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UPDATE TO THE COUNTY'S STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE 2011-12 SESSION

On December 14, 2010, your Board adopted recommended changes to the County's State Legislative Agenda for the first year of the 2011-12 Session. The revised Legislative Agenda contains Board approved policies, positions and priorities on State issues of County interest to be pursued in the Legislature and with the Administration and its agencies in 2011.

For your reference, attached is a copy of the Board letter and the updated State Legislative Agenda, inclusive of all the policy revisions adopted by your Board.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Manuel Rivas, Jr., of my staff, at (213) 974-1464.

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AS ADOPTED BY
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ON DECEMBER 14, 2010

December 7, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE 2011-12 SESSION (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The following recommendations represent the updated policies and proposals for the first year of the 2011-12 Legislative Session, which were developed in coordination with your Board Offices, County departments, the Legislative Strategist and the Sacramento advocates. This package, together with other positions previously adopted by your Board, will guide the County's advocacy efforts in Sacramento.

THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the attached additions, deletions, and changes to existing Board-adopted policies and positions for inclusion in the 2011-12 State Legislative Agenda.

2. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), affected departments, the Legislative Strategist, and the Sacramento advocates to work with the Los Angeles County delegation, other counties and local governments, and interest groups to pursue these policies, positions, and priorities in the State Legislature and with the Administration and its agencies.

3. Direct the Sacramento advocates to pursue legislation to expand medical coverage to provide for initial medical and forensic examinations of children who are removed from their home because of suspected physical or sexual abuse or neglect.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The recommended changes seek to minimize the adverse impact of State actions on the County, achieve greater flexibility over the use of State funds, secure State assistance whenever possible, especially from non-State General Fund sources, and promote the growth of the State and local economy.

FISCAL OUTLOOK

As part of the FY 2010-11 State Budget process, the Governor and the Legislature enacted an estimated $18.2 billion in solutions to address the State Budget deficit through June 30, 2011. The final budget agreement included a combination of significant expenditure reductions, assumptions of increased Federal assistance, and other solutions such as fund shifts and revised revenue projections. As it has been the case over the last three years, most of the major expenditure reductions continue to fall most heavily on County-administered programs in the areas of health, mental health, social services and public safety.

Over the past three years, State Budget reductions have resulted in a County loss of $515.2 million. In addition, in FY 2009-10, the suspension of the Protection of Local Government Revenue Act (Proposition 1A of 2004) authorized the borrowing of $1.935 billion from local governments, which resulted in an estimated County impact of $360.9 million.

On November 10, 2010, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released its fiscal outlook which projects a State Budget shortfall of $25.4 billion through the end of FY 2011-12. The LAO projects shortfalls of approximately $20.0 billion annually through FY 2015-16, peaking at $22.4 billion in FY 2013-14 when the State would be required to repay local governments an estimated $2.0 billion borrowed in FY 2009-10 through the suspension of Proposition 1A of 2004. The LAO report indicates that its budget projections may be understated because they do not assume cost of living adjustments or inflationary increases and it does not account for funding requirements to address State liabilities in pension and retiree health benefits for State employees, including teachers and university employees.

The LAO indicates that without immediate action to address the structural budget deficit in the long-term, the State may not be able to move beyond the recent process of going from one budget crisis to the next, which will make it very difficult for the State to address fundamental public-sector goals such as rebuilding aging infrastructure, addressing massive retirement liabilities, maintaining service levels of high-priority programs, and improving the State's tax system.

In addition, on November 12, 2010, Governor Schwarzenegger announced that he will call the Legislature into a special emergency session and introduce legislation to make spending reductions and other changes to address the $6.1 billion budget deficit in the current fiscal year. The special session is scheduled to begin on December 6, 2010, when the new Legislature is sworn in and approximately one month before Governor-elect Brown takes office. Pursuant to Proposition 58 of 2004, the California Balanced Budget Act, upon the Governor's declaration of a fiscal emergency, the Legislature will have 45 days to enact legislation to address the State's fiscal emergency, or it will be prohibited from acting on any other bills or adjourning in recess until such legislation is passed.

Addressing the State Budget crisis in FY 2011-12 will be further complicated by several factors. In November 2010, California voters approved two initiatives which limit or restrict budget solutions used by the Administration and the Legislature in recent years. The initiatives would prohibit the State from borrowing redevelopment and transportation revenues to address a budget shortfall and would require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature or voters to increase certain fees. In addition, in 2009 the Governor and the Legislature enacted $12.5 billion in temporary tax increases which are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2011. Absent a two-thirds vote by the Legislature or approval by the voters to extend these taxes, the expiration of these tax revenues will require further program reductions to balance the State Budget.

As a result of the bleak economic outlook and the State's obligation to meet General Fund spending requirements such as funding for education (Proposition 98), debt service costs for voter-approved bonds, and new restrictions on increasing fees, the County will once again be faced with the possibility of major program curtailments in FY 2011-12 and in future fiscal years.

COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The impact of recent State Budget actions has extended throughout the full spectrum of the County's responsibility for safety net and protective services. The three-year loss of $515.2 million has greatly affected the County's ability to maintain vital services for its residents, and the potential of additional State Budget cutbacks

would be experienced most deeply in the delivery of health care, social services, and public safety. **Because of the State's continuing fiscal problems and the reductions in State financial support already imposed on the County, our advocacy efforts will be concentrated on the priorities listed below in 2011.**

State Budget. As indicated above, given the State's budget problems and the uncertain economic environment, **the County will continue to focus its advocacy efforts on the restoration and preservation of State funding, working primarily through the budget process. In addition, the County will continue to support adequate funding for programs it operates on behalf of the State, and oppose additional program reductions unaccompanied by a commensurate diminution of responsibility and any attempt to shift costs to the County.**

Health Care Reform Implementation and Financing. In 2010, the Chief Executive Officer, the Legislative Strategist, the Sacramento advocates and the Department of Health Services worked in collaboration with other stakeholders, the Administration, and the Legislature, to secure the renewal of the 1115 Medicaid Waiver through 2015. The new waiver, which was approved on November 2, 2010, will help maximize the drawdown of Federal funds, expand health care coverage for uninsured persons, provide investment funding to assist public hospitals develop delivery systems in preparation for State implementation of Federal Health Care Reform in 2014, and provide funding for the County's Safety Net Care Pool. In 2011, **the County will continue to work with the Administration, the Legislature and stakeholders to finalize implementation of the Medicaid Waiver and develop provisions to implement Federal Health Care Reform which maintain and/or expand the County's funding as a safety net provider to continue health care, hospital inpatient care, outpatient care, specialty care, emergency and trauma care services, and medical education programs through the existing infrastructure of hospitals, multi-service ambulatory care centers, and public/private partnerships.**

