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Dear Supervisors:

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

#### **SUBJECT**

This letter includes recommended changes to the County's Federal Legislative Agenda for the 118th Congress (2023-24 Federal Legislative Session), which were developed in coordination with the Board of Supervisors' (Board) offices and County departments. It also presents the 2023 federal legislative outlook, based on available information at this time; and outlines the County's major federal legislative priorities that will be pursued based on this outlook. Unless otherwise directed by the Board, the County's advocacy efforts on these priorities and other legislation affecting the County will be pursued, consistent with Board-adopted legislative policies.

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

1. Approve the attached additions, deletions, and changes to existing Board-adopted policies and positions for inclusion in the 2023-24 Federal Legislative Agenda (Attachment).
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer, the County's Washington, D.C. Legislative Representatives, and affected departments to work with the Administration, Congress, Los Angeles County Delegation, federal agencies, other counties and local governments, and interest groups to pursue the County's federal legislative priorities and positions.

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

The recommended changes to the Federal Legislative Agenda seek to maximize federal support and revenue for County-provided services, increase the County's flexibility to serve and protect its residents, minimize the adverse impact of federal policies on the County, and promote the well-being of the State and County.

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

The recommended changes in the attachment represent requests from this office, County departments, and Board offices to add or modify policy statements consistent with existing operational goals and plans. Significant updates to the County's Federal Legislative Agenda are made every other year, before the start of the two-year Congressional session.

New policy statements represent emerging priority programs and issues for which we are seeking the Board's approval to guide future advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C. In addition, some policies are no longer applicable because they no longer fit with the County's current policies and priorities, and, therefore, are recommended to be removed.

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

## **LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK**

The first Session of the 118th Congress is scheduled to begin on January 3, 2023, with the swearing in of new Congressional members. The agenda of the new Congress is expected to be materially different than the last one due to the mid-term elections, multi-year federal deficits, increasing federal debts, and persistent inflation. Concern over federal spending and the deficit is expected to move to the forefront with greater attention paid to the cost of entitlements and social spending.

Following the mid-term elections, as of November 14, 2022, there are 212 Republican members and 205 Democratic members elected for the U.S. House of Representatives, with 18 seats still uncalled.. In Los Angeles County, there is one less U.S. House of Representatives seat after California Congressional district maps were updated with new census data. As of November 14, 2022, the Democrats maintain their majority in the Senate with 50 Democrats and 49 Republicans, with a runoff election in Georgia for the one remaining seat. Although there was a 50-50 Senate in the last two years, the filibuster rule prevented a number of County-supported House bills from being considered in the Senate. Divided government most often has led to legislative gridlock but on occasion has led to consequential bipartisan fiscal legislation.

In 2022, two major pieces of legislation of interest to the County were signed into law: H.R. 5376, the Inflation Reduction Act (Public Law 117-169) and S. 2938, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (Public Law 117-159). The Inflation Reduction Act provides \$433 billion to address energy and climate change, extends Affordable Care Act subsidies for three years, and authorizes Medicare to negotiate the price of certain prescription drugs. To help raise revenue, the legislation establishes a 15 percent corporate minimum tax rate and increases funding for the Internal Revenue Service's tax enforcement.

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act authorizes \$750 million for implementing "red flag" laws,

provides protections for victims of domestic violence, strengthens the review of mental health records for firearm buyers under 21 years of age, provides \$250 million in funding for community-based violence prevention initiatives, provides \$150 million for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline/9-8-8, and includes other significant investments in mental health services.

Additionally, President Biden signed H.R. 6833, the Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2023, which provides continuous appropriations to keep the federal government operating through December 16, 2022. Congress reconvened on November 14, 2022, after the mid-term elections, and will have slightly over a month to pass a Federal Fiscal Year 2023 omnibus appropriations package or another continuing resolution to keep the federal government operational. Community Project funding or Congressionally Directed Spending (also known as earmarks) will also be considered as part of the appropriations process, including several requests put forward by the County.

There are numerous policy and funding issues that may re-surface in the 2023 Congressional session including rising inflation and gas prices, supply chain issues, and additional COVID-19 and public health aid. In addition, it is forecast that the federal debt ceiling will be breached by mid-2023 if it is not extended before then. The debt ceiling increase often has been used as leverage to change fiscal policies designed to reduce federal spending and Congressional Republicans already are signaling that will be the case again. The President and Congressional Democrats, however, insist that they will not negotiate over raising the debt ceiling and thus risk the full faith and credit assurances accompanying federal debt issuance.

## COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2023

As described below, unless otherwise directed by the Board, Los Angeles County's advocacy efforts in 2023 will primarily concentrate on: affordable housing and homeless services; child welfare; digital divide; environment and sustainability; health, public health and mental health; human services entitlement programs; infrastructure investments; justice reform; and support for immigrant residents and their families.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESS SERVICES

Through its ability to leverage federal, State, and local funds, the County prides itself in sponsoring new solutions, and partnering with private and public agencies to increase the availability of affordable housing and preserve existing affordable housing for residents. The Los Angeles County Development Authority has helped low-income households retain housing through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, veterans with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers, and homeless families with Emergency Housing Vouchers.

The County will support additional investments in federal housing programs and administrative flexibility to effectively manage programs that offer housing assistance to residents with limited means, including: 1) increased funding to provide housing subsidies to eligible low-income families residing in the unincorporated areas and partnering cities throughout the County through its Section 8 HCV Program and Public Housing Agency (PHA); 2) waivers of statutory and regulatory restrictions in housing and voucher programs, including by increasing the statutory cap on project-based rental assistance to allow the County to continue providing affordable housing to residents who would otherwise face barriers in finding suitable housing in the private market; 3) full funding for the maintenance, operation, and preservation of the County's public housing resources including the Capital Fund and Operating Fund; 4) increased funding for the Community Development Block Grant

Program to allow the County and partner cities to provide affordable housing, rental assistance, and economic opportunities for residents; 5) increased funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program to maintain and expand existing efforts to provide safe and affordable housing opportunities; and 6) greater administrative fees for the Section 8 HCV Program to high-performing PHAs that are prioritizing housing homeless and special needs populations.

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

The County is supportive of federal proposals that increase: 1) rental subsidies and support services to match new housing units local jurisdictions are bringing on-line with federal, State and local capital funding; 2) funding for emergency housing acquisition to assist local jurisdictions with purchasing motels and other underutilized properties to convert into housing; 3) re-entry vouchers and services; 4) subsidized employment and training targeted to homeless individuals and families; 5) mental health and other supportive services critical to helping people experiencing homelessness secure and maintain housing; and 6) rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services through the HUD-VASH program.

## CHILD WELFARE

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services is one of the largest county governed child protective services agencies in the United States that provides family-centered and child-focused services to nearly 29,000 children and their families. To promote the safety and well-being of children, the County is investing in resources that prevent entry into the child welfare system. The County has prioritized investments to improve placement stability, strengthen families, enable vulnerable youth to transition to self-sufficiently and adulthood, and increase permanency for children in foster care. Congress has enacted numerous legislative reforms intended to improve the care and services provided to foster children and support at-risk families. However, further action is needed to provide sufficient resources and flexibility to support foster care services and prevention programs.

The County will continue to support proposals that: 1) invest in upfront and various prevention programs; 2) provide reforms to expand client eligibility for federal funding, such as the elimination of the 1996 look-back provision and modification of Extended Foster Care eligibility and redetermination requirements; 3) support counties with the successful implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act, including exempting Qualified Residential Treatment Programs from the institutions for mental disease (IMD) exclusion; 4) invest in critical services to improve outcomes for vulnerable children, youth, and families; 5) effectively respond to the increased risk of abuse and neglect in communities as a result of local, state, and national emergencies; 6) enact administrative, regulatory or legislative action to ensure that all children and youth in foster care are provided with a Social Security card; and 7) reauthorize programs under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, that would expand and increase Federal IV-B funding for primary prevention efforts and build capacity to serve vulnerable youth and families.

## DIGITAL DIVIDE

Access to high-speed broadband internet and related resources is an essential means to access education, health services, economic resources, and employment opportunities. In the County, areas where more than 20 percent of households lack broadband service are largely the same areas where the household income is less than \$50,000 a year, and where people of color are more likely to be the majority of residents. The County will continue to support federal legislation and regulations that would provide funding for the development and expansion of broadband infrastructure and reliable, affordable networks to bridge the digital divide, provide connectivity and services, increase access to high-speed internet to benefit as many households as possible, and ensure digital inclusion, particularly in underserved communities.

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

## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Environmental hazards compounded by the impacts of climate change continue to affect vital infrastructure and the daily lives of the residents of the County. The County supports policies and investments that transform the energy, water, food, and transportation systems; help overcome past inequities that have resulted in disproportionate pollution burdens and health outcomes for communities of color; help local businesses, organizations, and residents in disadvantaged communities adapt to climate change; and advance racial and gender equity.

