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FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORMS UPDATE

This memorandum requests your department's review and feedback on the bi-annual updates to the Los Angeles County's (County) Federal and State Legislative Platforms (Platforms) in preparation for the upcoming 120th United States Congress and the 2027–28 State Legislative Session.

The Platforms, formally known as the Legislative Agendas, contain the principles and policies that serve as the basis for advocacy positions on legislative, administrative, and budget issues in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento. By establishing Board of Supervisors (Board)-adopted policies, the County's Washington, D.C. and Sacramento advocates can execute a targeted and coordinated advocacy program, ultimately leading to more impactful outcomes.

Copies of the current Platforms can be found at:

- [Federal Legislative Platform](#)
- [State Legislative Platform](#)

In 2024, the Platforms underwent a [strategic restructuring](#) aimed at advancing the Board's and the County's legislative and policy priorities in a dynamic legislative environment, while also enabling the County greater flexibility to engage expediently on issues that impact the County's budget and operations.

To address evolving trends in the federal and State legislative processes, as well as County priorities and emerging issues, the Chief Executive Office–Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR) has assessed the Platforms'



current iterations to determine where updates or refinements are needed ahead of the next legislative sessions.

Based on this initial internal review, CEO-LAIR developed proposed revisions based on emerging issues, legislative trends, and Board priority areas.

The proposed updates to the Federal Legislative Platform are provided in Attachment I, and the proposed updates to the State Legislative Platform are provided in Attachment II.

Department Review of Proposed Updates

Departments are asked to examine the changes proposed by CEO-LAIR, confirm that they align with departmental operations and priorities, and identify any concerns requiring clarification. Departments are also invited to propose additional policy items, where needed, to ensure full concurrence and alignment with departmental operations and strategic priorities.

CEO-LAIR will meet with departments to discuss any questions, gather additional information if needed, and refine policy language to ensure the updated Platforms support effective engagement on legislation and funding proposals.

Once your department has reviewed the Platforms, concurrence of CEO-LAIR's revisions and/or submission of proposed additional policy items must be signed off by the Department Head.

Due Date

Departments concurrence on proposed updates to the Platforms must be submitted to the legislative analyst assigned to your department by **September 9, 2026**. Attachment III is the list of CEO-LAIR analysts assigned to the departments.

This timeline ensures CEO-LAIR has sufficient time to consult all impacted departments and finalize materials for Board consideration.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Amanda Meere at (213) 262-8031 or ameere@ceo.lacounty.gov. You may also contact the legislative analyst assigned to your department.

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Attachments



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Department Head Approval:	(Name and Title)
	(Signature)

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2027-2028 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

INTRODUCTION

With over 10 million people, Los Angeles County (County) is the most populous county in the United States. The County Board of Supervisors (Board), both directly and through the Chief Executive Officer, oversees a comprehensive government structure that provides vital public services, including health and human services, public safety, fire protection, and essential infrastructure services to 88 cities and approximately 120-125 unincorporated communities. The County is engaged in enhancing the physical, social, and economic well-being of its residents through fundamental safety-net services, as well as local programs, including combating homelessness, reforming the adult and youth justice systems, protecting the environment, and addressing equity issues.

The County's advocacy efforts in 2026-2027 will concentrate on a host of critical issues that, together, define a thoughtful, progressive approach to governance. ~~With over 10 million residents~~people residing within its borders, Los Angeles County (County) is the most populous county in the United States. With a workforce of nearly 100,000, the Board of Supervisors (Board), both directly and through the Chief Executive Officer, provides services on a level comparable to or exceeding those of most states in the United Statescountry. In addition, the County contributes a quarter of California's gross state product and approximately one-quarter of all residents in California live in the County.

~~Given the priorities and needs of County residents, businesses, and visitors, the County's advocacy efforts in 2026-2027 will concentrate on a host of critical issues that, together, define a thoughtful, progressive, and ambitious approach to governance and responsibility.~~

MECHANISMS FOR ADVOCACY

The Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR) uses the Federal Legislative Platform (Platform) as the County's foundational guide for advocacy on legislative, policy, and budgetary proposals that directly impact the County, its programs, operations, resources, budget, and most importantly its residents. Functionally, the Platform provides CEO-LAIR the ability to take positions on a bill or budget proposal administratively. If, after evaluating a proposal with relevant departments,

CEO-LAIR determines that the proposal supports or undermines County programs or operations, or its ability to advance the interests of County residents, CEO-LAIR can issue a pursuit of County advocacy position if there is a relevant policy in the Platform. These policies, as approved by the Board, will be updated each legislative session to address the County's evolving priorities and emerging issues.

As urgent matters arise throughout the legislative session that pose a substantial concern to the County's operations and budget, to include issues that are not addressed by the Federal Legislative Policies and Key Federal Legislative Priorities (noted below), the Chief Executive Officer will advocate to express the County's concerns. When there is no policy that is applicable to take an official position the Board may opt to take a position via a Board-approved motion. The Chief Executive Office—Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO LAIR) will use the Federal Legislative Platform as the benchmark to take advocacy positions on legislative, policy, regulatory and budgetary proposals that directly impact the County, its programs, operations, resources, budget, and most importantly its residents. These policies, as approved by the Board, will be updated each legislative session to address the County's evolving priorities and emerging issues.

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KEY FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The County will support proposals that:

1. Maximize federal revenues;
2. Provide full funding for the costs of federal programs;
- ~~Seek~~
3. Provide funding to support critical County services;
- ~~3.4. Provide additional~~ funding for programs where service needs have outpaced ~~stagnant or slow growing~~ revenues;
- ~~4.5. Ensure an equitable allocation of federal funding and minimize the adverse impact of federal actions; and~~
6. Achieve greater flexibility over the use of federal funds; and
7. Provide funding to support critical County public services.

The County will oppose proposals that:

1. Shift federal programs and/or costs; to the local level unless ~~control is also shifted~~ and federal funding is guaranteed ~~assured~~;
2. Reduce critical services;
- ~~2.3. Create new unfunded mandates unless they promote a higher priority; and~~
- ~~3.4. Pose a potential threat to the County's fiscal stability, services, programs or operations, or present a reasonable risk of incurring costs to or service reduction for County services, operations, and programs.~~

Commented [A1]: Justification: Moved from the General Government section to the Key State Legislative Priorities.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

On behalf of the County, CEO-LAIR will pursue legislative and budgetary advocacy to enhance the quality of life for the people who live in, work in, and visit the County. The County will engage in the legislative process according to the following policies:

Digital Inclusion and Innovation and Emerging Technologies

~~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 live.~~ The County will support federal legislation and policies that 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.

Commented [A2]: Justification: Revised the title to be more reflective of AI and other digital technologies.

Commented [A3]: Justification: This section has been revised to focus not just on broadband but on digital innovation and emerging technologies.

