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December 24, 2018

To: Supervisor Janice Hahn, Chair  
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From: Sachi A. Hamai  
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## STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE 2019-20 SESSION

On December 11, 2018, the Board voted to adopt recommended legislative priorities for 2019 and policy changes to the County's State Legislative Agenda for the first year of the 2019-20 Legislative Session (Agenda Item No. 20).

Additionally, the Board unanimously adopted the following policies for addition to the State Legislative Agenda.

- Motion by Supervisors Barger and Kuehl (Agenda Item No. 10, December 11, 2018) directing the CEO's Legislative Office to add the following policy:
  - Support proposals that would assist the County and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in our joint efforts to site a rail manufacturing and testing facility within the County's geographic boundaries.
- Motion by Supervisor Hahn (Agenda Item No. 3, December 18, 2018) directing the CEO's Legislative Office to add the following policy:
  - Support or sponsor legislation which seeks to align the mailing dates for Sample Ballots with the mailing dates for Vote-by-Mail ballots, and modify other submission deadlines, as needed, that could delay the production of the Sample Ballot to enhance the timely dissemination of election material.

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For your reference, attached are copies of the approved Board letter (Attachment I), the complete State Legislative Agenda for 2019 (Attachment II), inclusive of the additional policy additions adopted by the Board on December 11, 2018 and December 18, 2018, and a copy of the motions adopted by the Board on the State Legislative Agenda (Attachment III).

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Olyvia Rodriguez at (213) 893-2164.

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#### Attachments

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**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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December 11, 2018

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Supervisors:

20 December 11, 2018

CELIA ZAVALA  
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**STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE FIRST YEAR  
OF THE 2019-20 SESSION  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AFFECTED)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The following recommendations represent policies and proposals for the first year of the 2019-20 Legislative Session, which were developed in coordination with Board offices, County departments, and County Counsel. This package, together with other positions previously adopted by the Board, represent guiding principles for the County's advocacy efforts in Sacramento.

**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 2019-20 State Legislative Agenda (Attachment).
2. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer and affected departments to work with the County's Legislative delegation, other counties and local governments, and stakeholders to pursue these policies, positions, and priorities in the State Legislature and with the Administration and its agencies.
3. Direct the Chief Executive Office and the County's Sacramento Legislative Representatives to advocate on the Board's behalf and to prepare and transmit the County's legislative priorities in letters to the Legislature and the Governor.

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

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

## **CALIFORNIA FISCAL OUTLOOK**

On June 27, 2018, Governor Brown signed the \$201.4 billion Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 State Budget Act, which provides \$138.7 billion in State General Fund (SGF) expenditures, and includes \$3.3 billion in total reserves, including \$200.0 million for a new Safety Net Reserve, which will increase the Rainy Day Fund balance to \$13.8 billion by June 2019. In his signing message, the Governor noted that the budget keeps spending in line with revenues, fully funds the State's Rainy Day Fund, and pays down accumulated debt. The Governor also indicated that the approved budget focuses on his key priorities, including combatting homelessness, counteracting the effects of poverty, strengthening infrastructure, and protecting hardworking immigrants.

The final budget package included notable investments for County priorities and provides robust funding for many County programs and operations, including: 1) \$609.0 million for homelessness programs focused on local flexibility; 2) repayments of \$280.5 million for three AB 3632 mandates that provided mental health services for severely emotionally disturbed children, of which the County received \$70.9 million, including \$2.5 million in interest; 3) \$100.0 million over three years for pre-trial diversion programs for individuals with serious mental illness; 4) approximately \$15.0 million for Los Angeles County to serve up to 150 patients who are incompetent to stand trial; 5) \$90.3 million to support statewide Census outreach and education efforts; 6) \$134.3 million for counties to support replacement of voting systems and technology; and 7) full-year funding of \$31.0 million for counties opting into the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children.

On November 14, 2018, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released its fiscal assessment for California, which projects a very positive outlook for the FY 2019-20 State Budget. Assuming no new budget commitments (i.e., spending increases or tax reductions) are made, the LAO estimates that the State's constitutional reserve would reach \$14.5 billion by the end of FY 2019-20. In addition, the LAO projects that the State will have an additional \$14.8 billion in resources available to allocate in the FY 2019-20 budget process.

The Legislative Analyst's Office notes that although the projected surplus of \$14.8 billion for FY 2019-20 is the largest ever estimated, the State's budget condition could change quickly if the national economy slows down or if Federal changes to health care, tax reform, immigration, trade, or other policies impact State funds. Under a continuing economic growth scenario, and assuming current law and policies remain the same, the LAO estimates operating surpluses averaging \$4.5 billion per year, but declining over time. Under a recession scenario beginning in FY 2020-21, the LAO estimates that the State would have enough reserves to cover its deficits over the outlook period assuming the State avoids new budget commitments and instead uses the projected surplus to increase its reserves to approximately \$30.0 billion by the end of FY 2019-20.

## **COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

As described below, unless otherwise directed by the Board, the County's initial advocacy efforts in 2019 will be primarily concentrated on protecting the will of local voters, expanding access to homeless services and affordable housing, advancing adult and juvenile justice reforms, promoting

business development and employment, better serving and protecting the health and safety of children, improving access to health care services, sustainable long-term financial solutions for the In-Home Supportive Services Program, and increasing regulations of hazardous materials and waste.

**Protecting Local Choice.** In the 2017-2018 Legislative Session, there was a significant increase in the number of measures which did not take into account the will of local voters or the need for local flexibility to serve the individualized needs of the community. Many of these proposals specifically targeted the County of Los Angeles. Among the most notable examples are proposals which sought to significantly alter the County's governance structure or impose pilot projects or reforms in Los Angeles County that do not include local flexibility.

Local stakeholder participation in the development of policy solutions is essential to serve the dynamic needs of our region and its 10 million residents, especially the most vulnerable populations. With the ever-changing political landscape, uncertainty in Washington, D.C., and the risk of the economy slowing down in the future, local flexibility to implement vital programs is more critical than ever to allow the County to address local needs in the most efficient and effective manner possible. Local voters and elected officials know best how to most effectively serve the individualized needs of our communities.

Therefore, the County will continue to partner with local stakeholders and statewide organizations to strongly oppose measures that would: 1) undermine the will of Los Angeles County voters; 2) impose new unfunded mandates on counties, including those that do not allow for local flexibility; 3) violate the "home rule" provisions in the California Constitution, which gives charter counties the exclusive authority to determine compensation and working conditions for persons involved in internal County operations; 4) abridge or eliminate duties of local elected officials; and/or 5) alter the County's governance structure.

**Homeless Services and Affordable Housing.** The County's Homeless Initiative has engaged an array of public and private stakeholders in a multifaceted, Countywide action plan to combat and prevent homelessness. This initiative is financed largely through the voter-approved Measure H quarter-cent sales tax and has already helped provide thousands of families and individuals with temporary and permanent housing, case management services, and supportive services.

To continue to advance our homelessness goals, the County will continue to advocate for State assistance and proposals that: 1) fund initiatives to reduce and prevent homelessness; 2) expand the availability of permanent supportive housing that provide coordinated services; and 3) allow counties to maximize and leverage Federal, State, and local funds to provide services for at-risk and homeless individuals and families.

In addition, the County of Los Angeles places a high priority on increasing the availability of affordable housing. To that end, the County has invested \$206.0 million dollars, and leveraged \$1.5 billion in public and private funds, towards the construction of approximately 3,900 affordable apartments over the last five years. The Community Development Commission/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles has also helped 21,000 low-income households through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and 1,700 veterans through Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers. The County has also convened an ongoing interdepartmental committee dedicated to providing technical assistance to developers who are applying for State funding for affordable housing projects that support walking, biking, and transit in the unincorporated areas.

The County will continue to support and advocate for proposals that: 1) provide funding to construct new affordable housing units; 2) preserve existing affordable housing units; 3) provide rental assistance for individuals and families; and 4) provide down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers.

**Criminal Justice Programs.** Over the last few years, the County has proactively implemented policies, programs, and services to address the individual, social, and economic factors that result in an individual's involvement, or risk of becoming involved, in the justice system, including addressing issues related to mental health, substance use disorder, homelessness, as well as economic, education, and juvenile justice system disparities. The County will advocate for proposals that continue advancing statewide and local efforts to transform the adult and juvenile justice systems, including proposals that would: 1) mitigate racial and economic disparities in the justice system while conserving public safety; 2) expand resources and support policy reforms needed to divert and to rehabilitate individuals, including health and behavioral health treatment, supportive housing, and educational and vocational training; and 3) provide counties with adequate funding to fully cover justice-related costs and with the appropriate local control and flexibility.

In particular, the County will advocate to receive sufficient funding, additional time, and local control and flexibility to implement SB 10 of 2018, or any other bail system reforms; and will support efforts that promote the use of risk-based release decisions through risk assessment tools and processes that mitigate racial and economic disparities, and reduce unnecessary detention while maintaining public safety.

**Economic Development and Workforce Development.** Economic development is part of the County's strategy to help lift County residents out of poverty and foster regional economic prosperity. To position the community for economic success, the County is strategically investing in workforce development and supporting small businesses and emerging industries that create well-paying jobs for the community.

Therefore, the County will advocate in support of proposals that promote business development and employment of the County's diverse population, including proposals that would: 1) support the technology, healthcare, trade, manufacturing, construction, clean energy, hospitality industries, and creative economies, which encompass the fields of arts, sports, entertainment, and culture; 2) provide investment in, incentives for, and assistance to entrepreneurs and small businesses; 3) stimulate regional investment and encourage private sector participation; 4) support funding for workforce development and training opportunities for residents, including those that face barriers to employment; and 5) foster equity and mobility in the job market and addresses labor market challenges.

**Child Welfare Services and Early Care and Development.** Los Angeles County is committed to the health and safety of all children in the County, including the approximately 34,000 children who are served by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) each month. To that end, the County has focused on critical improvements in prevention, safety, well-being and permanency across the County, including upfront primary prevention efforts to strengthen families, co-locating social workers with law enforcement agencies to increase cross-agency coordination and joint responses, and a new practice model for social workers to engage and support families, among others.

There continues to be a number of changes in the delivery and funding of child welfare services at both the State and Federal level. Currently, the County participates in California's Title IV-E child welfare demonstration waiver with the Federal government, which uses a flexible funding concept to

allow Federal funds for increased upfront investments to reduce lengths of stay or prevent foster care placement. This waiver is currently set to expire on September 30, 2019. Additionally, in recent years, there have been a number of reform efforts at both the State and Federal level, including the Continuum of Care Reform in California, and the passage of the Family First Prevention and Services Act by Congress in February of this year, each significantly changing how child welfare services are delivered and funded.

The County will continue to support and advocate for proposals that would better serve and protect children who are victims, or at risk, of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation by: 1) increasing funding to support the provision and administration of child welfare programs and services; 2) promoting funding flexibility, which includes working with the State of California and other stakeholders to seek an extension of the Federal Title IV-E child welfare demonstration waiver; and 3) expanding both the population of clients and types of services eligible for Federal funding, which includes but is not limited to, upfront prevention services.