To address these environmental issues and make this a sustainable region, the County will support proposals that promote clean energy infrastructure, advance environmental justice, and invest in climate resiliency. This includes new funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) and the Inflation Reduction Act (Public Law No: 117-169). The County will support federal proposals that would: 1) further decrease greenhouse gas emissions; 2) develop infrastructure (e.g., organic waste processing capacity) and community-scale programs (e.g., resilience hubs, extreme heat risk communication strategies), as well as provide funding to address imminent health risks; 3) increase local water supply and improve water quality, as well as support sustainable water infrastructure overall; 4) enhance the electric grid infrastructure and expand community-based solar and storage projects; 5) support efforts to properly abandon orphaned oil wells and conduct site remediation when no responsible party can be identified; 6) strengthen regional food supply chains by increasing climate mitigation and resilience in agriculture, as well as improve urban access to fresh local foods; and 7) promote climate resiliency and provide sufficient funding to encourage and incentivize production methods and technologies that advance clean manufacturing, create greenhouse gas reducing jobs, and eliminate motor vehicle emissions.

## HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND MENTAL HEALTH

As the County's health systems continue to respond and adapt to the COVID-19 and monkeypox crises, enhanced Medicaid and other federal funding are critical for protecting the safety net and the most vulnerable residents. The County will continue to support proposals at the federal level that:

1) provide additional resources and flexibility to use federal funds for current public health emergencies, such as COVID-19 and monkeypox response efforts; 2) enhance funding for safety net hospitals; 3) increase sustained and flexible funding for public health and hospital infrastructures to serve disadvantaged communities; 4) repeal or ease the Medicaid IMD Exclusion; 5) maintain Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage for Medicaid services for incarcerated populations during the pre-trial period and prior to release; 6) expand or make permanent enhancements to Medicaid and other public healthcare access programs that expand healthcare coverage; 7) increase funding, remove barriers, and enhance policies for health promotion and infectious disease prevention and control, including, but not limited to, sexually transmitted infections and the substance use and overdose epidemics; 8) increase funding and enhance policies to address mental health services, including parity for mental health coverage, crisis intervention, and the shortage of behavioral health providers; and 9) help recruit and retain workforce for the County's health care systems.

## HUMAN SERVICES ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

Recent global and national crises and their economic effects have made it more difficult for many low-income households, many of which are disproportionately low-income communities, Indigenous communities, and communities of color, to afford food and other basic needs. Since March 2020, states and local governments have been using the temporary Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative and programmatic flexibilities pursuant to federal law, to provide extended and expanded benefits. However, these provisions are temporary, and some have expired. Given continued economic pressures, it is important that the federal government continue to extend these vital administrative flexibilities and program enhancements which allow states and local governments to continue providing SNAP benefits in the most effective and equitable manner.

The County will continue to support preserving or increasing federal funding for human services entitlement programs which assist low-income individuals and families. In addition, the County will continue to support proposals that extend and preserve SNAP administrative flexibilities and program enhancements that: 1) make it easier for college students to be eligible for SNAP benefits; 2) eliminate certification periods for households; 3) utilize periodic report procedures instead of the more convoluted recertification process; and 4) waive the initial certification and recertification interviews. Furthermore, the County will continue to support proposals that: 1) reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant and increase funding for the program, which has been maintained at the same level since its enactment in 1996; 2) continue the Advance Child Tax Credit, which helps needy families afford basic needs, including food, housing, and childcare; and 3) exclude cash aid from publicly funded guaranteed income programs from the income calculation of public assistance programs, such as TANF and SNAP to help reduce food insecurity, income inequality, and deep poverty.

## INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Additional investment and legislative actions from federal partners would greatly assist the County to meet its larger regional infrastructure goals. The County will continue to support advancing infrastructure investments, including new funding that was made available by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) and the Inflation Reduction Act (Public Law No: 117-169). The County will advocate for projects that support cities, counties, and the State in improving and maintaining vital public infrastructure in the greater Los Angeles region. The County is committed to making its communities more climate resilient, modernizing its infrastructure systems, helping local businesses to partner with community-based organizations to advance environmental justice and economic opportunity for disadvantaged communities, and accelerating racial and gender equity in the workforce. In addition, the County remains supportive of increased federal support to

improve the physical infrastructure in the greater Los Angeles region, including highways, bridges, dams, flood protection, water delivery and conservation systems, stormwater quality management, solid waste management facilities, airports, energy, electric-vehicle infrastructure, and public transit networks.

## JUSTICE REFORM

The County is committed to supporting meaningful reforms to federal, State, and local justice systems. The Board continues to support and make investments to transform the various facets of the justice system lifecycle by: enhancing law enforcement oversight and accountability, reforming arrest and pretrial detention practices, expanding alternatives to incarceration, improving the systems of care in and outside of jail settings, and providing support to the formerly incarcerated so they can transition back into society.

Therefore, the County will support federal proposals that advance nationwide, statewide, and local efforts to transform the youth and criminal legal systems, including proposals that would support its goals to: 1) divert adults and youth from incarceration and into rehabilitative, health-focused, and care-first systems; 2) mitigate racial and economic disparities in the youth and criminal legal systems; 3) strengthen national policing reform standards and address police misconduct; 4) increase funding and flexibility to use federal health benefits for the incarcerated population, including the mentally ill; 5) implement pretrial reforms with adequate funding for services; 6) support increased funding and eligibility for resources and support, including but not limited to, the areas of housing, mental health, substance use disorders, youth development, and employment and training for youth and adults impacted by the criminal legal system; and 7) support funding for legal representation for immigrants in removal proceedings.

## SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

To advance the well-being of immigrants and their families, the County is taking action to ensure that immigrants, from unaccompanied children and refugees to longtime County residents in removal proceedings, have the support and services they need to remain and thrive in the Los Angeles region. The Board has taken action to advance policies that ensure all residents, regardless of immigration status, are treated humanely, afforded due process protections, provided access to counsel and necessary services without fear of immigration consequences, and given the opportunity to secure permanent immigration status.

The County will continue to support federal proposals that would provide: 1) immigration reforms that offer lawful immigration status, and increased visa opportunities, including for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS) beneficiaries and others, such as humanitarian-based visa recipients; 2) access to basic public services and benefits, including pandemic relief regardless of immigration status; 3) an end to civil incarceration of noncitizens for immigration proceedings, and protection from inhumane detention conditions; 4) adequate funding for legal representation for indigent immigrants in immigration court proceedings; 5) support for reunification of families separated at the U.S. - Mexico border and support for unaccompanied children and their families; 6) lawful permanent status for Afghan and Ukrainian humanitarian arrivals; and 7) federal resources to address the backlog of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services cases in the region.

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

The proposed policies in the Federal Legislative Agenda are consistent with the County's Strategic

Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness and Fiscal Sustainability. Operational Effectiveness is achieved by providing timely advocacy on proposals that could significantly impact the County and support the delivery of efficient public services. The proposed policies will enable the County to proactively advocate for federal resources and revenue for the County, which will lead to greater fiscal sustainability.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

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

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

None.

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

None.

### **CONCLUSION**

The recommended additions, deletions, and changes to existing adopted policies are submitted for the Board's consideration as guiding principles for inclusion in the Federal Legislative Agenda for the 118th Congress (2023-24). This Office will ensure that all legislative positions pursued are communicated to the Board, and that Board offices are provided the opportunity for input on those positions prior to any initial advocacy.

The policies and proposals contained in this package are in addition to and are not intended to replace or be exclusive of, any position the Board may adopt at any time during the year. As in the past, the Federal Legislative Agenda will be updated to reflect any Board actions taken during the remainder of 2022 and will be shared with the Board and all County departments prior to the beginning of the second year of the 118th Congress (2023 Calendar Year).

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

12/6/2022

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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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# **2023-2024 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**DRAFT PROPOSED CHANGES**

**As of 11-14-22**

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

**2023-2024 FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL SESSION**

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## **GENERAL FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES**

6. [Support proposals that provide investments to support local and state government efforts to redress past policies and practices that created and perpetuated racial harm.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative (ARDI) recommends policy to support a broad range of investments across government, from land use, housing, and transportation policy, to education, social services, and community development to address and repair the harm caused by policies that fostered or held in place unjust impacts and burdens among Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities and residents. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative.**

8. [Support proposals that combat misinformation and disinformation, including elections and voting, immigration, consumer protection, and/or public health.](#)

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

## **COUNTY FUNDING PRIORITIES IN APPROPRIATIONS BILLS**

### **1. Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill**

2. Justice/Law Enforcement Activities: Support increased funding for justice and law enforcement activities, such as more asylum judges, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, human trafficking, anti-gang, prisoner reentry, prosecutions, prevention, forensic science, student loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, and activities addressing special populations, such as juveniles, mentally ill, and homeless persons [and increased funding for community-based violence prevention and intervention programs, victims assistance programs, and community healing services.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. The public safety narrative is shifting to more community-driven approaches in Los Angeles (LA) County, California, and nationwide, as these evidence-based practices reduce the burden on law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Office of Violence Prevention. Concurrence received from the District Attorney's Office.**

### **2. Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill**

10. [COVID-19 Relief Funding: Support proposals to provide additional COVID-19 relief funding, to help continue critical COVID-19 efforts, and to ensure the necessary ongoing funding for the extent of the emergency that maintains critical State and local relief efforts.](#)

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

11. Support increased funding for public health activities, such as bioterrorism, early detection and prevention of disease surveillance, contact tracing, immunizations, tuberculosis, maternal and child health, family planning, sexually transmitted disease, childhood lead poisoning, violence and injury prevention programs, firearm injury and mortality prevention research, food safety, chronic disease

programs and initiatives that improve health equity and social determinants of health, [including the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health program \(REACH\)](#), for disproportionately burdened communities.