The County recognizes the rapidly expanding role of emerging technologies—including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Generative AI (GenAI), Workforce Surveillance tools (WS) and Automated Decision Systems (ADS)—in transforming public services, government operations, and the broader economy. To ensure these technologies are deployed in ways that promote equity, protect the privacy of residents and public employees, and improve service outcomes, the County will support proposals that prioritize responsible innovation, transparent governance, and securely modernize public systems. The County has adopted eight guiding principles for responsible AI and GenAI use. To gain the public's trust and leverage Artificial Intelligence/Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) technology, it is imperative to ensure GenAI is developed and used ethically and responsibly. The County has established eight guiding principles for the responsible use of GenAI systems within the County: Human-Centered Design, Security & Safety, Privacy, Transparency, Equity, Accountability, Effectiveness, and Workforce Empowerment.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Expand broadband infrastructure in historically underserved and rural communities.
2. Use innovative, short-term and long-term strategies to provide free or low-cost high-speed internet and related devices to disadvantaged communities.
3. Expand and modernize Wi-Fi at County and other public facilities to help close the digital divide for residents in disadvantaged and broadband deficient communities.
4. Increase digital literacy and consumer education for high-speed internet service options.
5. Advance responsible and transparent use of emerging technologies (WS, ADS, etc.) and AI to improve public services while protecting privacy, equity, security, and prevent bias.
6. Support modernization of government systems and digital infrastructure to enable secure, efficient adoption of innovative tools and data-driven practices.

Commented [A4]: Justification: Added general AI policies that are based in the 8 principles outlined above.

Economic and Workforce Development

The County is strategically investing in support for entrepreneurs, small businesses, and innovative and equitable economic and workforce development programs in high growth and emerging industry sectors that create a pipeline to well-paying jobs. The County remains committed to building an inclusive and sustainable regional economy, stimulating quality job growth, and helping lift economically disadvantaged residents out of poverty and into self-sufficiency.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Reauthorize and ~~increase funding for~~ fully fund the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA); ~~and preserve local flexibility and control over the administration of federal workforce and training programs. -programs and other employment initiatives, and-~~
- ~~1-2.~~ Provide local agencies with sufficient funding and administrative flexibility to effectively meet the present and emerging workforce needs in the Los Angeles County of the County's diverse workforce.
- ~~2-3.~~ Enhance funding for programs and initiatives that support community and economic development, support ~~high growth and emerging~~ critical industries in the Los Angeles region ~~such as the creative economy,~~ and accelerate the transition to a green economy.
- ~~3-4.~~ Reduce barriers to employment, address racial and gender disparities in employment outcomes, encourage diversity and inclusion in the workplace, and increase opportunities for workers and businesses with the highest employment needs.
- ~~4-5.~~ Support youth employment, entrepreneurship, and career pathways in high-growth industries.
- ~~5-6.~~ Increase economic resiliency through outreach and assistance for workers, independent and small businesses, and industries impacted by natural or man-made disasters, and other economic disruptions.
7. Create alignment across federal safety net, public workforce and economic development agencies, and programs to support prevention and promote successfu outcomes.
- ~~6-8.~~ Expand the capacity and resources of local economic and workforce development agencies to prepare for and meet the needs of events in the region.

Commented [A5]: Justification: These proposed revisions reflect recent County advocacy on legislation to reauthorize WIOA, particularly opposition to actions that would reduce local funding and discretion over the use of WIOA funds.

Commented [A6]: Justification: This proposed revision clarifies that this policy and section relate to regional workforce and training needs rather than the needs of the County's workforce.

Commented [A7]: Justification: The proposed revision ensures that this policy captures all industries that are pivotal to the regional economy, not only industries that are considered high-growth and emerging.

Commented [A8]: Justification: Moved from the Public Services and Infrastructure section.

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, transportation, and waste 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 environmental justice in our communities ~~racial and gender equity~~. To address environmental issues and make this a sustainable region, the County will advocate for proposals that promote sustainable infrastructure, advance environmental justice, and invest in climate resiliency.

Commented [A9]: Justification: Rephrased to better reflect efforts to remediate past environmental harms and protect communities proactively.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Promote climate resiliency, the Green Transition, and sustainability in programs, policies, infrastructure and County goals. ~~projects, energy production, policy implementation methods, technologies, waste producer responsibility, and jobs.~~
2. ~~Improve access to clean water, enhancing water quality, local water supply, sustainable water infrastructure, and conservation~~ Strengthen regional water quality, conservation, supply, capture, reuse, - as well as clean water access.
3. Remediate, restore, increase, and ~~pro~~tect natural resource areas, natural environments, and spaces with cultural or recreational value.
4. ~~Fund or promote projects and proposals that~~ Reduce or mitigate the effects of climate change, ~~reduce environmental pollutants, improve air quality, reduce reliance on source pollutants, strengthen natural spaces within communities, respond to extreme heat-related impacts, and address gateway community~~

Commented [A10]: Justification: This deletion will condense the specific policies into the categories in the new phrasing. Therefore these specific policy interests are not lost as they are covered by Board-adopted goals, policies, and programs.

Commented [A11]: Justification: This deletion will condense the specific policies into the categories in the new phrasing which captures the full water cycle. Therefore these specific policy interests are not lost as they are covered by Board-adopted plans.

~~needs extreme weather, -as well as community or regional impacts.~~

5. ~~Incorporate~~ Advance Board-adopted plans (e.g., "Our County" Sustainability Plan, Park Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+) 30x30 Plan, LA County Water Plan) into programs, legislation, policies, and funding opportunities.

5.6. Mitigate public-sector responsibility for and exposure to private-sector externalities that damage the environment. ~~demand for or consumption of natural resources.~~

Commented [A12]: Justification: This deletion will condense the specific policies and increase flexibility rather than focus on projects and funding. Maintains community-scale impacts of climate change.

Commented [A13]: Justification: This addition captures emerging private sector/industry issues that create externalities whereby the County is responsible for fixing or alleviating, such as data centers, battery storage facilities, oil/toxic spills, and oil/gas extraction.

Equity

The County ~~continues to will~~ advocate for policies that promote equitable outcomes for historically marginalized and underserved communities.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Address and combat discrimination based on age, disability, disease status, gender identity, language, immigration status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics.
2. Address, correct and/or remedy past public policy which produced or sustained racial inequities.
3. Address the gap between the legal needs of the most vulnerable populations and the resources available to ensure equitable access to justice.
4. Affirmatively advance and/or provide resources to promote gender and racial equity.
5. Affirmatively advance and/or provide resources to prioritize and effectively support the most disadvantaged geographies and populations.

General Government

The County will advocate for policies to ensure the effective, transparent, and equitable delivery of various services that affect the lives of the County's diverse population. General government policies include matters related, but not limited to: the fiscal strength of the County; elections and voting; agriculture, weights, and measures; animal care and control; arts, culture, and education; cannabis and other business permitting and regulation; human resources, including labor relations, benefits, safety, and risk management; immigration; libraries and library services; public access; worker protections; and veterans' issues.

The County will support proposals that:

1. ~~Protect state and local control over the administration of elections and provide~~ funding to state and local governments to upgrade their voting equipment to ensure all eligible citizens have full access to the voter registration process and/or affirm the intent of the National Voter Registration Act.
2. Promote accurate, unbiased, and inclusive census counts and data collection to equitably allocate funds among states and localities and inform future redistricting processes.
3. Protect consumers against fraud, scams, and unfair or deceptive business practices, and increase collaborative consumer protection and the financial well-being and resiliency of residents through education and counseling programs, financial literacy, wealth-building opportunities, and loss mitigation.
4. Provide essential assistance and increase access to ~~veteran services to~~ for those who have served in our armed forces.
5. Promote improved ~~federal~~ worker protections and increased collaboration with local agencies on awareness and enforcement efforts that combat wage theft, labor trafficking, and other abuses of labor.

