. This includes case management opportunities, financial assistance, and assisting TGI people in receiving and utilizing housing vouchers. If a TGI-serving organization has already implemented a TGI-specific housing program, funding may be utilized to maintain or expand existing housing programs.

(4) The grants shall be available to a hospital, health care clinic, or other medical provider that currently provides gender-affirming health care services, such as hormone therapy or gender reassignment surgery, to continue providing those services, or to a hospital, health care clinic, or other medical provider that will establish a program that offers gender-affirming health care services and has an established relationship with a TGI-serving organization that will lead in establishing the program.

(d) A hospital, health care clinic, or other medical provider that applies for a grant must apply in partnership with a TGI-serving organization and

consult with the TGI-serving organization throughout the process of creating and implementing its trans-inclusive health care program.

(e) This section does not limit or impact payer coverage requirements of health care or other social services.

(f) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) “Health care” means all of the following:

(A) Medical, behavioral, and spiritual care, which includes, but is not limited to, guided meditation and nondenominational therapy.

(B) Therapeutic arts programs, which includes, but is not limited to, dancing, painting, and writing classes.

(C) Services related to substance use disorder or substance abuse.

(D) Supportive housing as a mechanism to support TGI-identified individuals in accessing other social services.

(2) A “TGI-serving organization” is an organization with a mission statement that centers around serving transgender, gender nonconforming, and intersex people, and where at least 65 percent of the clients of the organization are TGI.



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STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2021-22 SESSION

On December 8, 2020, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommended legislative priorities for 2021 and policy changes to the County's State Legislative Agenda for the 2021-22 Legislative Session (Agenda Item No. 29). A copy of the complete State Legislative Agenda for 2021-22 is attached.

Additionally, the Board approved three motions subsequent to the filing of the Board letter, which resulted in three additional policies to the State Legislative Agenda:

- Motion by Supervisor Barger (Agenda Item No. 17, December 8, 2020) directing the Chief Executive Officer, through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division to advocate for State and Federal resources to provide financial relief for customers' delinquent water bills (Policy 2.6.25, page 16 of the attachment).
- Motion by Supervisor Hahn (Amendment to Agenda Item No. 29, December 8, 2020) directing the Chief Executive Office Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch to amend the State Legislative Agenda to add policy to support proposals that would provide additional bankruptcy and personal protections for leases between small business owners and commercial landlords (Policy 3.19.6, page 34 of the attachment).

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- Motion by Supervisor Solis (Agenda Item No. 62-A, December 8, 2020) directing the County's Sacramento advocates to support proposals that would enable the County to acquire properties owned by Caltrans for the State Route-710 North Project and to preserve them as long-term affordable housing (Policy 6.40, page 57 of the attachment).

For your reference, the approved Board letter can be found at:
<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/150870.pdf>.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Samara Ashley at (213) 974-1464.

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2021-2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Adopted and amended by the Board of Supervisors on:
December 8, 2020

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

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GENERAL STATE LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

The County will seek to maximize State revenues; full funding for the costs of State programs; additional funding for programs where service needs have outpaced stagnant or slow growing revenues; funding formulae which ensure an equitable allocation of State funding; minimize the adverse impact of State actions; achieve greater flexibility over the use of State funds; secure State assistance whenever possible, especially from non-General Fund sources, to preserve the County's property tax, sales tax, locally-imposed taxes or fees, or Vehicle License Fee revenue base; oppose the shift of programs unless control is also shifted and State funding is guaranteed; and to oppose new unfunded mandates unless they promote a higher priority. The County also will:

1. Oppose any legislation or regulation that would transfer to Los Angeles County or its residents any costs or revenue losses incurred by another jurisdiction.
2. Support or sponsor a constitutional amendment to reallocate to local school districts the property tax revenue derived from State-assessed properties in exchange for reallocation of non-Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund property tax revenues derived from the local roll.
3. Support proposals to restructure State and local service responsibilities if they: create a nexus between authority, responsibility, accountability, and revenues; promote program effectiveness and cost containment; and recognize the limited fiscal capacity of counties by transferring sufficient revenue in the first and subsequent years.
4. Oppose legislation to change the definition of revenue neutrality in special cases, unless other entities are protected from unintended legal precedents by language narrowly justifying the need for special legislation.
5. Support proposals that reduce the two-thirds vote requirement for increasing revenues.
6. Oppose legislation that would constitute State unfunded land use and general plan-related mandates on local governments.
7. Oppose any abridgement or elimination of the Board of Supervisors' powers and duties.
8. Support proposals to address the State budget shortfall for which the County would be willing to assume a fair share of budget cuts if they are developed with the active participation of the County in designing long-term solutions throughout the entire budget process.
9. Support proposals for constitutional amendments that guarantee secure, adequate and permanent revenue and provide specific County protections for programs transferred from the State to counties.
10. Oppose the transfer of programs from the State to counties unless program control and flexibility is also shifted, and adequate State funding is guaranteed.

11. Oppose proposals to amend the Constitution or existing law to mandate the number of persons serving on the Board of Supervisors or other changes to the County's governance structure or limit the budget of county governing bodies.
12. Oppose proposals that would impose new unfunded mandates, including those that do not provide local flexibility.
13. Support legislation that would increase delegated authority provided to a board of supervisors to lease real property and amend real property leases, and to adjust that authority annually based on the Consumer Price Index.
14. Oppose proposals that would reduce local flexibility in the administration of the County workforce.

1. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

1.1 Child Welfare Services

1. Support proposals that increase funding for family preservation programs and advance initiatives to support children and families prior to involvement in the child welfare system by promoting child abuse prevention and differential response programs/models.
2. Support proposals that ensure full funding for the Child Welfare Services Program, independent of actual caseload for up to five years, which includes the fully loaded costs of a social worker, costs associated with the implementation of mandated services and programs that improve outcomes for children, and costs needed to achieve outcome improvements as identified by mandated State and Federal program assessments, among others.
3. Oppose proposals that would reduce protections for child welfare workers in the legitimate exercise of their discretion in the performance of their duties, thereby increasing liability to the County.
4. Oppose unfunded mandates that do not enhance child safety, expedite permanence, or promote well-being.
5. Support proposals to enhance adoptions by increasing funding for adoption activities and post-adoption services and expanding to out-of-state private adoption agencies the payments currently authorized to California private adoption agencies for the unreimbursed costs of placing children for adoption.
6. Support funding of initial and forensic medical examinations in child abuse cases.
7. Support funding for parenting programs aimed at teens and child care services for teen parents.
8. Support legislation to clarify that agencies providing services to a family may share case information and to prioritize research or data sharing designed to evaluate the results of service integration.

9. Support proposals that streamline Dependency Court procedures, including the simplification of notice requirements for dependency hearings, while ensuring the safety and best interest of children.
10. Support proposals that promote communication and collaboration between child welfare and, among others, local education agencies, parks and recreation departments, local arts agencies, public libraries, law enforcement agencies, and American Indian and Alaska tribes to enhance the County's ability to establish partnerships that ensure the safety and well-being of children at risk of abuse and neglect, and develop programs and processes that improve the quality of life and outcomes for all children.
11. Support proposals to clarify and provide for social workers' access to dependent children's medical, counseling, and education records.
12. Support proposals that increase the types of professionals required to report suspected cases of child abuse and promote the quality of and accessibility of training for mandated reporters.
13. Support proposals that enhance and improve child safety.
14. Support proposals to open Juvenile Court Dependency hearings to the public.
15. Support proposals which expand and enhance the technology used by child welfare agencies to improve child safety.
16. Support legislation to allow law enforcement agencies to submit information on cases of substantiated child abuse or severe neglect for inclusion in the Child Abuse Central Index.
17. Support legislation to allow social workers to authorize medical, dental and mental health assessments and screenings for detained children in the dependency system.
18. Support proposals to restore the hearsay exception for health care practitioners in jurisdictional hearings under the Welfare and Institutions Code.
19. Support proposals that provide funding to reduce caseloads for dependency court appointed counsel.
20. Support proposals that allow child welfare agencies to access sealed juvenile court records to determine the re-entry, appropriate placement and needed services for youth.
21. Support proposals to clarify the status of a non-custodial parent in juvenile court proceedings.
22. Support proposals to provide adequate funding for the California Fostering Connections to Success Act established under AB 12 (Chapter 559, Statutes of 2010).

23. Support proposals that allow county auditor investigators, acting within the scope of their duties, access to juvenile case file records of children in foster care or probation to investigate allegations of misconduct by county employees or contractors.
24. Support proposals to increase professional development in areas that include, but are not limited to, trauma competency and cultural and linguistic competency, to promote best practices and increase the effectiveness of interventions provided by agencies that serve children and families.
25. Support proposals that increase funding and advance initiatives to support children and families involved in the child welfare system by promoting partnerships with community-based, faith-based, and civic organizations, among others.
26. Support proposals that increase funding and advance initiatives to support children and families after their involvement in the child welfare system by promoting Aftercare services and programs/models.

1.2 Child Welfare Services – Foster Care

1. Support continued eligibility of immigrant foster children for Medi-Cal and Foster Care funds.
2. Support proposals that increase resource family capacity by adequately funding resource family retention and targeted recruitment efforts, including Intensive Services Foster Care providers; enhancing support services available to resource families; and ensuring provider rates are equitable and sufficient to meet the individual needs of all children cared for by resource families.
3. Support State reimbursement for the placement of dependent children who are eligible for regional center services, in for-profit group homes, when a not-for-profit facility is unavailable.
4. Support proposals that would allow counties to secure increased Federal funds for foster care and other services provided to abused and neglected children at no increased net cost to the State General Fund.
5. Support legislation and funding to allow the California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division and local government to make unannounced visits to Foster Family Agency approved resource family homes.
6. Support efforts which enhance legal permanency for children in foster care by promoting kinship adoption, enhancing Kin-GAP and supporting subsidized legal guardianship without requiring the full array of ongoing court and Child Welfare Services.
7. Support legislation and funding to facilitate successful emancipation, promote self-sufficiency, increase post-secondary achievement, and improve opportunities for transition-age youth, nonminor dependents, and former foster youth.

8. Support proposals which allow the sharing of information concerning resource family homes approved by foster family agencies to prevent the licensure, approval and/or approval of previously de-certified homes.
9. Support proposals to simplify foster care program eligibility requirements.
10. Support proposals to enhance permanency for children by streamlining and consolidating the separate studies and criminal clearances that must be administered to a resource family for licensure, approval, and adoption.
11. Support proposals and funding to ensure that the educational needs of children in foster care are met through efforts that include, but are not limited to,, the expedited designation of Educational Rights Holders and improved monitoring of non-public schools.
12. Support proposals that provide and fund substance use treatment services for children and parents in the Child Welfare Services system.
13. Support proposals to shorten the timeframes to achieve permanence, including expanding the court's authority to expedite permanency by limiting reunification services on all children, if the parent has failed to participate regularly and make substantive progress in the case plan.
14. Support proposals which allow flexibility in the use of funds to provide services to families and caregivers to strengthen their parenting abilities and prevent the need for placement, shorten the length of stay and reduce re-abuse.
15. Support funding for proposals that would expand searches for relatives, provide technical assistance and training so that permanent, lifelong connections for children and youth of all ages can be achieved.
16. Support proposals that achieve permanency for previously adopted children who have returned to the foster care system as a result of an adoption disruption or the death or incapacitation of an adoptive parent.
17. Support proposals that reduce use of out-of-home placement because the best interests of children are served when they can safely remain with their parents or guardian.
18. Support proposals that improve timelines for permanent placement of dependent children to provide a safe, permanent family connection and promote emotional health, well-being, and stability.
19. Support proposals to secure credit reports for foster youth.
20. Support proposals to fully fund Emancipated Youth Stipends and the Independent Living Program.
21. Support proposals that enhance the State monitoring of foster family agencies, short-term residential therapeutic programs, and State approved resource family homes, including both staff and the homes where children are placed.

22. Support proposals to provide counties full access to a database of criminal waivers and criminal history of employees and all prospective and approved resource parents and resource families of foster family agencies, short-term residential therapeutic programs, and State approved resource family homes.
23. Support proposals that clarify existing law to provide priority enrollment in subsidized child care and development programs to children involved in the child welfare system, including those in foster care, as well as ensure that they have access to child care and development programs for which they are eligible and prioritized.
24. Support proposals that reduce the over-utilization of psychotropic medication, which includes funding for activities to monitor the administration of psychotropic medication prescribed to foster children and youth.
25. Support proposals that provide adequate funding and support to counties to ensure the successful implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) under AB 403 (Chapter 773, Statutes of 2015), which includes child and family teaming, resource family approval, and comprehensive child assessments, among other CCR components.
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 these services.
27. Support proposals that provide funding for educational, enrichment, arts, and other extra-curricular activities for foster youth.
28. Support proposals that improve post-secondary educational attainment for foster youth, including increasing access to financial aid awards, providing assistance with completing necessary forms and documents, and increasing access to on-campus support.

1.3 Child Development and Early Care and Education

1. Support efforts to enhance the quality of early care and education that set high standards for all services and program types and address the needs of all children including those with disabilities and other special needs, and their families.
2. Support efforts to develop and implement a statewide quality rating and improvement system, and a system to adjust reimbursement rates based on demonstrated quality.
3. Support efforts to develop and sustain a well-educated and highly skilled professional workforce prepared to serve the cultural and linguistically diverse child and family populations of Los Angeles County.
4. Support efforts to ensure the health and safety of all children cared for in licensed early care and education facilities as afforded by timely, regular, and frequent on-site monitoring by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division.

5. Support efforts to adequately fund high-quality early care and education services for all children from low- and moderate-income families.
6. Support efforts that streamline the administrative processes utilized by the California Department of Education and Social Services to expand access for low-income families, ensure continuity of care, and promote flexible use of early care and education funding to meet the needs of families.
7. Support proposals designed to prevent, detect, investigate and, when appropriate, prosecute fraud in subsidized child care and development programs.
8. Support efforts to ensure that vulnerable children and their families have access to consistent, uninterrupted subsidized early care and education services.
9. Support proposals that expand the supply of early care and education services through facility development in communities with a significant shortage of these services.
10. Support efforts that increase flexibilities and resources for early care and education providers during local, state, and/or national emergencies to ensure families have timely access to services and providers can meet any resulting increase in demand for services.

2. ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

2.1 Air Quality

1. Support proposals and/or funding to assist local governments to: 1) purchase zero and/or near zero emission vehicles, including plug-in and hybrid vehicles, idle reduction devices, electric vehicle charging infrastructure; 2) purchase low carbon refueling infrastructure; 3) make necessary facility improvements; and/or 4) accelerate the replacement of fleet vehicles to enable the shift toward more fuel-efficient vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.
2. Support funding to assist local government compliance with existing and pending regulations to reduce emissions from both mobile and fixed sources.
3. Support measures to develop and increase the availability and use of zero and near-zero emission technology, and replacement of existing fleets.
4. Oppose cuts in assistance to local government fuel emission reduction programs.
5. Support measures that promote the development of zero and near-zero emission technologies that help meet Federal and State air quality standards.
6. Support measures that allow for innovation and local flexibility in developing, maintaining, and expanding cost-effective programs that increase access to zero-emission vehicles, access to transit, and decrease single vehicle ridership or vehicle miles traveled.

7. Support legislation that provides increased funding for the replacement of diesel-powered vehicles and equipment, including generators, with zero or near-zero emission technologies.
8. Support proposals that provide authority to local and regional agencies to reduce locomotive, railyard, port, and mobile source emissions.
9. Oppose proposals that would eliminate or diminish the authority of local air districts or jurisdictions to impose regulations that improve air quality and protect public health.
10. Support proposals that return a greater share of funds to local areas which generate AB 2766 (Chapter 1705, Statutes of 1990) revenues, and provide greater flexibility to local programs to comply with air quality rules and regulations.
11. Support measures that require local air districts, through their On-Road Vehicle Mitigation Options, provide for emission reduction credit to employers that install Electric Vehicle Service Equipment (EVSE) or plug-in electric vehicle chargers for their employees use.
12. Support legislation that would allow public agencies to procure on-road, diesel-electric powered, hybrid vehicles to be deployed as fleet work vehicles.
13. Oppose legislation that provides broad and categorical California Environmental Quality Act exemptions for the South Coast Air Quality Management District with respect to emission credits and the issuance of permits.
14. Support legislation that provides narrow and tailored exemptions to immediately allow essential public projects, hospitals, and historically exempted projects such as small businesses to gain South Coast Air Quality Management District permits, and emission credits.
15. Support proposals that seek to reduce cumulative impacts of air emissions and reduce the urban heat island effect in densely populated urban environments.
16. Support legislation which would: 1) extend California's efforts to combat climate change by setting interim and long-range targets for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; 2) provide flexibility to adjust the State's GHG emission reduction strategies based on changing technological and economic conditions; and 3) prioritize complementary goals of job creation, improved public health, technology innovation and regional policy collaboration.
17. Support proposals which would enact a partial sales and use tax exemption for zero-emission transit buses sold to local public agencies eligible for the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Program.
18. Support proposals that would require fleet operators to convert to zero emission technology whenever feasible and proposals that would provide incentives for early retirement of existing vehicles.

19. Support proposals that would provide funding and incentives for zero and near-zero emission goods movement technology at the ports and along goods movement corridors such as the I-710 freeway.
20. Support proposals that would reduce greenhouse gas emission and indoor air pollution in new and existing buildings.
21. Support proposals that would limit the public's exposure to climate-related risks, such as wildfire, flooding, and heat.
22. Support proposals to map and quantify climate vulnerability, especially if focused on public health impacts.

2.2 Beaches

1. Support measures that provide funding for beach erosion and accretion monitoring and for beach sand replenishment, including full funding of the Public Beach Restoration Act (Chapter 798, Statutes of 1999).
2. Support funding to maintain clean beaches and improve the water quality of coastal waters, estuaries, bays, and near shore waters.
3. Support funding for refurbishment and construction of restrooms, parking lots, accessways, lifeguard and maintenance facilities, docks, landscaping and other related beach and marina infrastructure on public beaches and at Marina del Rey.
4. Support proposals to include beaches in the definition of parks for the purpose of qualifying for park funding programs, if the beaches are in densely populated urban areas and are used by large numbers of residents as if they were an urban park.
5. Oppose legislation to provide the Coastal Commission additional discretion in approving permits for construction of seawalls, revetments, breakwaters, groins, harbor channels, or similar structures.
6. Oppose legislation to establish an off-leash dog beach in Los Angeles County unless it provides for State indemnification of the County and an appropriation to fund all additional County costs associated with an off-leash dog beach program.
7. Support legislation that provides for full funding for the local operation, maintenance, management, planning, and development of State-owned beaches managed by the County, such as Will Rogers State Beach and Dockweiler State Beach, securing an equitable allocation of State funding for locally operated units of the State Park System.
8. Support proposals to fully preserve the California Department of Boating and Waterways.
9. Support legislation to extend concession lease terms on State-owned facilities, including those which are under local control, when the concessionaire intends to

make an investment in the property or increase revenues to the State or local operator.

10. Support proposals to secure funding for grant programs and financial incentives for green initiatives in marinas.
11. Oppose legislation that would authorize State agencies to reclaim or appropriate in-lieu fees held in account by local jurisdictions unless such fees are spent on projects located within the jurisdiction where the fees originated.
12. Support proposals to transfer fee title ownership of county-operated state beaches to Los Angeles County.
13. Support measures that provide funding and other resources for planning and implementation of coastal climate change adaption measures.

2.3 Environmental Protection and Open Space

1. Support increased funding for environmental protection programs and capital projects, including resource, open space, and shoreline protection, as well as Santa Monica Bay and beach restoration.
2. Support proposals to protect, restore, increase, and maintain natural resource areas, such as mountains, forests, beaches, park natural areas, preserves, wildlife/wildflower sanctuaries, greenways, riparian corridors, trails, and other natural environments containing ecological, geological, habitat, cultural, recreational, native biodiversity, and scenic value.
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.
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.
5. Support measures to promote the preservation and restoration of Los Angeles County mountain, bay, watershed, river, oak woodlands, and wetland areas, particularly those located within the Los Angeles County mapped Significant Ecological Areas.
6. Support legislation that provides property tax credit for the recording of open space and conservation easements on property.
7. Support legislation to collect a fee of up to \$6 upon the annual registration or renewal of motor vehicle registrations to fund projects and grants that prevent, reduce, remediate, or mitigate the adverse environmental effects of motor vehicles and their associated facilities and other infrastructure improvement projects.
8. Support legislation that would exempt routine maintenance and operation of existing publicly owned facilities and temporary and emergency measures from Regional

Board permits, Streambed Alteration Agreements, State Fish and Game requirements or other agencies' permit processes as well as any compensatory mitigation requirements of State agencies.

9. Support legislation that streamlines State agencies' permitting processes, clarifies State application information requirements, reduces delays in approval times, and reduces the cost for acquiring permits from State agencies for construction, maintenance projects and actions taken by public agencies to protect public health and safety due to emergencies, such as fires, floods and earthquakes; and support legislation that would require State regulatory agencies to report regularly on their performance in complying with the State's Permit Streamlining Act.
10. Support legislation that would enable the County to comply with various environmental regulations, such as by minimizing the generation of pollutants at their source.
11. Sponsor or support legislation that would require the California Environmental Protection Agency and its affiliated agencies (including but not limited to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Regional Water Boards) to ensure that consultants hired to conduct and complete State mandated contamination investigations and related health assessments are independent from the identified contaminating party or parties.
12. Support measures to fund and expedite the required assessment and cleanup of properties contaminated by lead, arsenic, antimony or other hazardous substances, including increased State funding and adequate resources to protect the safety and well-being of residents of the communities affected by such contamination.
13. Support legislative and/or administrative proposals to enable local governments and the State to require responsible parties to clean up contamination caused by hazardous substances and to facilitate the recovery of local governments and/or State clean-up costs from such responsible parties.
14. Support proposals that provide State funding for planning and/or implementation of environmental protection and health, sustainable communities, climate resiliency, and greenhouse gas reduction programs at the local level.
15. Support proposals which seek to reform and improve the California Department of Toxic Substances Control's enforcement of hazardous waste laws and regulations; regulation of facilities handling toxic substances; enforcement actions against violators; cleanup of contaminated properties; decisions on permit applications; and community engagement.
16. Support proposals that: 1) establish a statewide lead advisory taskforce to review and provide recommendations regarding policies and procedures to reduce lead poisoning in the State; 2) require owners or operators of a permitted hazardous waste facility to meet a specified schedule for submittal of a permit renewal application; and 3) ensure manufacturer fees are paid by out-of-state entities selling lead-acid batteries in California.

17. Support transportation, parks, water conservation, and other related funding proposals which would ensure greenway development, access, protection, restoration, and enhancement are eligible for funding allocations.
18. Support proposals to expand local authority (e.g., local health officer) as needed to abate hazardous material or waste exposure when there is a danger to the health and safety of the public.