**Justification:** Revised policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals to increase funding to REACH, a federal program designed to facilitate recipients to plan and carry out local, culturally appropriate programs to address a wide range of health issues among Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, American Indian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and Alaska Native persons. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Health.**

## **GENERAL FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE POLICIES**

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

#### **1.1 Children and Family Services**

*Support proposals which would expand Title IV-E eligibility to ~~more abused and neglected~~ [a greater number of children and families](#), including the modification, [phase down](#) or elimination of the look-back provision that links eligibility for ~~the~~ Federal Foster Care [reimbursement program](#) to the 1996 Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) income standard.*

**Justification:** Revised policy. The existing policy was updated to reflect current trends and broaden the policy in anticipation of proposals that may be introduced in the upcoming Congressional session. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs. Concurrence received from the Department of Children and Family Services.**

#### 20. [Support proposals that provide more federal funding to increase affordable child-care options.](#)

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

#### 21. [Support proposals to develop a national system of income supplementation to provide a basic floor of economic and social security for all, including strategies such as universal basic income or guaranteed income.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals that address economic inequality and provide economic security through monthly direct cash transfers to every member of a community with no means testing. Such proposals create a basic income floor for everyone, regardless of income and employment status. Other examples include proposals that establish or implementation of a negative income tax which returns money to the poor so that they cover their basic needs. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

22. [Support proposals that improve access to Social Security cards for foster youth.](#)

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

23. [Support proposals that increase federal and state support available for foster and probation youth up to age 26.](#)

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

24. [Support proposals to provide states with increased financial incentives to pass through child support arrearages to children who receive welfare benefits.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. According to the Child Support Services Department (CSSD), this policy would allow the County to support proposals that address and reflect recent data trends.  
**Recommended by the Child Support Services Department.**

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

### **2.1. Air, Water and Resources**

2. Support proposals and funding for research and development of technologies to improve water quality, including relating to brackish water, chromium 6, [Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances \(PFAS\)](#), perchlorate, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), arsenic, radon, and disinfection byproducts.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience) and Strategy 2C (Create an integrated and resilient water system) of the County's Board-adopted "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Works.**

22. Support the authorization and reforms of the National Flood Insurance Program with provisions, such as risk-based flood insurance, mapping of flood hazards based on actual flood risk, [accounting for projected flood risk based on climate change impacts, grant assistance for communities' flood hazard area mapping activities under programs such as Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)'s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Hazard Mitigation grant programs to map flood areas with greater accuracy](#), affordable flood insurance for residents and businesses in the County, [extending to local communities' floodplain managers access to the FEMA Risk Rating 2.0 insurance premium calculation engine](#), disclosure to buyers of properties' repetitive loss status with FEMA and any federal obligation to maintain flood insurance on properties as a condition of receiving federal disaster assistance or hazard mitigation grants, require FEMA to update annually its lists of repetitive loss properties and properties that have received federal disaster assistance or grants, and oppose proposals which would significantly increase flood insurance premiums or impose costly new flood insurance requirements on property owners and communities in the County.

**Justification:** Revised policy. There are many special flood hazard areas mapped by the FEMA in Los Angeles County unincorporated areas that only approximate the extent of the flood hazard and do not define Base Flood Elevations. This makes regulation of activities in these flood hazard areas very difficult, particularly when precipitation rates are intensifying due to climate change impacts. Many of these approximate special flood hazard areas are located outside the boundaries of the

Los Angeles County Flood Control District, so mapping flood hazards more accurately is not eligible for District funding, and there are no alternative sources of County funding. Mapping is not eligible for FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) or Hazard Mitigation (HM) grant programs. federal grants to local communities for more accurate mapping would improve flood resilience in the communities, including unincorporated LA County.

In evaluating BRIC and HM grant applications, FEMA looks for projects that maximize benefits for the project cost. Cost savings from lower insurance rates resulting from a proposed project would be a significant factor in the calculation of benefits. However, with its Risk Rating 2.0 regime, the National Flood Insurance Program flood insurance premiums are calculated using an "engine" that utilizes numerous factors. FEMA grants access to the calculation engine to insurance agents, but not to local communities' floodplain managers, making it very difficult for communities to provide the accurate assessment of their projects' benefits that FEMA grant applications require. Floodplain managers' access to the Risk Rating 2.0 "engine" would enable more communities, including LA County, to be more competitive in applying for FEMA grants for flood mitigation projects.

**Recommended by the Department of Public Works and the Chief Sustainability Office.**

30. Support proposals that [increase funding for initiatives that advance environmentally responsible and climate-resilient agricultural practices](#) that incentivize the practice of regenerative [urban](#) agriculture, [the use of clean-powered equipment](#), [increase technical conservation assistance for farmers](#), and the monitoring and/or reduction of agricultural activities' impact on the environment.

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

33. [Support proposals that expand environmental protections and/or infrastructure in communities disproportionately impacted by environmental burdens.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals that would: 1) Identify communities that face disproportionate health effects from pollution, tainted water, and inadequate infrastructure and those impacted by environmental racism resulting in conditions such as unequal exposure to pollutants associated with roadway and heavy truck traffic, oil drilling, drinking water contamination, and current or former heavily-industrial and other potential pollutants; and, 2) Employ strategies that stop the siting of polluting industries and transportation infrastructure in low-income, communities of color, including coordinating with the Environment Protection Agency to consider environmental justice in all of its regulatory decisions. Chief Sustainability Office further notes that the addition of this policy is consistent with Goal 2 (Buildings and Infrastructure that support human health and resilience) in the Board-adopted Our County Sustainability Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrences received from the Chief Sustainability Office and the Department of Public Works.**

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

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 of the Board-adopted "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to create a sustainable and just food system. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief

Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Food Equity Roundtable. Concurrences received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

35. [Support proposals that preserve agricultural and working lands and limit their conversion to residential or other uses.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 3 (Equitable and sustainable land use and development without displacement) and Strategy 3A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to limit development in high climate-hazard areas. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Department of Regional Planning.**

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

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

### 3. [GENERAL GOVERNMENT](#)

#### [3.1. Arts, Culture and Libraries](#)

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

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

11. [Support proposals that further diversity, equity, inclusion, and access in the fields of arts and culture, and increasing cultural activities and funding for small and community-based nonprofit organizations based in underserved areas.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. In April 2017, the Los Angeles County Arts Commission released a report on the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative (CEII), an 18-month public process that led to the development of 13 recommendations to the Board to ensure that everyone in LA County has equitable access to arts and culture, and to improve inclusion in the wider arts ecology for all residents in every community. CEII responded to a Board resolution in November 2015 directing the LA County Arts Commission to conduct "a constructive Countywide conversation about ways to improve diversity in

cultural organizations” for all LA County residents, and focused on five key areas: staff, boards, audience, programming, and creators/artists. In June 2017, the Board approved a motion by Supervisors Solis and Kuehl to fund four of the 13 recommendations included in the CEII report. This new policy also aligns with the language in the State Legislative Agenda. **Recommended by the Department of Arts and Culture.**

12. [Support proposals that provide Federal funding to support the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County’s renovation and expansion of the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum site.](#)

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

13. [Support proposals that invest in Black arts and culture.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals to include funding to the National Endowment for the Arts and create targeted grant funding aimed to promote the ongoing documentation of Black history and promotion of Black culture in the United States. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Arts and Culture.**

14. [Support proposals that preserve cultural and historic sites that document the history of Black people in the United States.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals to include funding support, build, preserve, and restore cultural assets and sacred sites to ensure the recognition and honoring of our collective struggles and triumphs. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Arts and Culture.**

15. [Support legislative proposals and funding to implement a program that would allow families receiving public benefits such as TANF, SNAP, SSI, etc., free admission to participating museums, and national parks.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. California currently has the “Golden Bear” pass that allows families receiving CalWORKs and/or Supplemental Security Income access to California State Parks at no charge. We recommend that a program mimicking the “Golden Bear” pass also provides free admission to families receiving public benefits to museums and national parks throughout the United States. **Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services. Concurrences received from the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Public Works.**

16. [Support proposals and funding which would provide resources for climate resilience infrastructure and/or supportive services at public libraries.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place) and Strategy 1F of the County’s “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan. It is also consistent with the Board approved motion (August 6, 2019), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and federal funding to support the Plan. Additionally, this recommendation is consistent with Board-approved motions regarding strengthening climate and infrastructure equity and resilience. **Recommended by the Chief Sustainability Office.**

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

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

18. [Support proposals to establish a National Historical Park interpreting the life of Cesar E. Chavez and the Farm Worker Movement.](#)

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

### **3.3. Consumer Affairs**

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

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

10. [Support proposals that encourage competition and increase diversity among businesses in the food supply chain, including anti-trust regulation, to prevent price fixing and other potential harms to the County’s residents and workers.](#)

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

### **3.4. Federalism**

19. [Support proposals that would reduce racial inequities in the debt-to-income ratio, such as through targeted lending or hiring, debt forgiveness, or reparations.](#)

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

20. [Support proposals that reinstate the federal Advance Child Tax Credit.](#)

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

21. [Support proposals to hold Azerbaijan accountable for war crimes against the Armenian people.](#)

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

22. [Support proposals to support women’s rights and freedom abroad and oppose government-imposed internet restrictions.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Barger and Mitchell) approved by the Board on October 18, 2022. Technical change.