In addition, the County is committed to the early care and development of all children in the County, which contributes to children's optimal development as well as the economic stability of the family. The County will continue to support and advocate for proposals to increase the access to and quality of early care and education programs for children, including those that: 1) ensure adequate funding for high-quality care and education services; 2) expand the supply of services in communities with shortage of these services; and 3) develop and sustain a well-educated and highly-skilled provider workforce.

Health Care. There are a number of legislative issues that are critical to the health care safety-net in Los Angeles County. The Federal government continues to take actions to weaken the gains made by the Affordable Care Act and further diminish the safety-net protections provided by Medicaid. At the same time, California has led the way in reversing these actions, or in some cases, further expanding access to health insurance coverage and increasing protections for consumers. In recent years, there have been legislative proposals to address barriers to providing medical and mental health care in the most appropriate setting for the patient, including insurance reimbursement requirements and delivery system protocols, among others. Individuals with serious mental illness, in particular, face challenges to accessing critical services, and often experience these barriers more acutely. Finally, the overall health of a community is critically important to preventing physical and mental health conditions.

The County will continue to support and advocate for proposals and funding that ensure the County's residents have access to essential health care, mental health care, and community health services. This includes those that: 1) address barriers to comprehensive insurance coverage for the residually uninsured, including protecting the gains made under the Affordable Care Act; 2) protect critical Medicaid funding, eligibility, and covered services for the most vulnerable residents; 3) ensure that individuals with serious mental illness have access to critical services; 4) allow for medical and mental health care services to be delivered in the most appropriate setting for the patient; and 5) support community health, disease prevention, and wellness efforts to address the root causes of physical and mental health conditions.

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE). The FY 2017-18 State Budget Act established a new County IHSS MOE, referred to as the 2017 IHSS MOE. The new IHSS MOE increased costs for counties by approximately \$623.0 million in FY 2017-18 in comparison to FY 2016-17, and increased the MOE's annual inflation factor to five percent for the first year, rising to seven percent annually thereafter.

To mitigate the cost impact to counties, the State General Fund (SGF) contributed \$400.0 million in FY 2017-18, and will contribute \$330.0 million in FY 2018-19, \$200.0 million in FY 2019-20, and \$150.0 million annually thereafter. The 2017 IHSS MOE also redirected 1991 Realignment Vehicle License Fee (VLF) growth and sales tax growth from Health and Mental Health to Social Services to further offset increased IHSS costs. For VLF growth, 100 percent will be redirected in the first three years, and 50 percent in the two years after that.

Despite the SGF contributions and the redirection of VLF and sales tax growth, statewide IHSS costs are projected to outgrow available revenues by \$250.0 million through FY 2020-21 and \$200.0 million ongoing starting with FY 2021-22, according to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). The higher IHSS costs are primarily due to caseload growth, State minimum wage increases, collective bargaining for IHSS provider wages, overtime costs, and paid sick leave.

In anticipation of this potential funding gap, SB 90 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2017) required the California Department of Finance, in consultation with CSAC and other affected parties, to reexamine the funding structure within 1991 Realignment, and report findings and recommendations regarding the 2017 IHSS MOE and its impact on other 1991 Realignment programs by January 10, 2019, to be used for the FY 2019-20 State Budget Act, which will be finalized by June 30, 2019. The report must examine if 1991 Realignment funding is available to meet program costs that were realigned; how IHSS costs are growing compared to the inflation factor; the impact of the IHSS MOE on funding available to Health, Mental Health, and County Medical Services Program subaccounts, and other social services programs; and the status of collective bargaining.

Therefore, the County will continue to work with the Administration and other key stakeholders to evaluate the current IHSS fiscal structure and advocate for sustainable long-term solutions that address the growing gap between program costs and revenue sources, and its impact on the delivery of IHSS services and other critical programs.

Environmental Protection, Oversight, and Monitoring. Environmental hazards in the County, such as lead contamination from the former Exide facility in the City of Vernon, chromium emissions in the City of Paramount, the magnesium fire in Maywood, and the natural gas leak in Porter Ranch, demonstrate the need for increased regulation, oversight, and monitoring of polluters by State agencies, as well as timely enforcement against responsible parties. There is also a need to provide local governments' statutory authority to be able to direct businesses emitting hazardous substances, materials, or waste to discontinue their operations if they pose a threat to public health and safety.

Therefore, the County will continue to support and advocate for proposals which increase the State's regulation of hazardous materials and waste, improve its enforcement of hazardous materials and waste laws, and provide funding for remediation. The County will also support proposals that expand local enforcement of hazardous materials and waste laws, and strengthen local agencies statutory authority to prevent and respond to environmental hazards, either independently or in coordination with State agencies.

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

The recommended changes in the attachment represent requests from this office, departments, and Board offices to add or modify policy statements consistent with existing operational goals and plans. New policy statements represent emerging programs and issues for which we are seeking the Board's concurrence to guide future advocacy efforts in Sacramento. In addition, some policies are no longer applicable and, therefore, have been removed.

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

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

None.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

None.

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

None.

**CONCLUSION**

The recommended additions, deletions, and changes to existing adopted policies are submitted for the Board’s consideration as guiding principles for inclusion in the State Legislative Agenda for the first year of the 2019-20 Legislative Session. This office will ensure that all legislative positions pursued are communicated to the Board, and that Board offices are provided the opportunity for input on those positions prior to any initial advocacy.

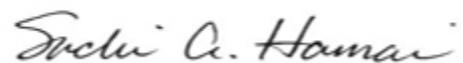
The policies and proposals contained in this package are in addition to, and are not intended to replace or be exclusive of any position the Board may adopt at any time during the year. As in the past, the State Legislative Agenda will be updated to reflect subsequent Board actions and will be shared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

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

12/11/2018

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sachin A. Hamai".

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RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE  
2019-20 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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**RECOMMENDED STATE LEGISLATIVE POLICIES ADDRESSING ISSUES OF  
MAJOR COUNTY INTEREST**

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## **GENERAL STATE LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES**

### 12. *Oppose proposals that would impose new unfunded mandates, including those that do not allow the Board of Supervisors the authority to vary the implementation guidelines.*

**Justification:** New Policy. Currently, the State Legislative Agenda includes a statement regarding the County's General State Legislative Principles which notes the County's opposition to new unfunded mandates, unless they promote a higher priority. In the 2017-2018 Legislative Session, there was an increase in the introduction of measures which sought to: 1) usurp the statutory authority granted to the Board of Supervisors; 2) undermine the will of the County voters regarding self-governance; 3) impose a pilot program in Los Angeles County only that does not include local flexibility; and 4) significantly alter the County's governance structure, among other notable examples. Many of these proposals specifically targeted the County of Los Angeles. Therefore, the County will need to be prepared to continue to oppose similar proposals in forthcoming legislative sessions. By including a separate policy to reiterate the County's opposition to unfunded mandates and the need for local flexibility over implementation requirements, this new policy would enhance the County's ability to advocate for the protection of local control and authority over decisions that are more appropriately made by local voters and elected officials. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations; concurred by County Counsel)**

### 13. *Support legislation that would increase delegated authority provided to a board of supervisors to lease real property and amend real property leases, and to adjust that authority annually based on Consumer Price Index.*

**Justification:** New policy. The Chief Executive Office – Asset Management Branch (CEO-AMB) reports that current law allows a county officer, designated by the Board of Supervisors, to obtain the use of rental property by lease for a term of no more than five years and for a rental that does not exceed \$7,500 per month. The same law also limits amendments to existing leases for improvements and/or alterations to a maximum of \$7,500. The CEO-AMB indicates that the proposed new policy would allow the County to support proposals that increase these maximum delegated authorities and streamline the leasing process. This would in turn reduce staff time and expense by expanding the number of lease or license agreements that can be entered into without action by a board of supervisors. Additionally, CEO-AMB also reports that these delegated authorities were last amended in 2006, and should be increased to reflect the current rental market pricing and tied to the Consumer Price Index to keep up with future cost increases attributed to inflation. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Asset Management Branch)**

## **1. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

### **1.1 Child Welfare Services**

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

**Technical Change:** Policy deletion. The services included in this policy are now related to the Continuum of Care Reform and included in policy 1.2.26.

13. Support proposals that promote cross-agency communication and collaboration between child welfare and local education agencies, parks and recreation departments, and law enforcement agencies to enhance the County's ability to establish partnerships that ensure the safety and well-being of children at risk of abuse and neglect and develop programs that improve the quality of life for children.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The changes to this existing policy are proposed to make it consistent with the motion approved by the Board on August 14, 2018, to support AB 366 (Lackey, Obernolte, and Wilk), which failed passage but would have authorized the disclosure of confidential child abuse or neglect reports to teachers and school administrators in specified circumstances. Further, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) states that education providers are valued partners, and strengthening the collaboration between education entities and DCFS will aid in establishing effective partnerships and program development to ensure the safety and well-being of children. **(Requested by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

16. Support proposals that increase the types of professionals required to report suspected cases of child abuse, and increase penalties that mandated reporters are subject to under existing law for the failure to report incidents of known or suspected abuse and neglect.

**Justification:** Revised policy. Under existing law, mandated reporters who fail to report known or suspected incidents of child abuse or neglect are subject to specified penalties, such as incarceration and fines. However, DCFS indicates that existing penalties should be enhanced to better protect children by including additional penalties, such as mandated participation in additional child abuse and neglect training and increased professional supervision, to ensure that the individual is aware of, and conforms to, the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act. The revised policy will allow the County to support proposals that increase penalties that mandated reporters would be subject to for putting children at increased risk of harm by failing to report child abuse and neglect. **(Requested by the Department of Children and Family Services; concurred by the Los Angeles County Office of Education)**

27. Support proposals to increase professional development in areas that include, but are not limited to, trauma competency and cultural and linguistic competency, to promote best practices and increase the effectiveness of interventions provided by agencies that serve children and families.

**Justification:** New policy. According to DCFS, it is critical for families to address and resolve complex issues in order to successfully reunify and prevent further child abuse or neglect. Effectively addressing underlying issues that lead to child abuse is extremely challenging when service providers lack competency in key areas that include the respective impacts of trauma and culture on behavior, parenting, and child development. Additionally, as the County is very diverse, it is important that services are accessible in the client's language. This policy would allow the County to support proposals that would increase professional development standards for providers in order to better meet the needs of the children and families they serve. **(Requested by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

28. Support proposals that increase funding and advance initiatives to support children and families involved in the child welfare system by promoting partnerships with community-based, faith-based, and civic organizations, among others.

**Justification:** New policy. Non-governmental agencies provide vital services to children and families involved, or at risk of involvement, in the child welfare system. According to DCFS, community- and faith-based organizations are examples of valuable and yet often underutilized resources. Promoting partnerships with such organizations can increase access to culturally sensitive, innovative programs that strengthen families in the communities where they reside. This policy would allow the County to support initiatives, including State budget proposals, that would promote partnerships with non-governmental agencies to strengthen support systems and increase innovative programs and services available to families experiencing, or at-risk of experiencing, child abuse or neglect. **(Requested by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

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

2. Support proposals ~~to that~~ increase ~~appropriate foster care resources~~ resource family capacity by adequately funding resource family retention and targeted recruitment efforts, including Intensive Services Foster Care providers; enhancing support services available to resource families; and ensuring provider ~~review of existing foster care payment rates are equitable and sufficient~~ to ~~ensure equity and appropriateness, and professionalizing foster parenting~~ meet the individual needs of all children cared for by resource families.