Public Safety Funding. In 2009, the Governor and Legislature enacted legislation to shift funding for local public safety programs from the State General Fund to the Vehicle License Fee (VLF). The legislation temporarily increased the VLF by 0.65 percent and directed 0.15 percent of the increase to the Local Safety and Protection Account. VLF revenues are used to fund programs administered by the Sheriff, District Attorney and the Probation Department including: the Citizens' Options for Public Safety Program, booking fees, California Multi-jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team and High Technology Theft Apprehension and Prosecution programs, the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and juvenile probation camps. The VLF increase and funding for these critical local public safety programs is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2011 and the State has not identified a funding source to continue these

essential services. **The County will work with the California State Association of Counties, the Urban Counties Caucus, and others to secure ongoing funding for local public safety programs via a full appropriation from the State General Fund, an extension of the VLF increase, or other viable funding mechanisms to continue these programs.**

Preservation of Local Control. In 2010, the Legislature considered or enacted measures that attempted to circumvent redevelopment laws, provide exemptions to redevelopment and land use requirements, establish State oversight of local emergency medical services, reduce Federal bankruptcy protections for counties, among others. Of particular concern are measures which would extend or expand the fundamental purpose redevelopment projects through statute to divert property tax increments for activities other than those directly used to cure blight and negatively impact the County and other taxing entities. Therefore, **the County will continue to oppose any efforts that would reduce local control.**

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY'S STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The changes in Attachment I represent requests from County departments and commissions to add or modify policy statements consistent with their operational goals and plans. New policy statements represent emerging programs and issues for which we are seeking your Board's concurrence to guide future advocacy efforts including the development of State legislation to implement Federal Health Care Reform. Some policies are no longer applicable, and therefore, have been removed. The recommended changes include modifications to policy statements for various items including: facilitating compliance with environmental regulations, maintaining County-administration and oversight of emergency medical services, increasing compliance in the filing of statement of economic interest forms, and strengthening disaster preparedness operations.

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

PROPOSALS FOR COUNTY-SPONSORSHIP IN 2011

As reported in the November 2, 2010 Sacramento Update, consistent with existing Board-approved policies and positions, the County will seek sponsorship of the following legislative proposals in 2011: 1) special vacancy election reimbursement; 2) enhanced homeowner notification program; 3) qualifications for the position of public

defender; 4) open juvenile court dependency hearings; and 5) change orders on county road contracts. Attachment II provides detailed information on the County-sponsored legislation. However, it should be noted that the State's fiscal condition will likely affect the Legislature's receptivity to any County-sponsored legislation with potential costs to the State.

In addition to the above-mentioned legislative proposals, Board approval is requested to pursue County-sponsored legislation to provide reimbursement for initial medical and forensic examinations for children who are removed from their home due to suspected physical or sexual abuse or neglect.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) operates six medical hub clinics which provide health care screening for children referred by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Services include initial medical exams, forensic evaluations, and follow-up medical services. The initial medical exam includes health and developmental history, physical examinations, screenings for vision, dental, and mental health, immunizations, laboratory tests, and health education. A forensic evaluation is a medical examination to determine if the child is a victim of physical or sexual abuse or neglect. According to DHS, the provision of quality medical examinations and coordination with DCFS is essential to ensuring child health and safety.

The Department of Health Services indicates that the County is only reimbursed for services provided to children with fee-for-service Medi-Cal, and not for services provided to children with other types of health coverage, such as Medi-Cal managed care or private health plans, because medical hub services are considered to be out of network and require prior authorization. DHS estimates that approximately 9,400 children seen in the medical hub clinics are not covered under fee-for service Medi-Cal. The costs of medical examinations for these children are incurred by the County at an estimated annual cost of $6.0 million. Therefore, legislation is needed to secure reimbursement for initial and forensic medical examinations for children not covered under fee-for-service Medi-Cal.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed policies in the State Legislative Agenda are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness and Fiscal Sustainability. Operational Effectiveness is achieved by providing timely advocacy on proposals that could significantly impact the County and support the delivery of efficient public services. Fiscal Sustainability results from efforts by the CEO, Sacramento advocates and County departments to maintain funding for critical County services and to oppose further program reductions or new unfunded mandates on County government.

CONCLUSION

The recommended additions, deletions and changes to existing Board-adopted policies are submitted for your Board's consideration for inclusion in the 2011-12 State Legislative Agenda. The policies and proposals contained in this package are in addition to, and are not intended to be exclusive of, other positions your Board may adopt. As in the past, the State Legislative Agenda will be updated to reflect subsequent Board actions.

Respectfully submitted,

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2011-12 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
ADDRESSING ISSUES OF MAJOR COUNTY INTEREST

2011-12 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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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, 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 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 a constitutional amendment to provide that the State Budget and related bills can be approved by a majority vote.

6. Support proposals that reduce the two-thirds vote requirement for increasing revenues.

7. Oppose legislation that would constitute State unfunded land use and general plan-related mandates on local governments.

8. Oppose any abridgement or elimination of the Board of Supervisors' powers and duties unless the change promotes a higher priority of the Board.

9. 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.

1. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

1.1 Child Welfare Services

1. Support increased funding for family preservation programs.

2. Support legislation to maintain the full Child Welfare Services allocation independent of actual caseload for up to five years to cover the increased costs of implementing new programs to improve outcomes for children by allowing them to remain safely at home, shorten their length of stay in care and reduce re-abuse.

3. Support proposals to ensure full funding for the Child Welfare Services program, including increased funding to cover all mandated services, pursuant to the SB 2030 Workload Study and the fully loaded costs of a social worker.

4. 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.

5. Oppose unfunded mandates that do not enhance child safety or expedited permanence.

6. 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.

7. Support funding of initial and forensic medical examinations in child abuse cases.

8. Support funding for parenting programs aimed at teens and child care services for teen parents.

9. Support legislation that increases funding for the use of family group conferencing and team decision-making to develop an individualized plan for the care of each child.

10. Support legislation to clarify that agencies providing services to a family may share case information.

11. Support legislation to streamline Dependency Court procedures while ensuring the safety and best interests of children.

12. Support proposals that simplify Welfare and Institutions Code Statutes regarding notice of dependency hearings.

13. Support proposals that promote collaboration between child welfare, parks and recreation, and law enforcement agencies to enhance the County's ability to establish partnerships and develop programs that improve the quality of life for children.

14. Support proposals to clarify and provide for social workers' access to dependent children's medical, counseling, and education records.

15. Support proposals to fund Child Welfare Services outcome improvements included in the County's Self-Improvement Plan, including Point of Engagement, the State's AB 636 Outcomes and Accountability System and the Federal Children and Family Services Review (CFSR).