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.
2. Support legislation that provides for full funding for the local operation, maintenance, management, planning and development of State-owned parks and open space areas managed by the County, such as Castaic Lake State Recreation Area, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, and Placerita Canyon State Park, securing an equitable allocation of State funding for locally-operated units of the State Park System.
3. Support proposals to fund and promote partnering opportunities with social service agencies, local art agencies, and schools for youth programs, services, and facilities that incorporate positive recreation and cultural activities and that provide employment opportunities for youth.
4. Support legislation that promotes innovative programs that provide alternatives to gang activity and encourage the employment of at-risk youth.
5. Support proposals to fund or promote partnering opportunities with social service and health agencies to increase healthy activities and exercise programs in parks for youth and adults.
6. Support proposals to fund after-school programs in park facilities and schools operated by parks and recreation agencies, with special incentives and funding for programs in identified high-crime areas.
7. Support proposals which promote partnering opportunities with social and health service agencies and allow park and recreation programs to be eligible for State preventive health funding.
8. Support proposals to fund the urban reforestation programs of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
9. Support proposals to fund State mandated fingerprinting of all park staff and volunteers responsible for supervision of minors.
10. Oppose proposals that would increase exposure to, or reduce immunities from, governmental liability related to the ownership, construction, operation, or maintenance of parks, trails or recreational facilities.

11. Support proposals to fund for new and expanded programs that encourage all children to participate in outdoor recreational activities and programs that involve increased physical activity to address the obesity issue in our youth.
12. Support proposals to fund programs at park facilities that build social connections between parents and their community and to provide information about child development and effective parenting strategies.
13. Support or pursue legislation to expand funding sources available to the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District and make technical updates to the District's enabling legislation.
14. Support proposals to fund or promote parks and park-related amenities as a means to increase community resilience, including mitigating the effects of climate change and increasing access.
15. Support proposals that encourage joint-use arrangements with schools 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.
16. Support proposals that would provide funding and resources for development, operations, maintenance, and programming for enhanced recreation and public access to and along the Los Angeles, San Gabriel, and Rio Hondo Rivers, including but not limited to Ballona Creek, Malibu Creek, Dominguez Channel, and their tributaries.

2.5 Watershed Management and Flood Control

1. Support proposals to fund grants for projects that link watershed management, environmental restoration, biodiversity, recreation, open space, and beach improvements.
2. Support proposals which promote nature-based flood control improvements and projects, and do not diminish the performance of flood control systems, and oppose legislation or State mandates that would reduce existing levels of flood protection.
3. Oppose legislation that would grant cities the authority to set waste discharge standards for separate municipal sewer systems.
4. Support legislation to allow counties, flood control districts, and other public agencies to implement stormwater fees, upon voter approval and/or consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218 of 1996, to adequately fund clean water programs.
5. Support proposals that provide public agencies and special districts with immunities from liability to encourage development of multi-use watershed management, environmental restoration, open space, and recreation projects within flood protection and water conservation facilities.

6. Support proposals that incorporate the principles of the Safe Harbor Program, as established by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, into the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement for the development of watershed management and water quality enhancement projects.
7. Support proposals to fund river and stream education and interpretive facilities.
8. Support proposals that promote a shared Federal, State and local funding formula to pay for implementation of Total Maximum Daily Load and other storm water requirements and development of attainable and practical water quality regulations based on science.
9. Support legislation to fund the planning, implementation, construction, operation, and maintenance of watershed, flood-risk management, or multi-use projects, including integrated water resource projects and floodplain buyback and restoration programs, and support legislation that would eliminate conflicting State regulations that hinder integrated water and flood risk management.
10. Support authorization and funding for the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Project, as required by AB 1147 (Chapter 1071, Statutes of 2000).
11. Support legislation that identifies financial incentives (such as no- or low-interest loans, tax credits, etc.) to assist and encourage the hundreds of thousands of California homeowners (rural, coastal and urban) who operate Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS), to test and structurally upgrade, as determined, their OWTS as required for compliance with AB 885 (Chapter 781, Statutes of 2000).
12. Support proposals that provide funding for the evaluation of structural and hydraulic conditions and rehabilitation of sewer infrastructure to reduce sanitary sewer overflows and for the protection of surface and ground water supply.
13. Support legislation to develop data-driven, science- and public health-based standards for pathogen levels in regulated receiving waters as a potential replacement for outdated fecal indicator bacteria standards; applies these new standards to monitoring activities; and provides funding for water quality and public health monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the new standards.
14. Support proposals that prevent predatory flood insurance practices.
15. Support legislation which would give the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts the legal authority to assist local municipalities throughout the County in stormwater and dry weather runoff management projects.

2.6 Water Supply

1. Support proposals to fund counties and other local agencies to treat groundwater for the removal of arsenic, nutrients, salts, and other pollutants of concern to meet United States Environmental Protection Agency and State Water Resources Control Board standards.

2. Support funding to reduce or mitigate the introduction of and implement the aggressive removal of carcinogens, nutrients, salts, and other pollutants of concern from drinking water in Los Angeles County.
3. Support legislation to improve the governance of and reliability of water imported into Los Angeles County.
4. Support legislation to encourage water conservation and increase the efficiency of water use.
5. Oppose proposals that would create any requirements that impede the construction of water facilities or reduce the supply of non-imported water to improved and developed areas.
6. Support proposals to fund for the design and construction of recycled water systems to reduce reliance on imported water and improve water supply reliability.
7. Support legislation that would promote groundwater banking programs and facilitate the regulatory approval process required for implementation of groundwater banking programs.
8. Support legislation that is directed at increasing the use of recycled water within Los Angeles County.
9. Support legislation that increases the use of recycled water to support efforts that will increase local water supply needs and make local water supplies more sustainable.
10. Support legislation to increase the reliability of State and local water supplies with appropriate infrastructure and equitable funding levels utilizing the following principles: Local Water Reliability and Conservation, Climate Resilience, Affordability, Protection and Improvement of Water Quality, New Multi-Benefit Water Supplies, Conveyance and Storage, Equitable Allocation Criteria for Regional Projects, Bond Funding and Appropriations consistent with other County principles, and Delta Sustainability.
11. Support legislation that would allow water purveyors to achieve water conservation objectives.
12. Support legislation that would provide funding for technology to improve the efficiency of operation and maintenance of water supply systems.
13. Oppose legislation that would create new drinking and potable water quality requirements that would not result in clear, quantitative benefits to ratepayers.
14. Support legislation which allocates increased funding and necessary guidance to streamline regulatory agency permit processes to increase the reliability of State and local water supplies.
15. Support legislation which increases funding and streamlines the regulatory process for local governments' stormwater capture, flood control, water recycling, and groundwater recharge facilities and programs.

16. Support proposals to establish monitoring and reporting of secondary drinking water contaminant concentrations and expand the ability of local agencies to take nuisance actions against water purveyors for violations of secondary drinking water standards of color and odor, require water purveyors to fully cooperate with local agencies' investigations, and provide a method of cost recovery for actions taken to abate a nuisance.
17. Support proposals to require water purveyors to provide information to customers regarding complaint processes, advance notice of non-emergency maintenance or repairs that may affect water quality, and timely results of complaint investigations.
18. Support legislation that requires State agencies to prioritize review and approval of water infrastructure projects and programs that are consistent with the County's Sustainability Plan and that increase State and/or local water supplies, including water recycling, surface water treatment, stormwater capture, flood control, and groundwater recharge facilities and programs, among others.
19. Support legislation that ensures a property served by an onsite wastewater treatment system (septic systems) is evaluated by a qualified professional as part of the sale of the property and increases reporting of the evaluation results to the local health officer or designated city officials.
20. Support legislation that would allow for and/or expedite the direct reuse of potable recycled water.
21. Support proposals that effectuates fiscal and operational management and control over failing water systems by appointing an interim administrator, providing immunity from liability for parties involved in the consolidation or dissolution of a failing water system, providing adequate financial resources for the interim administrator, reimbursing local governments for costs associated with service as the interim administrator and/or successor agency of water districts, and ensuring that the local agency formation commission has a role in selecting the new, long-term water service provider.
22. Support proposals which would require the State Water Board to adopt an annual assessment of failed water systems throughout the State that prioritizes systems for financial assistance due to the severity of the public health threat, the extent to which the community serviced by the public water system is a disadvantaged community, the number of people serviced by the water system, and technical, managerial and financial capacity of the entity that operates the water system.
23. Support legislation to fund monitoring and research into contaminants of emerging concern.
24. Support proposals to repair water infrastructure of small water systems and/or incentivize consolidation, and ensure water rates are kept affordable.
25. Support proposals to provide financial relief for customers who have delinquent water bills as a result of unforeseen economic hardships or resources to allow waterworks

districts to continue delivering drinking water at the lowest reasonable cost to their customers.

2.7 Recycling and Waste Reduction

1. Support proposals that increase flexibility for local agencies to meet the waste reduction goals of the California Integrated Waste Management Act without reducing public health and environmental protections.
2. Support legislation and policies which promote the development of alternatives to landfills that protect public health and safety and the environment; clarify the definition of conversion technologies; establish a viable permitting process for these alternatives based on performance standards rather than prescriptive definitions; ensure alternatives to landfills qualify for renewable energy production, landfill disposal reduction and reduced carbon fuels production incentives; provide full diversion and greenhouse gas emission reduction credits for these alternatives under applicable State law; and provide that all energy produced by conversion technology facilities be designated as renewable energy.
3. Support proposals to fund local governments for the environmentally safe management of hazardous and electronic waste.
4. Support legislation and funding to expand markets for diverted materials and support measures for Recycling Market Development Zones.
5. Support proposals that eliminate overlapping solid waste and recycling authority between State agencies/departments and establish greater multi-disciplinary coordination of State environmental policies.
6. Support legislation to place greater emphasis on waste diversion program implementation, rather than relying primarily on quantity management, for the purpose of determining a local government's compliance with mandates established in the California Integrated Waste Management Act.
7. Support legislation to provide increased local government representation on the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.
8. Oppose legislation to eliminate diversion credits or recycling credits for the use of green waste as alternative daily cover.
9. Support legislation that would increase the use of recycled materials on highway construction, repair projects, and other public works projects.
10. Support legislation to provide funding for research and development that would assist local governments in developing and enhancing source reduction, green produce development, recycling, and other waste diversion initiatives.
11. Support legislation to conduct a comprehensive environmental life-cycle assessment of waste management practices in California including waste reduction and recycling as well as the impact of materials transported outside of the State.

12. Support legislation that places greater emphasis on producer/manufacturer responsibility for the environmental impact of their products and the waste that is produced, and shifts end-of-life management and financial responsibilities from local governments to producers, in order to reduce public costs and encourage improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.
13. Support and pursue extended producer responsibility legislation and take-back programs for materials such as, but not limited to sharps and pharmaceuticals, batteries, and textiles.
14. Support legislation that provides or facilitates funding for and/or strengthens the ability of local governments to prevent and remediate illegal dumping of trash and rubbish, including open desert areas and vacant lands adjacent to low-income communities.
15. Support legislation which would reduce the negative environmental impacts of single-use items, such as expanded polystyrene food containers by: 1) shifting the burden of addressing those impacts away from residents and the County and toward the manufacturers of those products; 2) promoting more sustainable alternatives to such items; and 3) phasing out the use of those items on a statewide basis when environmentally preferable alternatives are available.
16. Support legislation which promotes market development and manufacturer stewardship of environmentally friendly packaging products.
17. Support legislation which reduces the environmental impacts of single-use carryout bags and decreases the financial burden on local governments to address those impacts, and would not preempt stricter bag ordinances that local jurisdictions have enacted. Legislative proposals should seek to promote the use of reusable bags, reduce the use of plastic or paper carryout bags, and/or increase at-store recycling of carryout bags.
18. Support legislation to amend the provision of AB 2449, Chapter 845, Statutes of 2006, (Section 42252(a) of the Public Resources Code) to also require an environmental awareness message imprinted on each plastic carryout bag describing the negative impacts littered plastic carryout bags have on the environment and wildlife and the need to use reusable bags.
19. Support legislation that would exempt soils from undeveloped watersheds, such as lands in wilderness parks or open space properties, from testing requirements at landfills and streamline the process for landfills to accept clean soil for cover purposes or beneficial uses such as construction fill material for building roads.
20. Oppose legislation which bans new hazardous materials from landfill disposal unless the proposals also provide a funding mechanism and/or establish programs and guidelines for local governments to manage the banned materials.
21. Support legislation that provides flexibility in complying with organic waste diversion laws and regulations while ensuring continued progress towards the State's climate goals, and that provides funding for waste diversion infrastructure.

3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

3.1 Retirement, Compensation and Benefits, and Workers' Compensation

1. Support or sponsor local option legislation to implement employee compensation or benefit changes, as directed by the Board of Supervisors.
2. Oppose legislation that mandates or authorizes compensation or benefit changes without approval of the Board of Supervisors.
3. Oppose legislation which would remove the Board of Supervisors' control over benefit increases or decreases in the Los Angeles County Retirement System that increase County cost.
4. Support legislation that promotes the timely provision of reasonable and necessary medical care and workers' compensation benefits while opposing legislation that erodes reforms accomplished by FY 2003-04 and FY 2011-12 workers' compensation reform legislation and oppose legislation that increases workers' compensation benefits unless it maintains a fair and equitable balance for employers and employees within the reforms previously adopted by the Legislature.
5. Support workers' compensation reform proposals that align public sector workers' compensation benefits with private sector benefits to the greatest extent practical.
6. Oppose legislation that mandates eligibility of additional employees for safety workers' compensation benefits or safety retirement benefit provisions.
7. Oppose legislation that expands existing or creates new presumptions related to injuries, illnesses, diseases, or physical conditions and that can be claimed as job-related for workers' compensation or service-connected disability retirement.
8. Oppose legislation that eliminates current requirements that employees demonstrate on-the-job exposure in order to qualify for workers' compensation or service-connected disability retirement benefits.
9. Support proposals to clarify the rights and responsibilities of the County to pay Advanced Disability Pension Benefits to safety members to ensure that all appropriate County costs are reimbursed.
10. Support legislation to fund the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program to assist in the recruitment and retention of public defenders and prosecutors, or any other student loan repayment assistance or forgiveness legislation which promotes the recruitment and retention of public defenders and prosecutors.
11. Support legislation to eliminate billing fraud or abuses of the workers' compensation system.
12. Support legislation to authorize local governments to implement retirement changes which may include: 1) a limitation on bonuses and other extraordinary pay such as overtime which may be included in pensionable income; 2) a revision of "final compensation" for purposes of calculating a retiree's pension from the highest one

year to the average of the highest three years; 3) changes to retiree health plans to enable the County to adjust the design of the health plans to assist in controlling costs; and 4) coordination of benefits between disability retirement and workers' compensation permanent disability to prevent overlapping payments for the same disability.

13. Support pension reform changes and/or improvements that allow the County to recruit and retain highly-specialized personnel to provide critical health, mental health, legal, and other specialized services for County residents.
14. Support legislation allowing a public jurisdiction to terminate LC 4850, special work leave benefits for safety personnel, and authorize disability pension benefits when clear and convincing evidence exists that an employee's work-related disability will preclude the worker from ever returning to the performance of his or her duties.
15. Oppose legislation which would mandate specific changes to the County's employment relations commission structure, such as prescribing requirements for commissioner appointments.
16. Oppose proposals that eliminate governmental retirement plan features such as special catch-up contribution provisions, qualifying charitable distributions, non-spouse beneficiary IRA fund rollovers, and auto enrollment.
17. Support proposals that provide State unemployment benefits to individuals unable to work as a result of a natural disaster or pandemic emergency, such as COVID-19, including self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig workers and those who earn a combination of traditional (W-2) and self-employment (e.g., 1099) income.

3.2 Land Use Planning

1. Oppose legislation that infringes upon county board of supervisors' local land use decision-making authority.
2. Support proposals to impose liens on non-owner occupied properties to recover costs associated with code compliance enforcement.
3. Oppose legislation that imposes financial penalties on local governments for implementing zoning regulations that reduce the value of affected private properties.
4. 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.
5. Support legislation which would bring uniformity to the California Coast Act, which currently allows approval of decisions by a coastal county on coastal permit applications for developments that are not designated as the principle permitted use under the certified zoning ordinance to be appealed, but does not allow for appeals of the same decisions made by a city or a city and county.
6. Support legislation which subjects sober-living homes to local zoning regulations.

7. Oppose legislation that would establish building standards outside of the existing building code adoption process or that would hinder effective administration and enforcement of building standards.
8. Support proposals that provide builders and/or developers incentives to incorporate Universal Design/Visitability features which ensure safe, easy access into all housing, including new or converted dwellings or multi-family units for all persons, regardless of age or physical disability.
9. Support proposals to fund counties and other local agencies for outreach programs to educate communities on how to integrate sustainable and water efficiency elements into development and renovation projects.
10. Support proposals to monitor regulatory proceedings initiated by AB 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006), SB 97 (Chapter 185, Statutes of 2007), and SB 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) and SB 32 (Chapter 294, Statutes of 2016) and advocate for regulations that would: 1) preserve the County's flexibility in making California Environmental Quality Act determinations; and 2) incentivize actions by the County and other local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet AB 32 mandates both through their operations and their regulatory authority.
11. Support legislation to provide counties greater land use authority and regulatory authority over gas storage facilities, oil refineries, and gas/oil extraction.
12. Support legislation that provides urban counties with the same authority that cities have under current law to exempt infill projects from the California Environmental Quality Act, as long as those projects meet the additional requirement that they are located within a locally-designated Transit Oriented Development district, or are within one-half mile of a fixed rail transit station.
13. Support legislation that provides expedited judicial review processes, similar to those provided in SB 292 (Chapter 353, Statutes of 2011), for the development of projects that provide vital public services, including hospitals, health clinics, fire and police/sheriff stations, communication facilities/systems, libraries, schools, transportation projects, and other vital government capital projects in the County that serve the public interest, as well as commercial, sports, cultural, recreational, and clean energy projects.
14. Oppose legislation that regulates or prohibits the California Science Center from negotiating lease agreements with public and/or private entities that support the establishment or maintenance of educational and cultural activities, tourism, and/or economic development.
15. Support legislation that seeks to prohibit the South Coast Air Quality Management District from regulating or prohibiting the use of any and all fire rings on beaches statewide and instead allow local jurisdictions to determine for themselves what is right for their areas and constituents.

16. Support legislation that would facilitate the County's ability to acquire and/or use government-owned land, buildings, and existing infrastructure to further local community needs.
17. Support proposals that provide the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) with an exemption from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for sites which are on publicly owned land, already contain antenna support structures and related infrastructure, and are not located on environmentally sensitive areas.
18. Support proposals that preserve agricultural and working lands and limit their conversion to residential or other uses.

3.3 Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures

1. Support proposals to increase State and industry funding for detection, exclusion, and eradication of pests, the Preventive (sterile) Release Program for Mediterranean Fruit Fly and other invasive pests, and inspection of nursery plants and products.
2. Support proposals to increase State and industry funding to improve the program to inspect and certify farmers' markets, and to effectively regulate producers participating in certified farmers' markets.
3. Support proposals to increase funding for the management of established pests, including invasive weeds, insects and vertebrates, and research to develop resistant plant varieties for established diseases such as Pierce's Disease and Sudden Oak Death.
4. Support increased funding to regulate economic poisons (pesticides) to protect food and fiber crops, and ornamental landscape to ensure the safety of workers, the public, and wildlife, and to protect the quality of the environment.
5. Support proposals which strengthen the compliance of the structural fumigation industry in the safe handling of registered fumigants, and promote the safe use and handling of pesticides among workers and the general public.
6. Support proposals that increase the allocation of unclaimed refunded gas tax revenues generated from farming and horticultural activities to counties for use by county agricultural commissioners to provide services to support regulatory oversight of agricultural producers and to enhance local programs related to agriculture.
7. Oppose legislation that impedes the control of rodents, invasive species, and enforcement of pesticide use laws and regulations.
8. Support proposals to increase capacity for and practice of integrated pest management techniques.
9. Support proposals that incentivize the practice of regenerative agriculture.

3.4 Consumer Protection and Fair Business Practices

1. Support legislation to protect consumers by providing increased and more reliable product quantity, and price information to facilitate value comparisons and transaction accuracy in sales or purchases of any commodities or materials according to weight, measure or count.
2. Support legislation to exempt weights and measures regulatory vehicles from hazardous materials regulations, provided such vehicles do not enter public roadways when carrying such materials.
3. Support legislation to prohibit products recalled or banned by the United States Consumer Products Safety Commission from being resold in thrift shops, flea markets, pawn shops, retail stores, and/or used in child care facilities.
4. Support proposals which allow for the County's full recovery of costs related to enforcement of laws governing commercial weighing and measuring device accuracy, packaging and sales of commodities, the quality of motor vehicle fuels, and the accuracy of prices charged in retail transactions.
5. Support proposals that provide funding to the County Sealer for inspections of recycling centers to ensure citizens receive full value for their redeemed beverage containers.
6. Support proposals that promote effective price verification inspections by enhancing funding and encouraging investigations focusing on problem pricing areas and practices.
7. Support proposals that maintain or increase funding for the Dispute Resolution Program.
8. Support proposals to allow or grant local governments the authority to adopt local consumer protection standards and enforcement mechanisms.
9. Support proposals that allow counties to preserve the administration, structure, responsibilities and funding of the Dispute Resolution Program.
10. Oppose measures that expand commercial use of individual medical records for direct marketing or promotional purposes since this is not only an invasion of patients' medical privacy and implied confidentiality, but it may also disclose their private health, medical, and diagnostic information without their permission.
11. Support legislation to enhance the County's existing Homeowner Notification Program to include the notification and application of a surcharge when notices of default or sale are recorded to inform property owners and lawful occupants of the property of real estate fraud protection and foreclosure prevention options.
12. Oppose legislation that exempts any commercially-used weighing or measuring device, packaged commodity, petroleum product, automated retail checkout system or business transactional operation from laws and regulations applicable to these items under Weights and Measures regulatory activities.

13. Support proposals that protect consumers from debt collectors and debt buyers who engage in unfair and abusive debt collection practices and litigation.
14. Support proposals to increase Small Claims Court filing limits, provide funding for Small Claims Court Advisory services, and/or other procedural changes to increase access to and simplify Small Claims Court.
15. Support proposals to strengthen consumer protections with regard to business filings requirements by establishing stricter registration requirements for process servers.
16. Support proposals that increase protections for consumers against fraud, scams, and unfair or deceptive business practices.
17. Support legislation that protects businesses from deceptive business practices.
18. Support proposals to increase funding for collaborative consumer protection and consumer education programs.
19. Support proposals that provide consumers no cost access to credit reports, simplify the process to correct credit report discrepancies, and improve the accuracy of credit reporting.
20. Support proposals to increase identity theft protections and provide funding for the assistance needed to help victims restore their credit.
21. Support proposals that would extend or remove the sunset date of, or otherwise enhance, the County's Enhanced Homeowner Notification Program (SB 1106 of 2019).
22. Oppose legislation which would prevent charitable organizations from collecting donated goods by restricting the placement of unattended collection boxes as long as they are compliant with existing laws and local ordinances.
23. Oppose legislation which would prohibit private entities contracting with a public agency from displaying content on their uniforms or vehicles which could imply the local agency is providing those services, unless the contractor conspicuously displays a disclaimer that they are not government employees.
24. Support legislation that provides the public with increased transparency regarding the value, performance and/or financial standing of businesses, educational institutions, and consumer goods.
25. Support legislation that provides consumers with comprehensive information and/or education on financial products, including tax preparation services, debt consolidation agreements, and consumer and student loans.
26. Support legislation to increase civil penalties for the unauthorized practice of law.
27. Support legislation which would create a comprehensive statewide tax agent registration system and/or ensure transparency of price disclosures.