**Justification:** Revised policy. Implementation of Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) and the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process has altered foster care rates and will replace licensed and certified foster homes with approved resource families. Under CCR, resource families will be needed to care for high-need foster children and youth who previously qualified for group home placement, but do not meet the level of need required for placement in a short-term residential therapeutic program. This revised policy will allow the County to support proposals that would increase recruitment and retention of resource families and better address the issues faced by resource families caring for high-needs youth. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations; concurred by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

5. Support legislation and funding to allow the California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division and local government to make unannounced visits to Foster Family Agency ~~certified~~ approved resource family homes.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy to make it consistent with existing law under CCR. According to DCFS Services, the group home license category will be repealed by full implementation of CCR and replaced by short-term residential therapeutic programs (STRTPs). Additionally, implementation of CCR and the RFA process will replace licensed or certified foster homes with approved resource families. **(Requested by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

7. Support legislation and funding to facilitate successful emancipation, promote self-sufficiency, increase post-secondary achievement, and improve opportunities for ~~youth aging out of foster care~~ transition-age youth, nonminor dependents, and former foster youth.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. This technical change broadens the language to allow the County to support proposals that would provide funding and resources to a wider population of young adults who have been involved in the child welfare system, as well as support proposals that seek to improve the outcomes of foster youth by increasing post-secondary achievement, similar to the provisions of SB 940 (Beall) that were incorporated into budget trailer bill AB 1809 (Chapter 33, Statutes of 2018). **(Requested by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

8. Support proposals which allow the sharing of information concerning family homes ~~certified~~ approved by foster family agencies to prevent the licensure, approval and/or ~~re-certification~~ approval of previously de-certified homes.
21. Support proposals that enhance the State monitoring of foster family agencies, short-term residential therapeutic programs ~~group homes~~, and State approved resource family licensed foster homes, including both staff and the homes where children are placed.
22. Support proposals to provide counties full access to a database of criminal waivers and criminal history of employees and all prospective and approved resource parents and resource families ~~foster parents of foster family agencies, short-term residential therapeutic programs, group homes and State approved resource family licensed foster homes~~.

**Technical Change:** Revised policies 1.2.8, 1.2.21, and 1.2.22 to be consistent with existing law under CCR. According to DCFS, the group home license category will be repealed by full implementation of CCR and replaced by STRTPs. Additionally, implementation of CCR and the Resource Family Approval process will replace licensed or certified foster homes with approved resource families. **(Requested by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

23. Support proposals that clarify existing law to provide priority enrollment ~~to foster children and children with parents under Child Protective Services supervision~~ in subsidized child care and development services programs to children involved in the child welfare system, including those in foster care, as well as ensure that they have access to child care and development programs for which they are eligible and prioritized.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. This technical change incorporates existing policy (1.2.25), as both statements are related to provision of child care and development services to foster youth.

- ~~25. Support proposals that ensure that young children in the child welfare system, including those in foster care, have access to early care and child development programs for which they are eligible and prioritized.~~

**Technical Change:** Policy deletion. This policy is included in revised section 1.2.23 above.

**2625.** Support proposals that provide adequate funding and support to counties to ensure the successful implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform (*CCR*) under AB 403 (Chapter 773, Statutes of 2015), *which includes child and family teaming, resource family approval, and comprehensive child assessments, among other CCR components.*

**Technical Change:** Revised policy to highlight some, but not all, of the various components of CCR that include those previously included in section 1.1.9.

Note: Existing policies 27-30 will be renumbered as 26-29.

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

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

*18. Support proposals to expand local authority (e.g., local health officer) as needed to abate hazardous material or waste exposure when there is a danger to the health and safety of the public.*

**Justification:** New policy. This addition is consistent with the Board motion approved on November 7, 2017, by Supervisors Hahn and Barger and amended by Supervisor Solis, related to strengthening the authority to shut down facilities that emit hazardous substances that have been a threat to public health and safety. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations; concurrence by the Department of Public Health and the Fire Department)**

### **2.4 Parks**

*14. Support proposals to fund or promote the use of parks and park-related amenities to mitigate the effects of climate change.*

**Justification:** New policy. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) indicates that this proposed new policy would allow the County to support proposals that encourage and fund the use of parks and park-related amenities (such as trees) to combat climate change and mitigate urban heat island effects. Parks moderate artificially higher temperature from the urban heat island effect through shading and evapotranspiration; sequester carbon and other pollutants that may otherwise alter local and global atmospheric composition; and enhance local wind patterns in communities through the park breeze, meaning the cooler air over parks replaces some of the warmer air in adjacent neighborhoods. DPR reports that it has been proactively and progressively addressing climate change and its effects through the Department's planning, design, construction, and renovation projects and practices. The State Legislative Agenda currently lacks a policy that recognizes the significant role that parks play in addressing climate change. **(Requested by the Department of Parks and Recreation)**

15. Support proposals that encourage joint-use arrangements with schools to increase physical activity for youth and adults, and alleviate the liability of school districts and local government partners in relation to joint-use of school facilities for public recreation.

**Justification:** New policy. DPR indicates that the proposed policy would enable the County to support proposals that promote the joint-use of school facilities for public recreation and reduce school districts' liability concerns. Joint-use is a key strategy for DPR to meet the park and recreation needs of urban unincorporated areas where the availability of land for new park development is very limited. Over the years, DPR has maintained several joint-use agreements with local school districts which enable the public to access schools for recreational purposes during non-school hours. However, the process of negotiating and entering into new joint-use arrangements remains challenging due in large part to liability concerns expressed by school districts. The increased availability of schools for community recreation benefits the County by expanding opportunities for residents to recreate and exercise, resulting in improved public health and enhanced quality of life. **(Requested by the Department of Parks and Recreation)**

## **2.6 Water Supply**

3. Support legislation to improve the governance of and reliability of water imported into Los Angeles County.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. The proposed revision of this policy will allow the County to weigh in on proposals regarding the formation of boards, commissions, or other bodies established to oversee water supply, water storage, water delivery, and associated infrastructure in the state. In April 2018, AB 3045 (Gallagher) proposed the creation of a commission to oversee the State Water Project (SWP), which supplies water to Northern California, the Bay Area, the San Joaquin Valley, the Central Coast and Southern California. This bill would have required commission representation from the upstream watershed, but not the SWP's actual service area, thereby lacking balanced representation from both Southern and Northern California. The Department of Public Works (DPW) reports this policy will allow the County to advocate for equitable representation of all stakeholders on water governance bodies and to ensure that delivery of imported water to the County is not negatively impacted. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Works)**

5. Oppose proposals ~~legislation~~ that would create any requirements that impede the construction of water facilities or reduce the supply of non-imported water to improved and developed areas.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. The proposed revision to this policy is to provide a basis for opposing both legislation and regulations that could potentially hinder the State and County's water sustainability goals for the region and which are inconsistent with the region's natural hydrologic region. DPW reports that the State has imposed or proposed water-related requirements on various local water projects that are contrary to the County and State's water conservation goals. DPW notes that the proposed revision to this existing policy would allow the County to oppose both legislation and regulations that impose requirements that impede the County's efforts to meet State and County water conservation goals, develop more sustainable water supplies, and reduce reliance on imported water. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Works)**

21. Support legislation that effectuates fiscal and operational management and control over failing water systems by appointing an interim administrator, providing immunity from liability for parties involved in the consolidation or dissolution of a failing water system, providing appropriate finance resources for the interim administrator, and ensuring that the local agency formation commission has a role in selecting the new, long-term water service provider.

**Technical Change:** New policy. Motion (Ridley-Thomas and Hahn), related to AB 1577 and the Sativa Water District, approved by the Board on August 7, 2018.

### **3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

#### **3.2 Land Use Planning**

10. Support proposals to monitor regulatory proceedings initiated by AB 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006), SB 97 (Chapter 185, Statutes of 2007), ~~and~~ SB 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008), and SB 32 (Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016) and advocate for regulations that would: 1) preserve the County's flexibility in making California Environmental Quality Act determinations; and 2) incentivize actions by the County and other local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet AB 32 mandates both through their operations and their regulatory authority.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. The Department of Regional Planning (DRP) reports that SB 32 requires the California Air Resources Board to ensure that statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are reduced to at least 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030, and provides additional direction for development of the regulations to meet the State's GHG reduction goals which were first mandated by AB 32. Therefore, DRP recommends amending this existing policy to include SB 32. **(Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning)**

~~18. Support legislation which would streamline the review of a basketball arena and other related projects within the Inglewood Sports and Entertainment Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), consistent with other similar State-approved CEQA actions.~~

**Justification:** Policy deletion. This existing policy, which was added to the State Legislative Agenda pursuant to a Board-approved motion (Ridley-Thomas) on September 12, 2017, is being deleted because legislation authorizing special procedures for the CEQA and judicial review of the proposed basketball arena in Inglewood (AB 987) was signed by the Governor on September 30, 2018. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations)**

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

21. Support proposals that would extend or remove the sunset date of, or otherwise enhance, the County's Enhanced Homeowner Notification Program (SB 827 of 2014).

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. In anticipation of pursuing County-sponsored legislation to extend or remove the sunset date for the County's Enhanced Homeowner Notification Program,

the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) indicates that this technical change broadens the language to also support proposals to enhance the County's Homeowner Notification Program. In DCBA's legislative report back, which will be submitted to the Legislature by January 1, 2019, the Department plans to recommend program enhancements, including future consideration of expanding program outreach. **(Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs)**

[31. Support proposals to expand, improve, and/or clarify the regulation of high-cost lending, including online lending.](#)

[32. Support proposals which would create safer alternative loan products.](#)

**Justification:** New policies. Motion (Solis and Kuehl), related to implementation of recommendations to curb the impact of high-cost loan products in Los Angeles County, including the development of policy recommendations which address predatory and abusive loans made online, approved by the Board on October 16, 2018.