Commented [A14]: Justification: The proposed revision is needed to address recent federal executive orders and policies that could undermine state and local administration of elections

Commented [A15]: Justification: The proposed revision is needed to ensure access to services, in addition to assistance, for those who have served in the armed forces

Commented [A16]: Justification: Removed "federal" so the policy reflects the County's commitment to protect all workers, rather than just federal employees.

6. Promote the establishment of an equitable and sustainable cannabis market by enhancing access to banking and financial resources, safer cannabis products, increased resources for local public health, equity and consumer protection programs, and tools to discourage the proliferation of unlicensed cannabis businesses.

~~7. Provide funding to support critical County public services.~~

~~8.7.~~ Automate or expedite employment authorization renewals for immigrant and nonimmigrant beneficiaries, including for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Commented [A17]: Justification: Moved from the General Government section to the Key State Legislative Priorities.

Health, Public Health, and Behavioral Health

The health and well-being of the County's diverse communities, particularly among disproportionately burdened communities and communities of color, are critically important for preventing physical and behavioral health conditions, and for reducing health disparities across the region. Preserving increasing access to care, while expanding opportunities for vital services is essential for ensuring that County residents, especially underserved and vulnerable populations, can maintain continuity of care and supports. ~~enhancing~~ Strengthening and safeguarding delivery systems, providing equitable and ~~critical~~ responsive public health services that protect and promote community health ~~among individuals and communities~~, and addressing the growing-persistent need for prevention, diagnostic, and treatment services for individuals with behavioral and other health conditions are all fundamental-vital elements for achieving improved health outcomes in the County.

The County supports proposals to:

1. Enhance and ~~reform-protect~~ Medicaid financing and other federal payments for health safety-net providers, and mitigate funding and programmatic reductions, including, but not limited to, through programs such as ~~d~~Disproportionate ~~s~~Share ~~H~~Hospital payments, federally ~~granted~~ approved Medicaid waivers, federally-supported quality and performance incentive programs, the 340B Drug Pricing Program, state directed payments, as well as amend the Medicaid inmate payment exclusion, and repeal the Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) payment exclusion.

Commented [A18]: Justification: These revisions are intended to emphasize impacts due to federal actions like H.R. 1 or other efforts to reduce Medicaid and other federal funding.

2. Increase and sustain flexible funding for safety net hospitals, health clinics, ~~and~~ public and behavioral health infrastructure, and other core systems.

Commented [A19]: Justification: These edits consolidate verbiage from other bullets, for a standalone policy that focuses on infrastructure needs/funding, including hospitals and other systems.

3. Secure resources and adopt policies to grow and strengthen the County's health delivery workforce ~~including workforce, that serve disadvantaged communities—~~ including physicians, nursing and allied health professionals, public sector behavioral health workforce, and public health personnel—ensuring that it is highly qualified, diverse, and culturally competent to meet the needs of all communities.

Commented [A20]: Justification: Consolidates and streamlines all mentions of healthcare workforce into a single policy.

4. Preserve federal funding and strengthen policies that advance the health, behavioral health and well-being of County residents through health protection, emergency management, disease control and health promotion initiatives, including, but not limited to, gun and domestic violence prevention efforts ~~Prevent or reduce~~ consumers' medical debt relief, and associated negative outcomes reproductive health, HIV/AIDS programs, and suicide prevention.

Commented [A21]: Justification: These are edits are intended to consolidate and create a standalone policy that focuses on County programs and may be relevant for federal Appropriations funding.

5. ~~Increase~~ Protect the science-based process for federal vaccine recommendations as well as access to and utilization of vaccines among all populations ~~recommended-adult immunizations, including through the establishment of a Federal Vaccines for Adults program.~~

Commented [A22]: Justification: These edits focus on protecting access to vaccines for all populations, in light of the recent federal actions to eliminate or undermine immunization programs.

6. Effectively plan for and respond to current and future public health emergencies, emerging disease threats, epidemics, and other disasters, ~~and gun and domestic violence prevention efforts.~~
7. Increase and sustain funding supporting equitable access to mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) services and reduce legislative and regulatory barriers to accessing mental health and SUD services.
8. Enhance local behavioral health crisis response infrastructure, including providing Medicaid reimbursement for these services, ~~and support increased diversity in the behavioral health workforce by expanding the behavioral health workforce pipeline and expanding public sector workforce incentive programs to recruit qualified workers, including support for substance use disorder counselors.~~
9. Enforce parity laws and policies to ensure equal coverage for behavioral health treatment and medical care, including moving towards parity for reimbursement rates.
10. Provide resources for critical services at all levels of care, including diagnostic, prevention, acute inpatient, outpatient, supportive care, and residential facilities.
11. Preserve and Enhance services and resources to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, including appropriate support for traditionally underserved communities.

Commented [A23]: Justification: This deletion is in order to avoid duplications, as it is now addressed through the workforce bullet.

Commented [A24]: Justification: This policy was revised/enhanced to emphasize the need for underserved communities, in light of recent federal actions to curb 988 funding for LGBTQ+ youth services.

Housing and Homelessness

~~The~~Los Angeles~~The~~ County has one of the least affordable housing markets in the nation. The shortage of affordable housing acutely impacts low-income residents, families, and vulnerable populations, and challenges regional efforts to prevent and reduce homelessness. The County places a high priority on increasing access to affordable housing options by reducing barriers to housing production, supporting unit preservation, and protecting against residential displacement. The County also remains focused on transitioning residents who are experiencing homelessness into safe, stable, and permanent housing, and implementing effective strategies to reduce inflow into homelessness.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Increase affordable housing production, unit ~~and preservation, residential landlord and tenant protections,~~ and homeownership opportunities for low-to-moderate income and first-time homebuyers.
2. Provide sufficient funding for federal rental subsidy programs and the maintenance, operation, and preservation of the County's public housing resources.
3. Expand funding and administrative flexibility for federal programs and initiatives that support housing, homelessness response, and community development.
4. Increase housing resources and supportive services for v~~V~~eterans experiencing homelessness and reduce barriers to access.
5. Reduce barriers to federal housing assistance, and protect access for vulnerable populations.
6. ~~Provide resources to prevent~~Prevent ~~and reduce residential displacement, assist vulnerable tenants and small landlords, and expand resources for homeless prevention strategies.~~support local strategies to address homelessness.
7. ~~Promote the full and efficient~~Ensure the effective use of federal housing resources by reducing administrative barriers, increasing owner incentives, and providing additional financial support to high-performing public housing authorities that prioritize homeless and other special needs populations.
8. Permanently authorize the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program.

Commented [A25]: Justification: This new policy is needed to reflect the County's opposition to and departmental concerns with recent actions by the Administration to limit access to federal housing resources (e.g. Mixed Status, Equal Access rules).

Commented [A26]: Justification: The proposed revision consolidates policy statements related to tenant protections and emphasizes homelessness prevention.