28. Support proposals that increase assistance, accessibility, and education for consumers in the marketplace.
29. Support proposals to increase funding for wage theft enforcement or otherwise combat wage enforcement, including those that would eliminate piece rate pay.
30. Support proposals that increase consumer access to traditional banking services.
31. Support proposals to expand, improve, and/or clarify the regulation of high-cost lending, including online lending.
32. Support proposals which would create safer alternative loan products.
33. Support proposals to clarify and/or enhance translation requirements in consumer contracting.
34. Support proposals to enhance consumer protection investigations conducted by local agencies.
35. Support proposals to provide additional funding for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program providers to expand access to free income tax preparation services for low-moderate income taxpayers.

3.5 Child Support Administration

1. Support legislation to allow counties to relinquish all responsibility for the local child support program to the State, should the State fail to adequately fund the program.
2. Support proposals to fully fund county child support collection program costs.
3. Support proposals that would hold counties harmless for any error or omission on the part of the State, including failure to meet collection standards.
4. Support legislation to improve collection of child support orders including:
 - 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 collect child support from non-traditional sources of income such as gaming proceeds paid to parents who owe past-due child support. This would allow the Department of Child Support Services to collect more child support for children and families;
 - 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 support electronic filing of court documents, including the use of electronic signatures and the elimination of requirements to maintain hard copies of legal documents.
5. Support proposals that ensure the equitable allocation of funding to Local Child Support Agencies and protect local control.

3.6 County Investment Practices

1. Support measures which propose reasonable changes to local investment practices to protect public funds, and oppose measures which unnecessarily restrict the ability of local agencies to invest prudently and optimize investment returns.
2. Oppose measures which repeal the authority of counties to issue bond financing or other debt when viable and feasible, or which limit counties' ability to issue debt to refund outstanding bonds to reduce the cost of borrowing.
3. Support proposals that authorize the County to issue bonds to securitize loans, such as property tax revenues pursuant to Proposition 1A of 2004, which the State borrows from local governments.

3.7 Local Government Reorganizations/County Boundary Changes

1. Support legislation that ensures the revenue neutrality of local boundary changes provided that it:
 - a. Ensures that the State will maintain revenue neutrality by transferring to the incorporating entity ongoing State revenue equal to the State's prior cost of providing those services.
 - b. Does not increase the duties and responsibilities of LAFCO or dictate expenditures for services without providing reimbursement through fees or from State sources.
 - c. Provides that in calculating the cost of service responsibilities being transferred in a reorganization, the LAFCO shall not consider those services funded from sources that were voter-approved or that, if re-enacted, would be subject to the provisions of Articles XIII C and D of the State Constitution.

- d. Does not increase the fiscal liability of the County in annexations, incorporations, disincorporations, detachments, dissolutions, mergers, consolidations, and establishment of subsidiary districts.
 - e. Requires the appropriate transfer of Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for annexations and incorporations; requires the submission of RHNA transfers as a part of the application for consideration of an annexation proposal by the LAFCO; and provides clarification for calculating the appropriate RHNA transfer.
2. Oppose legislation that requires LAFCO to review and make recommendations on urban expansion projects in outlying unincorporated areas or which would infringe on the County's local land use decision-making authority.
 3. Oppose legislation or regulation that would result in net revenue loss to the County due to boundary changes.
 4. Oppose legislation that would infringe on or diminish the Board of Supervisors' participation in and decision-making authority on local boundary changes.
 5. Support proposals that strengthen oversight of independent special districts to improve service delivery and efficiency, expand transparency and public engagement, and standardize reporting requirements on revenues, expenditures, and reserves.

3.8 Historic Preservation

1. Support proposals to fund the protection, preservation, restoration, and enhancement of historical areas, cultural districts, civic artworks, or monuments in Los Angeles County, including but not limited to sites or artworks that are being managed on behalf of the County.
2. Support legislation that would maintain the survey monument preservation fund to pay for the necessary expenses incurred or authorized by the county surveyor to properly perform and maintain monument surveys of major historical land division lines.

3.9 Human Relations

1. Support legislation that addresses and combats discrimination based on age, disability, disease status, gender identity, language, immigration status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics.
2. Support legislation to reduce hate crimes, increase human relations education and training, and increase communities' capacity to address intergroup relations issues in a positive way.
3. Support proposals to promote corporate board gender diversity.
4. Support legislation that would strengthen law enforcement training, reporting and prosecution of hate crimes.

5. Support proposals to promote and fund cultural exchange and cultural heritage programs, including but not limited to arts education, art commissions, cultural programs or events, and creative placemaking initiatives.
6. Support proposals which would remove prohibitions against government entities from providing equal opportunities for historically underrepresented groups.

3.10 Library Services

1. Support proposals to fully fund the Public Library Foundation Program.
2. Support proposals to restore library district property taxes.
3. Support proposals that provide State bond financing for public library construction and renovation, and provide funding for reasonable costs of facility needs assessments.
4. Support proposals to maintain funding for the Transaction Based Reimbursement Program administered by the California State Library and encourage universal borrowing among library jurisdictions in California.
5. Support legislation that would dedicate one-half of one percent of Proposition 98 of 1988 monies to public libraries.
6. Support proposals which provide libraries with discounts on select communications services and which encourage participation in the Federal E-rate Discount Program.
7. Support proposals that fund or increase access to a broad range of literacy materials and services, such as those for financial, digital, health, and child and adult literacy, in community-based organizations, consumer counseling organizations, educational institutions, government, and financial institutions.
8. Support proposals that provide funding to connect public libraries to high-speed, high-capacity broadband infrastructure.
9. Support proposals to fund public safety enhancements and/or social service interventions at libraries including, but not limited to, public safety staffing and technology (i.e., video cameras, weapon screening, etc.).
10. Support proposals to provide or increase funding for public libraries to provide outreach, programs, and services to patrons.
11. Support proposals that would provide funding for public library facility capital projects.

3.11 Museums, Arts, and Culture

1. Support proposals that maintain or provide increased funding for museums, arts, and cultural activities, including but not limited to performing arts, visual arts, media arts, literary arts and other artistic disciplines.

2. Support proposals that provide funding for acquisition, development, rehabilitation, construction, preservation, and restoration of cultural facilities of all types, including but not limited to museums, performing arts centers, cultural centers, artist studios, and facilities for cultural production.
3. Support proposals to fund the Grand Avenue Project.
4. Support proposals that further diversity, equity, inclusion, and access in the fields of arts and culture, and increasing cultural activities and funding for small and community-based nonprofit organizations based in underserved areas.
5. Support proposals that provide State funding to support the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County expansion project.
6. Support proposals that authorize public schools, parks, libraries and museums to adopt land acknowledgement processes to properly recognize Native American tribes as traditional stewards of the land on which an entity is located.

3.12 Education

1. Support proposals to fund for school crossing guards provided by counties.
2. Support legislation to require school districts to establish a process in which the parent or guardian of a student commits in a written agreement or compact to assist and cooperate in the education of that student.
3. Support proposals to fund the California Subject Matter Projects, which includes the California Arts Projects.
4. Support proposals which would expand the role of arts education in public schools through the inclusion of arts as a core subject, the development of arts textbooks, and an increase in arts educators.
5. Support proposals that allocate special education funds in a manner that accurately reflects the needs of children in the County.
6. Support proposals to maintain or increase State funding for arts education.
7. Support proposals which address the accountability of school districts in developing, implementing, and evaluating arts education.
8. Support proposals to assist school districts in providing school-based health programs to ensure the behavioral, mental health, and physical needs of students are addressed, and all students are ready to learn.
9. Support proposals that would establish State funded schools to provide Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) instruction to underrepresented students.

10. Support proposals that help schools reduce food insecurity through advocacy, outreach, and application assistance to Federal, State, and County nutrition programs, such as CalFresh, as part of the school enrollment process.
11. Support proposals that provide additional support for students impacted by distance learning throughout the region, especially the most vulnerable including those with special needs, low-income, English learners, homeless, and foster youth.
12. Support legislation and funding that would expand the role of Native American studies in public schools through the inclusion of Native American history as a core subject, the development of Native American textbooks, and an increase in educators who are Native American.

3.13 Public Records

1. Oppose legislation that imposes unreasonable burdens or creates unfunded mandates to provide access to records, information managed and maintained by County agencies.
2. Support legislation that makes the economic disclosure and conflict of interest provisions of the Political Reform Act more efficient and less burdensome to administer, while furthering the purposes of the Act.
3. Support legislation that will provide State funding for the development of County Records Management and Archival Programs.
4. Support legislation to increase compliance in the filing of a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700).
5. Support legislation that amends the California Public Records Act to exempt disclosure of public entities' attorney billing records, such as invoices and time records, in litigation that is pending against the public entity or any of its Departments or employees, as long as it preserves the purpose of the Act.
6. Support proposals to permit the secure electronic publishing of a Fictitious Business Name.
7. Support proposals to ensure that cities with their own health departments are able to process vital records.

3.14 Redevelopment

1. Support legislation which enforces the redevelopment law reforms accomplished in the Community Redevelopment Reform Act (AB 1290, Chapter 942, Statutes of 1993), and oppose any redevelopment legislation which would cause the County to lose revenues or which would limit, circumvent, or repeal the provisions of AB 1290.
2. Support proposals to protect both statutory and negotiated pass-through payments, as well as all other funds allocated to taxing entities for the duration of the

redevelopment wind-down process pursuant to ABx1 26 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2011) and AB 1484 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2012), and oppose proposals that would eliminate or reduce any pass-through payments, or eliminate or reduce or delay the flow of any other source of funds allocated to taxing entities by ABx1 26 as amended by AB 1484, before redevelopment successor agencies retire or pay off all debts, dispose of all remaining assets, and/or terminate their existence.

3. Support extension of review periods to allow counties and other affected parties adequate time to analyze the validity and impact of proposed redevelopment projects.
4. Support proposals which facilitate the successful implementation of the requirements and goals of ABx1 26 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2011) and AB 1484 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2012).
5. Oppose proposals that eliminate the County's authority over the use of tax increment or its ability to determine its role in the formation of and participation in infrastructure financing districts, redevelopment agencies, joint powers authorities, or other similar entities.
6. Support proposals that make a county's or a local housing authority's participation in any redevelopment project or program subject to local approval, and support proposals which would allow a local housing authority to transfer housing functions previously performed by a former redevelopment agency to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, or to provide funding to a local housing authority for administration of the assumed housing functions.
7. Support proposals that re-establish redevelopment programs that: 1) promote the development of low- and moderate-income housing with a minimum 30 percent set-aside and reasonable timeframes for expending these funds; 2) mandate that local governments' fiscal participation be at the discretion of the legislative body of each local government; 3) include mechanisms to allow local governments to fully recover their administrative costs; 4) require areas be deemed eligible for redevelopment projects when there is documented evidence of urban blight, local economic distress and/or inclusion of transit-oriented districts, excess Tate properties, or priority projects; and 5) require the adoption of a local financing plan to evaluate the overall fiscal feasibility and impact of redevelopment project objectives.

3.15 Elections and Voting

1. Support proposals to provide County reimbursement for the costs incurred in conducting special elections to fill vacancies in State and Federal offices.
2. Support legislation to require the Secretary of State to issue voting system guidelines and test specifications for approval of new voting systems.
3. Support legislation that increases protections against interfering with the casting of ballots at polling places or by mail, including increasing fines and/or penalties for practices that attempt to impede the voting process or intimidate voters.

4. Support legislation to improve and/or clarify the challenge process for Vote by Mail ballots and strengthen voter protections.
5. Support legislation to allow for the secure and effective use of new technologies available in the field of election administration.
6. Support legislation to authorize the implementation of additional, expanded and alternative voting opportunities.
7. Support legislation to assist counties in the effective implementation of State-mandated changes in the elections process and administration.
8. Support proposals to facilitate the timely certification and implementation of secure technology developed for the County's Voting Systems Assessment Project.
9. Support proposals to advance improved models for auditing vote totals and demonstrating the accuracy of voting systems.
10. Support proposals to improve and/or clarify the petition filing process for ballot measures, including codifying filing deadlines.
11. Support proposals to establish filing deadlines for civil writs for ballot related litigation.
12. Support proposals to ensure that voter rights are maintained and/or restored for those whose rights have been unduly challenged.
13. Support proposals for state funding to support the accelerated implementation of an expanded vote-by-mail model.
14. Support proposals that provide elections officials flexibility on the availability of in-person voting locations and the recruitment of poll workers in response to emergency orders.

3.16 City Governance

1. Support legislation to specify that no more than ten percent of a charter city's owned or controlled housing could be occupied by city employees or individuals with a conflict of interest; and allow a county or its community development commission to competitively bid housing units for charter cities.
2. Support legislation which will allow all options to ultimately be considered for the future governance of the City of Vernon, including remaining disincorporated, or annexation to another municipality.

3.17 Liability Protection and Mitigation

1. Support proposals to mitigate the effects of joint and several liability upon public entities by limiting liability to any party to be responsible for their own proportion of damages.

2. Support proposals to strengthen the statutory immunities associated with the operation of public infrastructure such as immunities under Government Code Section 830 et seq.
3. Support proposals that limit post judgment interest and/or that provide public entities with flexibility in paying judgments over time.
4. Support proposals to mitigate the effects of liability upon public entities by applying the Doctrine of Comparative Fault to inverse condemnation actions.
5. Support or sponsor legislation that would clarify that self-insured government entities are not liable for the workers' compensation benefits for employees of contracted temporary service agencies whose insurer becomes insolvent, and support proposals that confirm that such liabilities are covered by the California Insurance Guarantee Association.
6. Oppose legislation that authorizes the use of public resources, including bond funds, to shift the cost of court-ordered liability of private entities onto public entities, private citizens or ratepayers.
7. Oppose proposals that expand administrative and civil penalties on local government entities.

3.18 Information Technology

1. Support proposals to increase protections for electronic information managed and maintained by government agencies.
2. Oppose proposals that would increase the risk of unauthorized access, use, disclosure, or modification of County information technology resources.

3.19 Small Business Development

1. Support proposals that would increase economic opportunities for small businesses, including access to capital and microlending opportunities.
2. Support proposals that provide funding for business development assistance, including educational opportunities on their rights and responsibilities to comply with applicable laws and regulations.
3. Support proposals to increase incentives for businesses to hire unemployed or underemployed workers.
4. Support proposals to develop a State Social Enterprise designation or increase social enterprise contracting with government agencies.
5. Support proposals to provide funding for local agencies for a disaster assistance economic relief fund to mitigate the economic impact that disasters have on the business community.

6. Support legislation that would provide small business owners with protections from personal guarantees and liability for leases between small business owners and commercial landlords.

4. HEALTH

4.1 Financing of the Safety Net

1. Support, through a coalition with other counties and providers, a dependable, long-term funding source for the health care safety net.
2. Support legislation that promotes the fair and equitable distribution of Safety Net Care Pool dollars through the Global Payment Program between public and private hospitals.
3. Support proposals that provide funding for indigent care in place of those that have been eliminated, such as the California Healthcare for Indigents Program.
4. Support legislative or administrative changes to allow the Department of Health Services access to financial information records of patients (e.g., State Franchise Tax Board, Department of Motor Vehicles, etc.) which would facilitate identification and verification of patient financial resources.
5. Support legislation to permit counties to assert and collect on liens for health care costs of patients who receive a monetary award from a lawsuit settlement or compromise rather than from a judgment.
6. Support proposals to expand the use of intergovernmental transfers, health provider fees, and other allowable methods to increase net Federal Medicaid and Federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) matching payments to California and health providers like the County at no cost to the State General Fund.
7. Support legislation to allow the use of State capital improvement funds for County facility capital projects, including clinics and other public health facilities, while preserving the option to revise and/or expand a project's scope at the County's discretion.
8. Support proposals to assist hospitals to meet seismic safety requirements.
9. Support funding to promote/market the availability of County health care services, including innovation centers.
10. Support proposals to fund technology infrastructure in public hospitals and health systems, including electronic health records, health information management system, and data exchange with immunization registries, electronic case reporting, and electronic laboratory reporting.
11. Support proposals to conform State formulae for calculating individual share of costs and low-income eligibility in the Medicare Part D prescription drug program to adequate cost of living levels in Los Angeles County.

12. Oppose measures that would establish unnecessary requirements that would be a burden to public hospitals, such as: 1) mandating inflexible hospital staffing ratios; 2) community benefits reporting; 3) mandatory placement of medical parolees; and 4) eight-hour written notice to employees who work overtime.
13. Support proposals which provide funding for the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital.
14. Support proposals to preserve the 1991 Realignment funding for counties and the County-specific funding formula established in AB 85 (Chapter 24, Statutes of 2013) to support indigent health care and other services.
15. Support proposals to preserve supplemental payments to public and private hospitals as the Federal Medicaid Managed Care Rules are implemented in California.

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.
2. Support proposals to provide permanent, stable funding for the County's public and private emergency and trauma care system, including fees on alcohol consumption.
3. Support the continuation of the State's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency as an independent entity, and oppose efforts to consolidate the Agency with other State departments.
4. Support proposals that improve the efficiency and effectiveness of emergency and trauma care services through the diversion of low acuity patients to more appropriate settings of care.
5. Support proposals that would allow fire departments and ambulance companies that provide approved advanced life support services to restock drug supplies directly from pharmacies and/or utilize secured, on-site pharmaceutical dispensing machines.
6. Support proposals that promote the development of a statewide trauma care system to provide a more comprehensive and coordinated system, and more effective response in the event of a disaster.
7. Oppose proposals that reduce county medical control over local EMS providers through the Local EMS Agency, such as prior legislative attempts to reduce county authority over medical control of EMS providers by moving it to cities or the State, which has the potential to fragment the system and allow different levels of service, including patient care, within a county.
8. Oppose legislation to centralize EMS policymaking authority with the State or that would allow the State to impose fiscal penalties on counties if local policies are determined to be inconsistent with those issued by the State EMS Authority.

9. Support proposals to allow sheriff and fire departments to receive reimbursement for helicopter search and rescue efforts.
10. Oppose proposals which would reduce local authority regarding disciplinary actions for licensed emergency medical services personnel.
11. Support and/or sponsor legislation that would enable paramedics and emergency medical technicians responding to 911 calls to transport patients to the most appropriate facility, such as, mental health urgent care centers or sobering centers, if available, subject to the County's Emergency Medical Services Destination Policy.

4.3 Medi-Cal and Children's Health Care Coverage

1. Support proposals that reduce the number of uninsured persons and expand Medi-Cal coverage to low-income persons such as In-Home Supportive Services workers and juveniles within county probation systems.
2. Support proposals to simplify Medi-Cal eligibility rules, application, and re-determination processes to increase and expedite enrollment and promote retention, through the use of presumptive eligibility, elimination of financial barriers, increasing income and asset eligibility levels, and enabling more disabled persons to qualify.
3. Support proposals to increase funding of Medi-Cal outreach, enrollment, required documentation procurement, and retention activities.
4. Support proposals to allow counties and school districts to provide the State matching component and exercise the Federal waiver option to: 1) purchase family coverage; and/or 2) establish a cost-effective alternative using a community-based health delivery system.
5. Support proposals to allow counties to use Federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funds to provide a continuum of mental health and public health nursing services for children in the public's care.
6. Support proposals to continue State funding for prenatal services to undocumented women.
7. Support proposals to expand the substance use benefit for children and parents.
8. Support proposals to increase the Medi-Cal Maintenance Need Income Level to a minimum 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and require the State to annually adjust the Medi-Cal Maintenance Need Income Level when the FPL is adjusted.
9. Support proposals to continue 100 percent cost-based reimbursement for Federally Qualified Health Centers.
10. Support proposals to assist local programs that combat Medi-Cal fraud.

11. Support proposals to expand local and statewide efforts to fund children's health coverage programs with the goal of universal health coverage for all children in the State of California.
12. Support proposals to allow women to utilize their full-scope no-cost Medi-Cal coverage for two years post-partum.
13. Support proposals to provide State funding for costs associated with implementation of the Deficit Reduction Act – Citizenship/Identity Verification.
14. Support proposals allowing seniors and persons with disabilities continuance of their choice to maintain fee-for-service Medi-Cal.
15. Support proposals to align Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for providers and hospitals in medically underserved areas in Southern California with Northern California Medi-Cal reimbursement rates.
16. Support proposals that allow counties and school districts to continue to match funds to obtain Federal reimbursement of costs involving Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, which would allow the County and school districts to continue to recover costs associated with Medi-Cal enrollments, and allow the County to continue to offer Medi-Cal enrollment assistance to uninsured low-income families.
17. Support proposals to restore reductions to Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for providers and hospitals.
18. Support proposals to ensure that mobile eye examinations for Medi-Cal eligible children are reimbursable.
19. Support proposals to include contingency management services as a Medi-Cal covered benefit for the treatment of substance use disorders (SUD).

4.4 Health Insurance and Coverage

1. Support proposals to require public and private insurers to cover pre-existing conditions and offer comprehensive coverage for all health services, including prescription drug coverage; prenatal perinatal care, and maternity care and support; contraceptives; childhood, adolescent, and adult immunizations; screening for diabetes; hypertension; cervical and breast cancer; Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) treatment and biomedical interventions; Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) treatment; Sexually Transmitted Diseases; substance use; mental health; and behavioral health treatment for persons with autism spectrum disorders.
2. Support proposals to enhance access to prescription drugs, durable medical equipment and immunizations, especially for low- and moderate-income uninsured persons.
3. Support measures to reduce the time to one year in which health insurance coverage cancellation must be determined.

4. Support measures which provide that health insurance coverage is established upon the date of receipt of an application or receipt of the first premium payment.
5. Support measures which require that cancellation of commercial health insurance coverage must be prior to any authorization of services.
6. Support measures which would require the California Department of Managed Health Care to review actuarial studies for any and all health insurance rate increases to ensure that the study was appropriately performed by a qualified actuarial firm.
7. Support measures which require that changes to health care plans must be made within one year unless those changes apply to everyone in the insured population or are required by law or regulation.
8. Support measures that require health insurance companies to prove intentional omissions by an applicant to cancel coverage, and that require cancellations to correlate between any prior and present medical conditions for which treatment is needed.
9. Support proposals to develop and implement solutions to improve health care access in medically underserved communities within the State, including proposals to provide funding and other incentives for health care providers, hospitals, and clinics to serve medically underserved areas.
10. Support proposals that provide funding to increase income eligibility limits for the California Children's Services Program, and exempt counties from additional expenditures resulting from such an expansion of eligibility.
11. Oppose legislation that would revise the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act to impede access, increase health care costs, and/or divert health care dollars from patient care.
12. Support proposals that extend Medi-Cal eligibility to individuals who meet the definition of a frequent user of health services and who meet income requirements for the existing Medi-Cal medically needy program, which would result in less costly treatment and a healthier outcome for patients who repeatedly use emergency rooms for medical crisis.
13. Support proposals to restore and protect funding for Adult Day Health Care programs and/or suitable alternatives.
14. Sponsor or support legislation to extend the sunset date to provide exemptions from licensing requirements for out-of-state health care practitioners to provide short-term, in-state volunteer medical and dental services.
15. Support proposals for a public health insurance option for all residents in the State, considering but not limited to: the development of a new State health plan, county-based public options, or a Medi-Cal buy-in option.