23. [Support proposals to establish a program to support Armenian Genocide Education.](#)

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

### **3.5. Racial Equity and Justice**

**Justification:** New section. The creation of this new section in the Legislative Agenda is consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative.**

1. [Support proposals to examine and document the impact of chattel slavery in the US and its harm to all diasporic descendants of enslaved people.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals to establish a United States Truth and Reconciliation Commission. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative.**

2. [Support proposals to implement Detailed Programs of Reparations for Black Americans.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals that will determine the form of reparations that should be awarded, how it should be awarded, who should be eligible for reparations, and the extent to which the multigenerational cost of federally backed discriminatory policies should be factored into reparation schema that include monetary compensation. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative.**

3. [Support proposals to repair Community-Level Harms of Racially Discriminatory Federal Policies.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals to provide compensatory redress to whole communities for past harms, such as urban renewal policies, redlining, and siting of federal highways, which divided communities, destroyed community assets and property, reduced community-wide wealth, embedded polluting industries and infrastructure, and displaced residents. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative.**

4. [Support proposals which seek to advance racial equity through measurable outcomes and establish a commission to examine and address the continuing impacts of slavery.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Hahn) approved by the Board on July 26, 2022. Technical change.

### **3.8. Waste Management and Superfund**

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

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

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

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

#### 4. HEALTH

##### 4.1 Children's Health Insurance Program

##### 4.2 Health, Mental Health, and Public Health

#### ~~11. Support proposals which would increase Federal reimbursement of the County's undocumented immigrant emergency medical costs.~~

**Justification:** Delete policy. The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs ( DCBA) indicates that this policy reads to them as supporting an anti- immigrant narrative that undocumented immigrants place financial burdens on taxpayers and burden our healthcare system. Meanwhile, the state of California has expanded the Medi-Cal program to all Californians over age 50 regardless of status, and Medi-Cal will be expanded to all Californians of any age in 2023. According to DCBA, the County is engaged in a Board-directed effort to encourage eligible County residents to enroll in full-scope Medi-Cal. DCBA reports that this effort will provide significant savings to the County in medical costs and enrolling all undocumented County residents would reduce/nearly eliminate the need for the County to seek federal reimbursement. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. Concurrence received from the Department of Health Services.**

#### 13. Support proposals and funding to enhance the nation's public health infrastructure and the capacity of local public hospitals, [public health departments](#), [mental behavioral](#) health departments, and [community-based organizations](#) to prepare for and respond to acts of terrorism, [mass shootings](#), [community violence](#), and other medical and public health emergencies.

**Justification:** Revised policy. ARDI reports that community-based organizations (CBOs) played an important role in BIPOC communities during the COVID-19 pandemic in providing public health services by acting as the bridge between the communities most impacted by health inequities and local governmental leaders, staff, and governmental public health. Through direct connections with local residents and youth, CBOs are well positioned to amplify community-driven priorities to pressing health inequities and implement solutions within BIPOC communities. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. Moreover, according to DPH - Office of Violence Prevention, violence prevention policies and funding should be under the purview of public health. Most violence prevention and intervention funding are currently housed within criminal justice systems as opposed to public health systems, in spite of the fact that a community-driven, public health approach is needed and recognized as a best practice. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative and the Department of Public Health - Office of Violence Prevention. Concurrences received from the Department of Health Services and Department of Mental Health.**

#### 14. Support proposals which provide increased funding for trauma care [and healing](#) services, [and interventions to reduce trauma-related injuries](#).

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

**the Department of Health Services and the Department of Mental Health.**

18. Support proposals which would expand or improve mental health and substance use disorder coverage, including medications for addiction treatment, under public and private health insurance programs, and which would fund and integrate mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and services as part of a continuum of services under substance use disorder, mental health, health, human services, and other public programs.

**Justification:** Revised policy. Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) refers to medications that treat substance use disorders. MAT has been clinically proven to reduce the overdose risk for individuals with opioid use disorder, and promotes recovery for people with opioid, alcohol, and tobacco use disorders. Research also shows that MAT can also reduce the risk of contracting HIV or Hepatitis C reducing the potential for relapse. Key federal bills supporting the availability of MAT include the MAT (HR 1384) and the Medication Access and Training Expansion Act of 2021, also known as MATE (HR 2067) Acts, the language of each is also included in HR 7666 – Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022. This LA County position also promotes Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services making the Opioid Treatment Program dosing flexibilities, currently permitted with the COVID-19 public health emergencies, permanent. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.**

24. Support proposals and funding which would increase the education, training, supply, recruitment, and retention of licensed, certified and registered workforce members including nurses, physicians, laboratory personnel, substance use disorder (SUD) counselors, midwives, doulas, health educators, community health workers, and other health professionals, especially for work in medically underserved areas.

**Justification:** Revised policy. Explicitly defining the behavioral health workforce as inclusive of licensed and non-licensed (registered and certified) SUD occupations ensures that the entire behavioral health workforce is included in all proposals to enhance funding and support for behavioral health workforce development, particularly in non-licensed-specific roles such as SUD counselors. In response to the urgent need to address the severe behavioral health workforce shortage, initiatives to develop and strengthen pathways into behavioral health careers have disproportionately focused on mental health occupations with licensures and college or master-level degrees. This implicitly overlooks a significant portion of the workforce, including SUD counselors, who are integral to prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery for individuals living with SUDs. Specifically, SUD counselors comprise approximately 80 percent of LA County's specialty SUD workforce whereas licensed clinicians (e.g., social workers, psychologists) only comprise the remaining 20 percent. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control and the Office of Violence Prevention. Concurrences received from the Department of Health Services and Department of Mental Health.**

25. Support proposals and increased funding for preventive health, public health, and mental health services, such as immunizations, early detection and diagnostic services, interconception and prenatal care, well-person care, nutrition, injury and violence prevention, tobacco cessation, and health/mental health education activities.

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

34. Support proposals to reduce or eliminate youth access to ~~all tobacco products~~ misused substances including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes, and other vaping devices, ~~by increasing the minimum legal age for purchase of these products to age 21-~~ including, among other things, banning menthol cigarettes and other flavored tobacco products.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed revision to this existing policy is intended to reference substance use beyond tobacco among youth populations. This policy also supports mandatory ID verification by third-party delivery services, the standardization of requirements with the Public Convenience or Necessity), supports approved ordinances to address nuisance grandfathered businesses, supports compliance with enforcement of Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) training and other proposals. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.**

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

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed revision to the existing policy is intended to align current state language as behavioral health to mean both SUD and mental health services. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control. Concurrence received from the Department of Mental Health.**

45. Support proposals that remove the Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases exclusion for states that have submitted a plan to increase access to outpatient and community-based behavioral health care, increase availability of crisis stabilization services, and improve data sharing and coordination between physical health, mental health and ~~addiction~~ substance use disorder treatment providers and first-responders.

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

47. [Support proposals to end discriminatory blood donor policies that prevent gay and bisexual men from becoming blood donors.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Hahn and Kuehl) approved by the Board on February 8, 2022. Technical change.

48. [Support proposals to increase the supply and manufacturing of the monkeypox vaccine; to establish standard billing codes and sustainable reimbursement levels for monkeypox testing, vaccine administration and treatment; and funding to reimburse monkeypox testing, vaccine administration and treatment services provided by clinics, hospitals and other healthcare providers caring for uninsured residents.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Solis and Hahn) approved by the Board on July 26, 2022. Technical change.

49. [Support proposals for: 1\) Sexually Transmitted Disease \(STD\) Control Pilot Program for the County to meet the indicators and targets in the Federal Sexually Transmitted Infections \(STI\) Strategic Plan; 2\) the launch of the Ending the STD Epidemic Initiative: A Plan for America; 3\) the National Clinical Quality Association \(NCQA\) to adopt new incentives to improve compliance with the health plan Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set \(HEDIS\) measures; and 4\) increased](#)

[funding for street medicine interventions to ensure that people experiencing homelessness receive care for STDs.](#)

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

50. [Support proposals that enhance federal support for safety net providers such as public hospitals, including funding to support inadequate health insurance reimbursement rates, to reduce the burden of uncompensated costs, to enhance equity in the health care system, or to otherwise support providers who disproportionately care for underserved communities.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The federal government periodically creates funding opportunities that target safety net providers, ensuring a more equitable allocation of resources. Such opportunities could benefit the County and the patients it serves, ensuring resources are made more readily available to underserved populations.