Human Services

The County seeks to preserve and increase funding and resources, administrative and programmatic flexibilities, and accessibility to a wide range of human services programs serving low-income individuals, families, older adults, persons with disabilities, children in foster care and their families, transition-aged youth, pregnant people, childless adults, and victims of crime. The County strives to alleviate financial hardship, address food insecurity, provide affordable health care, promote the safety, well-being and permanency of families and children, prevent child and elderly abuse, exploitation and neglect, provide aging and disability services, connect parents and caregivers to provide child support services, and prevent, mitigate, and disrupt poverty, ~~all~~ while promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Reauthorize, increase, and/or provide sufficient funding for human services programs, including, but not limited to: the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, [the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#); child welfare funding (e.g., Title IV B & E, Aid to Families with Dependent Children 1996 lookback); ~~and~~.
2. [Reverse provisions included in H.R. 1 that have had negative impacts on County programs, revenues, or administrative functions.](#)
- ~~1-3.~~ [Provide increase funding for](#) local child support agencies to cover increased operational costs and to mitigate the impacts of flat funding to counties, and promote flexibility, efficiency, equity, and modernization within the child support program.
- ~~2-4.~~ Provide additional services and resources for customers, including asylees and refugees, and vulnerable populations.
- ~~3-5.~~ [AddressSupport federal reimbursement for lost resources and promote technologies to the surge incombat](#) fraudulent skimming and theft of TANF and SNAP benefits on electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards.
- ~~4-6.~~ [Prevent](#) ~~Oppose~~ the expansion of the definition of the term “public charge” for purposes of determining eligibility to public assistance programs.
- ~~5-7.~~ Support efforts to increase access to high-quality early care and education services provided by a qualified and well-compensated workforce.

Commented [A27]: Justification: This policy was added to ensure the County can support any proposals that will assist in reversing the detrimental fiscal and programmatic impacts included in H.R. 1.

Commented [A28]: Justification: The proposed revision to this exiting policy is to separate this statement from the one before it as H.R. 1 did not impact child support admin funding, and to allow the County to advocate for additional admin funding for local child support agencies.

Justice, Public Safety, and Emergency Management Systems

The County is committed to supporting meaningful reforms to justice and public safety systems in pursuit of the “Care First, Jails Last” vision to support rehabilitation and reintegration of those involved in the criminal legal system. Additionally, the County continues to support preemptive emergency management and response investments.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Strengthen justice and public safety system transparency, reform policing standards, address police misconduct, ~~or~~ [and](#) protect detainee rights and due process.
- ~~1-2.~~ [Advance reforms to reduce gun violence, including background checks for firearm purchases, safe storage of firearms, safe and voluntary transfer of firearms, and new oversight and accountability measures for the gun industry.](#)
- ~~2-3.~~ Increase funding or flexibility to use federal health benefits for the physical and mental health of incarcerated individuals.

Commented [A29]: Justification: Including gun violence prevention because these platforms currently lack an adequate policy statement on gun control, leaving a critical gap in addressing community safety

- ~~3-4.~~ Remove historic disparities and inequities in the juvenile and adult criminal legal systems, including ~~the by~~ redirectiong-of youth and adults from mass incarceration towards rehabilitative, health-focused, and care-first systems.
- ~~4-5.~~ Increase funding ~~for~~ and enhance resources for crime-impacted individuals and communities, and for youth and adults involved in the justice system, with an emphasis on care, development, alternatives to incarceration, community-based violence prevention, and community reintegration pathways.
- ~~5-6.~~ Expand resources and services for local emergency/disaster preparation, management, and operations, including disaster and climate hazard preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.
7. Reduce barriers to accessing disaster recovery assistance and accelerate the delivery of federal resources following natural major disasters.
- ~~6-8.~~ Improve wildfire prevention and fire safety services, including, but not limited to, measures to increase financial assistance, training, and other resources for local response.
- ~~7-9.~~ Ensure accurate and fair distribution of benefits for justice-involved veterans.

Commented [A30]: Justification: This new policy emphasizes the need for timely access to federal disaster relief and reflects concerns with recent recommendations from the FEMA Reform Council and DHS NOFO modifications that would slow the delivery of local aid.

Public Services and Infrastructure

The County will advocate for additional investments, streamlining of processes, and legislative actions from federal partners that ~~would greatly~~ assist the County ~~into~~ meeting the changing needs of the region, ~~meet~~ enhanced mobility plans, and green investment goals. The County will continue to support infrastructure investments, procedural improvements, and the full delivery of funding authorized by ~~the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act~~ Congress, prior statutes, and agency grant-making decisions.

Commented [A31]: Justification: This reflects the expanded scope of previously authorized federal funding that the current administration is attempting to cancel or roll-back.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Directly fund or provide capacity-building resources to enhance the ability of local governments to accelerate the delivery of key regional infrastructure projects and services.
2. Reduce barriers to the participation of non-governmental organizations and small businesses in private-public partnerships and contracting opportunities.
3. Advance ~~Accelerate and prioritize~~ the development of infrastructure with multi-benefit outcomes, such as improved public service delivery and infrastructure efficacy, improved sustainability and decarbonization, benefits to disadvantaged communities, fulfilling equity goals, maintaining beneficial use of waterbodies, and ensuring a diverse public infrastructure workforce.
4. Support alternative funding mechanisms and incentivize innovations and pilot programs for infrastructure and service delivery, such as construction, environmental services, water system management, and transportation development and goals.
5. Ease and streamline procedures to work with federal partners, apply for and receive federal funding, and expend federal funding with more flexibility.
- ~~5- Provide federal resources for special events.~~
6. Secure ~~funding and~~ resources ~~for or for or to~~ accelerate the development, funding, implementation, and maintenance of public infrastructure enhancement, ~~deployment, and maintenance of legacy public infrastructure that supports major international events, (e.g., World Cup, Olympic Games, Paralympic Games), including enhancements to transportation systems, street safety and mobility services, as well as enhance public transit options.~~

Commented [A32]: Justification: This policy is revised to focus on public infrastructure needs generally, which is still applicable to any temporary or legacy infrastructure associated with major events in the region.

~~7. Expand the capacity and resources of local economic and workforce development agencies to prepare for and meet the needs of upcoming global events in the region.~~

Commented [A33]: Justification: Moved to the Economic and Workforce Development section.

Support for Immigrants

The County strives 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 County 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 support proposals that:

1. Provide federal resources ~~to meet the needs of~~ for newly arrived migrants, including refugees and asylees, and existing immigrant populations in the jurisdictions where they settle.
2. Expand immigrant access to federally funded programs and services and offer new immigration relief opportunities for undocumented individuals and immigrants who lack permanent resident status.
3. Provide adequate funding for legal representation for indigent immigrants in immigration court proceedings, end civil incarceration of noncitizens for immigration proceedings, and protect people from inhumane detention conditions.
4. Provide funding for legal representation and other support services for vulnerable immigrant groups, including, but not limited to, unaccompanied children and victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, labor exploitation, and other crimes.
5. Increase federal resources to facilitate prompt adjudication of all cases by U.S. Citizenship Immigration Services.