16. Support proposals that increase the types of professionals required to report suspected cases of child abuse.

17. Support proposals that enhance and improve child safety.

18. Support proposals to open Juvenile Court Dependency hearings to the public.

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 to increase appropriate foster care resources by funding targeted recruitment, review of existing foster care payment rates to ensure equity and appropriateness, and professionalizing foster parenting.

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 certified 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 and improve opportunities for youth aging out of foster care.

8. Support proposals which allow the sharing of information concerning family homes certified by foster family agencies to prevent the licensure, approval and/or re-certification 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 caregiver for licensure, approval, and adoption.

11. Support proposals and funding to ensure that the educational system appropriately meets the educational needs of children in foster care, including improved monitoring of non-public schools.

12. Support proposals that provide and fund substance abuse 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.

1.3 Child Care and Child Development

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 to streamline administrative processes to expand access for low-income families, ensure continuity of care, and promote flexible use of child care and development funding to meet the needs of families.

7. Support efforts to expand the supply of appropriate early care and education services by including these services in city and county general plans.

8. Support proposals designed to prevent, detect, investigate and, when appropriate, prosecute fraud in subsidized child care programs.

9. Support efforts to ensure that vulnerable children and their families have access to consistent, uninterrupted subsidized early care and education services.

2. ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

2.1 Air Quality

1. Support proposals and/or funding to assist local governments to purchase hybrids, idle reduction devices, upgrade infrastructure, make facility improvements and convert vehicle fleets to alternative fuels to enable the shift toward more fuel-efficient vehicles and lower carbon fuels to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to 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 alternative fuels, and retrofit of existing generators and fleets.

4. Oppose cuts in assistance to local government fuel emission reduction programs.

5. Support measures that promote the development of cleaner burning fuels and other feasible 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 vehicle ridership.

7. Support legislation that provides increased funding for the reduction of particulate matter emissions from on-road diesel vehicles and other diesel-powered equipment

such as backhoes, forklifts, air compressors, and large portable emergency generators, independent of nitrous oxide emissions.

8. Support proposals that provide authority to local and regional agencies to reduce locomotive, railyard, port, and mobile source emissions.

9. Support proposals that return a greater share of funds to local areas which generate AB 2766 revenues, and provide greater flexibility to local programs to comply with air quality rules and regulations.

10. Support measures that would require local air districts, through their On-Road Vehicle Mitigation Options, to give credit for emissions reduction to employers for their employees commuting in hybrid vehicles that have a minimum Federal Environmental Protection Agency rating of 30 miles per gallon (city).

11. Support legislation that would allow public agencies to procure on-road, diesel-electric powered, hybrid vehicles to be deployed as fleet work vehicles.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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. Oppose proposals to eliminate 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.

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 establish a statewide endowment fund to protect, restore 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 and scenic value.

3. Support funding for the control, removal and/or eradication of invasive species that negatively affect natural landscape and open space areas.

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, which consistent with Board-adopted policies, promote the preservation and restoration of Los Angeles County mountain, bay, watershed, river and wetland 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 the process and reduces the cost for acquiring permits from State agencies for construction and maintenance projects and emergency actions taken by public agencies.

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.

2.4 Parks

1. Support proposals to fund for acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of parks and recreation facilities and open space, and seek additional funding for the establishment of new urban parks in the underserved areas of the County.

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 and schools for youth programs, services, and facilities that incorporate positive recreation alternatives 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 legislation that would increase exposure to, or reduce immunities from, governmental liability related to the ownership, construction, operation or maintenance of 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.

2.5 Watershed Management and Flood Control

1. Support proposals to fund grants for projects that link watershed management, environmental restoration, recreation, open space and beach improvements.

2. Support proposals which promote environmentally-friendly flood control improvements and projects, and do not diminish the performance of flood control systems.

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, 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 State Department of Fish and Game's 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, such as the San Gabriel River Discovery Center at Whittier Narrows Regional Park.

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 sensible and logical water quality regulations based on sound science and more reasonable enforcement of those regulations.

9. Support legislation to fund the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of watershed, flood-risk management, or multi-use projects including integrated water resource projects.

10. Support authorization and funding for the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Project, as required by AB 1147.

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.

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 that replaces outdated fecal bacteria indicator standards with public health related standards for pathogen levels in regulated receiving waters; applies the updated public health standards to monitoring activities; and provides funding for the monitoring.

14. Support proposals that prevent predatory flood insurance practices.

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 California Department of Health Services 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 reliability of water imported into Los Angeles County.

4. Support legislation to encourage water conservation and increase the efficiency of water use.

5. Oppose legislation that would create unrealistic requirements that impede the construction of water facilities in improved and developed areas.

6. Support proposals to fund for the design and construction of a recycled water system for the Antelope Valley 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. Oppose legislation that restricts the use of recycled water for groundwater basin recharge or for any application, except direct potable reuse.

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, Protection and Improvement of Water Quality, New 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 enhances the ability of water purveyors to achieve water conservation objectives through the use of tiered water rates which are defined to provide greater flexibility to the purveyor and increase the incentive to the customer.

12. Support funding to implement technology to improve the operation and maintenance of water supply systems, including but not limited to, automatic meter reading systems and leak detection systems.

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.

2. Support proposals to correct deficiencies in State waste disposal reporting requirements, which may unreasonably cause a local agency to fail to achieve the State's fifty percent waste reduction mandate.

3. Support legislation which promotes the development of alternatives to landfills such as conversion technologies that protect public health and safety and the environment; establish a viable permitting process for these alternatives based on performance standards rather than prescriptive definitions; provide full diversion and greenhouse gas emission reduction credits for these alternatives under applicable State law; and provide that all energy produced by these conversion technology facilities be designated as renewable energy.

4. Support proposals to fund local governments for the environmentally safe management of hazardous and electronic waste.

5. Support legislation and funding to expand markets for diverted materials and support measures for Recycling Market Development Zones.

6. Support proposals that eliminate overlapping solid waste and recycling authority between State agencies/departments, and establish greater multi-disciplinary coordination of State environmental policies.

7. 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.

8. Support legislation to provide increased local government representation on the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

9. Oppose legislation to eliminate diversion credits for the use of green waste as alternative daily cover.

10. Support legislation that would increase the use of recycled materials on highway construction, repair projects, and other public works projects.

11. Support legislation that would assist local governments in developing and enhancing source reduction and recycling initiatives.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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 promotes market development and manufacturer stewardship of products made of alternatives to polystyrene.

16. Support legislation which promotes market development and manufacturer stewardship of environmentally friendly food 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, including legislation which seeks 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.