52. [Support proposals that ensure behavioral health workforce initiatives include licensed and non-licensed substance use disorder \(SUD\) clinicians, including SUD counselors, to strengthen and expand the broad spectrum of the behavioral health workforce.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Explicitly defining the behavioral health workforce as inclusive of licensed and non-licensed substance use disorder SUD occupations ensures that the entire behavioral health workforce is included in all proposals to enhance funding and support for behavioral health workforce development, particularly in non-licensed-specific roles such as SUD counselors. In response to the urgent need to address the severe behavioral health workforce shortage, initiatives to develop and strengthen pathways into behavioral health careers have disproportionately focused on mental health occupations with licensures and college or master-level degrees. This implicitly overlooks a significant portion of the workforce, including SUD counselors, who are integral to prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery for individuals living with SUDs. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.**

53. [Support proposals that recognize the County as its own jurisdiction to receive Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\) funding to support and expand SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery services.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. LA County has an estimated population of 10 million people and if its own state, would become the 11th most populous state in the US. As with Single State Agencies, the County's SUD prevention and treatment system is vital to providing publicly-funded SUD services to underserved and special populations including individuals involved in the criminal justice system, people experiencing homelessness, youth, pregnant women, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and individuals who identify with the LGBTQ+ community. Through direct funding, LA County would be able to receive earlier access to funds, increase the ability and maximize the time to spend down funds, and align federal funding initiatives with County priorities. In 2017, the United States Department Health and Human Services declared the opioid crisis as a public health emergency and unveiled a five-point Opioid Strategy involving the access to SUD services. As with the Ending HIV Epidemic (EHE), funding was provided to states and local health departments as part of the EHE initiative to scale prevention services across the US through collaboration with local organizations utilizing locally tailored strategies. Communities were able to address racial, ethnic, and geographic disparities that exacerbated prevention and treatment service gaps as funding was readily directed to areas where services were most needed. Direct funding from SAMHSA would allow LA County to efficiently program plan and maximize the direct federal funding to implement tailored substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery services efforts to the broader LA County communities. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance**

**Abuse Prevention and Control.**

54. [Support proposals that remove barriers to treating tobacco use disorder in all settings of care, including SUD treatment settings.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Research shows that most patients in addiction treatment also smoke or use tobacco, with 51 percent of deaths due to tobacco-related causes. This policy supports the need for integrating evidence-based tobacco use disorder treatment supported with behavioral therapy and medications for tobacco use disorder in addiction treatment settings. Tobacco use disorder treatment enhances recovery from SUD treatment and reduces tobacco use and related deaths. **Recommended by Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control. Concurrence received from the Department of Mental Health.**

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

**Justification:** New policy. This policy would include eliminating federal funding and regulatory restrictions on safer consumption supplies that are evidence-based, including safer smoking supplies and comprehensive safer consumption services. This policy represents an opportunity to support greater equitable access to community-based care and services with accessible communication measures. An extension of safer consumption sites is protecting people from prosecution for personal drug use. This policy advocates for federal policy changes so local jurisdictions can set up safer consumption services and ultimately supports decriminalization and regulation of drug possession for personal use further protecting people from prosecution for personal drug use when used in private - an extension of the safer consumption site logic. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control. Concurrences received from the Public Defender's Office and Alternate Public Defender's Office.**

56. [Support policies that help ensure safe prescribing practices and safe disposal methods, including the continued expansion of industry-funded drug disposal take-back locations.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This policy would support ordinances that expand funding and availability for convenient collection services, support increased prescriber training on opioid safety and safe prescribing practices, support enhancement and utility of the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System prescription drug monitoring program, all of which would create safer environments for those experiencing a substance use disorder and provide further avenues for discussion of treatment and support resources. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse Prevention and Control. Concurrence received from the Department of Mental Health.**

57. [Support proposals that eliminate the Hyde Amendment and other abortion coverage bans from Congressional spending bills.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. As an essential health service for women and other birthing people, pregnancy termination services should not be excluded from Medicaid or other federal funding. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Office of Women's Health. Concurrence received from the Department of Health Services.**

58. [Support proposals that define violence as a public health and safety issue and provide funding and additional resources for local governments, law enforcement, courts and community violence prevention, crisis intervention, restorative justice, conflict mediation and healing services, including proposals that establish, enhance, and/or expand training and professional development opportunities for law enforcement personnel and violence prevention professionals to provide these](#)

[services, particularly individuals with lived experience in underserved areas, communities of color, and elevated risk populations.](#)

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

59. [Support proposals to increase funding for local governments \(courts and law enforcement agencies\) to enforce Gun Violence Restraining Orders / Domestic Violence Restraining Orders, a red flag system to prohibit abusers from owning guns, funding for removing firearms from individuals in the Armed Prohibited Persons System \(APPS\), and support culturally appropriate public education campaigns to increase awareness of these laws, where implemented.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. These “red flag laws” are on the books in California, however, they are being underutilized by law enforcement agencies, due to a lack of resources to fund enforcement activities, and lack of resources to build awareness among community members. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Office of Violence Prevention. Concurrences received from the District Attorney's Office and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.**

60. [Support proposals to provide funding and additional resources for community violence prevention, crisis intervention, restorative justice, conflict mediation, and healing services, including proposals that establish, enhance, and/or expand training and professional development opportunities for violence prevention professionals to provide these services, particularly individuals with lived experience in underserved areas, communities of color, and elevated risk populations.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The public safety narrative is shifting to more community-driven approaches, in LA County, in California, and Nationwide, as these evidence-based practices reduce burden on law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Office of Violence Prevention.**

#### **4.3. HIV/AIDS Programs**

1. Support proposals that would increase funding for HIV/AIDS programs and activities, including [the Ryan White Program, HIV/AIDS screening, prevention, treatment, care, and research activities.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. The recommended changes to one and five above are in alignment with the current program nomenclature. **Recommended by Department of Public Health Division of HIV and STD Programs.**

7. [Support proposals that improve compliance with federal HEDIS measures tied to chlamydia screening for young women aged 16-24.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This section is consistent with the August 2, 2022, Board motions tied to the STD crisis, including specifically calling for improved compliance with the health plan HEDIS measure tied to annual chlamydia screening for young sexually active women ages 16 to 24. **Recommended by Department of Public Health - Division of HIV and STD Programs.**

## 5. MENTAL HEALTH

## 6. HOUSING

### 6.1. Housing and Homeless Assistance

5. Support proposals, tax incentives, and funding which would increase home ownership and rental housing opportunities for [extremely low](#), low-, and moderate-income individuals and families and increase the supply of affordable housing.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This proposed revision would specifically recognize renter households at or below 30 percent Area Median Income and measures that address the housing needs of extremely low-income households. **Recommended by the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

8. Support the reauthorization of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and proposals that would increase local discretion over the use of homeless assistance funds, increasing funding for homeless assistance programs, including supportive housing, [interim housing](#), supportive services, Rapid Re-Housing, emergency services, and the Homeless Management Information System, more equitably distribute funds based on relative need, and fund the renewal of contracts for permanent supportive housing from a separate homeless program account rather than Section 8 funds.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The revised policy language would allow for interim housing to be considered for the homeless assistance funds, including serving homeless individuals within SAPC's Recovery Bridge Housing network. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Substance Abuse and Prevention Control. Concurrence received from the Chief Executive Office - Homeless Initiative.**

19. Support proposals [and funding](#) that would allow the County to utilize [and maintain](#) excess or under-utilized Federal property for public purposes, such as [permanent or interim](#) housing ~~or homeless shelter~~.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed revisions include language supporting necessary funding to assist in the upfront and maintenance costs of utilizing Federal property for housing purposes. The revisions also amend language to reflect use for a continuum of interim housing services, including SAPC-funded Recovery Bridge Housing beds. **Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services and the Department of Public Health. Concurrence received from the Chief Executive Office - Homeless Initiative.**

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

**Justification:** New policy. According to the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), Congress has not permanently increased the 9 percent LIHTC allocation in 22 years, and many viable potential housing developments are turned down each year as a result. According to Novogradac, an annual 25 percent increase in 9 percent LIHTC, plus inflation adjustments, would result in affordable rental housing production and preservation by 299,000 more homes nationwide over 2022 – 2030. The current Administration has called upon Congress to expand and strengthen the LIHTC program. This new Policy would position the County to support a proposed expansion of the LIHTC program. **Recommended by the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