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.
2. Support proposals and increased funding for the provision of 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.
3. Support proposals to promote HIV/AIDS policy in State correctional and incarceration facilities consistent with accepted public health standards, and upgrade and expand HIV counseling, testing, prevention, education, outreach, care, treatment, and transitional services for prisoners living with HIV/AIDS.
4. Support proposals to mitigate losses of Federal funding for HIV/AIDS services with State budgetary appropriations.
5. Support proposals and increased funding for the provision of comprehensive HIV/STD counseling, testing, education, outreach, research, and social marketing programs.
6. Support regulatory or legislative changes to residential care facility law and regulation to enhance the provision of services to special populations, such as HIV clients, in residential settings.
7. Support proposals and funding to increase access to Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) prevention, screening, treatment, and surveillance activities for individuals who are at highest risk.
8. Support proposals and increased funding to effectively institute STD surveillance in order to identify emerging areas of need, craft programming responses, and ensure adequate levels of Federal funding.
9. Support legislation to allow local health departments to train and monitor public health staff to perform phlebotomy in field-based settings.

4.6 Public Health

1. Support measures that provide funding to strengthen the ability of the public health or health services systems, including environmental health monitoring and oversight, to detect, prevent, and respond to natural, as well as man-made disasters, including acts of terrorism and climate disasters.
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, childhood lead poisoning

- prevention, injury and violence prevention, food safety and nutrition, climate adaptation and emergency preparedness and response.
3. Support legislation to require school districts and public park agencies to inspect their facilities on a regular basis for lead paint, report their findings to County health offices, and comply with requirements set by State and County childhood lead abatement programs.
 4. Support proposals to require hospitals and non-acute health care facilities to have a written infection-control program; establish a statewide system for public disclosure of information on healthcare-associated infections in a manner that would assist consumers in making healthcare choices; and require health care associated infections data to be made available to the local health department jurisdiction where facilities are located.
 5. Support legislation to protect and improve drinking water supplies, recreational waters and fish and game ecosystems by utilizing evidence-based approaches.
 6. Support legislation to provide for the safe disposal of all waste materials, especially low-level radioactive waste, by utilizing evidence-based approaches.
 7. Support legislation that enhances food safety programs and regulations.
 8. Support legislation that preserves and enhances housing stock including measures that support safe home environments free from lead, mold, and other indoor environmental hazards while preventing displacement.
 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, behavior health awareness, anti-bullying and human trafficking prevention and intervention.
 10. Support measures that expand, provide additional funding for, reduce barriers to and increase enrollment in food assistance programs and Head Start, including increasing income guidelines and benefits for Federal and State Food Assistance Programs.
 11. Support increased funding of Medi-Cal for obesity screening, prevention, and treatment for children at or above the 85th percentile of the sex-specific body mass index growth charts.
 12. Support proposals to implement and enforce County cultural and linguistic competence standards for all health service programs in order to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate care.
 13. Support legislation to improve the planning and certification of adult day programs and services which, strengthen and provide for the fiscal monitoring of these programs.
 14. Support legislation and funding that facilitates or requires health facilities, schools, private business, government, and community-based agencies to participate in large-

- scale disaster preparedness planning, training and exercises, especially in the area of mass prophylaxis and care.
15. Support proposals that protect and improve the health of adolescents and young adults (12-24 years of age) through:
 - a. enhanced multidisciplinary collaborations among County departments, cities and private agencies serving youth;
 - b. funding to enhance integration of services to adolescents, including physical and mental health, juvenile detention services, employment and training or community experiences to which the youth can be referred; and
 - c. training for adolescent service providers on youth development, youth resiliency, cultural competency, physical and mental health, youth violence prevention, nutrition and physical fitness, substance use, how and where to make referrals to appropriate services, and increase the number and effectiveness of referrals to appropriate services.
 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.
 17. Support proposals to provide funding to promote and market the availability of programs and services focusing on chronic disease prevention, risk reduction, screening, and treatment.
 18. Support proposals that would prevent youth access to tobacco products by:
 - 1) protecting anti-preemption language specified in the Cigarette and Tobacco Licensing Act of 2003 that explicitly allows local jurisdictions to pass tobacco retail licensing laws;
 - 2) limiting the promotion and availability of traditional tobacco products, menthol and other flavored tobacco products, and electronic nicotine delivery systems (all e-devices and e-cigarettes);
 - 3) prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products and flavored electronic nicotine delivery systems including but not limited to menthol; and
 - 4) prohibiting the sale of all vaping products until U.S. public health officials determine the safety of vaping products and the cause(s) of the recent vaping-related injuries and deaths.
 19. Support proposals that would reduce exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) from tobacco, cannabis, and electronic smoking devices, including e-cigarettes in outdoor areas, multi-unit housing complexes and indoor workplaces, and would designate SHS and electronic smoking devices, including e-cigarettes, as a public nuisance.
 20. Support proposals to increase tobacco cessation services including mandating cessation services be covered as part of employee health benefits.
 21. Support proposals for the development and implementation of programs which would provide incentives to improve the health of the workforce, including but not limited to facilitating strategies for increased physical activity and healthier eating.

22. Support proposals that increase the availability and marketing of healthy, local, sustainably-produced, and affordable foods and beverages by expanding access to and increasing the number of grocery stores, farmers' markets, community gardens, and other healthy food outlets, especially in low-income communities.
23. Support proposals that would increase the availability and affordability of immunizations, increase access to childhood, teen and adult immunizations in school, healthcare, workplace, medical settings and other appropriate settings, and increase funding of immunization programs to improve immunization coverage levels and reduce the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases.
24. Support proposals that increase the prevalence and safety of sidewalks, walking trails, bike paths, and parks; promote safe walking and biking routes to schools and commercial districts; and promote complete streets, which make streets safe and accessible for all users including automobiles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
25. Support proposals that promote infill development, transit-oriented development and the improvement of multi-modal transportation options, to encourage physical activity and improve the health of County residents.
26. Support proposals that place sensitive sites, such as childcare centers, schools, and housing safely away from harmful sources of pollution, such as freeways and industrial uses, to improve the health of County residents.
27. Support proposals that reduce harmful indoor air pollutants in workplaces and sensitive use environments such as schools, day care centers, and nursing homes.
28. Support and/or sponsor legislation that promotes:
 - a. the reduction of salt content of packaged food products and restaurant foods;
 - b. increased affordability of fresh fruits and vegetables, specifically through financial incentives, subsidies and outreach to CalFresh recipients and retailer participation in health incentive programs;
 - c. the development of pricing strategies increase prices on unhealthy sugar-sweetened beverages and support improved access to healthy foods and beverages;
 - d. reduced consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, including soda, sports drinks, and other sugar-sweetened beverages, and reduces youth access to these products;
 - e. adopt, implement, or strengthen food procurement policies to increase access to healthy and/or sustainably produced foods and beverages, and;
 - f. plant-based eating patterns.
29. Support proposals to direct dedicated tobacco tax increases to address the State Budget shortfall to fund programs impacted by the shortfall.

30. Support proposals to strengthen the regulation and oversight of surgical centers and clinics performing obesity treatment cosmetic procedures to ensure that quality of care standards are in place at these clinics and checked by the appropriate credentialing agencies.
31. Support proposals to restore oversight of physician-owned ambulatory surgery clinics by the State Department of Public Health Services Licensing Division.
32. Support proposals that provide funding and/or assistance to local health departments for the purposes of billing insurers for TB screenings, HIV and STD services, immunizations, and other preventative health services provided to insured patients.
33. Support proposals to provide increased State funding to counties for the inspection and/or investigation of healthcare facilities.
34. Support proposals that preserve medical services for children such as the California Children's Services and Child Health and Disability Prevention Programs.
35. Support proposals that improve laboratory testing and reporting of infectious disease pathogens by diagnostic laboratories to local health departments in order to track and to curtail infectious disease outbreaks.
36. Support proposals to require the State Department of Health Care Services to develop a plan to provide evidence-based home visitation program services to Medi-Cal eligible participants.
37. Support proposals that increase the use of or require validated screening tools for the developmental assessment of infants and young children.
38. Support proposals to increase funding for Public Health Nurses (PHN) and explore options with the State to provide flexibility for reimbursable PHN services.
39. Support and/or pursue legislation that would increase funding for: a) Mosquito-borne disease and vaccination research; and b) Mosquito and vector control services which include but are not limited to: source reduction, surveillance and monitoring, education and outreach, biological control, and chemical control.
40. Support and/or pursue legislation that would allow for mosquito and vector control considerations in environmental evaluation and ongoing management and maintenance of stormwater and other infrastructure projects.
41. Support and/or pursue legislation that would grant state certified mosquito control personnel more authority to expeditiously access properties that are mosquito infested so intervention efforts can be initiated.
42. Support research for a Valley Fever vaccine, and the State's efforts to combat the Valley Fever Disease.
43. Support proposals to develop and fund a State wellness fund to support community disease prevention and wellness efforts that address the root causes of prevalent and

preventable physical and mental health conditions, including trauma mitigation, resulting in reductions in downstream health care spending.

44. Support proposals that would protect medically-fragile individuals and vulnerable communities from harm caused by power outages or other emergencies.
45. Support proposals that would strengthen penalties for failure to meet mandatory State disease reporting requirements.
46. Support proposals that would strengthen social services to individuals impacted by public health isolation or quarantine orders.
47. Support proposals that provide equitable investments to eliminate health disparities among disproportionately burdened communities (e.g., people of color and low-income people) and address policies that perpetuate systemic racism that have endured historically racist practices (i.e., redlining community disinvestment, and over-policing) and their impacts.
48. Support legislation and funding that expands the collection and reporting of racial, ethnic, and tribal data in population health datasets, and enforcement efforts to ensure compliance with these requirements.
49. Support proposals that increase availability, affordability, and promotion of healthy and sustainably produced food options available at grocery stores, convenience stores, mobile food facilities, restaurants, and other food outlets, especially those at or near schools.
50. Support proposals that promote landlord compliance with health and safety regulations for housing and fund or otherwise enable the collection and tracking of data on housing maintenance practices and landlord business affiliations.

4.7 Substance Use

1. Support proposals to increase funding for substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery services that provide local flexibility and discretion based on the local planning process.
2. Support proposals for increased funding from Medi-Cal and other funding sources to enhance the substance use services system of care, including youth in the juvenile justice system and youth transitioning out of foster care, to address the growing problems associated with adolescent substance use.
3. Oppose measures that reduce the availability and accessibility of substance use prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services for individuals engaging in substance use.
4. Support proposals that provide funding for health, mental health, homeless assistance, child welfare services, social services, as well as adult and juvenile

- criminal justice programs that provide or make accessible substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery services as part of its continuum of services.
5. Support proposals that promote environmental approaches to reducing substance use problems in the community, e.g., expanding local authority to enforce local zoning ordinances related to alcohol outlets and increasing funding to expand/enhance community-based coalitions to help residents prevent/reduce local substance use problems.
 6. Support proposals that provide funding to increase the availability of education programs to prevent Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, a spectrum of irreversible birth defects, caused when a woman consumes alcohol during pregnancy; and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), a withdrawal syndrome that can occur in newborns exposed to certain substances, including opioids, during pregnancy.
 7. Support legislation that will fund and expand the County's research, prevention, and treatment efforts for substance use disorders (SUD), including cannabis, methamphetamine, and opioid addiction.
 8. Support proposals that provide permanent and stable funding, and integrated approaches, including outreach and enrollment, for the early identification and diversion of high-risk/high-cost patients who are dually-diagnosed with mental health and SUD or other multiple symptoms/problems that effectively addresses substance use, mental health, housing, and related matters.
 9. Support proposals which would improve the ability of California residents to easily discern the alcohol or drug content of products and reduce the potential to confuse alcoholic and drug products, such as alcopops for non-alcoholic products, cannabis edibles for non-cannabis products, or nicotine-containing e-cigarettes for nicotine-free products.
 10. Support legislation that gives counties local authority in establishing Driving Under the Influence (DUI) programs including programs to address the specific cultural and linguistic needs in populations who experience increased DUI violations.
 11. Support legislation that establishes a single State professional licensure process for SUD counselors administered by a single State professional behavioral health regulatory body.
 12. Support restoration of permanent and adequate funding for the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (Proposition 36) to provide drug treatment services to nonviolent drug offenders sentenced under Proposition 36.
 13. Support proposals to include a full continuum of evidence-based SUD benefits and reimbursements under the DMC program for adults and youth that meet established standards of care, including benefits currently not covered such as addiction medications, comprehensive residential services, and recovery support services.
 14. Support legislation that improves oversight of the State's DMC program by implementing program enhancements that include, but are not limited to: 1) improved collaboration, information sharing, and communication between the State

and local jurisdictions; 2) adoption of formal policy and procedures for immediately advising counties when provider agencies are being decertified or suspended by the State and/or investigated by the Department of Justice; 3) inclusion of in-depth administrative, programmatic, and financial reviews during the provider certification review process; and 4) increased provider engagement and training.

15. Support delivery system, program, and payment reform proposals that increase the treatment system capacity to improve access to SUD treatment services.
16. Support proposals to develop recommendations for best practices, protocols, and other policies to enforce driving under the influence of substances, including prescription drugs.
17. Support proposals that increase access to Food and Drug Administration-approved medication-assisted treatments by clinical providers (i.e., physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants for SUD treatments).
18. Oppose proposals that seek to extend the sale of alcohol and alcohol products beyond current law.
19. Support proposals that delegate DMC certification responsibilities from the California State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to counties.
20. Support proposals that strengthen and provide funding for improved monitoring and enforcement of anti-patient brokering laws to protect SUD patients.
21. Support proposals that provide funding to enhance emergency departments (ED) discharge planning referrals and resources for individuals with complex needs (i.e., substance use disorder, mental health, and homelessness), including case management, navigation services, and health provider education.

4.8 Health Education and Training

1. Support legislation that would permit the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health (CONAH) to receive pass-through funding from the State and other government entities similar to the funding allocation for community college nursing programs.
2. Support enhanced funding for nursing education and training slots at public universities and teaching hospitals, expanded workforce development funding and training programs for nursing and other allied health professions, as well as recruitment and retention of nurses, physicians, and allied health professionals to work for providers who serve primarily poor or medically uninsured patients who rely on the medical safety net system for health care in medically underserved areas.
3. Support proposals that provide funding for the education and training of students interested in the laboratory field, including but not limited to the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health.

4. Support proposals that facilitate the recruitment of nationally licensed laboratory personnel to work in California, including acceptance of the American Society for Clinical Pathology licensure examinations.
5. Support proposals that fund training to enhance the competency of the health education workforce.
6. Support proposals to increase funding for public health nutritionists in local health departments and increase training funds for dietitians.
7. Support proposals that fund academic development and preparation programs designed for disadvantaged ethnic groups, with a special emphasis on Spanish-speaking individuals, to assist those groups to enter and successfully complete nursing and allied health professional training programs.
8. Support a continuation and expansion of the Career Advancement Academy for health care funded by the California community college districts.
9. Support proposals that provide funding for the education and training of primary and specialty care physicians, and epidemiologists.
10. Support proposals that establish funding for workforce development and infrastructure for mental health care and SUD treatment providers.

4.9 Women's Health

1. Support proposals to fund the development and delivery of child care and transportation services to enable all women to obtain timely and adequate health, behavioral health, and social services.
2. Support proposals that expand access to and provide funding for a full range of prevention and treatment services for all women, including removing barriers to access, expanding payors, and improving outreach and education.
3. Support measures to increase the availability of and funding for prevention, diagnostic, and treatment services for women affected by obesity, cardiovascular disease, cancer, osteoporosis, and other chronic diseases.
4. Support legislation which would establish the Eugenics Sterilization Compensation Program and compensate survivors of involuntary sterilization under California's eugenic law.

4.10 Implementation of Health Care Reform

1. Support legislation that would implement provisions of Federal health care reform by increasing access to care while maintaining and/or expanding the County's funding as a safety net provider to continue health care, emergency and trauma care services, and medical education programs through the existing infrastructure of hospitals, health centers, and public-private partnerships.

2. Oppose legislation that would result in the reduction of the County's funding as a safety net provider of health care to the uninsured, emergency and trauma care services and medical educational programs in order to implement Federal health care reform.
3. Support proposals to reform Medicaid, including the State Safety Net Care Pool and Section 1115 Waiver components, to increase Medicaid funds for priority areas, such as primary and preventive health care, without reducing total available Medicaid funding levels.
4. Support proposals which define essential health benefits, pursuant to Federal health care reform, in a comprehensive manner that promote high-quality, patient-centered, and cost-effective health care service.
5. Support proposals that expand health care coverage to the fullest extent allowed under the Affordable Care Act, without eroding existing coverage.
6. Support proposals that simplify the health coverage enrollment and renewal processes to administer and facilitate use and access for clients.
7. Support proposals that simplify and coordinate the health care enrollment and renewal process with existing programs such as CalFresh; and continue the use of county human services agencies to administer initial and ongoing Medi-Cal eligibility, including the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS), which interfaces with the Health Care Exchange.
8. Support proposals that expand and enhance data matching to minimize paper verifications and decrease processing time for enrollment for health care coverage.
9. Support proposals that provide the expeditious resolution of critical California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS) issues to ensure that counties can effectively provide health care coverage to eligible residents.
10. Support proposals that provide coverage expansion built upon the traditional delivery systems used by the Medi-Cal and uninsured such as the Two-Plan Model and safety net providers.
11. Support legislation to implement a new five-year Federal 1115 Medicaid waiver, and/or other State proposals that may replace or enhance components of prior Section 1115 waivers with other revenue programs.
12. Support proposals that include incentives for providers to deliver high-quality, coordinated, integrated, and cost-effective care across all levels of health care delivery.
13. Support proposals to ensure that coverage expansion includes mechanisms that protect existing patient-provider relationships from unnecessary disruption and ensure continuity of care.
14. Support proposals that create comprehensive benefits to the fullest extent allowed in the Affordable Care Act, including mental health and substance use disorder services,

without eroding previously implemented Federal Medical options and existing waivers.

15. Support proposals that maintain the Prevention and Public Health Fund, recognizing that health improvement results from investments in population health efforts and not just medical care.
16. Support proposals that continue funding for the safety net system to maintain or extend services for populations not covered by the Affordable Care Act, and oppose proposals that would transfer fiscal responsibility for expanded health care services to counties.
17. Support proposals that allow the State to take full advantage of opportunities under the Affordable Care Act to maximize revenues such as, opting into enhanced benefits, special payments and incentives for innovation and quality.
18. Support proposals that seek to minimize disruption in patient care and that help ensure access to essential HIV services, including support services, as patients transition from Federal Ryan White-funded services to other systems of care supported by the Federal Medicaid Expansion.

4.11 Health Care Delivery System

1. Support proposals to define medical homes as medical care based on the patient's health and behavioral health needs that are provided and coordinated by a multi-disciplinary team which includes, but is not limited to, physicians and nurses.
2. Support proposals to allow nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and/or similar personnel, to work independently with patients, including as part of a physician-led multi-disciplinary team when appropriate, providing medical home/clinical care to patients.
3. Support proposals that provide funding for and promote services by an ambulatory care network as the provider of preventive outpatient services.
4. Support proposals for an "all-payer" payment system that sets prices for health care providers and plans throughout the State with the aim of reducing administrative burdens, improving efficiency of the delivery of health care, and maintaining access to health care for all residents.
5. Support policies that reduce drug costs and improve transparency of pharmacy benefit managers.
6. Support proposals to implement and fund telehealth programs for the delivery of medical, mental health, and SUD care and services.
7. Oppose measures that restrict the autonomy and flexibility of public hospitals and clinics to affiliate, acquire, or change control or governance of facilities.

8. Support proposals to support the safe and sustained operations of skilled nursing facilities and other licensed congregate health care facilities, including long-term care, assisted living, board and cares, and mental health rehabilitation centers, during public health emergencies and natural disasters.
9. Support funding proposals for the County's reuse initiatives at the LAC+USC Medical Center Campus, including for the Restorative Care Village and for the adaptive reuse of the General Hospital building.

4.12 Integrated Data Sharing

1. Support proposals that create or expand integrated information sharing systems for health, mental health, homelessness and housing, human services programs, and social service programs for the purposes of assessment and linking individuals and families to services, and which ensure the legal rights and privacy of the individual or families receiving services.

4.13 Dental Health Coverage

1. Support proposals to require public and private insurers to offer full coverage for dental and oral health care services.
2. Support proposals that improve access to dental and oral health care services for children and adults.

5. MENTAL HEALTH

1. Support legislation to require private health plans to pay for mental health care and substance abuse disorder services in parity with coverage for physical disorders including specific penalties or consequences for non-compliance.
2. Support reform of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act and related laws in a manner that would serve and protect the mentally ill, provide whole person care, protect patients' rights, increase funding for services mandated by the Act, and promote patient engagement in their mental health treatment.
3. Support and/or sponsor legislation that amends the definition of gravely disabled to consider an individual's inability to provide and/or access urgently needed medical care due to a mental disorder.
4. Support proposals to fully fund outpatient treatment services for all individuals who may be either involuntarily committed or seek voluntary treatment.
5. Support proposals and funding for mental health services for children including, but not limited to, prevention and early intervention, multi-disciplinary approaches and training, children's systems of care, community treatment facilities, treatment for juvenile offenders, coordination of transitional youth services, and school-based mental health services.

6. Support legislation to provide increased funding for mental health services for adults and older adults including adult and homeless systems of care, Adult Protective Services, Public Guardian and Conservatorship Services, substance abuse treatment, Institutions for Mental Disease reform, joint law enforcement and mental health teams, and to allow Medi-Cal reimbursement for Public Guardian and Conservatorship Services.
7. Support proposals to fund mental health services to CalWORKs recipients, multi-agency training and coordination for suicide prevention, emergency services for disaster relief response, and recruitment, training and retention of mental health professionals including certified peer support specialists.
8. Support proposals to increase funding for specialized mental health and substance use disorder training to first responders, including law enforcement, fire personnel, probation officers, emergency medical personnel, and health care practitioners.
9. Support proposals to increase funding for prevention, diversion, housing, and intervention services for individuals with serious mental illness and substance use disorders and delinquent and/or emotionally disturbed minors to divert them from the criminal justice system.
10. Support proposals that require managed care plans to contract with, and/or reimburse, counties for crisis and specialty mental health services provided to managed care beneficiaries at the full cost of providing the service.
11. Support proposals to adequately fund county-operated Medi-Cal managed mental care plans, and support the establishment of regulations that effectively support the provision and monitoring of high-quality mental health services.
12. Support proposals that enhance increased treatment for the mentally ill homeless individuals, families, and children.
13. Support legislation to provide funding for mental health and substance abuse treatment for locally incarcerated juveniles and adults.
14. Support proposals to fully fund a complete continuum of mental health services, facility placements or housing options, and define a transition and linkage process for parolees, including for example, those on nonrevocable parole status, those on Post-Release Community Supervision established by the 2011 Public Safety Realignment, and State-supervised parolees.
15. Support proposals to provide permanent and adequate funding of Early and Periodic screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) including through but not limited to the 2011 Public Safety Realignment allocation formula.
16. Support proposals to allow local Child Death Review Teams to expand the scope of child suicide death reviews to include suicides of young adults from 18 to 24 years of age.
17. Support efforts to increase mental health education and training slots at public universities and teaching hospitals, expand workforce development funding and

- training programs for mental health and other allied health professions, and increase efforts to recruit mental health specialists to work with difficult-to-reach and underserved populations.
18. Support efforts to provide cultural and linguistic competence standards for all mental health programs in order to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate care.
 19. Support proposals to increase the utilization of mental health services in ethnic communities through the development of culturally appropriate outreach messaging and marketing campaigns.
 20. Support legislation that will allow county mental health departments greater flexibility regarding specific assistance such as transportation and wraparound services for children, funded through EPSDT Medi-Cal in response to the Katie A. lawsuit, which is a negotiated settlement agreement requiring services to be provided in the home rather than in residential placements.
 21. Support proposals that promote the integration of health, mental health and substance abuse treatment for at-risk populations such as persons with a primary diagnosis of mental illness in a manner that protects the special needs of that population; and support legislation that establishes a behavioral health care home within the County mental health departments for such individuals.
 22. Support proposals that increase funding and the availability of beds at Institutions for Mental Disease and State hospital psychiatric facilities to reduce the impact of overcrowding on emergency and inpatient resources for mentally ill individuals who no longer need acute care and for individuals with criminal histories.
 23. Support proposals that enable individuals with serious mental illness to receive treatment in the community, including with amendments to the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program.
 24. Support proposals that clarify that public guardian services are mandated by the State and that reimbursement for related continuing education is a required mandated function.
 25. Support proposals that increase opportunities for and streamline the siting of mental health residential and outpatient treatment facilities.
 26. Support legislation that allows Medi-Cal reimbursement for mental health services and primary care services provided to the same individual on the same day.
 27. Support proposals that allow local jurisdictions to provide input into the development of a reversion mechanism for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and proposals that provide additional time and/or greater flexibility in planning for and spending MHSA funding.
 28. Support proposals that preserve important protections for mental health patients who may be inappropriately or involuntarily transferred by an emergency room to a psychiatric hospital that may not be adequately equipped to provide necessary diagnosis services for life threatening medical conditions; and oppose the shifting of

costs for and responsibilities of patients to an already burdened Psychiatric Emergency Services system without a guarantee of improved patient outcomes.