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 while opposing legislation that erodes the medical reforms accomplished by the FY 2003-04 session 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 in the workers' compensation system.

12. Support legislation to allow any Los Angeles County employee who becomes permanently incapacitated in the performance of their duty as a direct consequence of an injury or disease arising out of active service while on military leave, to be eligible for retirement for non-service connected disability regardless of age and years of service or surviving spouse.

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 and schools if financed by a mutually agreed upon funding mechanism.

5. Support legislation to correct inequities in the California Coastal Act which currently require that coastal county approvals of coastal development permits for uses that are not the principal permitted use specified for a county zone, be subject to appeals to the California Coastal Commission, but do not require the same of similarly approved coastal development approvals by coastal cities.

6. Support legislation which subjects sober-living homes to local zoning regulations.

7. Support proposals to require the State to disclose how it computes the Regional Housing Needs Assessment allocations including how local information is used in these calculations.

8. Oppose legislation that requires the eligibility criteria for competitive affordable housing grants to include meeting the local jurisdiction's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation goal because the State has not disclosed how RHNA is calculated or how local information is used in these calculations.

9. Support proposals that provide builders and/or developers incentives to incorporate Universal Design/Visitability features which insure safe, easy access into all housing including new or converted dwellings or multifamily units for all persons, regardless of age or physical disability.

10. 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.

11. Support proposals to monitor regulatory proceedings initiated by AB 32, SB 375, and SB 97, 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.

12. Oppose legislation that would grant the proposed City of Industry Football Stadium and Entertainment Complex an exemption from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

13. 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.

3.3 Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures

1. Support proposals to increase State and industry funding for pest detection, exclusion, and eradication including the red imported fire ant, the Preventive (sterile) Release Program for Mediterranean Fruit Fly, 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 and the public, 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.

3.4 Consumer Protection

1. Support legislation to protect consumers by providing increased and more reliable product quantity and price information to facilitate value comparisons in sales of any commodity sold by 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, 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 right to adopt local consumer protection standards and enforcement mechanisms.

9. 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.

10. 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.

3.5 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.

3.6 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. Oppose proposals to hold counties responsible for paying Federal penalties.

5. 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.

3.7 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.

3.8 Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

1. Support legislation that ensures the revenue neutrality of local reorganizations provided that it:

    a. Does not change statutes covering LAFCO proceedings regarding special reorganizations filed before January 1, 2000.

    b. Is not retroactive to incorporations that took place before the effective date of the legislation enacting the change.

    c. Ensures that one element of the cost of services to be assumed by the incorporating entity shall be the cost of those services provided within the area by the State which will, subsequent to incorporation, be provided by the incorporating entity.

d. 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.

e. Does not increase the duties and responsibilities of LAFCOs or dictate expenditures for services without providing reimbursement through fees or from State sources.

f. 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.

g. Does not increase the fiscal liability of the County in annexations and incorporations.

h. 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 LAFCOs to review and make recommendations on urban expansion projects in outlying areas for efficient and adequate extensions of urban level infrastructure and services.

3.9 Historic Preservation

1. Support legislation for the funding and development of the El Pueblo Cultural and Performing Arts Center on the County-owned properties known as the Antique Block.

2. Support proposals to fund the protection, preservation, and enhancement of historical areas under County ownership or control, such as the Queen Anne's Cottage, the Boddy House, Tesoro Adobe, Hugo Reid Adobe, Virginia Robinson Gardens, and the William S. Hart House.

3. 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.

3.10 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.

3.11 Library Services

1. Support proposals to fully fund the Public Library Foundation Program as provided in existing law.

2. Support proposals to restore library district property taxes.

3. Support proposals that provide State bond financing for public library construction and renovation.

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 1 percent of Proposition 98 monies to public libraries.

6. Support proposals to maintain the California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) and oppose measures that link CTF discounts to participation in the Federal E-rate Discount Program.

7. Support proposals that fund or provide access to financial literacy materials in community-based organizations, consumer counseling organizations, educational institutions, government, and financial institutions.

3.12 Museums and Performing Arts

1. Support measures which provide increased State funding for the arts and museums, including construction/renovation of regional cultural facilities.

2. Support proposals to fund the Grand Avenue project.

3.13 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.

3.14 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 allow any filing officer to accept electronic filing of the Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) in lieu of a paper form.

5. Support legislation to increase compliance in the filing of a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700).

3.15 Redevelopment

1. Support legislation which continues or extends 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 or repeal the provisions of AB 1290.

2. Support measures to strengthen the blight findings requirement to prevent redevelopment abuse.

3. Support proposals to increase the statutory pass-through for taxing entities to make redevelopment more self-financing, or alternatively, provide counties with the authority to negotiate pass-through agreements with cities and redevelopment agencies on new AB 1290 (Chapter 942, Statutes of 1993) projects.

4. Support extension of review periods to allow counties and other affected parties adequate time to analyze the validity and impact of proposed redevelopment projects.

5. Support measures to close loopholes that allow agencies to extend the life of projects beyond the statutory time frames established in the Community Redevelopment Reform Act.

6. Support legislation that will provide State funding for rehabilitation of main street business districts.

7. Support legislation that will preserve, expand and extend designations for the State Enterprise Zone Program for urban areas and will protect the County's fiscal base and revenues.

3.16 Elections and Voting

1. Support legislation to provide counties greater flexibility in determining precinct sizes.

2. Support legislation to require disclosure of the payer for telephone campaign messages.

3. Support proposals to provide County reimbursement for the costs incurred in conducting special elections to fill vacancies in State and Federal offices.

3.17 City Governance

1. Support legislation to specify that no more than 10 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.

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 proposals to provide additional reductions in, or elimination of, the Disproportionate Share Hospital Administrative fee.

3. Support legislation that promotes the fair and equitable distribution of Safety Net Care Pool dollars between public and private hospitals.

4. Support proposals to phase-in a State match to fund intergovernmental transfers for the SB 855 (Chapter 279, Statutes of 1991) Program.

5. Support proposals that provide funding for indigent care in place of those that have been eliminated, such as the California Healthcare for Indigents Program.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Support proposals to expand the use of intergovernmental transfers, health provider fees, and other allowable methods to increase net Federal Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) matching payments to California and health providers like the County at no cost to the State General Fund.

9. 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.

10. Support proposals to assist hospitals to meet the SB 1953 (Chapter 740, Statutes of 1994) seismic safety requirements.

11. Support funding to promote/market the availability of County health care services.

12. Support proposals to fund technology infrastructure in public hospitals and health systems, including electronic health records.

13. Support proposals to improve the Medi-Cal Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) process including but not limited to the sufficient staffing and automation of TAR field office operations, the expansion of cases that do not require a TAR, and new methodologies consistent with Medicare.