[33. Support proposals to clarify and/or enhance translation requirements in consumer contracting.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs reports that it investigates numerous complaints where consumers are vulnerable to fraud due to language barriers. Under current law, translation requirements are limited to contracts that are negotiated primarily in a language other than English, with specified exceptions. DCBA reports that this limitation in State law impacted the Department's ability to provide clear determinations on claims involving mobile home leases between English-speaking owners and Chinese speaking tenants. This new policy would allow the County to support legislation that would provide clarification and/or guidelines for translation requirements for consumer contracting. Successful enactment of legislation to enhance translation requirements would address ongoing confusion and increase consumer protections in consumer contracting. **(Requested by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs; concurred by County Counsel)**

[34. Support proposals to enhance consumer protection investigations conducted by local agencies.](#)

**Justification.** New policy. The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) reports that in many cases consumer protection investigators are the first and only recourse for victims of consumer fraud. According to DCBA, the Department is often the first agency to discover large scale consumer fraud and will present the cases to law enforcement. DCBA staff must work within limited confines under existing law to conduct its investigations. Current law does not extend subpoena authority to DCBA investigative staff which hinders their ability to compel the cooperation of suspects. In addition, DCBA investigators are often required to conduct investigations involving criminal violations or civil remedies to their own personal risk. For example, due to the lack of unmarked vehicles, investigators are forced to drive their own vehicles during undercover and surveillance operations, which risks exposure of their personal identity to criminal suspects. This new policy would allow the County to support legislation to strengthen local authorities' ability to complete cases in a timely and effective manner as well as proposals

that would expand protections for DCBA investigators while conducting investigations. **(Requested by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs)**

### **3.5 Child Support Administration**

4. Support legislation to improve collection of child support orders including:
  - a. Proposals that seek to base a child support order contained in a default judgment on the payor-parent's actual income, rather than presume, in the absence of proof of the payor-parent's income, that the payor-parent works 40 hours per week earning minimum wage.
  - b. Proposals that seek to enable local child support agencies to collect child support from non-traditional sources of income such as gaming proceeds paid to parents who owe past-due child support. This would allow the Department of Child Support Services to collect more child support for children and families.
  - c. Proposals to further adjust the mandatory statewide child support guideline for low-income parents.
  - d. Proposals to increase collections by developing data matches between counties and local child support agencies, including data matches for individuals that contract with or receive a license or permit from a county, to the extent the information is public, which would yield specific information enabling the local child support agency to locate the assets of more parents who owe child support and collect more child support for children and families.
  - e. Proposals to eliminate the accrual of interest on past-due child support payments in order to make child support arrearages more manageable.
  - f. Proposals that support electronic filing of court documents, including the use of electronic signatures and the elimination of requirements to maintain hard copies of legal documents.*

**Justification:** Revised policy. The Child Support Services Department (CSSD) reports that there is an increasing trend in the electronic filing (e-filing) of legal documents in their office, as well as the courts. Filing documents electronically reduces processing times and permits the reallocation of staff resources from processing paper to other critical functions. However, some statutes still require hard copies of specified documents, as well as wet signatures on certain documents. Further, some statutes also require the retention of a hard copy even when e-filing is permitted. The revision to this policy would allow the County to support ongoing legislative efforts to advance e-filing and eliminate existing barriers to e-filing. **(Recommended by the Child Support Services Department)**

[g. Proposals that grant access to Uniform Parentage Act filings and improve access to dependency court filings for the purposes of obtaining and enforcing child support orders.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. Under the provisions of the Uniform Parentage Act (UPA), unmarried parents of a child can go to court on their own to obtain an order for child support. CSSD reports that they are required to enforce child support orders in such cases when they are referred from the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). However, under Family Code Section 7643, CSSD is not permitted access to these court orders without the written approval of the parents, which oftentimes cannot be obtained. Additionally, while existing court rules allow CSSD access to dependency court determinations of parentage, CSSD indicates that it can be difficult to access this information because there is not strict compliance with these rules due to various reasons that may include a lack of resources. The revision of this policy would allow the County to support proposals that would grant access to UPA court filings for the purpose of enforcing child support orders, in addition to proposals that would improve access to dependency court filings by increasing compliance with dependency court rules. **(Recommended by the Child Support Services Department; concurred by the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Public Social Services)**

[5. Support proposals that ensure the equitable allocation of funding to Local Child Support Agencies and protect local control.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. As a result of the passage of budget trailer bill AB 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018), the California Department of Child Support Services is tasked with developing a funding methodology for Local Child Support Agencies, as well as identifying operational efficiencies. CSSD indicates that this policy will allow the County to support proposals that would implement an equitable funding methodology that captures the economies of scale that exist in large counties, as well as preserve local control. **(Requested by the Child Support Services Department)**

### **3.7 Local Government Reorganizations/County Boundary Changes**

[5. Support proposals that strengthen oversight of independent special districts to improve service delivery and efficiency, expand transparency and public engagement, and standardize reporting requirements on revenues, expenditures, and reserves.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. In 2017, the Little Hoover Commission (the State's independent oversight agency) issued a report on the State and local agency formation commissions (LAFCOs) role and responsibility in overseeing independent special districts. The report noted that LAFCOs should continue to be the lead in local oversight of special districts, as they are more familiar with the special districts' constituent needs than the State is, but that LAFCO's need more tools to do so effectively. For example, in April 2018, the Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Public Health and Department of Public Works to investigate numerous water quality complaints raised by customers of the Sativa Water District. In June 2018, the LAFCO of Los Angeles County voted to initiate dissolution of Sativa, after finding ongoing operational and management operations, a process that could take up to a year and a half. Therefore, the County supported AB 1577 (Gipson), which empowered the State Water Resources Control Board to order Sativa to accept managerial and administrative services of a State-appointed administrator. On September 28, 2018, Governor Brown signed AB 1577 into law. In October 2018, the State

dissolved Sativa's Board of Directors and appointed the County's Department of Public Works as the district's administrator. This proposed new policy would allow the County to support legislation that would require special districts to comply with all requirements (such as the Brown Act, reporting and audit, State Fair Political Practices Commission, and other requirements), provide LAFCOs with statutory authority to expedite the special district dissolution and consolidation processes, and improve the State's oversight of districts that are not providing adequate service delivery or being transparent. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations)**

### **3.9 Human Relations**

#### [3. Support proposals to promote corporate board gender diversity.](#)

**Technical Change:** New policy. Motion (Solis and Kuehl) related to SB 826, approved by the Board on July 24, 2018. County-supported SB 826 (Jackson and Atkins) was signed by the Governor on September 30, 2018, to require a minimum number of women directors on publicly held corporations beginning in 2019.

### **3.12 Education**

#### [10. Support proposals that help schools reduce food insecurity through advocacy, outreach, and application assistance to Federal, State and County nutrition programs, such as CalFresh, as part of the school enrollment process.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Household food insecurity is defined as the inability to provide enough food for a healthy and active lifestyle for all household members. Children perform poorly in school and have lower academic achievement because they are not well prepared for school and cannot concentrate when they are food insecure. Participation in food assistance programs, such as the Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) reduces the prevalence of food insecurity. Encouraging schools to outreach food insecure households can reduce hunger amongst children. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services; concurred by the Los Angeles County Office of Education)**

### **3.15 Elections and Voting**

#### [10. Support proposals to improve and/or clarify the petition filing process for ballot measures, including codifying filing deadlines.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) anticipates the introduction of new legislation related to petition filing deadlines and standardized petition forms. According to the RR/CC, before each election cycle the Secretary of State publishes suggested dates to submit petitions to county election offices to allow for reasonable processing time to meet the legal deadline for a measure to qualify for the ballot. RR/CC indicates that codifying a date in statute by which petitions must be submitted to counties will create uniformity in the application of due dates which will reduce confusion and eliminate subjectivity in one of the most critical elements of the initiative/measure process.

The Department further reports that the petition signature process is heavily manual and non-standardized which results in submissions in varying paper sizes. This size variance impedes upon efforts to modernize the process. This new policy will allow the County to support anticipated legislation to improve the petition filing process and modernization of the process. Successful enactment of a standardized petition form will allow the Department to improve efficiencies in the processing of petitions to further allow sufficient time to meet statutory deadlines. **(Recommended by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk)**

11. [Support proposals to establish filing deadlines for civil writs for ballot related litigation.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk anticipates introduction of new legislation related to establishing filing deadlines for civil writs for ballot related litigation. According to the RR/CC, Los Angeles County has a significant amount of pre-election ballot related litigation. Litigation comes in the form of challenges to candidate ballot designations and measure statements. Litigation is often filed late in the election timeline which can significantly impact mass production and/or local and international mailing of voting material. This new policy would allow the County to support legislation that would amend the elections code sections related to the filing of civil writs to provide clarification and uniformity to identify: 1) the deadline by which petitioners must file writs; and 2) the deadline by which the court must issue a ruling. Successful enactment of these deadlines would address ongoing confusion and reduce litigation which impacts the production and mailing of voting material. **(Recommended by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk; concurred by County Counsel)**

### **3.17 Liability Protection and Mitigation**

6. [Oppose legislation that authorizes the use of public resources, including bond funds, to shift the costs of court-ordered liability of private entities onto public entities, private citizens or ratepayers.](#)

**Justification:** New Policy. In 2018, there were two attempts to transfer liability from private entities to either public entities or private citizens. One was a proposed ballot initiative, which was ultimately withdrawn, that would have nullified a judgement against lead-based paint manufacturers for environmental and structural hazards and instead would have authorized general obligation bonds to fund remediation of those hazards. A second proposal (SB 901, Chapter 626, Statutes of 2018) will allow the issuance of rate recovery bonds to provide utility companies the opportunity to begin recovering from ratepayers dedicated fees to finance bonds that would be issued to fund expenses related to damages stemming from wildfires that were caused by electrical infrastructure. Consistent with a motion (Solis and Kuehl) approved by the Board on January 30, 2018, this proposed new policy would allow the County to oppose any proposals that seek to transfer liability from private entities for a broad variety of issues (including but not limited to lead-paint, wildfire, gas leaks) to public entities, private citizens, or ratepayers. This policy is also consistent with the motion (Solis and Kuehl), related to the court-ordered liability of lead-paint manufacturers, approved by the Board on January 30, 2018. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Affairs; concurred by County Counsel and the Fire Department)**

## 4. HEALTH

### 4.4 Health Insurance and Coverage

1. Support proposals to require public and private insurers to cover pre-existing conditions and offer ~~full~~ comprehensive coverage for all health services, including prescription drug coverage; prenatal ~~and~~ perinatal care, and maternity care and support; contraceptives; childhood, adolescent, and adult immunizations; ~~and~~ screening for diabetes; hypertension; cervical and breast cancer; Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) treatment and biomedical interventions; Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) treatment; Sexually Transmitted Diseases; substance abuse; mental health; and behavioral health treatment for persons with autism spectrum disorders.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. These changes clarify the requirements and services that health insurance plans that are not subject to requirements in the Affordable Care Act may exclude or offer limited coverage for. By adding these clarifications, this policy more accurately reflects comprehensive health insurance coverage. **(Recommended by the Department of Health Services)**

~~15. Support research for a Valley Fever vaccine, and the State's efforts to combat the Valley Fever disease.~~

**Technical Change:** Relocation of policy. Moved to 4.6 Public Health since this is a general public health issue, and not specifically related to health insurance. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

15. Support proposals for a public health insurance option for all residents in the State, considering but not limited to: the development of a new State health plan, county-based public options, or a Medi-Cal buy-in option.

**Technical Change:** New policy. Motion (Ridley-Thomas and Kuehl), related to protecting the Affordable Care Act in California, approved by the Board on May 8, 2018.

### 4.6 Public Health

18. Support proposals that would prevent youth access to tobacco products by:  
1) protecting anti-preemption language specified in the Cigarette and Tobacco Licensing Act of 2003 that explicitly allows local jurisdictions to pass tobacco retail licensing laws; and  
2) limiting the promotion and availability of ~~other~~ traditional tobacco products, menthol and other flavored tobacco products, and electronic nicotine delivery systems (all e-devices and e-cigarettes). ~~including e-cigarettes.~~

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. These changes clarify the types of tobacco products that are marketed and accessed by youth. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health and the Department of Health Services)**

19. Support proposals that would reduce exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) from tobacco, ~~marijuana~~ cannabis, and electronic smoking devices, including e-cigarettes in outdoor areas, multi-unit housing complexes and indoor workplaces, and would designate SHS and electronic smoking devices, including e-cigarettes, as a public nuisance.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. This change is consistent with the terminology used by the State and County. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations; concurred by the Office of Cannabis Management and the Department of Public Health)**

42. [Support research for a Valley Fever vaccine, and the State's efforts to combat the Valley Fever disease.](#)

**Technical Change:** Existing policy, relocated from 4.4 Health Insurance and Coverage since this is a general public health issue, and not specifically related to health insurance. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

43. [Support proposals to develop and fund a State wellness fund to support community disease prevention and wellness efforts that address the root causes of prevalent and preventable physical and mental health conditions, including trauma mitigation, resulting in reductions in downstream health care spending.](#)

**Technical Change:** New policy. Motion (Ridley-Thomas and Kuehl), related to protecting the Affordable Care Act in California, approved by the Board on May 8, 2018.