29. Support proposals that would allow the utilization of County land and changes in statute and regulations to establish restorative care programs/villages that include treatment programs funded by the State.
30. Support proposals that would increase the length of time, beyond 24 hours and up to 72 hours, that a mental health urgent care center may hold a person to provide crisis stabilization services when medically necessary, and provide a payment for the increased length of stay.
31. Support proposals that would allow medical experts to share details with a court about a proposed conservatee that are observed by other medical personnel and staff as recorded in a medical record, and not just those directly observed as limited by *People v. Sanchez*, 63 Cal. 4th 665.
32. Support proposals that would shift California's public behavioral health system to one based on population outcomes and that increase programming and funding for services that address the social determinants, equity, and preventions.
33. Support proposals that protect and preserve Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding for county behavioral health systems and oppose proposals that divert MHSA funds for other activities.
34. Support proposals to preserve, backfill, and expand the 1991 and 2011 Realignment funding for county behavioral health.

5.1 Residential Care Facilities

1. Support proposals to establish adequate and equitable care and supervision payment rates for residential care facilities that serve persons with psychiatric disabilities, including proposals to make residential facilities such as Adult Residential Facilities (ARF) and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE), a State or Federal benefit.
2. Support legislation to authorize appropriate access for County Patients' Rights Advocates to facilities that are not licensed, and alleged to be in violation of licensing law or regulation, in order to monitor conditions and make a determination regarding appropriate placement and safety of facility residents.
3. Support legislation to expand sanctions to enforce the citation of a community care facility determined to be unlicensed, including: 1) granting County Health Officers authority to close an unlicensed facility; 2) establishing clear criteria for such a closure; and 3) allowing the District Attorney the flexibility to determine if the matter will be adjudicated as a misdemeanor or a felony.
4. Support legislation to require the State to regulate and establish standards for Sober Living Homes to ensure their safety.

5. Support proposals that eliminate the barriers to stabilize and expand the ARF and RCFE network, and support proposals to increase funding to increase their availability.

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, and that provide flexibility for counties to promote a diversity of affordable housing types through local policies.
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.
3. Support proposals that increase home ownership opportunities for low-, moderate-, and middle-income families, and employees in vital occupations.
4. Support proposals to provide additional resources for meeting the capital and operational costs of housing production and related supportive service needs of low- and moderate-income families and of special populations, including homeless, elderly, disabled and mentally ill persons, and transitional age youth.
5. Support measures that promote economic incentives as a means of creation, attraction, and retention of business, including small business, in the County, especially business that will create, attract or retain jobs in high poverty and unemployment areas.
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 hazardous, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, or improve transportation.
7. Oppose legislation that would redirect redevelopment agency property tax increment from local redevelopment agencies to the State.
8. Oppose proposals to permanently prohibit the issuance of redevelopment tax allocation bonds.
9. Support legislation to distribute State housing funds to local jurisdictions based upon population and poverty levels.
10. Support revisions to the prevailing wage provisions of California Labor Code Section 1720 in order to minimize the impact upon affordable housing production.
11. Support legislation to provide Public Housing Authorities expanded access to criminal records, employment information, public assistance records, and other information that pertains to participant information for housing purposes for prevention of fraud and other criminal activity.

12. Support legislation to encourage health care services or establish grants for the operation of new and existing urban health care services programs and projects in medically underserved and urban areas.
13. Oppose changes to landlord/tenant laws that would involve public housing authorities in the legal process between tenants and their landlords.
14. Support proposals to address affordable housing needs on a multi-jurisdictional basis.
15. Support legislation that increases resources to clean-up and redevelop Brownfields.
16. Support legislation that continues the requirement for landlords to provide tenants that are on assisted programs with at least 90-day notice to move in order to allow sufficient time to complete the process.
17. Oppose proposals that substitute Proposition 1C (Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006) bond funding for existing housing and infrastructure resources.
18. Support the direct pass-through of Federal housing and community development funds to units of local government, including Los Angeles County, to be distributed in an equitable manner and without additional restrictions.
19. Support legislation that provides Public Housing Authorities with flexibility to administer and use public housing and Section 8 Program funds, as well as revenues generated from the Rental Housing Construction Program.
20. Support legislation that promotes the State's adoption of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines for calculation of rents and incomes for affordable housing to increase eligibility, rather than maintaining separate State standards which would reduce the number of individuals able to apply for affordable housing.
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.
22. Support legislation to allow eligible taxing agencies, public agencies, or nonprofit organizations to purchase tax-defaulted 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.
23. Support legislation that maintains the County's ability to protect its residents and commercial tenant establishments.
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.

25. Support proposals that would stimulate economic development and regional job growth, increase small business creation, and generate well-paying jobs for workers of all skill levels, particularly those in high poverty and high unemployment areas.
26. Support research and development in high-growth and emerging industries, including, but not limited to, life sciences, arts, culture, entertainment/sports, film and digital media, 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.
27. Support or advocate for proposals that would promote the growth of the creative economy, which includes, but is not limited to, the fields of arts, sports, entertainment and culture.
28. Support proposals that would help curb unjust evictions by prohibiting landlords from evicting tenants without just cause and/or written notice.
29. Support proposals that would protect tenants from large unforeseen rent increases by placing an upper limit on annual rent increases and limiting rent increases to once per year.
30. Support proposals that would allow local governments to use local property tax revenues to incur debt or issue bonds to fund State-approved affordable housing and housing-related infrastructure projects.
31. Support or sponsor legislation that would create new financial incentives, including an expansion of the welfare exemption for united covenanted at up to 120 percent of Area Median Income, to facilitate development of affordable housing around transit.
32. Support or sponsor legislation to provide temporary property tax exemptions to finance accessory dwelling units for senior and low-income homeowners.
33. Support proposals that would spur economic growth and promote economic recovery after declared emergencies or disasters.
34. Support proposals, such as rental, mortgage, or legal assistance, that would aid in preventing evictions and foreclosures of residential tenants, small landlords, and small businesses.
35. Support or sponsor proposals which would extend the duration of affordability covenants for housing developments that receive public subsidies, or which would, in cases where funding programs have different requirements, give precedence to the affordability covenant term that is longer.
36. Oppose legislation that would increase housing density in very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

37. Support proposals to promote the development and growth of community land trusts, housing cooperatives, and other models for the provision of permanently affordable rental and ownership opportunities.
38. Support proposals to promote the use of public and private land for urban and peri-urban agriculture.
39. Support of sponsor proposals to define Deeply Low Income in State housing law as 15 percent Area Median Income or lower.
40. Support proposals that would enable the County to acquire properties owned by Caltrans for the State Route-710 North Project and to preserve them as long-term affordable housing.

7. JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

7.1 General

1. Support reimbursement of County costs for the prosecution and defense of new crimes.
2. Support increased State funding for multi-agency collaborative justice programs.
3. Support funding to expand video conferencing by law enforcement agencies, including the Sheriff, the Probation Department, District Attorney, Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender consistent with existing law.
4. Support full funding of the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Program.
5. Support legislation to provide funding for direct community investment to support safety, health, and economic self-sufficiency in public housing communities.
6. Support legislation to add any chemical used to make illegal drugs to the list of essential chemicals considered necessary for the manufacture of illegal drugs.
7. Support proposals to maintain and enhance State funding for training under the Standards and Training for Corrections Program to support mandatory training for Sheriff's and Probation Department personnel, as well as additional training to increase efficiency, effectiveness, and the personal safety of these employees.
8. Support legislation to enable law enforcement to implement vehicular forfeiture ordinances related to racing, rallying and exhibitionist driving on local roads, streets, and highways.
9. Support legislation that would add code enforcement officials to the list of specified public employees and their families whose personal information should be kept confidential from public inspection or inquiry.
10. Support legislation to allow the County to charge full civil process serving costs.

11. Support proposals that impose civil and/or criminal penalties on licensed foster and child care providers who allow and/or fail to report registered sex offenders on or near their facilities.
12. Support proposals to provide funding for information technology initiatives that assist criminal justice agencies to integrate, upgrade, and maintain justice information systems.
13. Support proposals to amend Government Code Section 27701 to expand the job qualifications for applicants to the position of county public defender to include sitting or retired judges, judicial commissioners, magistrates, referees, or elected public officials.
14. Support proposals to enhance criminal penalties for persons who commit assaults against health care or mental health service providers while in the performance of their duties.
15. Support funding for and proposals that direct the California Department of Motor Vehicles to work with counties to assist county jail inmates, State prison inmates, Post Release Community Supervision offenders, and youth in juvenile justice facilities, including those deemed to be homeless, to apply for and receive a California Driver's License or Identification Card free of charge, prior to being released from custody as well as obtain vital records like their birth certificates.
16. Support legislation to increase the criminal penalties for assaults against rail and bus operators.
17. Support proposals that would allow local government agencies to match anonymous criminal justice, public health, 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.
18. Support or pursue proposals that would expand eligibility of State-funded victim resources to family members of victims of fatal use of force by law enforcement and in-custody deaths.
19. Support proposals that would require the State to fully fund the defense of death penalty cases pursuant to current law.
20. Support proposals designed to prevent the discriminatory use of the death penalty in California.
21. Support cost-neutral proposals that increase transparency and prioritize the timely release of public information to all criminal justice partners.
22. Support proposals that increase the integrity of criminal convictions by facilitating access to information in peace officer personnel records which involve moral turpitude.

23. Support proposals that would require cities that elect to pay for the criminal prosecution of violations of city and municipal ordinances to pay for constitutionally required indigent defense.
24. Support proposals to provide State funding for Public Defender services for non-criminal/civil matters as authorized under current law.
25. Support proposals to provide funding to support the self-help legal access centers.
26. Support legislation that would facilitate the sharing of unlawful detainer data between local court systems and agencies that provide eviction prevention and defense services to tenants and individuals at-risk of homelessness.
27. Support legislative and funding proposals that aim to reduce rates of missing and murdered women of color, indigenous women and transgender women, including by improving collaboration between State and local law enforcement agencies.
28. Support legislation and funding that seeks to reduce the disproportionate impact of juvenile and adult incarceration on people of color.
29. Support proposals that eliminate criminal system administrative fines and fees imposed by the State and provide adequate alternative resources to cover any potential revenue losses, including to local jurisdictions.

7.2 Pretrial Recidivism Reduction, and Diversion Programs

1. Support proposals to implement long-term recidivism reduction programs and strategies to address overcrowding in the State prison and county jail systems that do not place additional burden on local government or jeopardize public safety.
2. Support and/or sponsor legislation that eliminates or extends the time period for individuals to file a petition for resentencing of specified felonies to misdemeanors pursuant to Proposition 47 of 2014.
3. Support proposals that would maximize the State savings and funding that would be allocated for Proposition 47 of 2014 grant programs.
4. Support proposals that would distribute funding for Proposition 47 of 2014 grant programs to local agencies based proportionately on the United States Census Bureau Data on poverty thresholds, rates of unemployment and homelessness, populations of probationers, parolees and juvenile offenders, and rates of violent and non-violent crimes.
5. Support proposals that would fund and/or support programs to track the recidivism rates of justice-involved individuals at the county level.
6. Support proposals that would fund and/or support the County's justice system, including assisting the County with correctional treatment facility infrastructure needs and expanding diversion and treatment programs.

7. Support proposals that would fund and/or support establishing collaborative criminal justice rehabilitation and treatment programs between the State and local justice systems.
8. Support proposals that authorize new and/or expand existing pre-filing and post-filing diversion programs while maintaining public safety.
9. Support proposals to create a pretrial release system that mitigates racial and economic disparities while maintaining public safety; and that provides counties with adequate funding for additional costs for all impacted departments and appropriate local control and flexibility.
10. Support State funding for the implementation of mental health diversion pursuant to AB 1810 of 2018, county bail reform efforts, and expansion of various pre-plea diversion programs.
11. Support State proposals to create, fund, and further the development of alternatives to incarceration.
12. Support legislation which would give California voters the opportunity to restore voting rights to those on parole upon completion of a State or Federal prison term.
13. Support proposals that would authorize counties and their local court to establish a pretrial diversion program for custodial parents or legal guardians of minor children.
14. Support proposals, where consistent with public safety and the best anti-recidivism practices, to remove mandatory minimum sentencing requirements.
15. Support proposals that fund mental health and substance use disorder treatment for undocumented residents to allow them to access treatment programs in lieu of incarceration.
16. Support proposals that fund mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs that would serve as a means of diverting mentally ill defendants out of the criminal justice system and into treatment, where consistent with public safety.
17. Support proposals that eliminate past gang membership as a disqualifier for court treatment programs.
18. Support proposals that promote and provide funding for arts-based programming, alternatives to incarceration, and services for justice-involved individuals and communities at risk of becoming justice-involved.
19. Support proposals that would streamline Proposition 64 dismissals and sealing by providing a mandatory time within which an application must be processed and decided; and require that dismissal orders include critically relevant existing statutory language for orders granting or denying relief.

7.3 2011 Public Safety Realignment and AB 109 Program

1. Support proposals to provide additional funding to district attorneys, public defenders, and alternate public defenders to conduct revocation hearings for individuals under Post Release Community Supervision, parole and mandatory supervision.
2. Support legislation that would amend the criteria for Post-Release Community Supervision under AB 109 (Chapter 15, Statutes of 2011) to consider a State prison inmate's past violent or serious criminal history or history of sexual offenses.
3. Support legislation that would prohibit the State from releasing a State prison inmate to Post-Release Community Supervision under AB 109 (Chapter 15, Statutes of 2011) if that inmate has been previously designated a Mentally Disordered Offender or Mentally Disordered Sexual Offender.
4. Support proposals to require the State to provide full reimbursement of county jail costs related to the incarceration of current and future inmates sentenced under the provisions of AB 109 of 2011.
5. Support proposals that mitigate the impact on the County criminal justice system as a result of Penal Code 1170 (h).
6. Support legislation that increases funding for operations and systems integration to effectively provide treatment services and supervision for AB 109 offenders supervised in the community, as well as needed clinical and behavioral health care within the jails.
7. Support legislation that increases funding for infrastructure and facilities improvements to adequately address population management and the needs of AB 109 inmates, especially those with acute and chronic illness and serious mental health issues.
8. Support proposals that would increase funding for AB 109 programs, and oppose proposals that would reduce the County's base share of AB 109 funding.

7.4 Probation

1. Support funding for the Developing Increased Safety through Arms Recovery Management Program.
2. Support State funding of adult probation services, and local assistance to cities and counties for correctional officer training programs.
3. Support legislation to assist probation departments in verifying that arsonists register with local law enforcement agencies, as required, by ensuring that probation departments are notified of violators who report directly to court.
4. Oppose measures that impose a reduction in probation officer caseloads without adequate funding.

5. Support measures to hold convicted adults accountable for the costs of probation, Post-Release Community Supervision, and/or court-ordered mandatory probation services based on their ability to pay, and authorize collection by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and county sheriffs' departments of court-ordered financial obligations payable to counties and county agencies from State prisoners, county jail inmates, parolees and individuals under probation supervision.
6. Support legislation to fund continuous electronic monitoring programs for probationers.
7. Support legislation to allow probation departments to register narcotics offenders when the Chief Probation Officer determines there is a need to perform this task and when the resources are available.
8. Support legislation to restore the ability of the Board of Supervisors to order the distribution of court ordered installment payments.
9. Support legislation to authorize government agencies to exchange information regarding individuals on probation, Post-Release Community Supervision and/or court-ordered mandatory probation to the full extent authorized by Federal law, while ensuring adequate due process protections.
10. Support funding for adult probation, Post-Release Community Supervision and court-ordered mandatory probation, to reduce recidivism in the local and State criminal justice system.
11. Support legislation to require the State to provide full funding for the treatment and programming needs of its parolees in the community.
12. Support legislation authorizing day reporting centers and other community-based alternatives to incarceration for probationers, individuals under Post-Release Community Supervision and/or court-ordered mandatory probation designed to increase supervision of probationers to ensure they receive appropriate types of program services and treatment.
13. Support proposals to authorize the creation and operation of multi-disciplinary teams to share case information related to an adult probationer, individuals under Post-Release Community Supervision and/or court-ordered mandatory probation that is deemed appropriate to determine the proper treatment, supervision and disposition of that person.
14. Support legislation to authorize the sharing of information among community corrections multi-disciplinary team members and that requires the team members to maintain privacy and confidentiality requirements, and penalties for disclosing information or documents.
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, and substance use disorder screenings and treatment services.

7.5 Juvenile Justice

1. Support proposals to ensure that each county receives annual funding for emergency assistance for juvenile probation services in an amount at least equal to the Federal TANF Grant funds received by counties in Federal Fiscal Year 1995.
2. Support increased State funding for housing programs for delinquent youth.
3. Support proposals to increase funding for programs for delinquent and/or emotionally disturbed minors who require intensive case management services or for alternatives to camp placement, including public/private partnerships.
4. Support proposals to provide funding for prevention and intervention programs for youth at risk of becoming involved or who are currently involved in the juvenile justice system.
5. Support proposals to provide funding for programs, services and facilities that provide a continuum of services to detained minors, including health and mental health screenings, assessments and treatment services.
6. Support proposals to provide funding for information technology initiatives that assist juvenile justice agencies to integrate, upgrade, and maintain justice systems.
7. Support proposals to increase funding for the High-Risk Youth Education and Safety Plan which funds services to youths in transition from juvenile camps and ranches.
8. Support proposals to provide full funding of the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and strengthen provisions and funding structures to ensure effective delinquency prevention.
9. Support legislation to address concerns related to juvenile justice reforms including adequate funding for new population and services, dedicated revenue source and annual cost adjustments, transition and start-up costs, protection against cost shifting, county recourse in the event of slow payments and inadequate rates, and education programs.
10. Support legislation for additional funding for Juvenile Court Community Schools which could include adopting an alternative to the average daily attendance formula that is agreed upon between the County and the Los Angeles County Office of Education. The County would support legislation seeking the maximum allowable funding for these schools in order to ensure that all youths in the juvenile justice system receive the level of educational services to which they are entitled.
11. Support legislation to provide or enhance the County's flexibility to deliver educational services through multiple providers, including implementation of independent charter school programs designed to improve the delivery of educational services to minors in probation camps and halls.
12. Support the California County Superintendents' Educational Services Association proposal to modify the current funding formula for juvenile court schools to one that is based on a bed-unit enhancement plus Average Daily Attendance model.

13. Support proposals to provide full funding, adjusted for inflation, for the Youth Offender Block Grant.
14. Support proposals for new funding to increase access to quality child care and develop programs that strengthen parenting skills and promote optimal child development for pregnant and parenting youth involved in the juvenile justice system.
15. Support proposals to provide resources to enhance the juvenile mental health competency process, including shortening the timeline for formal competence proceedings and providing adequate funding for mental health and supportive services to juveniles detained pending their competency proceedings or remediation.
16. Support proposals to eliminate the fee paid by counties to house a juvenile at the California Division of Juvenile Justice, as well as proposals to divert juvenile offenders away from both State and local detainment and into community-based rehabilitation programs.
17. Support proposals that would require that a minor consult with legal counsel, in person, by telephone, or by video conference, prior to a custodial interrogation and before waiving their Miranda rights.
18. Support proposals that provide funding or support for programs, services and facilities for arts instruction for youth in all active County youth detention facilities and juvenile day reporting centers as part of a comprehensive, multi-agency juvenile justice plan.
19. Support proposal that would enhance the County's efforts to restructure its juvenile justice system in order to shift-away from a punitive paradigm towards a rehabilitative, health-focused and care-first system that further reduces the County's reliance on incarceration.
20. Support measures that would ensure that indigent children and youth that rely on public health care services are not disadvantaged, but instead have the same protections and privileges as that of persons who receive private health services.

7.6 Inmate Facilities and Programs

1. Support full funding of the cost to house individuals who belong in State prison or who are the responsibility of the State, so the County can avoid expending its own resources for this purpose.
2. Support funding for the construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of County adult detention facilities to mitigate current overcrowding conditions and to improve access to various forms of treatment for those incarcerated.
3. Support legislation or proposals which provide authority for the involuntary placement of low-level offenders on electronic monitoring which would allow the County to keep high level offenders for a larger percentage of their sentence.

4. Support legislation or proposals which reduce the time State prisoners remain in the County jail once sentenced to prison.
5. Support legislation to waive State licensing fees for a health facility providing services to inmates located in a county detention facility and restore a license fee exemption for all county owned facilities.
6. Support legislation to authorize local governments to participate with the appropriate State agencies in post-release program planning at State prisons for those inmates to be released in the county for the purpose of providing these inmates with effective treatment programs consistent with the maintenance of public safety.
7. Support legislation to encourage State and local agencies to collaboratively prepare and implement inmate plans for treatment and programming at the earliest possible time during their incarceration in order to maximize the length of time available for effective treatment.
8. Support measures that provide funding for the construction, renovation, rehabilitation and operation of juvenile justice facilities.
9. Support legislation to enable the Probation Department to operate independent charter schools at probation camps and halls.
10. Support proposals to house prison and/or jail inmates in alternative custody facilities including public, private, and community-based facilities that are better suited to treating justice-involved individuals with mental health, substance use disorder, gender/sexual orientation and/or other critical needs.

7.7 Sex Offenders and Human Trafficking

1. Support legislation to broaden the scope of information about sex offenders that can be provided over the internet and strengthen reporting requirements under Megan's Law.
2. Support proposals that address crimes against children including issues of internet privacy, cyber bullying, sexting, sextortion and the strengthening of default settings to protect privacy of information sharing on social networking websites and wireless devices.
3. Support legislation to assist probation departments in verifying that sex offenders register with local law enforcement agencies, as required, by ensuring that probation departments are notified of violators who report directly to court.
4. Support legislation that adds pimping, pandering and human trafficking to the list of crimes that establish a pattern of criminal gang activity and makes individuals eligible for sentencing enhancements pursuant to Proposition 21 of 2000.