14. 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.

15. 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) 8-hour written notice to employees who work overtime.

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.

3. 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 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 that provide advanced life support services to restock drug supplies directly from private pharmacies.

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 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers through the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency, such as prior legislative attempts to reduce county authority over medical control of EMS providers by moving it to cities, 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 Emergency Medical Services (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.

4.3 Medi-Cal and Healthy Families

1. Support proposals that reduce the number of uninsured persons, and expand Medi-Cal and Healthy Families coverage to low-income persons such as IHSS workers and juveniles within county probation systems.

2. Support proposals to simplify and align Medi-Cal and Healthy Families eligibility rules, application, and re-determination processes to increase and expedite enrollment and promote retention, including presumptive eligibility, and elimination of financial barriers.

3. Support proposals to increase funding of Medi-Cal and Healthy Families 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 Healthy Families funds to provide a continuum of mental health and public health nursing services for children in the public's care.

6. Support the State's pursuit of a Healthy Families waiver for family coverage where it is cost-effective and does not crowd out other health insurance coverage.

7. Support proposals to continue State funding for prenatal services to undocumented women.

8. Support proposals to expand the substance abuse benefit for children and parents.

9. Support proposals to provide sufficient State matching funds for the expansion of eligibility and/or increased provider payment rates so that the State will use its entire SCHIP allotment which, under Federal law, must be expended within three years.

10. Support proposals to simplify and expand Medi-Cal and Healthy Families Program eligibility, such as by increasing income and asset eligibility levels and enabling more disabled persons to qualify (or alternatively, by expanding the definition of disability).

11. Support proposals to reform Medicaid, including the State Safety Net Care Pool and Section 1115 Waiver components, to increase Medicaid funds for priority emphasis areas, such as primary and preventive health care, without reducing total available Medicaid funding levels.

12. Support proposals to increase the Medi-Cal Maintenance Need Income Level to a minimum 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, and require the State to annually adjust the Medi-Cal Maintenance Need Income Level when the FPL is adjusted.

13. Support proposals to continue 100 percent cost-based reimbursement for Federally Qualified Health Centers.

14. Support proposals to assist to local programs that combat Medi-Cal fraud.

15. 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.

16. Support proposals to allow women to utilize their full-scope no-cost Medi-Cal coverage for two years post-partum.

17. Support proposals to provide State funding for costs associated with implementation of the Deficit Reduction Act – Citizenship/Identity Verification.

18. Support proposals allowing Seniors and Persons with Disabilities continuance of their choice to maintain fee-for-service Medi-Cal.

19. 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.

20. 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.

4.4 Health Insurance and Coverage

1. Support proposals to require public and private insurers to offer full coverage for all health services including prenatal care; contraceptives; childhood, adolescent, and adult immunizations; and screening for diabetes; hypertension; cervical and breast cancer; Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV); Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS); Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD); substance abuse and mental health.

2. Support proposals to provide incentives for small businesses to offer quality health coverage for employees and their dependents, such as allowing small businesses to use both public and private purchasing pools on a regional or county level.

3. Support proposals to increase funding to develop demonstration projects within small businesses to increase enrollment in existing health insurance coverage programs.

4. Support proposals to enhance access to prescription drugs, devices and immunizations for low-income uninsured persons.

5. Support measures to reduce the time to one year in which health insurance coverage cancellation must be determined.

6. 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.

7. Support measures which require that cancellation of commercial health insurance coverage must be prior to any authorization of services.

8. 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.

9. Support measures which require that changes to health care coverage must be made within one year unless those changes apply to everyone in the insured population or are required by law or regulation.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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 crises.

4.5 HIV/AIDS

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 comprehensive care and treatment services and bio-medical research for people living with HIV/AIDS.

3. Support proposals and increased funding to effectively institute HIV surveillance by name statewide in order to identify emerging areas of need, craft programmatic responses, and ensure adequate levels of Federal funding.

4. 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.

5. Support proposals to mitigate losses of Federal funding for HIV/AIDS services with State budgetary appropriations.

6. Support proposals and increased funding for the provision of comprehensive HIV counseling, testing, education, outreach, research, and social marketing programs.

7. 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.

4.6 Public Health

1. Support measures that provide funding to strengthen the ability of the public health system to detect and respond to natural, as well as man-made disasters, including acts of terrorism.

2. Support proposals to increase funding for public health activities including: chronic disease prevention (such as asthma, heart disease, cancer, obesity, and diabetes),

acute 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, 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.

9. Support measures which establish, enhance, or fund policies, programs, research, standards, educational curriculum, and public awareness campaigns that encourage physical activity, healthy eating, breast feeding, immunizations, availability of healthy and safe foods, and reduce the prevalence of smoking and obesity.

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 and Healthy Families services to include 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 new Adult Day Health Care programs and to strengthen the program and 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 abuse, 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) imposing restrictions on internet sale of tobacco products; and 3) restricting the sampling of tobacco products in bars and public events.

19. Support proposals that would reduce exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) including: 1) reducing involuntary exposure to SHS in outdoor areas; 2) reducing involuntary exposure to SHS in multi-unit housing complexes; 3) protecting children from involuntary exposure to SHS while riding in cars; and 4) designating SHS 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 of healthy and affordable foods by increasing the number of grocery stores, farmers' markets and community gardens, especially in low-income communities, and by increasing healthy food choices at corner convenience stores, mobile food trucks, and locations at or near schools.

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 would allow for the reporting of HIV-Tuberculosis co-infection on forms sent to the State Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

28. Support proposals that reduce harmful indoor air pollutants in workplaces and sensitive use environments such as schools, day care centers, and nursing homes.

29. 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 food stamp recipients;

    c. the development of pricing strategies that require vendors to increase prices on unhealthy sugar-sweetened beverages to offset decreased prices in healthy beverages as well as strategies that reduce cost for foods high in protein and lean in fat, including fish and poultry; and

    d. reduced consumption or sugar-sweetened beverages, including soda, sports drinks, and other sugar-sweetened beverages, and reduces youth access to these products.

30. Support proposals to direct dedicated tobacco tax increases to address the State Budget Shortfall to fund programs impacted by the shortfall.

4.7 Alcohol and Drug

1. Support proposals to increase funding for alcohol and drug 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, Healthy Families Program, and other funding sources to enhance the alcohol and drug 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 alcohol and drug use.

3. Oppose measures that reduce the availability and accessibility of alcohol and drug prevention, treatment, and recovery services for persons with alcohol and drug problems.

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 abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services as part of its continuum of services.

5. Support proposals that promote environmental approaches to reducing alcohol and drug 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 alcohol and drug 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 drinks alcohol during pregnancy.