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STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2027-2028 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

INTRODUCTION

With over 10 million people ~~residing within its borders~~, Los Angeles County (County) is the most populous county in the United States. ~~With a workforce of nearly 100,000, the~~The County Board of Supervisors (Board), both directly and through the Chief Executive Officer, oversees a comprehensive government structure that provides vital public services, including health and human services, public safety, fire protection, and essential infrastructure services to 88 cities and approximately 120-125 unincorporated communities. The County is engaged in enhancing the physical, social, and economic well-being of its residents through fundamental safety-net services, as well as local programs, including combating homelessness, reforming the adult and youth justice systems, protecting the environment, and addressing equity issues.~~provide services on a level comparable to or exceeding those of most states in the country. In addition, the County contributes a quarter of California's gross state product and approximately one-quarter of all residents in California live in the County. The County's advocacy efforts in 2026-2027 will concentrate on a host of critical issues that, together, define a thoughtful, progressive approach to governance. Given the priorities and needs of residents, businesses, and visitors, the County's advocacy efforts in 2026-2027 will concentrate on a host of critical issues that, together, define a thoughtful, progressive, and ambitious approach to governance and responsibility.~~

MECHANISMS FOR ADVOCACY

The Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR) ~~will use the State Legislative Platform (Platform) as the County's foundational guide for advocacy use the State Legislative Platform as the benchmark to take advocacy positions~~ on legislative, policy, and budgetary proposals that directly impact the County, its programs, operations, resources, budget, and most importantly its residents. Functionally, the Platform provides CEO-LAIR the ability to take positions on a bill or budget proposal administratively. If, after evaluating a proposal with relevant departments, CEO-LAIR determines that the proposal supports or undermines County programs or operations, or its ability to advance the interests of County residents, CEO-LAIR can issue a pursuit of County advocacy position if there is a relevant policy in the Platform. -

These policies, as approved by the Board, will be updated each legislative session to address the County's evolving priorities and emerging issues.

As urgent matters arise throughout the legislative session that pose a substantial concern to the County's operations and budget, to include issues that are not addressed by the State Legislative Policies and [the Key State Legislative Principles](#) [Priorities \(noted below\)](#), the Chief Executive Officer will advocate to express the County's concerns. [When there is no policy that is applicable to take an official position, the Board may opt to take a position via a Board-approved motion.](#)

KEY STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The County will support proposals that:

1. Provide full funding for the costs of State-mandated programs;
2. [Protect the County's authority over its fiscal policy, operational matters, and the delivery of public services;](#)
3. Provide additional funding for programs where service needs have outpaced revenues;
4. Establish funding formulas that ensure allocations of State funding are commensurate with the County's role and responsibility in implementing State law;
5. Provide greater flexibility over the use of State funds; ~~and~~
6. [Support other Board-directed priorities, constituent facing initiatives concerns, or critical, emergent needs as they present themselves;](#)
- 6-7. [Streamline and clarify processes that empower local agencies with more flexibility or access to funding to implement services; and](#)
- 7-8. [Provide funding to support critical County public services.](#)

Commented [A1]: Justification: This new policy would explicitly support legislation and budget proposals that affirm and increase local discretionary authority.

Commented [A2]: Justification: This policy is moved to these general priorities from the Public Services and Infrastructure section as it is applicable countywide.

Commented [A3]: Justification: Moved from the General Government section to the Key State Legislative Priorities.

The County will oppose proposals that:

1. Shift State programs to the local level unless control is also shifted, and appropriate State funding is assured;
2. Create unfunded mandates for the County or its special districts;
3. Infringe upon the Board's decision-making or land-use authority;
4. Shift tax revenues and tax increment ~~revenues~~ away from the County to the State, ~~or~~ other local entities, or special districts [without the County's consent](#); ~~and/or~~
5. Pose a potential threat to the County's fiscal stability, [services, programs, or operations](#), ~~or present a reasonable risk of incurring costs to or service reduction for County services, operations, and programs.~~

Commented [A4]: Justification: We generally oppose the shift when we are not consulted, and have a policy to evaluate when we agree to contribute our tax increment revenue to EIFDs.

Commented [A5]: Justification: To capture instances where the financial exposure is not at a "threat-level" and/or not yet quantified but reasonable to expect, may capture administrative impacts.

STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

On behalf of the County, CEO-LAIR will pursue legislative and budgetary advocacy to enhance the quality of life for the people who live in, work in, and visit the County. The County will engage in the legislative process according to the following policies:

~~Digital Inclusion and~~ [Innovation and](#) ~~Emerging Technologies~~

~~In the County, areas where more than 20 percent of households lack broadband service are largely the same areas where the average household income is less than \$50,000 annually, and where people of color are more likely to be the majority of residents.~~ The County will ~~continue to~~ support State legislation and regulations that provide funding for the

Commented [A6]: Justification: Revised the title to be more reflective of AI, GenAI and other digital technologies.

Commented [A7]: Justification: This section has been revised to focus not just on broadband but on digital innovation and emerging technologies.

development and expansion of broadband infrastructure and reliable, affordable networks to bridge the digital divide, provide connectivity and services, by increasing increase access to high-speed internet ~~for as to benefit as~~ many households as possible, and ensure digital inclusion, particularly in underserved communities.

The County recognizes the rapidly expanding role of emerging technologies—including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Generative AI (GenAI), Workforce Surveillance tools (WS) and Automated Decision Systems (ADS)—in transforming public services, government operations, and the broader economy. To ensure these technologies are deployed in ways that promote equity, protect the privacy of residents and public employees, and improve service outcomes, the County will support proposals that prioritize responsible innovation, government transparency, and securely modernize public systems.

~~To gain the public's trust and leverage Artificial Intelligence/Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) technology, it is imperative to ensure GenAI is developed and used ethically and responsibly. To uphold public trust, the County has adopted eight guiding principles for responsible AI and GenAI use. The County has established eight guiding principles for the responsible use of GenAI systems within the County:~~ Human-Centered Design, Security & Safety, Privacy, Transparency, Equity, Accountability, Effectiveness, and Workforce Empowerment.

Commented [A8]: Justification: Revised the opening statement to be inclusive of broader AI and GenAI policy areas for the County. Rapidly expanding AI and automated-decision technologies require strong transparency, privacy protections, and governance frameworks to prevent bias, protect workers, and ensure responsible, trustworthy implementation across County operations.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Expand broadband infrastructure in historically underserved and rural communities.
2. Use innovative, short-term and long-term strategies to provide free or low-cost high-speed internet and related devices to disadvantaged communities.
3. Expand and modernize Wi-Fi at County facilities and other public facilities to help close the digital divide for residents in disadvantaged and broadband deficient communities.
4. Increase digital literacy and consumer education for high-speed internet service options.
5. Advance responsible and transparent use of emerging technologies (WS, ADS, etc.) and AI to improve public services while protecting privacy, equity, security and prevent bias.
6. Support modernization of government systems and digital infrastructure to enable secure, efficient adoption of innovative tools and data-driven practices.

Commented [A9]: Justification: Added general AI policies that are based in the 8 principles outlined above.

Economic and Workforce Development

The County is strategically investing in support for entrepreneurs, small businesses, ~~entrepreneurs~~, and innovative and equitable economic and workforce development programs in high growth and emerging industry sectors that create a pipeline to well-paying jobs. The County remains committed to building an inclusive and sustainable regional economy, stimulating quality job growth, and helping lift economically disadvantaged residents out of poverty and into self-sufficiency.