5. Support legislation to increase the penalties for individuals involved in the commercial sexual exploitation of minors, including those that engage in pimping underage individuals and the consumers who solicit minors.
6. Support proposals that develop or enhance programs and services, and increase protections for victims of commercial sexual exploitation, labor exploitation, and human trafficking.
7. Support proposals that provide funding for training related to the identification, intervention and prevention of labor and sex trafficking, including the commercial sexual exploitation of children.
8. Support proposals that provide increased State funding for counties to help serve survivors of human trafficking, including commercially sexually exploited children.
9. Support proposals that enhance the County's ability to safely house and protect survivors of human trafficking, including commercially sexually exploited children.
10. Support legislation to impose mandatory sanctions, including jail and/or prison terms, for sex offenders who tamper with or remove a GPS monitor.
11. Support legislation to amend Penal Code Statutes related to Sexually Violent Predators to require notification of conditional release hearings to potential counties of domicile and to victims.

7.8 Gun Violence

1. Support proposals to provide funding to support activities aimed at confiscating firearms from those prohibited from possessing such weapons.
2. Support legislation to require an individual to obtain an ammunition purchase permit or authorization prior to the purchase of any type of ammunition.

7.9 Fire

1. Support proposals to provide financial assistance to local governments for the acquisition of fire apparatus, including rotary and fixed-wing aircraft.
2. Support legislation mandating and/or funding the installation of fire protection systems in new commercial, multi-residential, educational, and institutional facilities.
3. Support proposals to provide funding for the Office of State Fire Marshal for training, education, and code enforcement.
4. Oppose legislation that would require local fire agencies to assume responsibility for the disposal of illegal fireworks.
5. Support legislation that would require or encourage the use of fire-resistant building materials.

6. Support legislation that would provide funding for a standardized fire service training program.
7. Oppose proposals that impede the ability to fight fires or ensure timely weed hazard abatement through use of most effective methods to eliminate fire risks.
8. Support proposals that would remove deed restrictions to allow a municipal government to sell a portion of State-owned property utilized for fire protection services to a county fire district without the property reverting to the State.
9. Oppose legislation which would bypass or notably streamline fire planning or inspection processes for rooftop solar construction.
10. Support proposals to fund equipment and training programs for local fire service agencies and other emergency responders who respond to hazardous material incidents.
11. Support legislation that would expand eligibility and Federal funding through the Medi-Cal program for Emergency Medical Services first responders.
12. Support proposals which would increase funding for local fire prevention and fire safety services.
13. Support proposals that would establish statewide standards for the use of reclaimed water systems for hydrant and fire protection systems.
14. Support legislation that would require and/or would incentivize the installation of adequate water supply and fire protection systems in the construction of new mobile home and/or special occupancy parks.
15. Support legislation to enhance hazardous materials management enforcement and penalties for safety violations at high risk hazardous materials facilities.
16. Support proposals to create a single statewide registry for hazardous materials specialists.
17. Support proposals to establish and fund firefighter pre-apprenticeship programs to aid local fire agencies in recruiting candidates from underrepresented groups.
18. Support proposals to improve the prevention of wildfires, including, but not limited to, the hardening of homes and the enforcement of defensible space programs.
19. Support proposals that improve workforce safety and protections for fire personnel exposed to harmful or hazardous conditions.
20. Support proposals to support the mental health of first responders and other public safety personnel, including proposals that improve training, standards, and resources for mental health services.

21. Support proposals that would enhance the County's Fire Camp program, including by: 1) establishing eligibility in the State's Ventura Training Center reentry program for people sentenced under AB 109 in Los Angeles County who participated in the Fire Camp program while incarcerated; 2) advocating for funding from the State to ensure that the Fire Department is fully compensated for their work with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Fire Camp Program; 3) advocating for funding to start a local reentry fire program; and 4) advocating for other resources, funding, and access as needed.

7.10 Animal Care and Control

1. Support legislation to reimburse local governments for the cost of complying with State regulations regarding the impoundment, treatment, care and housing of all stray and owner-surrendered domestic animals at public animal shelters.
2. Support proposals to prohibit the intentional feeding of select wild animals that present a threat to public safety.
3. Support or sponsor legislation that would clarify existing law on the timeline and procedures by which local animal control agencies may seek 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.
4. Support proposals 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 abused.
5. Support proposals that clarify that the statutory mandate to release dogs facing euthanasia to rescue organizations upon demand does not require the release of dogs that pose both an unacceptable risk of harm to the public and a significant liability to the municipal agency.
6. Support proposals that provide regulation of non-profit animal rescue and adoption organizations, including providing standards for the: 1) care of animals in their custody; 2) identification of adoptive owners and licensing of animals; and 3) compliance with tax reporting laws.
7. Support proposals that expressly exempt municipal animal shelters from the imposition of strict liability for injuries caused by animals housed in their care.
8. Support proposals that 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.
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.

10. Support efforts at the State and Federal levels necessary to eradicate the Yulin and South Korea dog farms practices until these atrocities are eliminated and no dogs/cats are harmed for meat festivals or food consumption.
11. Support legislation that would allow 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.
12. Support legislation that would help increase the microchipping of dogs and cats.
13. Support legislation that would increase criminal and/or civil penalties for the direct involvement in any facet of animal fighting, and legislation that would prohibit individuals from breeding animals for the purpose of being used for animal fighting.
14. Support legislation that would establish training and certification standards for service animals and trainers of service animals.

7.11 Trial Court

1. Support measures which would increase the State's participation in trial court funding through the assumption of responsibility for financing court facility construction and maintenance.
2. Support measures which would require the State to fully fund any additional court costs incurred in implementing Proposition 36.
3. Support increased State funding for drug courts including pre-plea drug court programs.
4. Support measures that promote the transfer of trial court facilities to the State in an efficient and fiscally neutral manner.
5. Support measures and funding for the creation and expansion of collaborative courts such as mental health courts, housing courts, drug courts and/or courts addressing the needs of persons with co-occurring disorders.
6. Oppose proposals to reduce State funding for Trial Courts and support proposals to provide sufficient funding to avoid courtroom and courthouse closures.
7. Support legislation that would create more diverse and more demographically representative juries.
8. Support legislation that would mandate anonymized demographic-based data collection on the race, gender, and ethnicity of jury pools and those selected for jury duty.
9. Support legislation that would adequately compensate jury service for low-income workers and address the financial inequity of jury duty.

10. Support legislation that would bring California's charging nomenclature in line with that used by other states.
11. Support measures that would limit Federal immigration enforcement activity in or near courthouses.

7.12 Forensics and Crime Lab

1. Support funding for the construction, renovation and operation of locally-operated forensic crime laboratories.
2. Support funding to contract out work needed to reduce the DNA testing backlog.
3. Support additional State funding to expand the use of DNA collection and analysis to be used in criminal investigations and prosecutions.
4. Oppose proposals or legislation that increases the Medical Examiner-Coroner's workload or shifts casework to the County from other jurisdictions or entities that would put the County's accreditation at risk.

7.13 Emergency Management and Operations

1. Support proposals to establish statewide standards for implementation and governance of 3-1-1 programs (non-emergency reporting and general government services) and 2-1-1 programs (community information and referral services).
2. Support proposals to provide financial assistance to local agencies for the acquisition of thermal imaging equipment that enables emergency response agencies to identify and locate targets in limited visibility environments.
3. Support legislation and/or administrative action that would provide funding and resources to implement new technical standards for public safety interoperability communications in the Los Angeles Region.
4. Support legislation that would add drivers of vehicles requiring a commercial driver license employed by a local jurisdiction to the existing entities that are exempt, while performing duties related to restoration of services during an emergency, from restrictions related to the maximum number of hours of vehicle operation.

7.14 Disaster Preparedness and Assistance

1. Support funding of local efforts to prevent, prepare for, protect against, respond to, and recover from emergencies and acts of terrorism while minimizing duplication of responsibilities.
2. Support legislation to facilitate prosecution of terrorist threats, and establish reasonable punishments.

3. Support proposals to allow the pass-through of Federal funds, such as homeland security, to counties based on threat levels, population, and relative need.
4. Support proposals to fund the development of a coordinated public information program to communicate health risks and disseminate health information in preparation for and in response to emergencies, acts of terrorism, climate disasters, and other catastrophic events.
5. Support proposals to fund for decontamination capabilities at all hospitals.
6. Support proposals to fund regional disaster management systems and resources to respond to medical needs during emergencies, acts of terrorism, and other catastrophic events.
7. Support proposals to provide funding to ensure an adequate and stable supply of vaccine, antidotes, medications, medical supplies, and blood products, and the development of a plan to distribute them in an emergency.
8. Support proposals to provide funding to enhance the preparedness of the public health system and for Emergency Medical Service providers to respond to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive emergencies, acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.
9. Support proposals to fund mitigation activities including security improvements and equipment for critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, dams, flood control, food and water supply, mass transit facilities, hospitals, and other public structures.
10. Support proposals to fund a coordinated health, mental health, and public health response in the event of a terrorist attack.
11. Support legislation to fund the creation and dissemination of emergency, health or criminal history information, while ensuring adequate due process protections.
12. Support legislation to fund staffing, training, and the purchase of rapid response emergency equipment for first-responder teams including police/sheriff, firefighters, emergency medical services, medical, public health, coroner, hospital emergency staff, emergency management, and other medical professionals.
13. Support legislation that increases funding and/or augments resources for protection against and response to bioterrorism and agroterrorism.
14. Support measures that provide funding for hospitals to respond to disasters and emergencies.
15. Support proposals that would connect small businesses with disaster assistance resources and programs.
16. Support proposal that promote community resilience, such as through the creation of social networks and business readiness plans that support neighborhood-level sufficiency.

7.15 Traffic Administration Services Program

1. Support legislation that maintains the Courts' authority to contract with traffic assistance programs to provide administrative support for the Courts' traffic caseload as described in the California Vehicle Code.
2. Oppose legislation that would limit the traffic assistance program authority and funding of non-profit agencies that monitor traffic violator schools on behalf of the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or provide administrative services on behalf of the Superior Court.
3. Support proposals to develop, recommend and implement regulations for licensing, monitoring and code enforcement of traffic violator schools to maintain routine traffic violator school monitoring, fraud investigation and law enforcement services in the County.
4. Support proposals to develop, recommend, and implement regulations and routine monitoring of community service referral agencies to ensure that Court-ordered community service is administered and verified by designated referral agencies in accordance to standards agreeable by the Superior Court of California.

7.16 Law Enforcement Reforms

1. 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.
2. Support legislation that would expand eligibility for compensation under the Victims Compensation Program for injuries or death caused by use of force by a police officer and define "crime" to include the use of excessive force by a peace officer, regardless of whether the peace officer is charged.
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.
4. Support legislation that would require municipalities to annually post on their website information relating to use of force settlements and judgments.
5. Support legislation that would authorize a person to bring a civil action against any responsible party who, motivated by the person's protected status, knowingly causes a peace officer to arrive at a location to contact the person with the intent to, among other things, infringe upon the person's rights.
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.

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.
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.
9. Support legislation that would expand judicial review of a criminal judgment when material police misconduct information is discovered after a defendant is no longer in custody.
10. Support legislation that regulates the communication and canteen charges and contracts in jails to relieve undue financial stress for inmates and their families, while ensuring that counties receive backfill funding to mitigate any potential losses to inmate education programs and related costs.
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.

8. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT/MANDATE RELIEF

1. Support legislation to set a date certain for the payment of deferred SB 90 (Chapter 1406, Statutes of 1972) reimbursements so that local governments will be able to borrow against them.
2. Seek SB 90 (Chapter 1406, Statutes of 1972) reimbursement for special education-mental health mandates from increased Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funds received by the State or under Proposition 98 of 1988.
3. Support proposals to amend the California Government Code to eliminate the exclusion of SB 90 (Chapter 1406, Statutes of 1972) mandated reimbursements from any order by the State Water Resources Control Board or by any Regional Water Quality Control Board.
4. Support proposals to limit State administrative fees to the State's actual costs for mandated administration.
5. Support proposals to streamline or eliminate administrative mandates to focus limited resources on services.
6. Oppose measures that increase the County's Trial Court Funding maintenance of effort above the agreement reached in AB 233 (Chapter 850, Statutes of 1997) and subsequent actions providing Maintenance of Effort (MOE) relief.

7. Oppose any measure to earmark or otherwise encumber the discretionary revenues available to counties as a result of AB 233 (Chapter 850, Statutes of 1997) and subsequent actions providing MOE relief.
8. Support proposals to allow counties to apply for MOE relief when facility costs are included in the MOE base and remain an ongoing County responsibility.
9. Support legislation that would reform the State mandate reimbursement process for SB 90 claims to create a more efficient and timely process.

9. REVENUE AND TAXATION

1. Support full State funding of the schools' share of the cost of property tax administration.
2. Support legislation to provide the County with greater flexibility to increase the local sales tax rate beyond the 2.0 percent cap.
3. Support proposals to provide for a fee on alcohol consumption to be used to fund trauma and emergency care.
4. Support legislation to distribute the growth in sales tax revenue within counties on a per-capita or other basis that reflects the service responsibilities of counties.
5. Support proposals to mitigate County exposure to property tax refunds on State-assessed properties, including the establishment of a rebuttable presumption for values established within a defined range of fair market value.
6. Support legislation to clarify that, prospectively, interest on property tax refunds shall be computed from the date of payment of each installment.
7. Support legislation to clarify that property tax refund issues are not subject to class action lawsuits.
8. Oppose legislation that interferes with the County's ability to quickly resolve requests for changes in assessment or restricts the assessment appeals board's ability to deal with a sudden, large increase in the number of appeals.
9. Support legislation and regulation to uniformly apply tax and fees on utilities and similarly situated companies competing in California.
10. Support legislation to protect counties from refund claims based upon the application of Proposition 62 to taxes imposed in reliance upon applicable case law regarding the unconstitutionality of Proposition 62.
11. Support proposals to expand the type of debt that can be referred to the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) intercept program to include debts owed to the County Probation Department and the Department of Health Services, and enable counties to access FTB tax return information for collection purposes.

12. Support legislation to require the State Board of Equalization to identify the fiscal impact of any new or revised rule, regulation, or instruction.
13. Oppose proposals that would preempt the ability of local governments to negotiate compensation for the use of rights-of-way by telecommunication companies.
14. Support legislation to clarify that the State Board of Equalization has sole responsibility for determining whether or not an organization may qualify for property tax welfare exemptions and that counties have sole responsibility for verifying that the uses of individual properties qualify for welfare exemptions.
15. Support legislation to clarify that, in addition to the right to inspect an assessee's records for purposes of assessment, an assessor has the right to copy those records.
16. Oppose legislation to require a trial de novo for property tax appeals.
17. Support legislation to require marina or storage facility operators to report vessels at their location to the county assessor for the purpose of assessment.
18. Support legislation to require manufactured home park operators to report the names, mailing addresses, park space number, and description of resident homes to county assessors.
19. Support proposals to improve tax compliance related to non-reporting of corporate ownership transfers, including those properties that typically transfer without a recorded deed.
20. Oppose legislation that would give cities and other public agencies that receive property tax revenues standing as third-party participants in assessment appeal proceedings relating to properties that are located in the agencies' jurisdiction, or legislation that would require the clerk of the board to send notice of hearing to third-parties.
21. Oppose measures that jeopardize local revenues resulting from the provision of voice (telephone), video (cable), and data (internet) services.
22. Support legislation to fund or restore State reimbursement to counties for property tax administration functions.
23. Support legislation to allow each person 55 years of age or older, regardless of marital status, the right to use the one-time lifetime exclusion for the transfer of a primary residence Proposition 13 base year assessed value to a replacement residence pursuant to the Revenue and Taxation Code.
24. Support legislation to promote statewide uniformity of procedures and guidelines by the State Controller for mandated functions performed by county auditor-controllers, such as property tax apportionments, management of administrative costs, accounting, and redevelopment activities.

25. Support legislation that enhances the administration of property taxes by using more efficient methods of administration, and support legislation that clarifies, streamlines, and outlines clear property tax policy for local governments.
26. Support proposals that provide a broad analysis of the role of tax expenditures in the State Budget and the implications for revenue losses; an evaluation of the current tax expenditures that are part of the tax code, including a thorough assessment of their respective relevance and appropriateness; and consideration of reduced corporate tax expenditures as a State Budget solution and as part of any discussions regarding revenue streams.
27. Support proposals that ensure tax increment generated by pension taxes be retained by the local jurisdiction that levied the pension tax.
28. Support legislation that would temporarily reduce or waive taxes and fees imposed on impacted businesses during transit-related construction activities.
29. Support proposals to: 1) reduce the amount of taxes and regulations imposed on the entertainment industry; and/or 2) mitigate the negative impact that high taxes and regulations have on the entertainment industry resulting in the loss of in-State film and television production, employment opportunities, and associated revenue, both directly and indirectly related to the loss of entertainment industry jobs.
30. Support proposals that would impose additional taxes on income derived from investment services or capital gains to fund investments for vital programs, such as education.
31. Oppose proposals that negatively affect revenue or the efficient administration of the property tax system.
32. Support proposals to expand eligibility and increase funding for the California Earned Income Tax Credit.
33. Support proposals that would establish a non-return tax program to allow non-filing eligible families to receive the California Earned Income Tax Credit (Cal EITC).
34. Support proposals that expand the application of the California False Claims Act to case of tax fraud, enable the Attorney General of California to prosecute cases of tax fraud, and provide protections for whistleblowers who reveal cases of tax fraud to their employees.

10. SOCIAL SERVICES

10.1 Reforming the Safety Net and Promoting Self-Sufficiency

1. Support proposals for State and local governments to work together as partners to balance resources, eligibility and benefits, and forge new partnerships with business, nonprofit, and religious organizations to promote individual self-sufficiency.

2. Oppose proposals which would reduce available Federal matching funds for health and human service programs by capping State General Fund contributions.
3. Support proposals to allocate block grant funds based on actual costs and caseloads for various functions such as assistance grants and employment services.
4. Support a single integrated safety net which pools Federal, State, and county resources.
5. Support the maintenance of a statewide safety net because counties cannot afford to aid persons who are ineligible for Federal benefits under welfare reform.
6. Support a statewide safety net that covers legal immigrants while holding sponsors, when available and able to pay, financially liable for sponsored immigrants.
7. Support the use of savings from welfare reform to finance safety net services, especially for vulnerable persons losing Federal eligibility who otherwise would be a county responsibility under Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
8. Support proposals to increase funding for aging programs such as Linkages, Multipurpose Senior Services Programs, Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers, Senior Nutrition Programs and local Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs.
9. Support efforts to lift the cap on State CalFresh Employment and Training funding; require the State to fully fund the non-Federal match; and expand the Subsidized Employment Program in the CalFresh program.
10. Support efforts to maximize Federal funding for Medicaid, CalFresh, child welfare services, child support, and childcare.
11. Support options to simplify the administration of public assistance programs such as CalWORKs, Medi-Cal and CalFresh, including seeking any necessary Federal waivers.
12. Oppose efforts to make counties responsible for any penalties resulting from circumstances beyond their control including inadequate Federal and State administrative funding as well as unclear Federal and State program instructions.
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.
14. Support funding to modify the county's automated systems in any legislation containing policy changes that impact those systems.
15. Oppose proposals to repeal State law that allows the first \$50 of child support payments to be passed on to CalWORKs participants.

16. 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.
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.
18. Support proposals which provide for the uniform implementation of electronic signatures in social services programs including CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, CalFresh, In-Home Supportive Services, and Child Welfare Services.
19. Support proposals to secure State funding for Supplemental Security Income advocacy.
20. Support legislation which would restrict the imposition of any transaction fees or surcharges for the use of Electronic Benefit Transfer cards within California.
21. Support proposals that reduce food insecurity among post-secondary educational students and older adults age 60 or older.
22. Oppose proposals that hinder the flexibility county welfare departments have in administering public assistance programs such as CalWORKs.
23. Support legislation that provides categorical eligibility for CalFresh benefits to families participating in the National School Lunch Program.
24. Support proposals that eliminate barriers for transition age youth applying for CalFresh, including but not limited to, any opportunities to truncate the CalFresh application for transition age youth.
25. Support proposals to continue CalFresh eligibility with hold harmless provisions for the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) population and ongoing funding for county administration and benefits.
26. Oppose proposals that eliminate Modified Categorical Eligibility to the CalFresh program.
27. Support proposals that would provide a limited State-funded CalFresh grant to families receiving CalFresh Only benefits, only where a parent or relative caregiver is working a sufficient number of hours to meet the CalFresh/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Work Participation Rate.
28. Support proposals that would allocate new State fund for counties to conduct approved CalFresh outreach activities.
29. Support proposals that replace CalFresh, Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) benefits lost or stolen.

30. Support proposals that will provide all CalFresh households a period of transitional CalFresh benefits once their income has exceeded their Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) limit before discontinuing the case.
31. Support proposals that change the State's CalFresh Expedited Service (ES) timeframe from three days to five days.
32. Support proposals that suspend the CalFresh Student Rule.

10.2 CalWORKs

1. Support measures that promote economic self-sufficiency through partnerships with public, private, nonprofit, and religious organizations to hire CalWORKs participants and provide community service and work experience opportunities.
2. Support measures that enable counties to develop coordinated systems, which include, but are not limited to, Employment Development Department and Department of Social Services programs that assess CalWORKs participants, and identify and develop the employment, training, or community service and community work experience activities to which CalWORKs participants can be referred.
3. Support an equitable allocation of CalWORKs funds to counties based on relative need.
4. Support legislation to exempt the full value of one vehicle per household and/or a greater portion of a vehicle's value from the CalWORKs vehicle asset limit to ensure that clients have reliable transportation.
5. Support a statewide safety net to cover hardship cases, such as families with abused or neglected children, the disabled, families and emancipated foster youth at risk of homelessness, children, or parents who are not readily employable beyond the five-year limit on Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits, and adults who have complied with the work requirements but are unable to find employment through no fault of their own.
6. Support expansion of the State's financial commitment to local welfare-to-work programs that promote self-sufficiency among welfare recipients/applicants, non-custodial parents of children receiving CalWORKs benefits, and CalFresh applicants/recipients.
7. Support the use of TANF funds to provide employment-related and supportive services to non-custodial parents of children receiving TANF benefits, as permitted under Federal law.
8. Support efforts to fund and maintain an automated, non-biometric identity verification method for the CalWORKs and General Relief Programs.
9. Support legislation that excludes special military pay when determining CalWORKs eligibility for families of deployed members of the armed services.

10. Support proposals that reduce barriers and increase the participation of pregnant or parenting teens in the Cal-Learn Program.
11. Support proposals that simplify the CalWORKs Child Care Program to increase access to quality childcare and programs that promote child development and eliminate childcare as a barrier to welfare-to-work activities and employment.
12. Support proposals that would encourage all Cal-Learn youth to enroll and stay in school, actively participate in the Cal-Learn Program, and not seek employment as an alternative to school, but in conjunction with formal education that leads to at least a high school diploma.
13. Support proposals to exclude Cal-Learn youth from the base calculation of the Federal work participation rate.
14. Support proposals to provide a short-term extension of CalWORKs cash assistance and Medi-Cal benefits for families participating in the Family Reunification Program who were receiving CalWORKs assistance and Medi-Cal when the child(ren) in the families were removed due to abuse or neglect.
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.
16. Support proposals to restore and maintain funding for the Cal-Learn Program.
17. Oppose proposals to reinstate the CalWORKs Maximum Family Grant rule which prohibits a CalWORKs grant increase for any child born into a family receiving CalWORKs Program aid for ten continuous months prior to the birth of a child.
18. Support proposals to repeal the CalWORKs 100-hour rule for working families who are low-income and apply for the CalWORKs Program.
19. Support proposals that provide financial incentives to youth aided under the CalWORKs Program to achieve self-sufficiency upon the successful completion of a high school diploma.
20. Support proposals that maintain CalWORKs grants at or above 50 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) by requiring the State to re-adjust the Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) when the FPL is updated, with minimal or no cost impact to counties.
21. Support proposals to maintain or increase funding for the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program.
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.