7. Support legislation that will fund and expand the County's research and prevention and treatment efforts on methamphetamine addiction.

8. Support proposals that provide permanent and stable funding and integrated approaches for the early identification and diversion of high-risk/high-cost patients who are dually-diagnosed with mental health and substance abuse disorders or other multiple symptoms/problems that effectively addresses substance abuse, mental health, housing, and related matters.

9. Support proposals which would improve the ability of California residents to easily discern the alcohol content of products and reduce the potential to confuse alcoholic products, such as alcopops for non-alcoholic 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 alcohol and drug counselors administered by a single State professional behavioral health regulatory body.

4.8 Health Education and Training

1. Support legislation that would permit the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health to receive State funding like nursing programs in community colleges.

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 which would facilitate the recruitment of experienced pharmacists to work in California, including replacement of the existing State pharmacist licensing examination with the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination and a California law examination.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Support proposals that fund training to enhance the competency of the health Education workforce.

7. Support proposals to increase funding for public health nutritionists in local health departments and increase training funds for dietitians.

8. 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.

9. Support a continuation and expansion of the Career Advancement Academy for health care funded by the California community college districts.

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 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.

4.10 Sexually Transmitted Diseases

1. Support proposals and funding to increase access to STD prevention, screening, treatment, and surveillance activities for individuals who are at highest risk.

2. 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.

3. Support proposals and increased funding to reduce the spread of STDs through the development of marketing campaigns.

4. Support legislation to regulate the adult film industry to decrease the risk of occupationally acquired HIV and other STDs.

5. Support legislation to allow local health departments to train and monitor public health staff to perform phlebotomy in field-based settings.

4.11 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, Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Centers, 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 education programs in order to implement Federal health care reform.

3. Support proposals that establish funding for workforce development and infrastructure for behavioral health care and substance abuse providers under Federal health care reform.

5. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

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

3. Support proposals to provide additional resources for meeting the capital and operational costs of housing production and related supportive service needs of low-moderate-income families and the needs of special populations, including elderly, disabled and mentally ill persons.

4. Support measures that end predatory lending practices.

5. Support measures that promote economic incentives as a means of creation, attraction, and retention of 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, reduce energy usage, 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 enhance workforce development for high-tech industries.

10. Oppose legislation that would reduce or eliminate the transfer of the City of Industry Tax Increment Housing Set-Aside funds to the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) or reduce authority and use over such funds.

11. Support legislation to distribute State housing funds to local jurisdictions based upon population and poverty levels.

12. Support revisions to the prevailing wage provisions of California Labor Code Section 1720 in order to minimize the impact upon affordable housing production.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. Oppose changes to landlord/tenant laws that would involve public housing authorities in the legal process between tenants and their landlords.

16. Support proposals to address affordable housing needs on a multi-jurisdictional basis.

17. Support legislation that increases resources to clean-up and redevelop Brownfields.

18. Support legislation that continues the requirement for landlords to provide tenants that are on assisted programs with a 90-day notice to move in order to allow sufficient time to complete the process.

19. Oppose proposals that substitute Proposition 1C (Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006) bond funding for existing housing and infrastructure resources.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

6. JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

6.1 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 (CLEAR) Program.

5. Support legislation to provide funding for crime prevention/intervention and enforcement in public housing.

6. 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.

7. Support legislation that maintains the authority of the courts to contract with court assistance programs to provide monitoring and administrative support of traffic violator schools as described in the California Vehicle Code.
8. 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.

9. Support proposals to maintain and enhance State funding for training under the Standards and Training for Corrections Program to support mandatory training for Sheriff and Probation Department personnel, as well as additional training to increase efficiency, effectiveness, and the personal safety of these employees.

10. Support proposals to prohibit the intentional feeding of select wild animals that present a threat to public safety.

11. Oppose legislation that would limit the court assistance program authority and funding of non-profit agencies that administer and monitor traffic violator schools and home study traffic schools on behalf of the Superior Court.

12. Support legislation to enable law enforcement to implement vehicular forfeiture ordinances related to racing, rallying and exhibitionist driving on local roads, streets, and highways.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Support legislation or proposals which reduce the time State prisoners remain in the County jail once sentenced to prison.

17. 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.

18. Support legislation to clarify the authority of law enforcement agencies to request information from a service provider on the location of a phone, cell phone, pager or other telecommunication device proximate to the commission of a crime affecting the life, health, or safety of a victim.

19. Support legislation to extend the sunset date for the definition of the crime grand theft of cargo goods.

20. 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.

21. Support legislation to allow the County to charge full civil process serving costs.

22. 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.

23. Support legislation to eliminate the sunset date on a surcharge on basic vehicle registration fees imposed at local option to fund local vehicle theft prevention programs. Additionally, this proposal would support legislation to increase the surcharge from the current $1 per vehicle to $2 per vehicle.

24. Oppose proposals that would reduce or remove limits on criminal gang injunctions.

25. 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.

26. Support proposals to provide funding for information technology initiatives that assist criminal justice agencies to integrate, upgrade and maintain justice information systems.

27. Support proposals to amend the criteria for Non-Revocable Parole status to disqualify individuals with known membership in a street gang.

6.2 Proposition 36

1. Support State funding, without supplantation of existing resources, to ensure that nonviolent drug offenders have full access to a full continuum of drug addiction treatment and recovery support services, including drug testing, as a means of reducing re-arrests for drug-related crimes.

2. Support permanent and full State funding for Proposition 36 (i.e. Substance Abuse Treatment Trust Fund) and ensure funding allocations meet caseload growth.

3. Support the prohibition against using Proposition 36 funding for drug treatment programs offered in a prison or jail facility, excluding those drug treatment services provided to defendants who are a part of an electronic monitoring system program.

4. Support proposals to reform and strengthen Proposition 36 through the use of frequent drug testing, graduated short-term sanctions and incarceration, in-custody treatment services, and close monitoring of defendants if such jail-based treatment programs are part of an overall system of graduated, short-term therapeutic sanctions supervised by the Courts and provided in a dedicated treatment unit of a county jail.

5. Oppose legislation that expands eligibility for Proposition 36 unless additional funding is provided to fully fund increased program costs.

6. Support additional funding for the Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program to enable counties to improve their Proposition 36 treatment outcomes.

6.3 Trial Court Funding

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 mental health courts, drug courts and/or courts addressing the needs of persons with co-occurring disorders.

6.4 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.

6.5 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.

6.6 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, 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 ensure timely weed hazard abatement through use of most effective methods to eliminate fire risks.

6.7 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 transitional housing programs for delinquent youth.

3. Support measures that expand truancy programs.

4. 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.