24. [Support proposals to lower the threshold of Private Activity Bond financing and increase Private Activity Bond caps.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. According to the LACDA, a multifamily housing bond-financed development to receive the full amount of 4 percent LIHTC credits, at least 50 percent of development costs must be initially financed with multifamily bond authority from the State's Private Activity Bond (PAB) volume cap. Lowering the threshold, ideally to 25 percent, would enable states to produce and preserve more bond-financed developments. The LACDA notes that this is a considerable issue for California, among other states, and similar proposals were included in the version of the Build Back Better Act passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2021. **Recommended by the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

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

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

26. [Support revisions to the prevailing wage provisions of Davis Bacon and Related Acts in order to minimize the cost impact upon affordable housing production.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This policy priority aims to mitigate the high costs of construction by revising Davis Bacon and Related Acts which can add approximately 20 percent in hard costs to affordable housing projects. Construction service delivery costs have increased significantly in the past two years; therefore, the County should support legislation which aims to mitigate high construction costs. This Policy is consistent with the State Legislative Agenda, which contains Policy to support revisions relating to the California State Labor Code 1720. **Recommended by the Los Angeles County Development Authority. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Works.**

27. [Support proposals and amendments to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program which would allow individuals who are undocumented to access Section 8 vouchers.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The LACDA requests that HUD move to allow for individuals who are undocumented to access federal housing vouchers. This move would provide critical relief, especially given the reality of the demographics of the Los Angeles County population. **Recommended by the Los Angeles County Development Authority. Concurrences received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and the Chief Executive Office - Homeless Initiative.**

28. [Support proposals and funding that increase housing density near employment, transit, services, and other community amenities and facilities, and limit urban sprawl via local land use policies and ordinances.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 3 (Equitable and sustainable land use and development without displacement) and Strategy 3A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to increase housing density and limit urban sprawl. It is also

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

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

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

30. [Support proposals that promote and address homeownership equity.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals that investigate how federal policies have produced inequitable homeownership across racial groups and make homeownership accessible for people who have been impacted by centuries of racist housing policy through strategies including principal reduction and zero-interest loans to Black, Indigenous, and other people-of-color communities, land grant, mortgage credit programs, tax abatement for low-income homeowners, and programs that provide down-payment assistance for first time homebuyers, preservation of Black housing and neighborhoods, pre-development resources for housing development by Black-led developers, and preserving cultural districts. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrences received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and the Los Angeles County Development Authority.**

31. [Support proposals that exempt certain types of payments that individuals with lived experience of homelessness receive for paid consultation opportunities from income calculations for Supplemental Security Income benefits, so that participants do not experience a reduction in payments they are receiving.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), individuals with lived experience of homelessness that are eligible for SSI may experience reductions in their benefits due to income received for participating on advisory boards and other engagement opportunities. Individuals with lived experiences of homelessness provide invaluable input and consultation that helps center the work of the homeless services system around equity, and advance thoughtful and effective system changes. This proposed Policy enables the County to support measures that prevent individuals from being penalized for their participation by exempting certain types of income for paid consultancy services from SSI income calculations. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Homeless Initiative. Concurrences received from the**

**Department of Public Social Services and the Aging and Disabilities Department.**

**7. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**7.1 Community Development**

18. [Support proposals which provide funding to community development that would integrate climate resilience and adaptation.](#)

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

19. [Support proposals that strengthen the reach and build the capacity of Community Development Fund Institutions \(CDFIs\) to remove barriers keeping many individuals from engaging with traditional banking infrastructure \(e.g., no credit check or lowered credit check standards for account openings; second chance checking; credit-builder products; lower minimum balance requirements, etc.\).](#)

**Justification:** New policy. ARDI reports that while CDFI assets reached \$266 billion by 2020, a rise from a baseline of \$4 billion in the mid-1990s, to effectively advance racial justice, more money alone is not enough. This would allow supporting proposals designed to better advance racial justice, such as having a greater percentage of support for CDFIs come in the form of operational support rather than low-interest loans; greater investment in finance technology; require and elevate community input in financial decisions; etc. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommendation by Chief Executive Office – Anti-Racism and Diversity Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

20. [Support efforts to strengthen and modernize the Community Reinvestment Act \(CRA\) to ensure federally insured banks can meet the credit needs of the communities in which they are chartered, including low- and moderate-income \(LMI\) neighborhoods.](#)

**Justification:** New Policy. ARDI recommends policy to support proposals that include rewriting or updating CRA rules to measure how the regulations affect BIPOC communities and people. DCBA concurs with the adoption of this new policy and further notes that this policy would allow the County to support proposals that root out discrimination in our banking system and close the racial wealth and homeownership gaps by making necessary changes to the Community Reinvestment Act to meet the specific needs of low-income communities and communities of color. It is also consistent with the Board approved [motion](#) (July 21, 2020), which among other directives instructed the Chief Executive Office to recommend and advocate for relevant legislative policies that improve outcomes and reduce racial disparities and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism. **Recommendation by Chief Executive Office – Anti-Racism and Diversity Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs**

21. [Support proposals that increase the 15 percent spending cap on public services funded through Community Development Block Grants \(CDBG\).](#)

**Justification:** New Policy. The CEO-Women and Girls Initiative reports that local municipalities, like LA County, use CDBG funding to create and augment critical social service programs that support some of our most vulnerable residents. The 15 percent cap on public services limits local government’s ability to spend CDBG funding in the way that best meets the needs of their residents. The federal government set a precedence for this with Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 CDBG-CV funds. The 15 percent cap on public services was lifted for programs that prevent, prepare for, or respond to coronavirus, demonstrating the critical role CDBG funding can play in local governments response to public service needs. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Women & Girls Initiative. Concurrences received from the Los Angeles County Development Authority, Department of Parks and Recreation and Department of Public Works.**

**7.2. Workforce Development, Employment, and Training**

1. Support maintaining and expanding funding for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), ~~including flexible use of funds for local jurisdictions, improving funding ratios, and increasing resources for partners~~ including, but not limited to, dedicated funding for summer and year-round employment programs, proposals that increase work experience funding for in-school and out of school youth to increase the viability of locally created career pathways based on high growth sectors, and measures to ensure that local areas can train and pay workforce staff at appropriate levels.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed policy revision reflects the County’s funding priorities for the reauthorization of WIOA, which expired in 2020. This revision additionally consolidates two existing policies which relate to WIOA funding. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

2. Support proposals to provide local elected officials with greater flexibility over the administration, planning, and use of WIOA funds, including, but not limited to, the flexibility to determine appropriate funding allocations for training services. fund participant stipends and apprenticeship programs, serve more in-school youth and foster youth, increase administrative cost limits to support full funding of partners, fund pre/apprenticeship programs, subsidize employment, and enhance virtual offerings and digital technologies.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed policy revision reflects the County’s priorities for the reauthorization of WIOA and consolidates two existing policies, which relate to increasing flexibility to streamline program operations. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

3. Support proposals to expand and improve the effectiveness of the one-stop workforce delivery system including greater incentives to form local, regional and sector partnerships; formalizing alignment/cost sharing with federal laws and funding streams (WIOA, TANF, SNAP, HUD, and Perkins), increasing service coordination and consistency across outcome measures and enabling partners to cross check eligibility, enrollment and performance information and continue to emphasize alignment with post-secondary education system. ~~and fewer restrictions on the state like information sharing.~~

**Justification:** Revised policy. The revisions to existing this policy include additional language related to increasing program integration, alignment, and flexibility, which are County priorities for the legislation to reauthorize WIOA. In addition, the revisions combine language from a separate policy that relates to local and regional alignment of federally-funded programs and services, including TANF and SNAP. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity. Concurrences**

received from the Los Angeles County Development Authority and the Department of Public Social Services.

4. ~~Support proposals which would equitably allocate WIOA funds to states and substate areas, based solely on relative need using the latest available data.—~~

**Justification:** Delete policy. Portions of this policy are included in another policy statement related to the equitable allocation of federal WIOA funds to states and local areas based solely on indicators of need using the latest available data. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

5. ~~Support proposals which would equitably allocate WIOA funds to states and substate areas, based solely on relative need using the latest available data.—~~

**Justification:** Delete policy. Provisions of this policy are included in another policy statement related to the equitable allocation of federal WIOA funds to states and local areas based solely on indicators of need using the latest available data. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

8. Oppose funding reductions and support increased funding to WIOA Youth Training programs, subsidized student loan programs, and other Federal programs that provide opportunities for youth to up-skill (obtain new and more advanced employment skills), through additional training and education.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed change clarifies that the County opposes funding reductions while supporting increased funding for these federal workforce programs. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

9. Support programs that provide up-skilling, job placement, career enhancement, pre/apprenticeships, industry-recognized credentials, subsidized employment, and other services to federally defined WIOA target populations and workers with barriers to employment to increase their employment and earnings.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed revision expands workforce training programs to include apprenticeships and industry-recognized credentials in this listing, which are also key County strategies for upskilling and support of career-pathways attainment. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