23. Support proposals that simplify the curing of CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work sanctions.

10.3 Workforce Development

1. Support the equitable pass-through of the maximum amount of Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds to workforce development boards that administer the program at the local level, without additional requirements on the use of funds.
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.
3. Support the use of the Governor's WIOA reserve dollars (15 percent discretionary funds) to provide workforce development services in the State of California, and to provide employment and training services for evacuees of natural disasters who relocate to California.
4. Support proposals that provide additional resources to local workforce development programs.
5. Support proposals that provide an allocation of resources to regions and/or among workforce development boards based on the number of workers with barriers to employment.
6. Support proposals that reduce barriers to employment and provide opportunities for unemployed and underemployed individuals.
7. Support proposals to enhance workforce development for high-growth industries and promote the creation of new industry sectors.
8. Support legislation which would create a Homeless Hiring Tax Credit to incentivize employers to create access to good jobs and living wages for individuals experiencing homelessness.
9. Support legislative and budget proposals that create and fund local food assistance pilot programs, administered by community-based and non-profit organizations that serve as food first responders and mobilize around their local communities.
10. Support proposals to reduce employment barriers for justice-involved individuals, such as eliminating licensing barriers and creating pathways into careers with family-sustaining wages.
11. Support proposals that promote collaboration between the workforce development system and educational institutions to strengthen employment pathways for youth and adults.

12. Support proposals that promote collaboration and coordination between the workforce development system and local continuums of care to better serve individuals experiencing homelessness.
13. Support proposals that enhance the additional worker and business safety and protection protocols needed due to COVID-19 or other health pandemics.
14. Support proposals that grow the early care and education industry and improve access to childcare for individuals with the highest barriers to employment.
15. Support proposals that incentivize the development of high-road jobs and inclusive career pathways, including job entry and advancement support for local workers and people from under-represented communities.
16. Support proposals that would assist with the transition of workers, particularly disadvantaged or displaced workers, from the fossil-fuel industry to other cleaner and growing industries.
17. Support proposals that spur job creation through the streamlined review of employment-generating land uses in strategic locations and the coordination of workforce development with long-range land use planning.

10.4 Citizenship, Legalization Assistance, and Immigration Matters

1. Support increased funding for citizenship assistance with priority for services given to immigrants who have lost Federal benefits and to immigrants with special needs, such as the elderly and disabled, with allocations to counties based upon their share of the total number of legal immigrants statewide.
2. Support funding to assist in the legalization of immigrants covered under the Legal Immigration and Family Equity Act of 2000.
3. Support proposals for services and State funding to provide immigrants and their families with due process protections, including legal representation for individuals facing removal proceedings.
4. Support proposals which would: 1) prohibit local governments from entering into new contracts or extending contracts with for-profit companies to detain immigrants in California; and 2) require all California facilities that detain immigrants to adhere to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement or similar humane treatment standards.
5. Support proposals that would allow the State to take any action necessary to protect California residents who are recipients of special Federal immigration and refugee protection programs, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS).
6. Support proposals to provide funding to public defender offices to investigate and advise on the potential consequences to immigration status resulting from noncitizens' encounters with the criminal justice system.

7. Support proposals to provide funding to public defender offices to coordinate with, train and assist legal aid service providers in seeking post-conviction relief from negative immigration status consequences stemming from the criminal convictions of their clients.
8. Sponsor or support proposals to strengthen consumer protection against fraud and harmful acts impacting immigrants and their families seeking immigration services.
9. Support proposals that increase access to services and resources for immigrants and their families, with emphasis on culture, language, and immigration competencies.
10. Support proposals for immigrants to obtain and maintain professional licenses, vocational training, higher education, and related resources to promote self-sufficiency and financial empowerment.
11. Support proposals that provide services and/or funding for unaccompanied minors (and their families) that seek asylum or other victim-based immigration relief protection.
12. Support proposals that would provide and/or expand access to disaster assistance resources and programs for immigrants and their families.

10.5 Domestic Violence

1. Support proposals to increase funding for services to domestic violence victims and their children, including increased funding for outreach, screening, counseling, case management legal services, financial empowerment, and job training and placement for domestic violence victims and their families in unserved and underserved populations.
2. Support proposals to create a separate State allocation for domestic violence services to CalWORKs recipients.
3. Support efforts to promote domestic violence prevention and intervention through public awareness, education, counseling, increased data collection and research, and through comprehensive approaches to violence prevention.
4. Support legislation to foster coordination and collaboration between the various agencies providing domestic violence services.
5. Support legislation to provide additional funding for survivors of domestic violence, including emergency, transitional, and permanent housing solutions.
6. Oppose legislation that would: 1) require that domestic violence offenders receive evidence-based treatment to address their criminogenic needs based on their risk level; and 2) allow for an alternative length of domestic violence programming, outside of the legally required one year length, unless derived from a Statewide comprehensive study that provides recommendations that are accepted by the larger domestic violence prevention community.

10.6 In-Home Supportive Services

1. Support legislation to reestablish an 80 percent funding formula for State participation in In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) wages and benefits above the minimum wage or develop an alternative way to increase State participation in IHSS wages and benefits above the minimum wage.
2. Support proposals that increase the State's share of cost for wages in the IHSS Program, and alternative proposals that fairly distribute share of costs among State and local governments.
3. Support proposals to ensure the delivery of all eligible services, quality of care, the health and safety of IHSS consumers, and the integrity of the IHSS Program.
4. Support proposals to improve program integrity and prevent fraud in the IHSS Program.
5. Support proposals to increase IHSS funding with emphasis on respite care and the establishment of community-based, long-term care programs.
6. Support legislation to provide State funding for emergency IHSS providers to allow recipients to continue to receive IHSS services when the regular provider becomes ill or is otherwise unavailable to provide care.
7. Support proposals to develop a new funding allocation methodology for the In-Home Supportive Services Program which ensures equitable funding to sustain the program, mitigates cost shifts to counties, and stabilizes 1991 Realignment revenues for county programs.
8. Support proposals that advocate for in-Home Supportive Services providers.

10.7 Senior and Adult Services

1. Support proposals to increase funding for the Adult Protective Services (APS) Program to enable counties to ensure the safety and protection of abused and neglected elders and dependent adults, including proposals that provide funding for transportation services.
2. Support measures to ensure that counties have priority for adult protective services funding over agencies which do not have State-mandated responsibilities.
3. Support proposals that promote the use of less costly home and community-based care alternatives to the institutionalization of disabled persons, including by allowing funding to follow persons to home and community-based care services, such as IHSS.
4. Support legislation or budgetary actions to provide a tax credit to individuals who provide in-home care for elderly parents or other family members.
5. Support proposals to reestablish and to fully fund the Special Circumstances Program to provide assistance to eligible, low-income aged, blind and disabled persons.

6. Support proposals to fund for construction, renovation and/or acquisition of centers serving senior citizens.
7. Support proposals to provide State funding for elder abuse forensic examination programs.
8. Support proposals that would allow the pass-through of Federal funds appropriated for programs authorized under the Older Americans Act to the California Department of Aging and subsequently to the area agencies on aging in the absence of an enacted State budget.
9. Support proposals and funding that promote the coordination of services such as Older Americans Act Programs, In-Home Supportive Services, Caregiver Resource Centers, Community-Based Adult Services, Multipurpose Social Services Program and Adult Protective Services into an integrated long-term care system.
10. Support proposals to facilitate the State's implementation of its Olmstead Plan, which prohibits the unnecessary institutionalization of individuals with disabilities, through the inclusion of appropriate access to community-based services and placement options.
11. Support proposals that would increase the types of professions required to report suspected cases of elder abuse.
12. Support proposals which require the licensing, oversight and regulation of conservators, establish a Probate Ombudsman Program, and provide sufficient resources to conduct investigations of conservators through the Probate Court and the Public Guardian Program.
13. Support proposals that would allow the County to recover costs associated with severe weather-related emergency services to Adult Protective Services clients.
14. Support proposals that provide resources to elderly or dependent adults who are victims of financial abuse, and to support the education, prevention and investigation of financial abuse and exploitation of this population.
15. Support proposals that fund the biennial updating of the Elder Economic Security Standard Index.
16. Support legislation that would give the California Department of Developmental Services and regional centers the authority to adjust pay rates for providers who operate in regions where the local minimum wage rate is higher than the State minimum wage.
17. Support proposals that 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.

18. Support proposals to enhance the confidentiality of investigators' and social workers' personal information in the Department of Motor Vehicles' records including, but not limited to, Adult Protective Services investigators and social workers.
19. Support proposals that improve the quality of life, such as livability needs, and delivery of services for older adults and people with disabilities.
20. Support proposals that provide funding for arts-based programs and services for older adults.
21. Support legislation, proposals, and funding to expand fall/injury prevention efforts and implement the National Falls-Free Initiative at the local level.
22. Support legislation, proposals, and funding to enhance the financial well-being of family caregivers.

10.8 Community Services Block Grant Funding

1. Support proposals to equitably allocate Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding based on data derived from the most recently completed Census, or a need-based formula, and oppose the use of CSBG grant funds to supplant existing funding of local programs.

10.9 Military and Veterans Affairs

1. Support proposals to increase efforts to reduce homelessness for veterans and their families, increase affordable housing, mental health services, including treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, SUD treatment, training, placement and employment opportunities, and provide other essential assistance to those who have served in our armed forces.
2. Support legislation to allow all recently honorably discharged, released or retired members of the Armed Services to qualify for in-State tuition rates at California Community Colleges, the California State University or the University of California.
3. Support legislation which enhances contracting opportunities for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises and Social Enterprises by providing the ability for these businesses to receive bid preferences on low-bid construction contracts.
4. Support legislation which increases the amount of the preference allowed on low bid construction contracts in an amount consistent with the County's Small Business, Disabled Veteran Owned Business, and Social Enterprise Utilization Plan.

10.10 Service Delivery

1. Oppose efforts to privatize and/or centralize eligibility processing for Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, and/or CalFresh at the State level.

10.11 Homelessness

1. Support proposals which would: 1) increase funding for homeless assistance programs, including supportive housing, supportive services, employment services, and emergency services; 2) increase local flexibility over the use of homeless assistance funds; 3) simplify and reduce administrative requirements; 4) enhance data and client-level information sharing between local agencies that provide services to homeless individuals and families; and 5) distribute funds equitably based on relative need.
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, and those with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder.
3. Support State efforts to develop policies and identify resources, benefits, and services to prevent and work towards ending homelessness in California.
4. Support proposals to improve the discharge policies and procedures of State prisons, hospitals and any other agencies with residential services, to ensure that persons are linked to housing resources at the time of release.
5. Support proposals to increase services and benefits for CalWORKs homeless families and services and benefits to prevent homelessness among families receiving CalWORKs.
6. Support proposals to provide resources to create, rehabilitate, or subsidize housing for low and extremely low-income populations who are vulnerable to homelessness.
7. Support proposals that would authorize the use or sale of surplus or otherwise unneeded State property local governments or joint powers authorities to provide housing for persons or families experiencing homelessness.
8. Support proposals that would provide funding for rental assistance and legal aid to assist individuals and families who are at risk of becoming homeless.
9. Support proposals to exempt interim housing projects that serve homeless families and individuals, such as conversions of motels into supportive or transitional housing, newly constructed supportive housing projects and newly constructed emergency shelters, from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
10. Support proposals that would remove zoning restrictions and other barriers to by-right use of publicly owned and controlled property for shelters and supportive or affordable housing.
11. Support proposals to expand housing opportunities for people who are homeless or who are at-risk of becoming homeless, including eviction defense services, temporary rental assistance, and temporary mortgage forbearance.

12. Support proposals that would require a minimum allocation of State homelessness funding to be spent on services that meet the specific needs of unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness.

11. TRANSPORTATION

1. Support legislation to increase the fines for rail transit rights-of-way violations to make them comparable to fines for running a red-light or illegally driving in a High Occupancy Vehicle lane.
2. Support funding for the 1989 Retrofit Sound Wall and the post-1989 Sound Wall lists.
3. Support funding for pedestrian and bicycle-oriented infrastructure such as crosswalks, lighting, bicycle facilities, and traffic controls that promote safe active transportation.
4. Support proposals for dedicated funding for transportation required by the Welfare-to-Work Program.
5. Support an increase in grade separation funds if regional transit programs are not harmed and the funding received by the Department of Public Works from gas tax revenues is not reduced and the project funding received from the State Transportation Improvement Program is not significantly reduced.
6. Support proposals to direct allocation of funds to local governments for the preservation of local streets and roads, without reducing other transportation funds or impacting other agencies.
7. Support legislation that further restricts the borrowing of revenues received by the County from the excise tax on gasoline and diesel.
8. Support proposals to redirect Federal minimum guarantee funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program to the Regional Surface Transportation Program.
9. Support legislation to reduce the vote requirement for enacting a county-wide sales or gas tax transportation measure.
10. Oppose legislation to relinquish State highways to local agencies unless the State first restores them to good repair, a determination is made by the affected local agency that the roadway has general need for traffic circulation, and the local agency and the State have agreed upon the terms and conditions of the relinquishment.
11. Oppose legislation that would reduce the ability of local and regional transportation agencies to prioritize transportation projects with the State.
12. Support legislation allowing the use of automated enforcement systems to enforce speed limits on unincorporated Los Angeles County roadways.
13. Support rail safety legislation that is designed to prevent accidents and increase California's control over rail safety.

14. Oppose legislation and/or proposals that allow large combination vehicles, such as triple trailer trucks to operate in California or attempts to increase the size or weight of combination vehicles.
15. Support the inclusion of funding for grade separations and local road improvement projects in any proposed statewide infrastructure bond measure.
16. Support a statewide infrastructure repair and expansion program that includes funding for transit priorities in Los Angeles County and throughout California.
17. Support legislation to fund the inland port in the Antelope Valley.
18. Support legislation that allows all direct and indirect environmental, engineering, accounting, legal and reasonable administrative costs to be recovered from Bridge and Thoroughfare Districts in unincorporated Los Angeles County, in addition to actual construction costs.
19. Oppose legislation that erodes the County Road Commissioner's current authority to carry out work.
20. Support proposals that guarantee an equal amount of gas excise tax revenues from the State as received by the County under Proposition 42 of 2002.
21. Support proposals to identify and provide sufficient and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance, preservation, and rehabilitation.
22. Support efforts to replace the State's Congestion Management Program with current performance-based planning measures that better align its goals and objectives with local land use and regional transportation goals and objectives.
23. Oppose legislation which would expand or restructure the membership of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors.
24. Oppose proposals which would alter the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority's user fee collection structure or propose alternative fee structures.
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 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:
 - a. Makes a significant new investment in transportation infrastructure that would remain in place for at least 10 years or until an alternative method of funding our transportation system is agreed upon;
 - b. Supports the transition to a zero-emission transportation system, especially in goods movement;

- c. Focuses on maintenance and transforming the current system of local streets and highways to attain a transportation network that is safe for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders;
 - d. Recognizes the critical importance of public transit systems and goods movement infrastructure to environmental sustainability and economic well-being;
 - e. Provides for a roadway maintenance funding formula that equitably distributes revenue between the State and local governments and, consistent with current and historical practices, provides new revenues to local governments via direct subventions for investment in local streets and roads;
 - f. Raises revenues through a package that utilizes multiple funding sources, including fuel taxes, license fees and registration fees; and
 - g. Provides strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment.
26. Support legislation aimed at protecting or increasing funding for the Los Angeles County public transit system (including bikeway and other active transportation networks) and projects.
27. Oppose proposals for routes, segments or alignments of the California High-Speed Rail project which would cross the Big Tujunga Wash at or above grade or which would threaten severe impacts to home, quality of life, and sensitive environmental areas.
28. Support proposals that provide funding, support or flexibility to local governments to implement transit first policies, traffic safety programs and initiatives, consistent with Vision Zero, including flexibility establishing enforceable speed limits.
29. Support proposals that would assist the County and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in their joint efforts to site a rail manufacturing and testing facility within the County's geographic boundaries.
30. Support proposals that would promote active transportation that are inclusive of and accessible to all levels of physical ability, including promoting active transportation networks between jurisdictions.
31. Support proposals that would provide funding or other incentives to support the provision of low and no-cost transit passes for students, seniors, disabled persons, and low-income populations.
32. Support proposals that would provide funding or other assistance for the installation of bus-only lanes and signal prioritization for transit buses, including for the installation of full bus rapid transit infrastructure along priority corridors.
33. Support proposals that would equitably integrate emerging transportation technologies into existing transportation networks safely and in ways that reduce greenhouse gas emissions due to transportation.

12. UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

12.1 Energy

1. Support proposals to expand electric generation and supply in California to ensure energy resiliency.
2. Support proposals to provide an exemption to allow public agencies to extend the use of emergency generators when electrical blackouts are imminent.
3. Support proposals to increase funding for programs administered or managed by public agencies for public and private sectors which encourage and/or implement reduced energy consumption, reduced peak energy usage, on-demand energy usage reduction (demand response), increased renewable energy usage (solar photovoltaic, solar water heating), energy storage, energy data management systems, water efficiency/conservation, and energy financing programs.
4. Support proposals which assist local governments with renegotiating and developing new utility franchise agreements by providing: open, transparent provisions of information about utility systems in local jurisdiction boundaries; fair and economical pricing; timely and open negotiations; favored nations clauses; limits on length of franchise agreement terms; sharing of information about other franchise deals; and mechanisms for undoing existing in perpetuity agreements.
5. Support legislation that would provide customers, such as the County, with opportunities to select retail power providers and programs (including direct access and community choice aggregation) that offer renewable power, lower retail energy rates, and customer end-user programs, and oppose legislation that restricts or limits or diminishes these customer choice options.
6. Support legislation that allows local government to purchase and/or generate electricity and natural gas for local government facilities delivered through utility transmission and distribution systems (lines/wire for electricity, pipelines for natural gas).
7. Support proposals to provide funding to encourage local governments to install traffic signals with an independent power source provided the power source is equivalent or cleaner than the current supply.
8. Support proposals to assist low-income and elderly households with energy assistance, such as payment subsidies, conservation education, weatherization, and energy efficiency improvements.
9. Support proposals that would increase access to funding under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in Los Angeles County.
10. Support legislation to assist and encourage local businesses and homeowners to implement green energy programs (such as wind turbines, solar panels, and energy-efficient appliances) to reduce demand on local and regional power grids, as long as the legislation includes provisions which protect the County's ability to analyze environmental impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act to exercise discretion in regulating land uses in County unincorporated areas.

11. Support legislation requiring the California Public Utilities Commission to require Investor Owned Utilities to establish separate Tariff Rates for newer high and ultra-high efficient traffic and street fixtures such as Light-Emitting Diode signal lights and street lighting fixtures.
12. Support proposals to require Investor Owned and Municipal Utilities (IOMUs) to provide local governments and State agencies with disaggregated energy consumption data to support the development and/or update of greenhouse gas emissions inventories and climate action plans.
13. Support proposals which provide funding for local government efforts to develop, update, and implement climate action plans.
14. Support proposals and funding which assist local governments in the development and implementation of Climate Action Plans that aim to reduce energy and water consumption, equipment and fleet emissions, and other greenhouse gas emissions targeted under AB 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006) and SB 32 (Chapter 248, Statutes of 2016).
15. Support legislation to provide renewable energy status, diversion credits, and other incentives for energy production at existing facilities in the County that generate energy from waste.
16. Support legislation which would implement standards and benchmarks to: 1) raise California's renewable energy portfolio standards; 2) reduce petroleum use; and 3) increase energy efficiency in buildings.
17. Support legislation that would enhance consumer protections available to property owners who finance eligible property improvements through voluntary property-tax assessment financing programs.
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.
19. Oppose legislation which would mandate that community choice aggregation integrated resource plans be approved by the California Public Utilities Commission.
20. Support legislation that fosters community choice energy program development and operations; and oppose legislation that reduces local control or that adds burdensome regulations, unreasonable costs, or creates delays to community choice energy programs and their customers.
21. Support proposals that would prohibit the State Water Resources Control Board from extending the operating permits of coastal power plants that use once-through cooling systems.

12.2 Telecommunications and Video Services

1. Support proposals to establish technology-specific area codes in order to reduce the proliferation of area codes for regular telephone customers.
2. Support proposals that improve the management of numbering resources applicable to telecommunications carriers, and avoid the premature exhaustion or split of an area code.
3. Support measures that promote universal access to telecommunication services including voice, video, data, and the Internet.
4. Oppose measures that restrict local control over the public rights-of-way.
5. Oppose measures restricting local authority over emergency alert communications systems.
6. Support measures that provide local governments with commercially equivalent, no-cost access to media to distribute information by such methods as Public, Educational, and Government access channels.
7. Support proposals that evaluate the health and safety impact of wireless communications emissions.
8. Support proposals that promote access for disabled persons to telecommunications services, including voice, video, data, and the Internet.
9. Support proposals that would enable local governments to negotiate compensation and other public benefits for those that use the rights-of-way, such as telecommunications and video service providers.
10. Support proposals that protect net neutrality.
11. Oppose proposals which would preempt, limit or remove local authority over the governance of telecommunications infrastructure deployment and siting, including but not limited to, land use planning discretion, public review, and the ability to receive appropriate compensation for access to and use of public rights-of-way.

12.3 Construction Contracts

1. Support legislation that: 1) authorizes a board of supervisors to delegate the approval of change orders to a county officer for construction contracts, including buildings, roads, bridges, flood control, waterworks projects, and related professional services; 2) increase the limit on construction contract change orders that a board of supervisors may delegate to a county officer; and 3) modifies the maximum contract change order amount delegated to a county officer based on the Consumer Price Index.
2. Support legislation that authorizes counties to use the design-build contract method for projects to construct buildings and directly related improvements, and support or

sponsor legislation that would delete the existing sunset date on design-build authority granted to counties and that would eliminate the current project cost threshold required for the use of the design-build method.

3. Support legislation to preserve and improve the County's ability to solicit and manage construction contracts and or job order contracts.
4. Support legislation that would enable counties to use qualitative and/or quality criteria in awarding job order contracts, including "Best Value Selection," which uses non-price factors such as quality, performance history and expertise for contractor selection.
5. Support legislation that would increase the current force account limit for alteration or repair of county-owned buildings, and would include an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment.

12.4 Underground Utilities

1. Support legislation that strengthens the enforcement of laws regulating excavations in the public right of way.
2. Support legislation to grant counties the right to object to and/or challenge public utilities projects that encroach on streets within their jurisdiction.
3. Support legislation that strengthens the State's oversight and regulations pertaining to gas storage facilities, oil refineries, and gas/oil extraction.
4. Support proposals that provide funding to local governments to convert overhead electrical lines to underground facilities or to expand criteria for qualification to include fire safety, reliability projects, or projects in disadvantaged communities.