5. Support measures that provide funding for the construction, renovation, rehabilitation and operation of juvenile justice facilities.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Support proposals to provide funding for information technology initiatives that assist juvenile justice agencies to integrate, upgrade and maintain justice systems.

9. 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.

10. Support proposals to provide full funding of the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act.

11. Support legislation to extend Kin-Gap benefits to Probation youth.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Support legislation to provide or enhance the County's flexibility to deliver education 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.

15. Support legislation to enable the Probation Department to operate independent charter schools at probation camps and halls.

16. 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.

17. Support proposals to provide full funding, adjusted for inflation, for the Youth Offender Block Grant.

18. Support legislation to clarify a chief probation officer's authority to consent to medical examinations and non-emergency medical care for youth detained in county juvenile facilities.

6.8 Probation

1. Support funding for the Developing Increased Safety through Arms Recovery Management (DISARM) 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 sex offenders and 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 persons accountable for the costs of probation services based on their ability to pay, and authorize collection by the Department of Corrections of court-ordered financial obligations payable to counties and county agencies from State prisoners and parolees.

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 probationers to the full extent authorized by Federal law, while ensuring adequate due process protections.

10. Support funding for adult probation programs to reduce recidivism in the local and State criminal justice system.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Support legislation to require the State to provide full funding for the treatment and programming needs of its parolees in the community.

14. Support legislation specifically authorizing day reporting centers for probationers designed to increase supervision of probationers to ensure they receive appropriate types of program services and treatment.

15. Support proposals to authorize the creation and operation of multi-disciplinary teams to share case information related to an adult probationer that is deemed appropriate to determine the proper treatment, supervision and disposition of that person.

16. 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.

6.9 Disaster Preparedness

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 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 mental 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, 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.

7. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT/MANDATE RELIEF

1. Support legislation to set a date certain for the payment of deferred SB 90 reimbursements so that local governments will be able to borrow against them.

2. Seek SB 90 reimbursement for special education-mental health mandates from increased Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds received by the State or under Proposition 98.

3. Support proposals to amend the California Government Code to eliminate the exclusion of SB 90 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 and subsequent actions providing Maintenance of Effort relief.

7. Oppose any measure to earmark or otherwise encumber the discretionary revenues available to counties as a result of AB 233 (Escutia) and subsequent actions providing MOE relief.

8. Support proposals to allow counties to apply for maintenance-of-effort relief when facility costs are included in the MOE base and remain an ongoing County responsibility.

8. MENTAL HEALTH

1. Support legislation to establish coverage parity for mental health care and substance abuse disorders on par 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 assist and protect the mentally ill, and increase funding for services mandated by the Act.

3. Support proposals to develop and implement State technical assistance and training programs to maximize the reduction in the use of seclusion and behavioral restraints in mental health facilities.

4. Support proposals to fully fund outpatient treatment services for all individuals who may be either involuntarily committed or seek voluntary treatment.

5. Support legislation to fully fund mental health services for children including 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 expansion of the Healthy Families Program to include parent.

7. Support proposals to restore Healthy Families mental health benefits to encourage the provision of full-scope mental health services by public agencies.

8. Support legislation 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.

9. Support proposals to increase funding for specialized mental health training to law enforcement personnel, probation officers, and health care practitioners.

10. Support proposals to increase funding for prevention, diversion, housing, and intervention services for mentally ill adults and delinquent and/or emotionally disturbed minors to divert them from the criminal justice system.

11. Support proposals that require managed care plans to contract with, and/or reimburse, counties for crisis mental health services provided to managed care beneficiaries at the full cost of providing the service.

12. Support full and timely funding of Federally-mandated mental health services for special education students under the AB 3632 Program, and support restructuring of the program to transfer responsibility from counties to school districts.

13. Support proposal 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.

14. Support proposals that enhance increased treatment for the mentally ill homeless individuals, families, and children.

15. Support legislation to provide funding for mental health and substance abuse treatment for locally incarcerated juveniles and adults.

16. Support legislation to fully fund a complete continuum of mental health services, facility placements or housing options, and define a transition and linkage process for parolees released to the community including those on nonrevocable parole status.

17. Support proposals to provide full reimbursement of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) and SB 90 claims within 90 days of the County's submission of a claim for mental health services.

18. 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.

19. 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 primarily poor and medically uninsured patients and patients in difficult-to-reach areas.

20. Support efforts to provide cultural and linguistic competence standards for all mental health programs in order to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate care.

21. Support proposals to increase the utilization of mental health services in ethnic communities through the development of culturally appropriate outreach messaging and marketing campaigns.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. Support proposals that increase 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.

8.1 Residential Facility Safety

1. Support legislation to establish adequate and equitable care and supervision payment rates for private, residential care facilities that serve persons with psychiatric disabilities.

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.

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 in light of the 1.5 percent local sales tax 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 law suits.

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 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-or-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 redevelopment agencies, 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 proposals to improve tax compliance related to non-reporting of corporate ownership transfers, including those properties that typically transfer without a recorded deed.

25. 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.

26. 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.

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 Food Stamp Employment and Training funding and require the State to fully fund the non-Federal match.

10. Support efforts to maximize Federal funding for Medicaid, Food Stamps, child welfare services, child support, and child care.

11. Support options to simplify the administration of public assistance programs such as CalWORKs, Medi-Cal and Food Stamps, 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 to cover new Federal mandates for data collection, verification, reporting, and fraud detection systems, while maintaining priority for previously approved automated systems such as the County's LEADER project.

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 ongoing procurement, development, maintenance activities, and hardware replacement for the County's LEADER system.

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, Food Stamps, 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 (EBT) cards within California.

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 limited 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 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 the full funding of CalWORKs Performance Incentives.

6. 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.

7. 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 TANF benefits, and food stamp applicants/recipients.

8. 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.

9. Support a statewide safety net for families in which a member may be disqualified from receiving TANF benefits due to drug-related convictions, if that family member has successfully completed a qualified drug rehabilitation program and remains drug free.

10. Support efforts to fund and maintain the statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) for the CalWORKs and General Relief programs.

11. Support legislation that excludes special military pay when determining CalWORKs eligibility for families of deployed members of the armed services.

12. Support proposals that reduce barriers and increase the participation of pregnant or parenting teens in the Cal-Learn Program.

13. Support proposals that simplify the CalWORKs Child Care Program to increase access and eliminate child care as a barrier to welfare-to-work activities and employment.

14. Support proposals that would provide a limited State-funded Food Stamp grant to families receiving Food Stamps only where a parent or relative caregiver is working a sufficient number of hours to meet the Federal TANF work participation rate.

15. Support proposals that would allocate new State funds for counties to conduct approved Food Stamp outreach activities.