#### **4.7 Alcohol and Drug**

7. Support legislation that will fund and expand the County's research, prevention, and treatment efforts for substance use disorders, including ~~marijuana~~ cannabis, methamphetamine, and opioid addiction.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. This change is consistent with the terminology used by the State and County. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations; concurred by the Office of Cannabis Management and the Department of Public Health)**

9. Support proposals which would improve the ability of California residents to easily discern the alcohol or drug content of products and reduce the potential to confuse alcoholic and drug products, such as alcopops for non-alcoholic products, ~~or marijuana~~ cannabis edibles for non- ~~marijuana~~ cannabis products, or nicotine-containing e-cigarettes for nicotine-free products.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. Changing marijuana to cannabis is consistent with the terminology used by the State and County. The changes clarify the types of products that have the potential to confuse consumers. **(Change of terms from marijuana to cannabis)**

recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations, with concurrence by the Office of Cannabis Management and the Department of Public Health; other changes requested by the Department of Health Services with concurrence by the Department of Public Health)

17. Support proposals that increase access to Food and Drug Administration-approved medication-assisted treatments by clinical providers (i.e., physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants) for substance use disorder treatments.

**Justification:** New Policy. According to the Department of Health Services, there are significant barriers to providing medication-assisted treatments (e.g., buprenorphine) for substance use disorders. These barriers, which exist at both the State and Federal level, include prior-authorization requirements imposed by health insurers and training requirements for providers, among others. AB 2384 (Arambula), introduced in 2018, which would have required health insurers, including Medi-Cal, to cover at least one medication-assisted treatment, was vetoed by the Governor. **(Recommended by the Department of Health Services; concurrence by the Department of Public Health)**

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

10. Support proposals that provide funding for the education and training of primary and specialty care physicians **epidemiologists**.

**Justification:** Revised policy. The Department of Health Services indicates that there are shortages of primary and specialty care physicians across the country to meet the increased demand for health care services, and these shortages are predicted to be up to 120,000 nationwide by 2030. As the safety-net provider serving 500,000 patients annually, funding for the education and training of physicians is critical for the County to meet the growing demand. This change to the policy will allow the County to continue to advocate for the education and training of epidemiologists, as they are considered specialty care physicians. **(Recommended by the Department of Health Services)**

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

1. Support proposals to fund the development and delivery of child care and transportation services to enable all women to obtain timely and adequate health **services**, behavioral health, and social services.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. The Department of Public Health indicates that this clarifying change is consistent with the Health Agency's emphasis on integrated care to improve health outcomes. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

4. Support legislation which would establish the Eugenics Sterilization Compensation Program and compensate survivors of involuntary sterilization under California's eugenic law.

**Technical Change:** New Policy. Motion (Solis and Kuehl) approved by the Board on August 7, 2018.

#### **4.10 Implementation of Health Care Reform**

8 Support proposals that simplify and coordinate the health care enrollment and renewal process with existing programs such as CalFresh; and continue the use of county human services agencies to administer initial and ongoing Medi-Cal eligibility, including the Los Angeles County LEADER Replacement System (LRS) and other county automation consortia, California Automated Consortium Eligibility System (CalACES) which interfaces with the Health Care Exchange.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. Effective October 2017, Los Angeles County joined the California Automated Consortium Eligibility System (CalACES) Joint Powers Authority (JPA). Under the agreement, the LEADER Replacement System (LRS) merged with the C-IV system, and the new joint system was renamed to "CalACES". **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

#### **4.11 Health Care Delivery System**

4. Support proposals for an "all-payer" payment system that sets prices for health care providers and plans throughout the State with the aim of reducing administrative burdens, improving efficiency of the delivery of health care, and maintaining access to health care for all residents.

**Technical Change:** New policy. Motion (Ridley-Thomas and Kuehl), related to protecting the Affordable Care Act, approved by the Board on May 8, 2018.

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

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

**Justification:** New policy. The Community Development Commission/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (CDC/HACoLA) reports that the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) declares it to be against public policy to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, familial status, source of income, disability, or genetic information in housing accommodations. Existing law defines source of income as lawful, verifiable income paid directly to a tenant or paid to a representative of a tenant. The law explicitly excludes rental subsidies paid directly to landlords (the method by which most rental subsidies are dispersed) as a form of income, thereby denying subsidy recipients protection from discrimination.

CDC/HACoLA indicates its 2018 Assessment to Fair Housing/Analysis of Impediments study, revealed a high frequency in which Section 8 Housing Choice (Section 8) Voucher holders indicated that they were denied housing opportunities by property owners, saying that they do not take third party checks or Section 8. This policy will allow the County to sponsor or support legislation that expands FEHA's definition of source of income to protect residents from being denied housing based on them receiving federal, state, or local public assistance or housing subsidies such as Section 8. **(Recommended by the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles and the Chief Executive Office – Homeless Initiative)**

28. Support proposals that would stimulate economic development, and regional job growth, increase small business creation, and generate well-paying jobs for workers of all skill levels, including those in high poverty and high unemployment areas.

29. Support research and development in high-growth and emerging industries, including, but not limited to, life sciences, arts, culture, entertainment/sports, film and digital media, and rail/bus manufacturing, and support proposals which would facilitate job training and educational opportunities that will train a workforce capable of supporting those industries.

**Justification:** New Policies. In October 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted a motion directing the Chief Executive Officer to create an Economic Development Trust Fund to encourage business growth and create job opportunities in the County. This motion signaled the beginning of the County's strategic investment in economic development, and initiated a new effort to secure the vitality of the local economy, support emerging industries, and foster workforce development opportunities for individuals facing barriers to employment. Since 2015, the Board has adopted related motions that have directed the CEO to develop specific strategies related to the following industries and businesses: 1) the bioscience sector; 2) a second headquarters for Amazon.com; 3) rolling stock manufacturing for rail cars and buses; and 4) the film and digital media industry. In the most recent of these motions related to the film and digital media industry, the CEO was directed to work with the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation to advocate for, and support, legislation that promotes the growth of the creative economy. In an effort to support each of these directives, and further the economic development priorities of the County, new legislative policies are warranted. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office – Economic Development Division)**

30. Support or advocate for proposals that would promote the growth of the creative economy, which includes, but is not limited to the fields of arts, sports, entertainment and culture.

**Justification:** New policy. Motion (Kuehl and Ridley-Thomas), related to supporting the growth of the Los Angeles County Film and Digital Media Industry, approved by the Board on October 30, 2018.

## **6. JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **6.1. General**

#### ~~13.— Oppose proposals that would reduce or remove limits on criminal gang injunctions.~~

**Justification:** Policy deletion. The Office of the Public Defender recommends the deletion of this policy, noting that *People v. Sanchez* (2017) held that gang injunctions are invalid unless the subject of the injunction had the opportunity to challenge it prior to it being enforced. **(Recommended by the Office of the Public Defender, concurrence by the Office of the Alternate Public Defender)**

**Note:** As a result of this deletion, existing policies numbers 14 through 19, will be renumbered to numbers 13 through 18.

#### 19. Support proposals to create a pretrial release system that mitigates racial and economic disparities while maintaining public safety; and that provides counties with adequate funding for additional costs for all impacted departments and appropriate local control and flexibility.

**Technical Change:** New policy. Motion (Kuehl and Solis), related to local bail reform explorations, approved by the Board on March 8, 2017, and motion (Kuehl and Ridley-Thomas), related to SB 10 (statewide bail reform), approved by the Board on June 19, 2018.

### **6.4 Juvenile Justice**

#### ~~3.— Support measures that expand truancy programs.~~

**Justification:** Policy deletion. The County has moved towards providing supportive services to deter juveniles away from the criminal justice system, and away from solely penalizing juveniles for minor offenses. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations, concurrence by the Offices of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender)**

**Note:** As a result of this deletion, existing policies numbers 4 through 18, will be renumbered to numbers 3 through 17.

### **6.5 ~~Custodial Facilities, Population Management, and~~ Recidivism Reduction, and Diversion Programs**

**Technical Change:** Revised Section Name. To better reflect the County's interest in diversion programs. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations).**

~~13. Support legislation that allows counties to contract with private facilities to meet the County's jail capacity needs.~~

**Justification:** Policy deletion. The County has moved towards diverting and rehabilitating more justice involved individuals in community based settings when possible, and away from jail facilities. **(Recommended by Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations, concurrence by the Offices of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender)**

Note: As a result of this deletion, existing policies numbers 14 through 19, will be renumbered to numbers 13 through 18.

19. Support proposals that authorize new and/or expand existing pre-filing and post-filing diversion programs while maintaining public safety.

**Justification:** New policy. The Office of the Public Defender (PD) reports that defendants who have suffered a criminal conviction for even minor offenses face extreme difficulty finding employment, locating permanent housing, or obtaining licensure. PD notes that such reentry barriers make it far more likely that a defendant will be unable to reintegrate into our community and, therefore, more likely that the defendant will reoffend. This policy would allow the County to support legislation that expands or newly authorizes pre-filing and post-filing diversion programs, which offer defendants the chance to avoid the permanent detriment of a criminal conviction, in exchange for compliance with a rehabilitation program. PD indicates that such programs would likely result in more Californians charged with low-level offenses from being permanently disconnected from their community. **(Recommended by the Office of the Public Defender)**

## **6.9 Animal Care and Control**

3. Support or sponsor legislation that would clarify existing law on the timeline and procedures by which local animal control agencies may seek reimbursement from owners for the impoundment and care of their animals pending resolution of existing litigation or an investigation of potential mistreatment or criminal neglect.

**Technical Change:** Revised Policy. The Department of Animal Care and Control (ACC) and their County Counsel report that sometimes it is related litigation that is pending resolution in cases involving the investigations of potential mistreatment of animals. **(Recommended by the Department of Animal Care and Control; concurred by County Counsel)**

11. Support legislation that would allow registered and properly trained veterinary technicians to administer rabies vaccinations in an animal shelter setting, without a veterinarian present, for the purpose of issuing dog licenses.