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.
2. Support legislation which would require petroleum refineries to post their risk management plans on their websites and provide an alarm system and automatic notifications to residents within a five-mile radius in case of emergencies.
3. Support legislation which would require the owner or operator of a petroleum refinery to install fence-line and community air monitoring systems.
4. Support legislation which would require the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) to increase the number of inspectors for its refinery inspector program.

5. Support legislation which would create an Interagency Task Force on Refinery Safety to examine ways to improve public and worker safety through enhanced oversight of refineries, and strengthen emergency preparedness in anticipation of any future refinery incident.
6. Support proposals which would ban the use of modified hydrofluoric acid.
7. Support legislation, regulations or orders which restrict or prohibit natural gas injection into a gas storage facility which has experienced a leak until the State has completed a study to determine the feasibility of closing or reducing the capacity of the facility, completed a root cause analysis of what caused the leak, and issued a public report on the findings and the State's final determination.
8. Support proposals to expedite the closure of natural gas facilities, accelerate permanent closure plans, and limit storage capacity of natural gas facilities.
9. Support legislation that establishes statewide minimum setback distances for oil and gas operations, including drilling, from sensitive land uses provided that these requirements do not preempt local authority from establishing more productive measures.
10. Support proposals to assess the condition, regulatory compliance, and potential safety risk of existing and orphaned or abandoned oil and gas facilities, and support proposals that would facilitate the clean-up or closure of abandoned or orphaned wells.

13. CANNABIS

1. Support proposals that provide State funding to local governments for use in connection with and/or to implement local and regional regulatory activity, programs and services related to cannabis.
2. Support proposals that ensure cannabis and its products are appropriately packaged and labeled to prevent accidental ingestion, particularly by minors.
3. Support proposals that reduce cannabis advertising and marketing that directly or indirectly encourages consumption of cannabis by people under the age of 21 years, including but not limited to proposals that prohibit cannabis advertising in broadcast, cable, radio, print, and digital communications, and advertising or sponsorship at events such as concerts, fairs, festivals, and sporting events, where less than 85 percent of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older.
4. Support proposals that standardize cannabis dosing or set potency limits.
5. Support proposals that authorize local governments to address safety issues regarding cannabis and its products, including providing tools and funding to initiate and execute product recalls at the local level.
6. Support proposals to protect the health and safety, as well as the security, of consumers and workers in the cannabis industry, including, but not limited to, preventing pesticides and other chemicals from being used in a manner that is

- inconsistent with State public health guidelines or otherwise harmful to the public's health or safety.
7. Support proposals that establish an effective and scientifically-based standard to determine when a person who has consumed cannabis is too impaired to operate a vehicle, heavy machinery, or perform any other activity that puts public health or safety at risk.
 8. Support proposals that provide licensed cannabis businesses access to financial services and products, such as bank accounts, payroll systems, and credit and debit cards systems that are standard in other retail industries in order to address problems associated with the disproportionately high use of cash in cannabis businesses.
 9. Support legislation that would expedite the identification, review and processing of specified cannabis-related convictions that may be eligible to be reduced or expunged under Proposition 64 of 2016.
 10. Support proposals which would require manufacturers of all edible cannabis products sold in the State to comply with packaging and labeling standards established and required by the State's Bureau of Cannabis Control.
 11. Support proposals that provide maximum legal relief to qualified individuals with cannabis convictions under Proposition 64 criminal justice provisions, including by providing State funding for the courts, local public defenders and prosecutors to engage in proactive resentencing and reclassification measures.
 12. Support proposals that discourage the proliferation of unlicensed cannabis businesses including those that provide State funding for local enforcement, stricter civil penalties for violators, and that require State licensing authorities to promptly notify local authorities whenever an enforcement-related action or investigation is initiated at a licensed or unlicensed cannabis business.
 13. Support proposals that fund and/or enhance cannabis consumer protection and education.
 14. Support proposals that would ensure equitable implementation of State cannabis regulations, equitable cannabis enforcement statewide, and distribution of Proposition 64 funding to protect and support communities who have historically been negatively or disproportionately affected by cannabis criminalization.
 15. Support proposals that address misleading cannabis advertising and unsubstantiated health benefit claims from cannabis companies, including but not limited to positive mental health impacts.

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Washington – Passage of the Fifth COVID-19 Relief Bill and Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations (H.R. 133, as amended)

Executive Summary

On December 27, 2020, President Trump [signed into law H.R. 133](#), as amended, the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Cuellar)*, contains \$900 billion in COVID-19 relief aid and \$1.4 trillion in omnibus spending to fund the government through the remainder of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021.

H.R. 133 provides additional healthcare funding, emergency food assistance, emergency housing assistance, small business assistance including a second round of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, an extension of unemployment benefits; and a second round of direct Economic Impact Payments (known as stimulus checks) to eligible individuals, among other provisions and funding.

The COVID-19 relief aid package includes the County-supported extension of the deadline for states and localities to spend money allocated from the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to December 31, 2021.* Although the package does not include additional direct fiscal relief to state and local governments, the D.C. advocates will continue to strongly advocate for this funding in future COVID-19 relief legislation.

This report provides additional details on County-supported funding and provisions.

This Office is continuing to work with County departments to analyze this 5,593-page bill and County funding allocation information is not available at this time. As the Federal government releases further details on funding allocations, formulas, and other funding eligibility criteria to receive or apply for this funding, more information will be available regarding how much the County is expected to receive.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) EXTENSION

- Extends the date by which state and local governments must make expenditures with CARES Act CRF awards from December 30, 2020 to December 31, 2021. The County received an allocation of \$1.057 billion from the CRF from the U.S. Department of Treasury in April 2020.

HEALTH

- **\$8.75 billion for vaccine distribution, including \$4.5 billion in direct grants to states, localities, territories, and tribes and tribal organizations** mainly through the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreements. Of this funding, \$1.0 billion must be made available within 21 days of enactment. The bill also includes \$300.0 million for targeted efforts for

high-risk and underserved populations. The PHEP Cooperative Agreement provides funding to support state and local public health and hospital systems to prepare for and respond to emergencies, and provides direct funding to large political subdivisions, including Los Angeles County, Washington D.C., Chicago, and New York City.

- **\$3.0 billion for the Provider Relief Fund (PRF)** with the purpose of reimbursing eligible health care providers for expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to COVID-19, with 85 percent of unobligated funds will be distributed through an application process to reimburse providers for losses incurred in 2020.
- **\$22.4 billion through the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund for testing and contact tracing efforts** mainly through PHEP Cooperative Agreements, including \$2.5 billion for efforts to improve capabilities in high-risk and underserved areas. This funding must be made available within 21 days of enactment.
- Delays the scheduled reductions for **Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments** through FFY 2023. DSH payments provide critical funding to hospitals that serve a disproportionately high share of uninsured patients and Medicaid beneficiaries.

HUMAN SERVICES

- **\$114.0 billion in required mandatory spending for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).** This fully funds participation, increases the monthly SNAP benefit level by 15 percent through June 30, 2021 and provides \$100.0 million for state administrative costs through fiscal year 2021. It also excludes Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) from being counted toward household income for SNAP, suspends work requirements for SNAP eligible college students and clarifies that states may issue Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits to children under the age of 6 who live in households receiving SNAP benefits and residing in an area in which schools or child care facilities are closed or operating with reduced hours or attendance without the need to verify child care enrollment at the individual household level.
- **Extends the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program** through September 30, 2021.

CHILD WELFARE

- **\$7.0 billion for foster care and permanency services** under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act for FFY 2021 and an additional \$3.0 billion for the first quarter of FFY 2022. The legislation also contains provisions of County-supported H.R. 7947 (Davis), *Supporting Foster Youth and Families Through the Pandemic Act*, which includes among others:
 - An important technical correction to Title IV-E treatment of the 6.2 percent Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate increase from the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act* (FFCRA) to ensure access to Funding Certainty Grants.

An additional \$350.0 million for the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee), a temporary waiver for the state-match requirement for these funds, and temporary program flexibilities, including lifting the 30 percent spending cap on housing costs.

- Permits older foster youth who would otherwise “age out” of foster care the option of remaining in, or re-entering foster care during the public health emergency and suspends specified educational and work requirements associated with remaining in extended foster care.
 - Waives the state match requirement for services related to evidence-based mental health, substance abuse, and parenting skills as authorized in the *Family First Prevention Services Act* to keep children safe and out of foster care.
- Consistent with provisions in County-supported H.R. 4300 (Dean), the *Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act*, the legislation expands the availability of Family Unification Program vouchers for youth aging out of foster care.

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

- **\$5.91 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)**, which is an increase of \$85.0 million over FFY 2020 to help states continue to improve the quality and affordability of local childcare programs.
- **\$10.75 billion, which is \$135.0 million more than FFY 2020, to support Head Start and the Early Head Start Expansion** and Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships to help local communities provide continuous high-quality services to low-income infants and toddlers.
- **\$10.0 billion to provide grants for childcare providers that are currently open or temporarily closed due to COVID-19**, regardless of whether they had previously received funding through the existing CCDBG program. Grants can be used to cover personnel costs; sanitization and cleaning; personal protective equipment; fixed costs, including mortgage obligations, rent, utilities and insurance; and modifications to childcare services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding must be used to supplement, not supplant, other Federal, State and local funding used to provide childcare.

HOUSING AND HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

- **\$25.0 billion to state and local government entities to provide emergency rental assistance to rental households** who: have a household income not more than 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI); have one or more household members who can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and have one or more household members who qualify for unemployment benefits or experienced financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the pandemic. Assistance would be prioritized for renter households whose incomes do not exceed 50 percent of AMI as well as renter households who are currently unemployed and have been unemployed for 90 or more days. Financial assistance provided under this section is non-taxable for households receiving such assistance.

- **Extension of the Federal Eviction Moratorium** for nonpayment of rent during the pandemic until January 31, 2021.
- **\$49.6 billion in regular annual appropriations for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**, which is \$561.0 million above the FFY 2020 enacted level. This includes: \$25.8 billion for Tenant-based Rental Assistance (including \$40.0 million for the HUD Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing for Homeless Veterans and \$43.0 million for new incremental vouchers for homeless individuals and families); \$7.8 billion for the Public Housing Fund; \$3.5 billion for Community Development Block Grants; \$3.0 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants; \$13.5 billion for Project-Based Rental Assistance; and \$20.0 million for a new eviction prevention demonstration program.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

- **Includes a provision that repeals a 2012 law to reallocate and auction Television Band (T-Band) spectrum.** Currently, the Sheriff and Fire Departments use portions of T-Band spectrum for Land Mobile Radio (LMR) communications under a waiver from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Repealing this provision means that the County and the Los Angeles-Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) will avoid the expense of transitioning their LMR equipment to less effective frequency bands.

HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING

- \$610.0 million for the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) for FFY 2021, including \$90.0 million for the SHSGP Nonprofit Security Grants Program. Los Angeles County is a direct recipient of SHSGP funding.
- \$705.0 million for the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) for FFY 2021, including \$90.0 million for the UASI Nonprofit Security Grant Program. The greater Los Angeles region receives a direct allocation from this program.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

- **\$325.0 million towards small business support**, including \$284.0 million to allow eligible businesses, with priority for distressed businesses to draw down a second round of loans from the Payment Protection Program established under the CARES Act through March 31, 2021. Under the proposal, eligibility is limited to small businesses with 300 or fewer employees that have sustained a 30 percent revenue loss in any quarter of 2020. The bill also allows businesses to deduct expenses paid out of past and new PPP funds for tax purposes, contrary to current IRS regulations. Additionally, the package includes \$20.0 billion in Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) advance grants, which will provide up to \$10,000 to small businesses that remain severely impacted by the ongoing slowdown. It also repeals the requirement of deducting an EIDL Advance from the PPP forgiveness amount.

\$778.9 million for the Small Business Administration (SBA). In addition, the bill provides \$142.9 million in disaster cap adjustment funds for SBA Disaster Loans. Continues language prioritizing Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) awards to persistent poverty counties.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE AND PAID LEAVE

- **Extends unemployment benefits**, which would otherwise expire on December 31, 2020, for 16 weeks until March 14, 2021.
- In addition, for “mixed earners” the relief package provides a \$100.00 per week additional benefit to individuals who have at least \$5,000 a year in self-employment income but are disqualified from receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance because they are eligible for regular state unemployment benefits. This mixed-earner supplemental benefit, which is supported by the Board, would be added to the FPUC and would terminate along with it on March 14, 2021. However, the provision would be effective for future unemployment benefit payments after a state chose to make an agreement with the Department of Labor.
- Extends the refundable payroll tax credits for paid sick and family leave, enacted in the FFCRA, through the end of March 2021.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DRAINAGE AREA (LACDA)

- Under FFY 2021 appropriations, the legislation provides funding for the following projects in the County which are jointly managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Los Angeles County Public Works:
 - \$18.073 million in operation and maintenance funding for LACDA;
 - \$715,000 to study the disposition of the LACDA system; and
 - \$192.5 million in construction funding for safety modifications at the Whittier Narrows Dam.

HIGHWAYS, TRANSIT, AND AIRPORTS

- \$14.0 billion in emergency operating assistance for urban and rural transit agencies to address COVID-related revenue shortfalls. Funding will be allocated based on agencies operating expenses.
- \$10.0 billion to support State Departments of Transportation for road, bridge, walking, biking and other critical projects. Funds are available to replace amounts lost as a result of COVID-19 for preventive maintenance, routine maintenance, operations, and personnel costs.
- For transportation, the FFY 2021 appropriations package provides:
 - \$46.365 billion for Federal-aid highways;
 - \$10.15 billion for transit formula grants;

\$3.350 billion for the Airport Improvement Program;

- A rescission of \$3.76 billion for the California High Speed Rail Project

HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND

- The full unlock of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) is included within the omnibus bill's Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) provisions, including an appropriation of the full prior year HMTF revenue (approximately \$1.8 billion annually) and funding from the \$9.3 billion in unspent tax collections starting at an additional \$600.0 million in FFY 2022 and increasing by \$100.0 million per year. The WRDA provisions also expand in-water uses for Donor and Energy Ports starting on October 1, 2022.

CENSUS

- The appropriations portion of the package allows the Census Bureau to spend more than \$1.05 billion in available prior year funds for a total of \$2.16 billion in available resources for the Census Bureau in FFY 2021. In total, the bill provides \$1.03 billion for the 2020 Decennial Census, the entire amount requested by the Department of Commerce's Independent Cost Estimate, including a \$91.0 million contingency reserve.

ARTS

- Establishes the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Latino and the American Women's History Museum.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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What is Telehealth/Telemedicine?

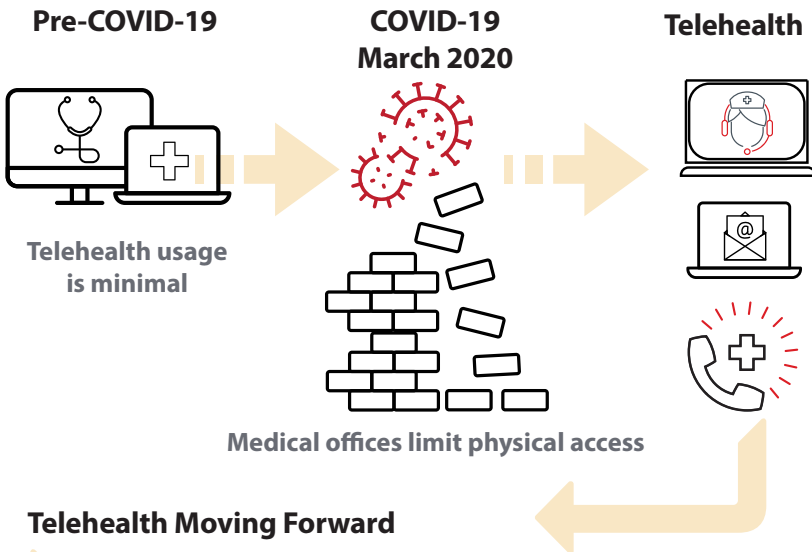
TELEHEALTH: A broad term referring to the use of electronic information and telecommunication technologies to support clinical health care, health education, public health, and health administration.¹ Under California law, telehealth is defined as a mode of delivering health care services and public health via information and communication technologies to facilitate the diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management, and self-management of a patient's health care while the patient and the provider are in two different locations.²

Telehealth may also be referred by other terms including:

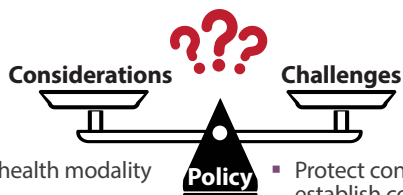


Telemedicine
Virtual Care
Digital Care

Telehealth Before and After COVID-19



Telehealth Moving Forward



- Patient choice of telehealth modality
- Remote patient monitoring
- Transformative technology for at home, patient-centered care
- Payment for telehealth services
- Telehealth visits available to patients post-pandemic
- Protect consumer privacy and establish consent process
- Lack of personal phones or computers and clinical phone and video equipment
- Ensure quality of telehealth services
- Ensure language access availability and cultural appropriateness
- Lack of connectivity and broadband

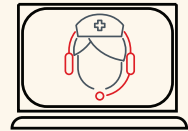
Telehealth During COVID-19 Fast Facts

154% ²⁰²⁰

Increase telehealth visits nationwide compared to March 2019.³

62%

Californians



Reported having a telehealth visit during COVID-19.⁴

Of those who have received telehealth care, 65% had incomes <200% FPL and 76% were identified as people of color.

72%

Patients, including low-income and people of color, generally report satisfaction with telehealth services.⁵

71%

Low-income California patients would always like the option for telehealth visits.⁶

Telehealth, particularly for behavioral health services, dramatically reduced no-show rates for clinics in several regions across California.⁷



88%

Safety-net providers currently using telehealth during the pandemic, would continue, provided payment comparable to in-person visits.⁸

Telehealth Policies During COVID-19 Pandemic

One of the most effective ways to mitigate community spread during the COVID-19 pandemic has been maintaining physical distancing between individuals. Health care providers have balanced distancing and the need to screen, test, and treat people for COVID-19, and provide other necessary health care by using and continuing to use telehealth as a tool to maintain access to health care throughout the pandemic.

Public Health Emergency (PHE) Telehealth Flexibilities⁹

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) approved telehealth flexibilities for Medi-Cal providers and members. These flexibilities will go away after the PHE expires.



APPROVED MODALITIES

Phone services added to list of approved telehealth modalities during PHE

▶ Particularly important for communities without sufficient connectivity, and/or broadband access



PATIENT AND PROVIDER LOCATION

During PHE, patients may access telehealth services from home or other locations outside the four walls of a clinic

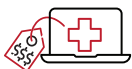
▶ Includes visits for general medical needs, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment



ESTABLISHING PATIENTS

Providers can serve new patients via telehealth even if they were not established patients of the clinic before PHE

▶ Before PHE, patients had to be established patients before receiving telehealth services



PAYMENT OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES

Medi-Cal providers can be paid the same rate for in-person visits and telehealth visits, regardless of the modality

▶ Before PHE, payment for telehealth services was more limited

Related Terms:¹⁰

TELEHEALTH MODALITIES: The type of technology used to provide telehealth. Typical modalities include synchronous two-way interactive, audio-visual communications, telephonic, and store and forward (e.g. email, telephone call, video visit via smartphone, tablet, or computer).

ASYNCHRONOUS STORE AND FORWARD:

Email or other secure web-platform-based communication between patient and a health care provider where a message is sent at a point in time and is then received and read at a different point in time.

SYNCHRONOUS, OR E-VISITS: Real-time, two-way interactions between a patient and provider, typically a video conferencing call or phone call, depending on telehealth policies and insurance coverage.

E-CONSULTS: Synchronous or asynchronous health care consultation services used for patient assessment, diagnosis, and management between two providers, typically a primary care physician and a specialist.

DISTANT SITE: Place where a health care provider is located while providing health care services via telehealth.

ORIGINATING SITE: Place where the patient is located at the time when health care services are being delivered via telecommunications systems.

ESTABLISHED PATIENT: Patients who have been seen by a clinic within the last three years, or, for Medi-Cal managed care members, a patient is “established” when their managed care plan assigns them to a particular clinic. Thus, managed care members would be considered established regardless of if they have been served by a clinic prior to their first visit.¹¹

FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS: (FQHCs), RURAL HEALTH CLINICS (RHCs), AND TRIBAL 638 CLINICS (CLINICS): Community-based health care clinics that receive federal funds to provide primary care and behavioral health care services to the safety-net population.¹² Prior to the PHE, clinics had the most restrictions on them for using telehealth to deliver health care services.

Spotlight: FQHCs Telehealth Before and During COVID-19

	Pre-COVID-19	During COVID-19 PHE
Approved Modalities	Synchronous, asynchronous	Synchronous, asynchronous, telephone
Established Patient Requirement	Patients must be established, and asynchronous telehealth cannot be used to establish a patient	Requirement waived
Face-to-Face Requirement	A visit must be face-to-face between the patient and provider	Requirement waived
Four-Wall Requirement	Services must be provided within the physical four walls of the clinic	Requirement waived

Table adapted from California Primary Care Association July 2020 presentation

Resources from the California Telehealth Policy Coalition:

- [Telehealth 101 Fact Sheet](#)
- [Telehealth and COVID-19: Debunking Myths About Telehealth](#)
- [Telehealth and COVID-19: FAQ for California Patients](#)

State and Federal Resources:

- [DHCS Telehealth FAQs](#)
- [DHCS Medi-Cal Payment Guidance](#)
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Sharing this message from partners at the CA Coalition for Reproductive Freedom.

Dear Health Equity Partners,

Yesterday, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), led by anti-reproductive freedom Secretary Alex Azar, announced that it would withhold \$200 million in Medicaid funding in the first quarter of 2021 and an additional \$200 million every quarter after that. HHS is arguing that California's law guaranteeing insurance coverage of abortion care violates the Weldon Amendment, an annual budget rider designed to interfere with policies that expand access to and coverage of abortion care.

Rather than address real healthcare issues, this administration has spent four years trying to dismantle CA's ability to provide basic healthcare access. Since the 1970s CA has protected reproductive health care and required insurance companies to treat abortion no differently than other pregnancy-related care. HHS is reaching deep for politically-driven threats to argue that California's law guaranteeing insurance coverage of abortion care violates the "Weldon Amendment^[1]". Moreover in 2019, California again reminded the administration about our stance and declared itself a reproductive freedom state, guaranteeing the right to abortion and insurance coverage.

Who really is being targeted? California's communities who bear the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This announcement is a clear demonstration of this administration's disregard for the communities of color who are dying at disproportional rates from COVID. It will be the same Black, Brown and Indigenous communities that are reeling with devastating health and economic impacts of COVID who will be stripped of access to basic reproductive health care.

It is the communities, who have already been failed by our health system – women of color, young people, transgender and no-binary people – who would face additional restrictions to care.

Resources and statements from members of the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom:

- [ACCESS REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE Deplores HHS Attack On Abortion In California](#)

- [ACLU of Northern California: Abortion is Basic Health Care](#)
- [NARAL Pro-Choice California Responds to Trump Administration Attacking California for Safeguarding Reproductive Freedom](#)
- [The National Health Law Program Condemns Trump's HHS Threatens California Medicaid Funding in the Middle of Pandemic](#)
- [Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California: Trump Administration Attacks Health Care in California Once Again in Final Days](#)

[California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom](#) is a coalition of over 40 organizations working to advance and protect reproductive freedom. In our collective efforts to ensure health equity and social justice in California we must collaboratively act to stop this administration's final efforts to shamelessly enhance its legacy of harm.

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