16. 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.

17. Support proposals to exclude Cal-Learn youth from the base calculation of the Federal work participation rate.

18. Support proposals to require that non-exempt CalWORKs adults attend the Welfare-to-Work Appraisal appointment as a condition of initial adult eligibility for cash assistance.

19. 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.

20. Support proposals to modify asset and/or income eligibility limits for the CalWORKs and the Food Stamps Programs to assist families and individuals impacted by the recession who would otherwise not qualify for these programs.

10.3 Workforce Investment Act

1. Support the equitable pass-through of the maximum amount of Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds to workforce investment boards that administer the program at the local level, without additional requirements on the use of funds.

2. Support proposals to allow consultations between local officials during revision of the Federal-mandated five-year strategic plan, especially with respect to local performance measures.

3. Support establishment of performance levels for all target populations (adult, dislocated workers and youth) that are reasonable and do not penalize local areas with high unemployment rates and disproportionate numbers of hard-to-employ persons, or which target employment and training services at the hard-to-employ.

4. Support the use of all of the Governor's WIA set-aside dollars (15 percent discretionary funds) to provide workforce investment services in the State of California, and to provide employment and training services for evacuees of natural disasters who relocate to California.

10.4 Citizenship and Legalization Assistance

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.

10.5 Domestic Violence

1. Support proposals to increase funding for services to domestic violence victims and their children, including increased funding for outreach, case management and legal services, 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, and counseling.

4. Support legislation to foster coordination and collaboration between the various agencies providing domestic violence services.

5. Support legislation to provide additional funding for transitional shelters for victims of domestic violence.

10.6 In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

1. Support legislation to reestablish an 80 percent funding formula for State participation in 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 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.

3. Support proposals to improve program integrity and prevent fraud in the IHSS Program.

4. Support proposals to increase IHSS funding with emphasis on respite care and the establishment of community-based, long-term care programs.

5. 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.

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 and to meet new State mandates to the programs and associated increases in APS client caseloads.

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 that promote the coordination of services such as Older Americans Act Programs, IHSS, Adult Day Health Care Services, Caregiver Resource Centers, 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.

10.8 Community Services Block Grant Funding

1. Support proposals to equitably allocate Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding based on the 2000 Census, or a need-based formula, and oppose the use of CSBG grant funds to supplant existing funding of local programs.

10.9 Veterans

1. Support proposals to increase efforts to reduce homelessness for veterans and their families, increase affordable housing, mental health services, training, placement and employment opportunities, and provide other essential assistance to those who have honorably served in our armed forces.

10.10 Service Delivery

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

10.11 Homelessness

1. Support proposals which increase funding for homeless assistance programs, including supportive housing, supportive services, and emergency services, increase local flexibility over the use of homeless assistance funds, simplify and reduce administrative requirements, and more equitably distribute funds based on relative need.

2. Support proposals which provide additional resources for meeting the housing and related supportive service needs of special populations, including elderly, disabled, and mentally ill persons.

3. Support creation and funding of a State plan to end homelessness, and the reconvening of a State-level Interagency Council on Homelessness comprised of representatives from all State cabinet departments responsible for programs or activities that affect homeless persons and the agencies that serve them.

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 not homeless 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.

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 (HOV) 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 projects such as crosswalks, lighting, bicycle lanes, and traffic controls that safely promote the use of self-powered modes of 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 proposals that protect revenues received from the sales taxes on gasoline under Proposition 42 to ensure that these funds are used to fund transportation improvements.

8. Support legislation that further restricts the borrowing of revenues received by the County from the excise tax on gasoline and diesel.

9. Support legislation that extends the period of time to expend Proposition 1B transportation funds if the State defers Proposition 42 and/or Highway Users Tax Administration funds due to local governments.

10. Support proposals to redirect Federal minimum guarantee funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program to the Regional Surface Transportation Program.

11. Support legislation to reduce the vote requirement for enacting a county-wide sales or gas tax transportation measure.

12. Oppose legislation to relinquish State highways to local agencies without the State first restoring them to good repair.

13. Oppose legislation that would reduce the ability of local and regional transportation agencies to prioritize transportation projects with the State.

14. Support legislation allowing the use of automated enforcement systems to enforce speed limits on local streets and school zones.

15. Support rail safety legislation that is designed to prevent accidents and increase California's control over rail safety.

16. Oppose legislation and/or proposals that allow large combination vehicles (LCVs), such as triple trailer trucks to operate in California or attempts to increase the size or weight of combination vehicles.

17. Support the inclusion of funding for grade separations and local road improvement projects in any proposed statewide infrastructure bond measure.

18. Support a statewide infrastructure repair and expansion program that includes substantial funding for urban mass transit priorities in Los Angeles County and throughout California. .

19. Support legislation to fund the inland port in the Antelope Valley.

20. 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.

21. Support proposals for a five-cent increase in the gasoline tax as an alternative to the State taking local government gasoline tax revenues as long as: 1) the increase expires within two years; and 2) the State distributes any additional revenue beyond

what is needed to pay State transportation bond debt service according to the normal formula of 50 percent to the State and 50 percent to counties and cities (25 percent each).

22. Oppose legislation that erodes the County Road Commissioner's current authority to carry out work.

12. UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

12.1 Energy

1. Support proposals to expand electric generation and supply in California, including a waiver of air quality emission standards when electricity supply is critically low.

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 to public agencies to encourage reduced consumption, develop alternative energy sources, and shift usage to non-peak hours.

4. Support proposals to provide funding for a grant program to encourage electric, and solar retrofitting of public and private buildings.

5. Support proposals to give authority for local governments that produce power to serve their own facilities utilizing the transmission and distribution lines of public or investor-owned utilities.

6. Support direct access legislation that would provide customers, such as the County, with a choice of retail electricity suppliers.

7. Support legislation that allows local government to purchase or generate and deliver electricity for its facilities independent of community choice aggregation plans.

8. 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.

9. Support proposals to assist low-income and elderly households with energy assistance, such as payment subsidies, conservation education, weatherization, and energy efficiency improvements.

10. Support proposals that would increase access to funding under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in Los Angeles County.

11. Support proposals which ensure that local government is offered fair and economical pricing of energy by public generators.

12. 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.

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.

12.3 Construction Contracts

1. Support legislation that authorizes the Board of Supervisors to delegate the approval of change orders to the Director of Public Works for infrastructure construction contracts, including roads, bridges, flood control, and waterworks projects, and modify the maximum change order contract amount delegated to the Director 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.

3. Support legislation to preserve and improve the County's ability to solicit and manage construction contracts.

4. Support legislation to preserve and improve the County's ability to solicit and manage job order contracts.