The County will support proposals that:

1. ~~Enhance~~ Provide funding ~~for and support~~ workforce development and training programs that prepare workers for jobs in high-growth and emerging industries, and sectors critical to the state and regional economy ~~iesy, including the creative and green economies.~~

2. Reduce barriers to employment, address racial and gender disparities in employment outcomes, encourage diversity and inclusion in the workplace, and increase opportunities for workers and businesses with the highest employment needs.
3. Provide economic opportunities, financial assistance, and other supports to small businesses, microbusinesses, entrepreneurs, social enterprises, and nonprofit organizations.
- 3-4. Support youth employment, entrepreneurship, and career pathways in high-growth industries.
- 4-5. Increase economic resiliency through outreach and assistance for workers, independent and small businesses, and industries impacted by natural or man-made disasters, and other economic disruptions.
6. Stimulate regional investment and business development, and encourage private sector participation and partnership in advancing equitable, resilient, and sustainable growth.
- 5-7. Expand the capacity and resources of local economic and workforce development agencies to prepare for and meet the needs of- the region.

Commented [A10]: Justification: Moved from Public Services and Infrastructure section.

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 is focused on advancing policies and investments that improve the energy, water, food, transportation, and waste 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 environmental justice in our communities ~~racial and gender equity~~. To address environmental issues and make this a sustainable region, the County will advocate for proposals that promote sustainable infrastructure, advance environmental justice, and invest in climate resiliency.

Commented [A11]: Justification: Rephrased to better reflect efforts to remediate past environmental harms and protect communities proactively.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Promote climate resiliency, the Green Transition, and sustainability in programs, ~~projects, energy production, policy implementation methods, technologies, waste producer responsibility, and jobs~~ policies, infrastructure -and County goals.
2. ~~Improve access to clean water, enhancing water quality, local water supply, sustainable water infrastructure and conservation~~ Strengthen regional water quality, conservation, supply, capture, and reuse, as well as clean water access.
3. Remediate, restore, increase, and protect natural resource areas, natural environments, and spaces with cultural or recreational value.
4. ~~Fund or promote projects and proposals that~~ Reduce or mitigate the effects of climate change, ~~reduce environmental pollutants, improve air quality, reduce reliance on source pollutants, strengthen natural spaces within communities, respond to extreme heat related impacts, and address gateway community needs~~ extreme weather, and related community or regional impacts.
5. ~~Advance~~ Incorporate Board-adopted plans (e.g., "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan, Park Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+) 30x30 Plan, LA County Water Plan) into State programs, legislation, policies, and funding opportunities.
- 5-6. ~~Mitigate public-sector responsibility for and exposure to private-sector demand for or consumption of natural resources~~ externalities that damage the environment.

Commented [A12]: Justification: This deletion will condense the specific policies into the categories in the new phrasing. Therefore these specific policy interests are not lost as they are covered by Board-adopted goals, policies, and programs.

Commented [A13]: Justification: This deletion will condense the specific policies into the categories in the new phrasing which captures the full water cycle. Therefore these specific policy interests are not lost as they are covered by Board-adopted plans.

Commented [A14]: Justification: This addition captures emerging private sector/industry issues that create externalities whereby the County is responsible for fixing or alleviating, such as data centers, battery storage facilities, oil/toxic spills, and oil/gas extraction.

Equity

The County ~~will continue to~~ advocate for policies that promote equitable outcomes for historically marginalized and underserved communities, and ~~that~~ further the County's strategies for increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Address and combat discrimination based on age, disability, disease status, gender identity, language, immigration status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics.
2. Address, correct and/or remedy past public policy which produced or sustained racial inequities.
3. Address the gap between the legal needs of the most vulnerable populations and the resources available to ensure equitable access to justice.
4. Affirmatively advance and/or provide resources to prioritize and effectively support the most disadvantaged geographies and populations.

General Government

The County will advocate for policies to ensure the effective, transparent, and equitable delivery of various services that affect the lives of the County's diverse population. General government policies include matters related, but not limited to: the fiscal strength of the County; elections and voting; agriculture, weights, and measures; animal care and control; arts, culture, and education; Auditor-Controller's Office of County Investigations; ~~the~~ Brown Act; cannabis and other business permitting and regulation; human resources, labor and compensation including employee/labor relations, benefits, retirement plans, safety, and risk management; immigration; libraries and library services; ~~the~~ Political Reform Act; property assessment, taxation, and tax relief; public access; ~~the~~ Public Records Act; veterans' issues; worker protections; and workers' compensation.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Protect consumers against fraud, scams, and unfair or deceptive business practices, and increase collaborative consumer protection and the financial well-being and resiliency of residents through education and counseling programs, financial literacy, wealth-building opportunities, and loss mitigation.
2. Provide essential assistance ~~and increase access to~~ ~~veteran services to for~~ those who have served in the armed forces.
3. Promote ~~the capacity to recruit, retain, and develop a skilled public workforce, access to, and retention in, jobs with~~ ~~through~~ fair and sustainable wages ~~and benefits~~, predictable hours, paid sick and family leave, health and safety protections, retaliation free workplaces, ~~and~~ career pathways, ~~equitable employment practices, and streamlined Human Resource systems.~~
4. Promote improved ~~State~~ worker protections and increased collaboration with local agencies on awareness and enforcement efforts that combat wage theft, labor trafficking, and other abuses of labor.
5. Provide funding ~~for~~, and statutory relief from ~~State~~ mandated requirements related to elections, including ~~but not limited to~~ signature verification and petition efforts, ~~special election operations and certifications~~, and redistricting activities.

Commented [A15]: Justification: The removal of the Office of County Investigation to be inclusive of the whole Auditor Controller's Office .

Commented [A16]: Justification: The proposed revision is needed to ensure access to services, in addition to assistance, for those who have served in the armed forces.

Commented [A17]: Justification: The proposed changes to this existing policy are intended to enhanced the previous statement to ensure DHR has the ability to deliver fair employment practices, competitive benefits, and workforce-supportive initiatives to sustain a high-performing public workforce.

Commented [A18]: Justification: Removed "State" so the policy reflects the County's commitment to protect all workers, rather than just State employees.

6. Ensure fair, consistent, and modern labor relations that promote workforce stability and effective public service delivery by preserving ~~Protect~~ local control over collective bargaining while also protecting the right of workers to organize and/or strike without hindering the County's ability to continue providing core and vital services. ~~Promote the establishment of an equitable and sustainable cannabis market by enhancing access to banking and financial resources, safer cannabis products, increased resources for local public health, equity and consumer protection programs, and tools to discourage the proliferation of unlicensed cannabis businesses.~~
7. Provide local governments resources to increase access to information, assistance, and services ~~to~~ for immigrants and their families who arrive, reside, or work in the County.
~~Provide funding to support critical County public services.~~
8. Enhances the ability of the County to p~~Protect the health, safety and welfare of animals and prevent a threats to public safety or health from~~by animals.
9. Promote fair, accurate, and transparent property assessments and assessment appeals processes to ensure an equitable and well administered property tax system, impartial hearings and timely resolution of property valuation disputes.
10. Uphold financial integrity, enhance fiscal accountability, modernize audit, payroll, tax billing and collection, public fund investments, and fiduciary operations to safeguard public resources and ensure transparent and efficient public service delivery.
11. Strengthen and streamline the workers' compensation program to ensure legally compliant, cost-effective operations and fair, timely resolution of work-related injury claims for all County employees.
12. Uphold and modernize the Brown Act-ensuring that local government meetings remain open, accessible, and transparent while fostering broad public participation.