**Justification:** New policy. The Department of Animal Care and Control reports that it is not always possible to staff shelters with veterinary staff at all hours. In addition, veterinary staff are often called away to assist with criminal investigations, testify in court, and attend to other duties. ACC reports that currently, if a licensed veterinarian is not present on the premises, a rabies vaccination, which is often a prerequisite to releasing a dog to its owner, cannot be given. This policy would allow the County to support legislation that would allow veterinary technicians to administer rabies vaccinations, thereby facilitating an expeditious release that lowers the stress of

the owner and animal, reduces disease in the animals, and frees up finite cage-space for the shelter facility. **(Recommended by the Department of Animal Care and Control)**

12. *Support legislation that would help increase the microchipping of dogs and cats.*

**Justification:** New policy. The Department of Animal Care and Control reports that every year, hundreds of thousands of lost animals come into the care of municipal shelters and humane societies that contract with municipalities for animal control service. Los Angeles County Code requires that dogs and cats four months or older be implanted with an identifying microchip. However, not all cities that contract with the Department adopt this section of County Code, and this requirement does not apply statewide. In most jurisdictions, only dogs are required to be licensed, and of those only a small percentage are wearing a traceable identification tag or license when they are taken in. This makes positive identification difficult. This policy would allow the County to support legislation that would help increase microchipping of dogs and cats statewide. ACC indicates that this would expedite reunions of pets with their owners, reduce the number of animals impounded and reduce costs for both the agency and the owner. **(Recommended by the Department of Animal Care and Control)**

13. *Support legislation that would increase criminal and/or civil penalties for the direct involvement in any facet of animal fighting, and legislation that would prohibit individuals from breeding animals for the purpose of being used for animal fighting.*

**Justification:** New policy. The Department of Animal Care and Control reports that illegal animal fighting continues to be a major source of animal suffering across the State. Every year, in Los Angeles County alone, thousands of animals are removed from owners engaged in this brutal practice. ACC notes that under current law, breeding animals for the purpose of animal fighting is not a crime. This policy would allow the County to support legislation that would make breeding of animals for fighting illegal, as well as legislation that increases criminal penalties for existing animal fighting related crimes. **(Recommended by the Department of Animal Care and Control)**

14. *Support legislation that would establish training and certification standards for service animals and trainers of service animals.*

**Justification:** New policy. The Department of Animal Care and Control reports that current Federal and State law provide definitions for service animals and emotional support animals. However, there is no certification process nor qualifications for either animals or trainers of service animals, and no restrictions on the species, characteristics, size or nature of an emotional support animal. ACC indicates that this has led to an increase of injuries and damages caused by animals proclaimed to be service animals, but are apparently not properly trained. This policy would allow the County to support legislation that would establish certification and training standards of animals suitable to be service animals for individuals whom truly need the assistance. **(Requested by the Department of Animal Care and Control)**

### **6.11 Forensics and Crime Lab**

**Justification:** Revised sub-section name. The State Legislative Agenda does not currently have a sub-section dedicated to policies for the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner. This office

is recommending that we expand the Crime Lab sub-section to also include Forensics (which involves scientific testing in a lab) so that any Coroner or forensic-related policies may be added to this section of the agenda. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations)**

4. *Oppose proposals or legislation that increases the Medical Examiner-Coroner's workload or shifts casework to the County from other jurisdictions or entities that would put the County's accreditation at risk.*

**Justification:** New policy. There were two legislative measures introduced in the 2017-2018 legislative session that would have increased the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner's workload. SB 1163, as originally introduced, would have required only Board-certified forensic pathologists to conduct autopsies on unidentified individuals. If this proposal was adopted, it could have put the Department's accreditation at risk, since the County relies on Board-eligible forensic pathologists to conduct exams. Another bill, SB 1303, which the Governor vetoed, would have allowed Sheriff-Coroner/Coroner counties to transfer certain autopsy investigations to counties, which would have included LA County's Medical Examiner-Coroner. This policy would allow the County to oppose measures that would increase the Coroner's caseload and potentially put the department's accreditation in jeopardy. **(Recommended by the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner)**

### **6.13 Disaster Preparedness**

12. Support legislation to fund staffing, training and the purchase of rapid response emergency equipment for first-responder teams including police/sheriff, firefighters, emergency medical services, medical, public health, coroner, hospital emergency staff, [emergency management](#), and other medical professionals.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. County emergency management staff and professionals assist with and coordinate emergency resources, information and commodities with first responders, cities and special districts. Funding for emergency management staffing, training and equipment for the coordination of disaster response and recovery efforts should be available for emergency management staff. The coordination of County departments occurs with the Office of Emergency Management. **(Recommended by the Office of Emergency Management)**

### **8. MENTAL HEALTH**

3. *Support and/or sponsor legislation that amends the definition of gravely disabled to consider an individual's inability to provide and/or access urgently needed medical care due to a mental disorder.*

**Technical Change:** New policy. Motion (Barger and Ridley-Thomas), related to sponsoring legislation that would amend the definition of gravely disabled, approved by the Board on January 30, 2018.

26. [Support proposals that eliminate the barriers to stabilize and expand the Adult Residential Facility network, and support proposals to increase funding to increase the availability of Adult Residential Facilities.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. This addition is consistent with the Board motion approved on September 11, 2018, by Supervisors Hahn and Kuehl for the Health Agency to develop a plan to stabilize and grow the existing Adult Residential Facility network, which provides individuals with serious mental illness with round-the-clock care and support. The Department of Mental Health indicates that existing facilities have been closing without adequate notice, and there are challenges, including regulatory and funding, for expanding the network. **(Recommended by the Department of Mental Health)**

Note: existing policies 26-28 will be renumbered 27-29

30. [Support proposals that would increase the length of time, beyond 24 hours and up to 72 hours, that a mental health urgent care center may hold a person to provide crisis stabilization services when medically necessary, and provide a payment for the increased length of stay.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The Department of Mental Health indicates that the stabilization of some patients in crisis at mental health urgent care centers is not possible given Medi-Cal billing limits that only pay for crisis stabilization services for 24 hours. By allowing mental health urgent care centers more time to adequately stabilize patients in an appropriate environment, it could reduce the cycling of patients in crisis in and out of urgent care centers, emergency departments, and jail. AB 1372 (Levine), introduced in the 2017-2018 legislative session and sponsored by the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California, would have authorized crisis stabilization services beyond 24 hours, if medically necessary, but it was held on the Senate Floor. Adding this policy will allow the County to support similar legislation going forward. **(Recommended by the Department of Mental Health; concurrence by County Counsel)**

31. [Support proposals that would allow medical experts to share details with a court about a proposed conservatee that are observed by other medical personnel and staff as recorded in a medical record, and not just those directly observed as limited by People v. Sanchez, 63 Cal. 4th 665.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The Department of Mental Health and County Counsel indicate that the 2016 California Supreme Court ruling in People v. Sanchez, related to the use of hearsay as evidence, limits the information medical experts can share with a court about a proposed conservatee to those directly observed by the medical expert. This prohibits the medical expert from sharing with the court details from the patient's medical record observed by other doctors and facility staff. As a result, without having each doctor and staff who treated the patient to testify, the information presented in court related to the proposed conservatee would be an incomplete picture limited to the personal observations of the doctor testifying. **(Recommended by the Department of Mental Health; concurrence by County Counsel)**

## **9. REVENUE AND TAXATION**

### **30. *Support proposals that would impose additional taxes on income derived from investment services or capital gains to fund investments for vital programs, such as education.***

**Justification:** New policy. Motion (Hahn), related to supporting AB 2731 (which would have imposed an additional percentage tax on a portion of an individual's taxable income derived from investment management services to fund investments in education), approved by the Board on May 8, 2018. AB 2731 died in the Assembly Rules Committee. The revisions will allow flexibility for the County to support future legislation to create this type of surtax to fund investments in other important areas beyond education, such as homelessness.

## **10. SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

13. Support adequate funding for data collection, verification, reporting, and fraud detection systems, ~~while maintaining priority for previously approved automated systems including for the County's LEADER Replacement System (LRS) and other County automation consortia system.~~ while continuing investments in technology for the automation of public assistance programs, including the LEADER Replacement System (LRS), which is currently supporting the constituents of Los Angeles County and shall be expanded to become the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) to eventually support the automation needs of all 58 counties.
16. Support funding for the development, maintenance, and operation of the ~~County's LEADER Replacement System (LRS) and other County automation consortia system~~ mission critical LRS, the migration of other counties onto LRS technology, and ancillary systems that support end-to-end business processes for health and human services.

**Justification:** Revised existing policies. In accordance with California State legislation (Assembly Bill 16, ABX1 16, 2011), the County of Los Angeles and the existing Consortium IV (comprised of 39 counties) formed a new consortium (CalACES) to represent such 40 counties in governing the automation of public assistance programs, including but not limited to: CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, CalFresh, California Food Assistance Program, Refugee, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, Foster Care, Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment, and General Relief. The CalACES Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was formed in September 2017 to govern multiple technology projects and parallel operations of the CalACES portfolio, including LRS Maintenance and Operations (M&O), C-IV M&O, LRS/C-IV Migration Project, and procurement projects. The CalACES JPA and the Welfare Client Data Systems Consortium (WCDS/CalWIN) are in the process of defining a new governance model to represent all 58 counties in the automation of said public assistance programs. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

### **22. *Oppose proposals that hinder the flexibility county welfare departments have in administrating public assistance programs such as CalWORKs.***

**Justification:** New policy. Due to significant differences in county size and population, public assistance programs administered by counties, as agents of the State, in many instances are

granted local county flexibility in operating these programs, while remaining in compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. Measures and proposals that attempt to make counties operate these programs identically statewide, may hinder county flexibility and may result in adverse effect toward best serving county constituents without the versatility to adapt to variable constituent needs or situations. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

23. [Support legislation that provides categorical eligibility for CalFresh benefits to families participating in the National School Lunch Program.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Granting households that are participating in the National School Lunch Program automatic eligibility to CalFresh benefits would not only reduce administrative costs for social service agencies, but would also reduce food insecurity among school children which would have a positive impact on the student's educational achievements. This is a departmental priority. DPSS has submitted a legislative proposal to the County Welfare Directors Association. This policy would allow the County to support legislation related to this issue. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

## **10.2 CalWORKs**

23. [Support proposals that maintain CalWORKs grants at or above 50 percent of the Federal Poverty Level \(FPL\) by requiring the State to re-adjust the Maximum Aid Payment \(MAP\) when the FPL is updated, with minimal or no cost impact to counties.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. Deep poverty is defined as a household income at or below 50 percent of the FPL. Deep poverty can impact a child's capacity to learn, develop, and thrive throughout their lifetime. Growing up with unmet needs due to deep poverty can impact a child's physical and mental health, educational success, and emotional development. Over the long term, childhood deep poverty can also increase the likelihood of adult dependency on public social services, like CalWORKs. An increase to the CalWORKs grant will provide families with additional income to cover basic needs, more options to overcome barriers, and decrease their risk of becoming homeless. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

24. [Support proposals to maintain or increase funding for the CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative (HVI) is an evidence-based, optional program that pairs new parents (pregnant, under 25, with no children or with a child under two years of age) with a nurse or trained professional who makes regular visits in the participant's home to provide guidance, coaching, and access to prenatal and postnatal care, and other health and social services. The goals of the HVI is to help young families reach self-sufficiency by improving family engagement practices, supporting healthy development of young children living in poverty, and preparing parents for employment. The FY 2018-19 State Budget Act includes \$26.9 million for first year implementation, and \$131.6 million in TANF reserves through FY 2020-21. This policy will allow the County to support proposals that increase funding or make funding for this program permanent. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