11. Support the equitable allocation and pass-through of federal employment and training funds to states and local areas based on relative need as measured by factors such as unemployment, poverty, and the number of individuals in the federally defined WIOA target populations, according to the latest available data.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed policy revision incorporates an existing policy to the equitable allocation of federal WIOA funds to states and local areas based solely on indicators of need using the latest available data. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

16. Support proposals that provide resources for employment and training programs aimed at transitioning people out of extractive occupations and preparing individuals for careers and high-road employment opportunities in the green economy.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 4 (A prosperous

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

17. ~~Support proposals to increase work experience for in-school and out-of-school youth to increase the viability of locally created career pathways based on high sector growth areas.~~

**Justification:** Delete policy. The proposed revision to this existing policy reflects the County’s funding priorities reauthorization WIOA. This revision combines language from two existing which both relate to WIOA funding. Policy language related to funding flexibility has been relocated to separate policy. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

18. Support proposals to streamline the WIOA Eligible Training Provider List process for training providers that encourage participation and demonstrate effectiveness.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The proposed revision to existing policy highlights County priorities for WIOA reauthorization and consolidates language from existing policies that relate to increasing local-level flexibility in the administration of WIOA programs and services and increasing flexibility to streamline program operations. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

19. Support proposals that reduce barriers to entry and better serve workers and businesses with the highest employment needs including by: 1) funding and enhancing supportive services (e.g. subsidized childcare, training stipends, mental health services) for participants enrolled in WIOA services, 2) allow for incentivizes for community or faith-based organizations to engage in local workforce and barrier reduction efforts and 3) remove consideration of justice-involvement and drug screening requirements from eligibility standards.

20. Support WIOA eligibility reform and other proposals which would allow individuals who are undocumented to access federally-funded workforce development programs and services.

**Justification:** New policy. The proposed policy is intended to highlight the County’s priorities for WIOA reauthorization. Specifically, these provisions would advance the County’s equity objectives by strengthening the County’s ability to implement WIOA programs with a focus on populations and communities of greatest need, remove barriers to accessing services and obtaining employment, and enhancing supportive services that advance employment and self-sufficiency outcomes. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

21. Support proposals that promote job quality, racial and gender equity, economic mobility and sustainability as performance measures, such as proposals that: 1) emphasize long-term participant engagement and employment advancement over time; 2) provide incentives for a just transition and data tracking for advancements in the blue and green economy; 3) emphasize strategies that lift worker demand and reduce occupational segregation; 4) extend and fund follow-up services up to 24 months across all WIOA programs; and 5) permit and fund jail-based and re-entry programs and services.

**Justification:** New policy. The proposed policy is intended to highlight the County’s priorities for WIOA reauthorization. These provisions would advance the County’s equity objectives by strengthening the County’s ability to implement WIOA programs with a focus on populations and

communities of greatest need, align workforce development efforts to care-first and environmental sustainability efforts, enhance system performance and impact, and strengthen follow-up services. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

22. [Support proposals that promote and increase resources for evidence-based career, training models and business development services, including: 1\) High Road Training Partnerships; 2\) pre/apprenticeships in non-traditional sectors and for diverse populations; 3\) employer-based training and business services \(including financing and grants, business accelerators/incubators, and tax/hiring incentives that support pathways into quality jobs\); and 4\) sector and industry partnerships.](#)
23. [Support proposals that create systems for sharing evidence-based workforce development strategies across local areas and incentivize regional planning, alignment and partnerships.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The proposed policy is intended to highlight the County’s priorities for WIOA reauthorization related to advancing the County’s goals around implementation of evidence-based career, training and business development services that support equity, self-sufficiency, and inclusive economic growth. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

24. [Support proposals that would require employers to provide advance layoff notice to workers prior to a planned or required site closure.](#)

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

25. [Support proposals that require each Governor to direct reserve funds to local workforce boards where available.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This new policy reflects the County’s priorities for the reauthorization of WIOA with respect to increasing spending flexibility at the local level. **Recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity.**

## **8. JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **8.1. Justice/Public Safety**

10. Support proposals that make mental health intervention a component of law enforcement and the administration of justice, including training law enforcement personnel in dealing with the mentally ill, and support funding for mental health [and drug courts and increased funding for community-based alternative crisis response and substance use disorder programs that provide alternatives to law enforcement involvement.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. This proposal would shift these activities to more community-driven approaches, in LA County, in California, and Nationwide, as these evidence-based practices reduce the burden on law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Office of Violence Prevention. Concurrences received from the Department of Mental Health, Department of Health Services – Office of Diversion and**

## Reentry, and the Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative.

24. [Support proposals that advance funding, support, and advocacy for victims and survivor of hate incidents.](#)

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

25. [Support proposals that expand universal background checks, ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and remove immunity from liability for gun manufacturers and dealers.](#)

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

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

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

## 9. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT/MANDATE RELIEF

### 9.1 Disaster Assistance

2. Support proposals and funding to ~~improve the capacity of state and local governments~~ [strengthen federal, state, and local government capacity](#) to plan, prepare, respond to, and recover from disasters or emergencies, including those involving natural or environmental disasters, [disasters induced or exacerbated by climate change](#), acts of terrorism, and public health emergencies [such as by expanding the federal definition of disasters to include extreme heat](#).

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

3. Support proposals that provide relief, including tax relief and other protections, for residents affected by natural disasters or other emergencies, [including those disasters induced or exacerbated by climate change \(e.g., heat\)](#).

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

## 10. REVENUE AND TAXATION

## 11. SOCIAL SERVICES

### 11.1. Health and Human Services Reform

22. Support Medicaid proposals that would allow hospitals and health systems to pay for housing, nutritional assistance, [climate adaptation \(e.g., cooling infrastructure to mitigate heatwave impacts\)](#), and other services that address social determinants of health.

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

26. Support proposals that [provide additional funding to](#) ~~that~~ increase the level of nutrition assistance or benefit amount that is available to County residents who participate in federally-funded programs such as SNAP, ~~and~~ the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), [the Summer Food Service Program \(SFSP\), the Child and Adult Care Food Program \(CACFP\), and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program \(CSFP\)](#).

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

26. [Support legislative and funding proposals intended to reduce the cost of feminine products and diapers, to cover the cost of providing these free products to low-income residents and/or to allow government benefits to cover the cost of feminine hygiene products and diapers.](#)

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

27. [Support proposals that would allow electronic signatures on State and Federal forms.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The acceptance of electronic signatures is needed to work seamlessly across county, state and federal agencies. Acceptance of DPSS electronic signature by state and federal agencies will allow a more efficient delivery of services and assist our customers in completing and submitting their forms. This will help reduce barriers to access public benefits. **Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services.**

28. [Support updates to food and nutritional supplement labeling requirements to cover additional allergens such as gluten-containing grains, to standardize definition of “sell by” dates, and/or to](#)

[regulate use of terminology such as “natural” and “climate-friendly”.](#)

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

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

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

30. [Support proposals that expand coverage of the Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\) program such as by eliminating asset limits.](#)

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

37. [Support funding for programs that increase access to healthy foods.](#)

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

## **11.2 Immigration and Refugees**

3. Support ~~an extension~~ [reinstatement](#) of Section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which allows immigrants to adjust their immigration status without leaving the country if they pay a penalty

fee, and support using the fee revenues to expand immigration and naturalization activities and reimburse costs in the districts where the fees are collected.

**Justification:** Revised policy. Replace "extension of Section 245(i)" language with "reinstatement of Section 245(i)". Congress sunset Section 245(i) of the Immigration & Nationality Act in 2001 and would have to *reinstate* the section as opposed to granting an extension. This change would update the policy to be consistent with the needed legislative fix to address the issue. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs Office of Immigrant Affairs.**

~~7. Support proposals and funding which would reimburse the County for costs resulting from Federal immigration policies.~~

**Justification:** Delete policy. DCBA-OIA notes that the policy is vague and plays into the narrative that increased immigration and immigrants generally place a burden on taxpayers. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. Concurrences received from the Department of Health Services - Office of Diversion and Reentry, the Public Defender's Office, the Alternate Public Defender's Office, and the Sheriff's Department.**

~~11. Oppose proposals that impose fiscal penalties, such as the loss of grant funds, if the County does not comply with Federal requirements relating to the enforcement of Federal immigration laws where the funding condition is coercive, retroactive, or not reasonably related to the Federal interest in the particular project or program.~~

**Justification:** Delete policy. DCBA reports that the County's position was in response to proposals from the Trump Administration and this policy is no longer needed. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. Concurrences received from the Department of Health Services - Office of Diversion and Reentry, Public Defender's Office, Alternate Public Defender's Office, and the Sheriff's Department.**

~~12. Support proposals that maintain or increase the flexibility of the County to utilize funding sources, including from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, and provide services to individuals without regard to their immigration or citizenship status.~~

**Justification:** Delete policy. This policy is no longer needed and is now being focused with State policy. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health – Office of Women's Health.**

15. Support alternatives to detention for ~~unaccompanied minors, asylum applicants, and other individuals who are in deportation proceedings while their cases are pending adjudication~~ all immigrants in civil removal proceedings and support the end of civil incarceration of immigrants.