Health, Public Health, and Behavioral Health

The health and well-being of the County's diverse communities, particularly among disproportionately burdened communities and communities of color, are critically important for preventing physical and behavioral health conditions, and for reducing health disparities across the region. Preserving ~~Increasing~~ access to care, while expanding opportunities for vital services is essential for ensuring that County residents, especially underserved and vulnerable populations, can maintain continuity of care and supports. ~~enhancing-Strengthening and safeguarding~~ delivery systems, providing equitable and ~~critical-responsive~~ public health services that protect and promote community health-among-individuals and communities, and addressing the ~~growing-persistent~~ need for prevention, diagnostic, and treatment services for individuals with behavioral and other health conditions are all fundamental-vital-elements for achieving improved health outcomes in the County.

The County supports proposals ~~that~~ to:

1. Protect and E~~enhance~~ comprehensive Medi-Cal services for the County's most vulnerable residents, ~~especially-by mitigating funding and programmatic reductions due to federal actions and State funding changes, and by strengthening through~~ California's Medicaid waivers that ~~aim-are designed~~ to transform and improve quality, access, and efficiency of healthcare and behavioral health systems and services.
2. Provide funding ~~for the education and training of~~ to expand and strengthen the County's health delivery workforce—including ~~primary-care~~ physicians, ~~specialty-care~~

Commented [A19]: Justification: The proposed changes to this existing policy are intended to enhance the previous statement to provide the County with the necessary flexibility to take advocacy positions on a variety of labor related bills to ensure it can continue negotiating and administering labor agreements effectively, maintain stable employer-employee relationships, and manage labor relations in a manner that supports both workforce well-being and uninterrupted public services.

Commented [A20]: Justification: This policy was removed from this section and added to the Key Legislative Priorities section.

Commented [A21]: Justification: The new policy is needed to address legislation that may impact the services of the Department of Animal Care and Control.

Commented [A22]: Justification: This new policy is needed to ensure the accuracy, fairness, and transparency of the County's property tax system and assessment appeals process by allowing the County to support proposals that reinforce administrative efficiency, modernize property tax assessment tools, and uphold the assessment appeals process to help the County maintain a well administered property tax roll, support taxpayer confidence, and ensure equitable funding for vital public services that depend on property tax revenue.

Commented [A23]: Justification: This new policy is needed to safeguard the County's financial integrity, budgeting, and accounting controls, payroll operations, property tax billing and collection, fiduciary responsibilities, to maintain transparency, accountability, and efficient financial administration.

Commented [A24]: Justification: This new policy is needed to ensure that the County can effectively administer its workers compensation program at the lowest feasible cost all while ensuring injured workers receive equitable, timely resolution of their claims.

Commented [A25]: Justification: This new policy is needed to support proposals that allow to County to maintain its commitment to open, accessible, and transparent government, through modernization efforts, such as the recently enacted SB 707 (Chapter 327, Statutes of 2025) which expands accessibility through ...

Commented [A26]: Justification: These revisions are intended to emphasize impacts due to federal actions like H.R. 1 or the recent State funding cuts/changes to the Medi-Cal program.

Commented [A27]: Justification: Consolidates and streamlines all mentions of healthcare workforce into a single policy.

~~physicians, and nursing~~ and allied health professionals, public sector behavioral health workforce, and public health personnel—ensuring that it is highly qualified, diverse, and culturally competent to meet the needs of all communities.

Commented [A28]: Justification: These revisions are intended to consolidate and streamline the policy for health care systems infrastructure.

3. Address the urgent and long-term needs for the health care safety net and strengthen local ~~public~~ health delivery systems and infrastructure, ~~particularly workforce including County-operated hospitals, clinics, and other core systems.~~

Commented [A29]: Justification: This policy focuses on general public health programs, and calls out a few specific issues that were harnessed from other bullets in this section or were identified as priorities for the Board through motions or other conversations. .

4. Effectively plan for and respond to current and future public health emergencies, emerging disease threats, epidemics, and other disasters, ~~and gun and domestic violence prevention efforts.~~

5. Streamline and strengthen policies that advance the health and well-being of County residents through health protection, disease control and health promotion initiatives, including, but not limited to, gun and domestic violence prevention efforts. ~~Prevent or reduce consumers' medical debt relief, reproductive health, and suicide prevention associated negative outcomes.~~

Commented [A30]: Justification: The deleted section will now be addressed through the consolidated and streamlined health care workforce policy above (#2).

6. Broaden public behavioral health infrastructure, including expanding community-based facilities, ~~supporting increased diversity in the behavioral health workforce by growing the behavioral health workforce pipeline and expanding public sector workforce incentive programs to recruit qualified workers,~~ building up local crisis response and continuum of care services for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) and substance use disorders (SUDs).

Commented [A31]: Justification: This policy was moved from #11 and was enhanced to emphasize the need for underserved communities, in light of the recent 988 funding issues for LGBTQ+ youth services.

- ~~6-7.~~ Preserve and enhance services and resources for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, including appropriate supports for traditionally underserved communities.

- ~~7-8.~~ Provide individuals with mental illness and SUDs with access to critical services and programs in the most appropriate, least restrictive settings.

- ~~8-9.~~ Increase equitable access to SUD services and reduce legislative and regulatory barriers to accessing SUD services.

- ~~9-10.~~ Increase and protect flexibilities for public and behavioral health funding to comprehensively address the needs of local communities.

- ~~10-11.~~ Provide resources for critical services at all levels of care, including diagnostic, prevention, acute inpatient, outpatient, supportive care, and residential facilities.

- ~~11.~~ Enhance services and resources to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

- ~~12.~~ Streamline processes to access veteran suicide data, including statutory authority to review deaths without the need for next of kin consent, to improve support systems and lower veteran suicide rates.

Commented [A32]: Justification: This bullet was deleted since there is a mention of suicide prevention in bullet #5, as part of the priority issue areas..

Housing and Homelessness

The County has one of the least affordable housing markets in the nation. The shortage of affordable housing acutely impacts low-income residents, families, and vulnerable populations, and challenges regional efforts to prevent and reduce homelessness. The County places a high priority on increasing access to affordable housing options by reducing barriers to housing production, supporting unit preservation, and protecting against residential displacement. The County also remains focused on transitioning residents who are experiencing homelessness into safe, stable, and permanent housing, and implementing effective strategies to reduce further inflow into homelessness.

The County will support proposals that:

1. ~~Increase~~ Facilitate affordable housing production, unit ~~and~~ preservation, ~~residential landlord and tenant protections,~~ and homeownership opportunities for low-to-moderate income and first-time homebuyers.

Commented [A33]: Justification: This phrase was deleted since tenant and landlord assistance is sufficiently covered in bullet #5.

2. Provide sustainable and flexible funding for housing and supportive services including, but not limited to, funding for increasing operational costs and deferred maintenance costs for housing units and facilities.
3. ~~Support~~ Strengthen local strategies to ~~reduce-address~~ homelessness, expand pathways to housing for people at-risk of or experiencing homelessness, and enhance the County's homeless response system. ~~and increase and sustain interim and permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness.~~
4. Preserve local land use authority, ~~and Support implementation of local land-use~~ advance local policies that address the comprehensive housing needs of County residents, and facilitate equitable and sustainable development.
5. Protect against residential displacement, increase residential tenant protections, and provide financial assistance, legal services and other supports to homeowners, residential tenants and small, independent residential property owners facing financial hardship.

Commented [A34]: Justification: The proposed revisions recognize the impact of State policies on local homelessness response strategies and positions the County to oppose proposals that interfere with or otherwise hinder existing efforts to address homelessness.