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

**Justification:** New policy. Due to annual increases to State and County minimum wages, many working CalWORKs families will no longer be eligible for CalWORKs benefits, although they would continue to be below the federal poverty level. Increasing the CalWORKs earned income disregard levels would allow families to maintain CalWORKs eligibility and continue receiving supportive services, prevent homelessness, and maintain employment. This policy will allow the County to support legislation related to this issue. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

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

**Justification:** New policy. The current non-compliance policies and procedures are complex and cumbersome. The sanction curing process involves several steps and requirements that discourage participants from completing the compliance process. Simplifying the procedures and sanction notices will make the process easier to understand and increase the sanctioned participants' willingness to cure their sanctions and re-engage in Welfare-to-Work. Social services agencies can then redirect their resources into reaching out to more sanctioned individuals and motivating them into becoming work-ready, which will result in a decrease in their overall sanction rates. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

### **10.3 Workforce Development**

1. Support the equitable pass-through of the maximum amount of Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds to workforce *development investment* boards that administer the program at the local level, without additional requirements on the use of funds.
4. Support the use of the Governor's WIOA reserve dollars (15 percent discretionary funds) to provide workforce *development investment* services in the State of California, and to provide employment and training services for evacuees of natural disasters who relocate to California.
5. Support proposals that provide additional resources to local workforce development programs, ~~including local workforce investment boards.~~

**Technical Change:** Revised policies. The proposed changes would make these policies consistent with current Federal and State laws, which refer to workforce development instead of workforce investment. **(Recommended by the Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services Department)**

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

6. [Support proposals to provide funding to public defender offices to investigate and advise on the potential consequences to immigration status resulting from noncitizens' encounters with the criminal justice system.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The Office of the Public Defender (PD) reports that *Padilla v. Kentucky* (2010) mandates that public defenders perform these advisory services. PD notes that currently, most California public defender offices lack the fiscal capacity to hire additional dedicated staff to assist line public defenders in fulfilling this Constitutional mandate. This policy would allow the County to support proposals to provide funding to reimburse public defender offices for the work they are currently performing, and allow for better expansion of that work mandate, pursuant to existing case law. **(Recommended by the Office of the Public Defender; concurred by County Counsel, and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs – Office of Immigrant Affairs)**

7. [Support proposals to provide funding to public defender offices to coordinate with, train and assist legal aid service providers in seeking post-conviction relief from negative immigration status consequences stemming from the criminal convictions of their clients.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The Office of the Public Defender (PD) reports that in recent years, a variety of post-conviction vehicles for immigrants have become available through various justice reforms and changes in law. PD notes that providing appropriate post-conviction relief for noncitizens who would otherwise be inadmissible or deportable can help them regain eligibility for various forms of immigration benefits and relief. However, in California there are not enough lawyers who know how to effectively take advantage of such forms of relief, since criminal law and motion practice expertise is needed to properly file and litigate these rather simple motions. This policy would allow the County to support proposals to provide funding to public defender offices to provide post-conviction relief for non-citizen clients. PD indicates such funding would greatly assist public defender offices' ability to provide these much-needed legal services, and the immigration service providers do not have the expertise to handle these matters for their clients. **(Recommended by the Office of the Public Defender; concurred by County Counsel and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs – Office of Immigrant Affairs)**

## **10.5 Domestic Violence**

5. Support legislation to provide additional funding for ~~transitional shelters for victims~~ [survivors](#) of domestic violence, [including emergency, transitional, and permanent housing solutions.](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. The Department of Public Health indicates that this change clarifies the types of housing survivors of domestic violence need based on individual circumstances, including those where the survivor's safety may no longer require a confidential location, but are in need of more permanent housing solutions to avoid homelessness. This change is consistent with a recent County pilot project to connect survivors of domestic violence with Rapid Re-Housing, and a State grant to expand Housing First projects specifically for survivors of domestic violence. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health; concurrence by the Domestic Violence Council and the Homeless Initiative)**

## **10.7 Senior and Adult Services**

18. [Support proposals to enhance the confidentiality of investigators' and social workers' personal information in the Department of Motor Vehicles' records including, but not limited to, Adult Protective Services investigators and social workers.](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services Department (WDACS) reports that the County Welfare Directors Association of California introduced legislation last year, SB 1093, that would have protected the home addresses of adult abuse investigators or social workers working in protective services. WDACS indicates that Adult Protective Services (APS) staff often face personal attacks and intimidation during the course of their work. The APS program is staffed by social workers who respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to reports of abuse and neglect. The program also has investigators that conduct investigations of alleged abuse and neglect in coordination with local law enforcement agencies. APS social workers often face the same dangers in the field as their child protective services counterparts, who are afforded this protection of the suppression of personal records by the Department of Motor Vehicles. This policy would allow the County to support similar measures to SB 1093 that would protect the safety and security of APS staff. **(Recommended by the Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services Department; concurred by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

## **10.8 Community Services Block Grant Funding**

1. Support proposals to equitably allocate Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding based on [data derived from](#) the ~~2010~~ [most recently completed](#) Census, or a need-based formula, and oppose the use of CSBG grant funds to supplant existing funding of local programs.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. The proposed revision to this existing policy is intended to update it to reference all forthcoming censuses. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations)**

## **10.11 Homelessness**

7. ~~Spenser~~ [Support](#) legislation that would authorize the sale of ~~the Sylmar Armory surplus or otherwise unneeded State property~~ to the County of Los Angeles or the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to provide ~~bridge~~ housing for ~~women~~ [persons or families](#) experiencing homelessness.

**Justification:** Revised policy. This existing policy, which was added to the State Legislative Agenda pursuant to a Board-approved motion (Kuehl and Barger) on October 3, 2017, is being revised because legislation authorizing the sale of the Sylmar Armory (AB 3251) was signed by the Governor on September 23, 2018. The revisions will allow the County to support future legislation that would make other State property available for purchase by the County or the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority for housing purposes. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations)**

## **12. UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **12.1 Energy**

14. Support proposals and funding which assist local governments in the development and implementation of Climate Action Plans that aim to reduce energy and water consumption, equipment and fleet emissions, and other greenhouse gas emissions targeted under AB 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006) [\*and SB 32 \(Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016\)\*](#).

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. The Department of Regional Planning (DRP) reports that SB 32 requires the California Air Resources Board to ensure that statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are reduced to at least 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030, and provides additional direction for development of the regulations to meet the State's GHG reduction goals which were first mandated by AB 32. Therefore, DRP recommends amending this existing policy to include SB 32. **(Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning)**

### **12.2 Telecommunications and Video Services**

- [\*11. Oppose proposals which would preempt, limit or remove local authority over the governance of telecommunications infrastructure deployment and siting, including but not limited to land use planning discretion, public review, and the ability to receive appropriate compensation for access to and use of public rights-of-way.\*](#)

**Justification:** New policy. The Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations reports that there have been bills introduced over the last several years that sought to expedite the deployment of new wireless technology by requiring by-right approval of permits for siting small cell telecommunications facilities and equipment, or would have required local governments to make property they own available for the siting of small cells and precluded a local government from the leasing or licensing of its vertical infrastructure located in public right-of-way or public utility easements. This office recommends adding this new policy to allow the County to oppose future proposals which would limit local governments' land use planning discretion, public participation, and review of land use and aesthetic impacts of this infrastructure. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations; concurred by the Department of Regional Planning)**

### **12.3 Construction Contracts**

1. Support legislation that: [\*1\) authorizes ~~the Board of Supervisors~~ a board of supervisors to delegate the approval of change orders to ~~the Director of Public Works~~ a county officer for ~~infrastructure~~ construction contracts, including buildings, roads, bridges, flood control, ~~and~~ waterworks projects, and related professional services; 2\) increases the limit on construction contract change orders that a board of supervisors may delegate to a county officer; and 3\) modifies the maximum contract change order ~~contract~~ amount delegated to ~~the Director~~ a county officer based on the Consumer Price Index.\*](#)

**Justification:** Revised policy. The Department of Public Works (DPW) indicates that the proposed policy would allow the County to support legislation that increases the authority threshold for a county officer to enter into construction contracts to assist with the completion of projects with seasonal or scheduling constraints and expedite projects to prevent delays in project

delivery. The increased delegated authority would be subject to Board approval. Projects that would benefit from the increase in delegated authority include new construction of guardrails, repairs to flood control district infrastructure, new or modified traffic signals, bike lanes, monuments, and signing installations. DPW reports that the delegated authority to adopt and advertise plans and specifications and award contracts, up to \$75,000, was established in 1982, and has not been changed in over 20 years. Additionally, DPW reports that the delegated authority for a county officer to enter into contracts, up to \$75,000, for architectural, engineering, and related services was last updated in 1988. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Works and the Chief Executive Office - Asset Management Branch)**

### **13. CANNABIS**

2. Support proposals that ensure cannabis and its products are appropriately packaged and labeled to prevent accidental ingestion, ~~and that reduce accessibility, advertising, marketing and packaging of cannabis and its products in a way that directly or indirectly encourages consumption by people under the age of 21 years, particularly by minors.~~
3. Support proposals that ~~restrict~~ *reduce* cannabis advertising ~~and marketing that directly or indirectly encourages consumption of cannabis by people under the age of 21 years, including but not limited to proposals that prohibit cannabis advertising~~ in broadcast, cable, radio, print, and digital communications, and advertising or sponsorship at events such as concerts, fairs, festivals, and sporting events, where less than 85 percent of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older.

**Technical Change:** Revised policies. The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) recommends moving the language in policy no. 2, referring to advertising and marketing, to policy no. 3, in order to clarify and strengthen the focus of each respective policy. OCM notes that the intent of both policies is to prevent youth access and exposure to cannabis; however, policy no. 2 addresses packaging and labeling, while policy no. 3 addresses advertising and event sponsorship. **(Recommended by the Office of Cannabis Management)**

6. Support proposals to protect the health and safety, as well as the security, of consumers and workers in the cannabis industry, including, but not limited to, preventing pesticides ~~and other chemicals~~ from being used ~~in concentrations that are harmful or the utilization of volatile solvents.~~ *in a manner that is inconsistent with State public health guidelines or otherwise harmful to the public's health or safety.*

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. The Office of Cannabis Management recommends that language referring to "concentrations that are harmful" be replaced with a reference to State guidelines, to provide greater clarity and specificity. OCM notes that language referring to the use of volatile solvents has been removed, as the County Fire Department has indicated that cannabis manufacturing processes using well-regulated and inspected extraction equipment that comply with applicable Building and Fire Code provisions pose no greater explosion danger than other common food manufacturing processes that use volatile solvents, such as essential oil extraction from herbs and other plants. **(Recommended by the Office of Cannabis Management; concurred by the Fire Department)**

7. Support proposals that establish an effective and scientifically-based standard to determine when a person who has consumed ~~marijuana~~ cannabis is too impaired to operate a vehicle, heavy machinery, or perform any other activity that puts public health or safety at risk.

**Technical Change:** Revised policy. This change is consistent with the terminology used by the State and County. **(Recommended by the Office of Cannabis Management and the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

8. Support proposals that provide licensed cannabis businesses access to financial services and products, such as bank accounts, payroll systems, and credit and debit cards systems that are standard in other retail industries in order to address problems associated with the disproportionately high use of cash in cannabis businesses.