**Justification:** Revised policy. DCBA recommends updating the policy to be inclusive of all immigrants. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. Concurrences received from the Department of Health Services - Office of Diversion and Reentry, the Public Defender's Office, the Alternate Public Defender's Office, and the Sheriff's Department.**

16. Support the end of civil incarceration of immigrants and support proposals to ensure that individuals who are housed in detention facilities, pending adjudication of their immigration cases, receive needed health care and supportive services.

**Justification:** Revised policy. DCBA recommends adding language to support ending civil incarceration of immigrants altogether while also encouraging support services for those who continue to be detained. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

**Concurrences received from the Department of Health Services - Office of Diversion and Reentry, the Public Defender's Office, the Alternate Public Defender's Office, and the Sheriff's Department.**

18. Support proposals that provide an immediate and permanent legislative solution, including permanent residency status and/or a path toward citizenship, to *immigrant youth and* recipients of special Federal immigration and refugee protection programs, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

**Justification:** Revised policy. DCBA recommends adding language to include youth who are in similarly situated but may not qualify for DACA, as well as those who may not have applied or received DACA due to legal challenges to the program. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

27. Support proposals ~~*for the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and oppose proposals that would reduce the admissions ceiling or allowable number of refugees seeking relief in the U.S*~~ *that ensure the U.S. reaches the refugee admission ceiling and provides adequate resources to resettlement agencies to support new arrivals.*

**Justification:** Revised policy. DCBA recommends updated language to emphasize the importance of reaching the refugee admission ceiling and providing adequate resources to support new arrivals. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

- ~~30. Support proposals that provide adjustment of status and/or citizenship for DACA beneficiaries, immigrant youth and adults who entered the U.S. as minors.~~

**Justification:** Delete policy. DCBA indicates that this policy is already covered under item number 18. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

- ~~31. Support proposals that would provide adjustment of status for current and/or former TPS and former TPS beneficiaries.~~

**Justification:** Delete policy. DCBA indicates that this policy is already covered under item number 18. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

- ~~34. Support proposals that would remedy or reverse anti-immigrant actions or policies, including, but not limited to, the public charge inadmissibility rule, restrictions on the asylum and refugee systems, and changes to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's public housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program rules.~~

**Justification:** Delete policy. DCBA notes that this policy was intended to respond to previous Administration policies that are no longer under consideration. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

31. *Support proposals to provide Temporary Protected Status or Deferred Enforcement Departure for Ukrainian Nationals, including family members of American Citizens or Permanent Residents.*

32. *Support proposals that provide additional funding to non-profit organizations that partner with the Federal Government to resettle refugees in the United States.*

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

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

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

34. [Support proposals that would provide Afghan refugees a pathway to legal immigration status to remain in the United States.](#)

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

40. [Oppose proposals that would codify and/or prolong the use of the Title 42 policy.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. ARDI reports that Title 42, which provides the authority to suspend entry of individuals into the U.S. to protect public health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, has been used to compel migrants, including asylum seekers to remain in Mexico and/or return to their country of origin without access to asylum screening. The Biden Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) scientists have stated that there is not a sound scientific basis for this rule, and that it could in fact worsen the spread of COVID-19 because of the conditions migrants face as they await entry to the U.S. The addition of this policy would allow the County to oppose proposals to further the use of Title 42 which has made it more difficult and dangerous for migrants who are seeking to enter the United States. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative. Concurrence received from the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.**

#### **11.4. Military and Veterans Affairs**

6. [Support proposals that codify protections for LGBTQ+ veterans, including recognizing all same- sex marriages for the purpose of receiving benefits.](#)

**Justification:** [Motion](#) (Kuehl and Barger) approved by the Board on July 26, 2022. Technical change.

#### **11.5. Older Adult Programs**

1. Support increased funding for Older Americans Act (OAA) programs, including funding to support the Adult Protective Services program, transportation assistance, [meal programs](#), and case management support.

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

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

**Justification:** New policy. This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 of the Board-adopted “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan to create a sustainable and just food system. It is also consistent

with the August 6, 2019 Board approved [motion](#), which among other directives instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Food Equity Roundtable and the Chief Sustainability Office. Concurrence received from the Aging and Disabilities Department.**

**11.6. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps)**

5. *Support the restoration of SNAP eligibility to all legal non-citizens ~~with deeming provisions for sponsored immigrants.~~*

**Justification:** Revised policy. DCBA reports that deeming of sponsored immigrants may lead to cost reductions for the SNAP program by disqualifying certain immigrants based on their sponsor's income. Under this type of policy, however, the federal government would bear the cost of SNAP benefits provision. DPSS further explains that deeming provisions increases food insecurity by creating barriers and reducing access to SNAP, which does not benefit the County's economic well-being. The County neither advocates for nor emphasizes sponsor deeming but is mandated to comply with state and federal deeming requirements. **Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Social Services.**

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

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

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

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

20. [Support continued funding for and/or proposals that expand the maximum scope of allowable activities and components in the administration of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education \(SNAP-Ed\).](#)

**Justification:** New policy. SNAP-Ed, called CalFresh Healthy Living in California, has brought over \$120 million in funds to support nutrition education and policy, systems, and environmental changes in Los Angeles County over the last 10 years. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 transformed the program into nutrition education and obesity prevention grant program explicitly

adopting obesity prevention as a major emphasis and embracing comprehensive evidence-based strategies delivered through community-based and public health approaches. As emerging research shows the impact of food insecurity and poverty on the development of diet-related chronic diseases, SNAP-Ed strategies should continue to evolve to address these upstream factors. This policy would allow the County to continue to support future legislation that would bring millions of dollars of funding to address the growing concern of diet-related chronic diseases in LA County. In 2023, the U.S. will reauthorize SNAP-Ed as part of the Farm Bill. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Social Services.**

21. [Support proposals that provide emergency food assistance to all eligible low-income residents during a public health emergency regardless of immigration status.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. One in four low-income immigrant adults in California avoids accessing public assistance like food, health care, or housing programs due to fear of jeopardizing their own or a family member's immigration status. More than half of those who avoid public programs were food insecure, compared to just over one-third who do not avoid public programs. The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) was part of the federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020. Through P-EBT, eligible school children received temporary emergency nutrition benefits loaded on EBT cards that are used to purchase food. Children who would have received free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Act and younger children in households participating in SNAP were eligible to receive P-EBT. P-EBT was so successful because no immigration restrictions exist for child nutrition programs, and children could obtain meals regardless of their immigration status. This policy would allow the County to continue to support future legislation that would provide emergency food assistance to millions of low-income Americans regardless of immigration status. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention.**

22. [Support proposals that promote increased affordability of fresh fruits and vegetables, specifically through financial incentives, subsidies, and outreach to SNAP-eligible/SNAP recipients and healthcare and retailer participation in health incentive programs.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Nutrition incentive programs help stretch SNAP and WIC dollars and increase access to quality food resources for low-income families. Los Angeles County Health Survey data show that low-income households still experience food insecurity while participating in SNAP. Existing federal nutrition incentive programs funded by the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program provide additional funds to SNAP beneficiaries and increase their purchasing power for fruits and vegetables. These programs are vital in supporting local farmers and businesses, promoting sustainable food systems, and community food security. However, they are currently limited in their funding, locations, and enrollment capacity. This policy would allow the County to support policies to expand these nutrition incentive programs that will help ensure that SNAP and/or WIC participants can purchase more healthy foods with their benefits. **Recommended by the Department of Public Health - Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention. Concurrence received from the Department of Public Social Services.**

## 12. TRANSPORATION

### 12.1 Surface Transportation Reauthorization

### 12.2 Transportation

8. Support proposals ~~to reinstate the U.S. Department of Transportation's Local Hire Pilot Program~~ [that allow local agencies to continue to implement local hire preference programs and limit the State's authority to evaluate local agency's programs.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – Section 25019 authorized local agencies to implement local hire programs on federal-aid construction projects. The United States Department of Transportation pilot program is obsolete. While there are no current efforts by the State to evaluate these programs, the referenced [linked](#) Federal Register page stipulates that State and local recipients and subrecipients of funding from the BIL are responsible for ensuring that the establishment and implementation of a hiring preference is otherwise consistent with applicable federal, State, and local laws. Inclusion of a policy to limit the State authority to evaluate these programs will be useful when the BIL expires or new programs are introduced. **Recommended by the Department of Public Works.**

9. [Support proposals for congestion relief and climate resiliency projects along The Old Road in the Santa Clarita Valley.](#)

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

10. [Support proposals that would direct the U.S. Department of Transportation to prioritize innovative and strategic surface transportation projects, provide funding for temporary facilities, and/or provide planning assistance to U.S. cities hosting the Olympics, Paralympics, and Special Olympics.](#)

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

## **13. UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **13.1 Communications**

15. [Support proposals that create regional technology and innovation hubs and provide investments in science, technology, and U.S. semiconductor chip manufacturing.](#)

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

### **13.2 Utilities and Energy**

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

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