Commented [A35]: Justification: The proposed revision emphasizes the County's support of measures that preserve local land use authority and help implementation of local housing policies.

Human Services

The County seeks to preserve and increase funding and resources, administrative and programmatic flexibilities, and accessibility to a wide range of human services programs serving low-income individuals, families, older adults, persons with disabilities, children in foster care and their families, transition-aged youth, pregnant people, childless adults, undocumented immigrants including, unaccompanied children, and victims of crime. The County strives to alleviate financial hardship, address food insecurity, provide affordable health care, promote the safety, well-being and permanency of families and children, prevent child and elderly abuse, exploitation and neglect, provide aging and disability services, connect parents and caregivers to provide child support services, and prevent, mitigate, and disrupt poverty, all while promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Increase and expand eligibility for human services programs, including the elimination of immigration status restrictions, and decrease enrollment barriers, simplify eligibility determination and income reporting requirements, and/or increase automation and information sharing with ~~s~~State agencies.
2. Provide additional services and resources for customers, vulnerable populations, ~~and~~ asylees/refugees, and low-income immigrant families, by increasing access to affordable housing, nutrition assistance, transportation, employment, immigration legal representation, and ancillary services to increase self-sufficiency and ensure the ability of local governments to recover costs.
- ~~3. Preserve and increase funding and administrative flexibility for the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) and California Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which provide food assistance to low income immigrant families.~~
- ~~4.~~ 3. Promote child safety, well-being, and permanency by responding to the immediate needs of any child at risk or abuse and neglect, providing the tools and support families need to make their homes a safe place and keep families together, and connecting children with resource families and treatment service providers equipped to meet their individual needs.
- ~~5.~~ 4. Provide adequate and sufficient funding for local child support agencies to cover increased operational costs and to mitigate the impacts of flat funding to counties and promote flexibility, efficiency, equity, and modernization within the child support program.

Commented [A36]: Justification: This policy is being deleted as these programs would be included in the above (#2).

- 6-5. Support proposals that reform mandated reporting by addressing disproportionality and decreasing unnecessary contact and involvement with the child welfare system to improve the quality of reporting decisions by Mandated Reporters and build pathways that will facilitate Mandated Reporters ability to connect families to community-based services while promoting equity and inclusiveness.
- 7-6. Address the surge in fraudulent skimming and theft of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits on Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards.
- 8-7. Clarify the principals and roles for implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and enhance relationships with tribes to improve outcomes for ICWA cases.
8. Increase access to high-quality early care and education services provided by a qualified and well compensated workforce.
9. ~~in a timely and equitable manner~~

Justice, Public Safety, and Emergency Management Systems

The County will ~~continue to~~ prioritize the Board's ~~of Supervisor's~~ vision of "Care First, Jails Last" across the justice and public safety systems, support law enforcement reforms, and emphasize preemptive measures to protect the well-being of residents during emergencies.

The County will support proposals that:

1. Strengthen justice and public safety system transparency, reform policing standards, address police misconduct, ~~reduce access to weapons and tools of crime, or~~ and protect detainee rights and due process.
- 1- ~~Advance reforms to reduce gun violence, including background checks for firearm purchases, safe storage of firearms, safe and voluntary transfer of firearms, and new oversight and accountability measures for the gun industry.~~
2. Remove historic disparities and inequities in the juvenile and adult criminal legal systems, including ~~the by-redirecting on of~~ youth and adults from mass incarceration towards rehabilitative, health-focused, and care-first systems.
3. ~~Enhance or provide funding for expanded youth development services, and pretrial reforms to reduce detention while maintaining public safety.~~ Enhance or provide funding for expanded youth development services and pretrial reforms that reduce unnecessary detention while maintaining public safety.
4. Increase funding for or enhance resources for crime-impacted individuals and communities, and youth and adults involved in the justice system, with an emphasis on care, development, alternatives to incarceration, community-based violence prevention, and community reintegration pathways.
5. Ensure accurate and fair distribution of benefits for justice-involved veterans.
6. Expand resources and services for local emergency/disaster preparation, management, and operations, including disaster and climate hazard preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.
7. Improve wildfire prevention and fire safety services; ~~through including, but not limited to, measures to increase~~ financial assistance, training, and other resources for local response.
8. Provide and expedite the delivery of direct financial assistance and other forms of disaster relief to impacted residents, and advance community-led disaster recovery and rebuilding efforts.

Commented [A37]: To capture gun/weapon proliferation

Commented [A38R37]: [Mention was removed] Proposing deleting your addition; I will be adding a specific line on gun control. What is your definition of "tools of crime?"

Commented [A39R37]: sounds good. Tools of a crime is expansive to include guns, knives, cars, illicit substances, etc. Since a lot of crime bills are reactive we way see bill of interest addressing a specific tool that is not a gun. Another phrase could capture that idea if you think it of interest

Commented [A40]: Justification: Including gun violence prevention because these platforms currently lack an adequate policy statement on gun control, leaving a critical gap in addressing community safety

Commented [A41]: Justification: The policy has been revised to provide clarity.

Commented [A42]: Justification: This new policy captures constituent and community needs during disaster response such as business support, rehousing, insurance, etc.

Public Services and Infrastructure

The County will advocate to advance infrastructure, ~~environmental and~~ public services, and transportation projects that support the region. The County is committed to making its communities more climate resilient, improving constituent experiences, strengthening local resource sustainability, and promoting equitable partnerships ~~and contracts~~ with nongovernment organizations and small businesses.

Commented [A43]: Justification: Removed "environmental services" which should be part of "public services".

The County will support proposals that:

- ~~1. Strengthen regional water supply and stormwater infrastructure, water cleanliness, meet water conservation and resiliency goals.~~
- ~~2.1.~~ Prioritize disaster risk mitigation, prevention, ~~and~~ response, and recovery efforts appropriate for urban and rural communities.
- ~~3.2. Secure funding, expand resources for, and assist in the development, deployment, improvement, or maintenance of public services and public infrastructure. Advance funding, resources, technical assistance, and statutory authority to launch, implement, improve, and sustain public services and infrastructure.~~
- ~~4. Streamline and clarify processes that empower local agencies with more flexibility or access to funding to implement services.~~
- ~~5.3.~~ Advance ~~Support~~ alternative funding mechanisms, programs, procedural innovations, or alternative methods to support County ~~-led~~ projects, services, construction, risk mitigation, and goals.
- ~~6.4.~~ Secure ~~funding and~~ resources for or to accelerate the development, implementation, and maintenance of public infrastructure. ~~enhancement, deployment, and maintenance of legacy public infrastructure that supports major international events, (e.g., World Cups, Olympic Games and Paralympic Games), including enhancements to transportation systems, street safety, and mobility services, as well as enhance public transit options.~~ ~~Expand the capacity and resources of local economic and workforce development agencies to prepare for and meet the needs of upcoming global events in the region.~~

Commented [A44]: Justification: This deletion reflects the rephrasing of policy in the Environment and Sustainability section. These specific policies therefore are still captured in the platform.

Commented [A45]: Justification: This policy is moved to the general policies under Key Legislative Priorities.

Commented [A46]: Justification: This policy is revised to focus on public infrastructure needs generally, which is still applicable to any temporary or legacy infrastructure associated with major events in the region.

Commented [A47]: Justification: Moved to Workforce Development section.



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