~~9. Support proposals to develop policies concerning the legal use of cannabis, including but not limited to, statutes and regulations that address problems associated with the disproportionately high use of cash in cannabis businesses.~~

**Technical Change:** Revised policy, deletion of policy. Office of Cannabis Management recommends that the language from policy no. 9 referring to the disproportionately high use of cash in cannabis businesses be incorporated into policy no. 8 as the issue is one matter. **(Recommended by the Office of Cannabis Management)**

9. Support legislation that would expedite the identification, review, and processing of specified cannabis-related convictions that may be eligible to be reduced or expunged under Proposition 64 of 2016.

**Technical Change:** New policy. Motion (Ridley-Thomas and Solis), related to AB 1793 (resentencing of cannabis convictions), approved by the Board on May 22, 2018.

11. Support proposals that provide maximum legal relief to qualified individuals with cannabis convictions under Proposition 64 criminal justice provisions, including by providing State funding for the courts, local public defenders and prosecutors to engage in proactive resentencing and reclassification measures.

**Justification:** New Policy. In consultation with the County’s District Attorney and Public Defender staff, the Office of Cannabis Management estimates that 60,000 to 100,000 individuals in the County with prior cannabis convictions are eligible for relief under Proposition 64. However, OCM reports that prompting these individuals to complete the process has proved challenging. OCM notes that other large California counties have established some form of proactive resentencing and redesignation of cannabis-related crimes, resulting in many more individuals receiving relief under Proposition 64 of 2016. Related to February 13, 2018 Board motion, the Decriminalization of Cannabis and Ensuring Equity in Enforcement. **(Recommended by the Office of Cannabis Management; concurred by the Probation Department and the Offices of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender)**

12. Support proposals that discourage the proliferation of unlicensed cannabis businesses including those that provide State funding for local enforcement, stricter civil penalties for violators, and that require State licensing authorities to promptly notify local authorities whenever an enforcement-related action or investigation is initiated at a licensed or unlicensed cannabis business.

**Justification:** New Policy. The Office of Cannabis Management reports that unlicensed cannabis businesses can create a variety of negative impacts for communities. This policy would support the County's ongoing efforts to close unlicensed businesses by advocating for additional tools and resources for local enforcement and improved coordination with State authorities. Related to July 3, 2018 Board motion, Unlicensed Cannabis Business Closure Plan. **(Recommended by the Office of Cannabis Management; concurred by the Probation Department and the Offices of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender)**

13. Support proposals that fund and/or enhance cannabis consumer protection and education.

**Justification:** New Policy. The Office of Cannabis Management reports that many consumers are unfamiliar with the specifics of California's new cannabis laws and regulations, and the protections they afford. This policy would allow the County to support proposals that facilitate ongoing consumer education needed to raise public awareness of the new laws. OCM notes that resources are also needed to investigate consumer complaints. Related to June 26, 2018 Board motion, Cannabis Emblem Program. **(Recommended by the Office of Cannabis Management; concurred by the Probation Department and the Offices of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender)**

14. Support proposals that would ensure equitable implementation of State cannabis regulations, equitable cannabis enforcement statewide, and distribution of Proposition 64 funding to protect and support communities who have historically been negatively or disproportionately affected by cannabis criminalization.

**Justification:** New policy. The State Legislative Agenda includes policies related to cannabis products, advertising, safety, and industry, but does not address policies to ameliorate or prevent inequities and disproportionate harm related to past or ongoing over-criminalization of certain populations, and proposals that would promote equitable enforcement after legalization. This proposal is aligned with a Board motion by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Solis approved on February 13, 2018, related to cannabis-related decriminalization and disparities, and the County's Office of Cannabis Management's proposed policy framework. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health; concurred by the Office of Cannabis Management)**



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# 2019-20 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## FIRST YEAR

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## **GENERAL STATE LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES**

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

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

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

## **1. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

### **1.1 Child Welfare Services**

1. Support increased funding for family preservation programs.
2. Support legislation to maintain the full Child Welfare Services allocation independent of actual caseload for up to five years to cover the increased costs of implementing new programs to improve outcomes for children by allowing them to remain safely at home, shorten their length of stay in care and reduce re-abuse.
3. Support proposals to ensure full funding for the Child Welfare Services Program, including increased funding to cover all mandated services, pursuant to the SB 2030 (Chapter 785, Statutes of 1998) Workload Study and the fully loaded costs of a social worker.
4. Oppose proposals that would reduce protections for child welfare workers in the legitimate exercise of their discretion in the performance of their duties, thereby increasing liability to the County.
5. Oppose unfunded mandates that do not enhance child safety or expedited permanence.
6. Support proposals to enhance adoptions by increasing funding for adoption activities and post-adoption services and expanding to out-of-state private adoption agencies the payments currently authorized to California private adoption agencies for the unreimbursed costs of placing children for adoption.
7. Support funding of initial and forensic medical examinations in child abuse cases.
8. Support funding for parenting programs aimed at teens and child care services for teen parents.
9. Support legislation to clarify that agencies providing services to a family may share case information and to prioritize research or data sharing designed to evaluate the results of service integration.
10. Support legislation to streamline Dependency Court procedures while ensuring the safety and best interests of children.

11. Support proposals that simplify Welfare and Institutions Code Statutes regarding notice of dependency hearings.
12. Support proposals that promote cross-agency communication and collaboration between child welfare and local education agencies, parks and recreation departments, and law enforcement agencies to enhance the County's ability to establish partnerships that ensure the safety and well-being of children at risk of abuse and neglect and develop programs that improve the quality of life for children.
13. Support proposals to clarify and provide for social workers' access to dependent children's medical, counseling, and education records.
14. Support proposals to fund Child Welfare Services outcome improvements included in the County's Self-Improvement Plan, including Point of Engagement, the State's AB 636 (Chapter 678, Statutes of 2001) Outcomes and Accountability System and the Federal Children and Family Services Review.
15. Support proposals that increase the types of professionals required to report suspected cases of child abuse and increase penalties that mandated reporters are subject to under existing law for the failure to report incidents of known or suspected abuse and neglect.
16. Support proposals that enhance and improve child safety.
17. Support proposals to open Juvenile Court Dependency hearings to the public.
18. Support proposals which expand and enhance the technology used by child welfare agencies to improve child safety.
19. Support legislation to allow law enforcement agencies to submit information on cases of known or suspected child abuse or severe neglect for inclusion in the Child Abuse Central Index.
20. Support legislation to allow social workers to authorize medical, dental and mental health assessments and screenings for detained children in the dependency system.
21. Support proposals to restore the hearsay exception for health care practitioners in jurisdictional hearings under the Welfare and Institutions Code.
22. Support proposals that provide funding to reduce caseloads for dependency court appointed counsel.
23. Support proposals that allow child welfare agencies to access sealed juvenile court records to determine the re-entry, appropriate placement and needed services for youth.
24. Support proposals to clarify the status of a non-custodial parent in juvenile court proceedings.

25. Support proposals to provide adequate funding for the California Fostering Connections to Success Act established under AB 12 (Chapter 559, Statutes of 2010).
26. Support proposals that allow county auditor investigators, acting within the scope of their duties, access to juvenile case file records of children in foster care or probation to investigate allegations of misconduct by county employees or contractors.
27. Support proposals to increase professional development in areas that include, but are not limited to, trauma competency and cultural and linguistic competency, to promote best practices and increase the effectiveness of interventions provided by agencies that serve children and families.
28. Support proposals that increase funding and advance initiatives to support children and families involved in the child welfare system by promoting partnerships with community-based, faith-based, and civic organizations, among others.

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

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

8. Support proposals which allow the sharing of information concerning family homes approved by foster family agencies to prevent the licensure, approval and/or approval of previously de-certified homes.
9. Support proposals to simplify foster care program eligibility requirements.
10. Support proposals to enhance permanency for children by streamlining and consolidating the separate studies and criminal clearances that must be administered to a caregiver for licensure, approval, and adoption.
11. Support proposals and funding to ensure that the educational system appropriately meets the educational needs of children in foster care, including improved monitoring of non-public schools.
12. Support proposals that provide and fund substance abuse treatment services for children and parents in the Child Welfare Services system.
13. Support proposals to shorten the timeframes to achieve permanence, including expanding the court's authority to expedite permanency by limiting reunification services on all children if the parent has failed to participate regularly and make substantive progress in the case plan.
14. Support proposals which allow flexibility in the use of funds to provide services to families and caregivers to strengthen their parenting abilities and prevent the need for placement, shorten the length of stay and reduce re-abuse.
15. Support funding for proposals that would expand searches for relatives, provide technical assistance and training so that permanent, lifelong connections for children and youth of all ages can be achieved.
16. Support proposals that achieve permanency for previously adopted children who have returned to the foster care system as a result of an adoption disruption or the death or incapacitation of an adoptive parent.
17. Support proposals that reduce use of out-of-home placement because the best interests of children are served when they can safely remain with their parents or guardian.
18. Support proposals that improve timelines for permanent placement of dependent children to provide a safe, permanent family connection and promote emotional health, well-being, and stability.
19. Support proposals to secure credit reports for foster youth.
20. Support proposals to fully fund Emancipated Youth Stipends and the Independent Living Program.
21. Support proposals that enhance the State monitoring of foster family agencies, short-term residential therapeutic programs, and State approved resource family homes, including both staff and the homes where children are placed.

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

### **1.3 Child Care and Child Development**

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

monitoring by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division.

5. Support efforts to adequately fund high-quality early care and education services for all children from low- and moderate-income families.
6. Support the streamlining of California Department of Education administrative processes to expand access for low-income families, ensure continuity of care, and promote flexible use of early care and education funding to meet the needs of families.
7. Support proposals designed to prevent, detect, investigate and, when appropriate, prosecute fraud in subsidized child care and development programs.
8. Support efforts to ensure that vulnerable children and their families have access to consistent, uninterrupted subsidized early care and education services.
9. Support proposals that expand the supply of early care and education services through facility development in communities with a significant shortage of these services.

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

### **2.1 Air Quality**

1. Support proposals and/or funding to assist local governments to: 1) purchase zero and/or near zero emission vehicles, including plug-in and hybrid vehicles, idle reduction devices, electric vehicle charging infrastructure; 2) purchase low carbon refueling infrastructure; 3) make necessary facility improvements; and/or 4) accelerate the replacement of fleet vehicles to enable the shift toward more fuel-efficient vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.
2. Support funding to assist local government compliance with existing and pending regulations to reduce emissions from both mobile and fixed sources.
3. Support measures to develop and increase the availability and use of alternative fuels, and retrofit of existing generators and fleets.
4. Oppose cuts in assistance to local government fuel emission reduction programs.
5. Support measures that promote the development of low carbon fuels and other feasible technologies that help meet Federal and State air quality standards.
6. Support measures that allow for innovation and local flexibility in developing, maintaining, and expanding cost-effective programs that increase vehicle ridership.
7. Support legislation that provides increased funding for the reduction of particulate matter and nitrous oxide emissions from diesel-powered vehicles and equipment.
8. Support proposals that provide authority to local and regional agencies to reduce locomotive, railyard, port, and mobile source emissions.

9. Oppose proposals that would eliminate or diminish the authority of local air districts or jurisdictions to impose regulations that improve air quality and protect public health.
10. Support proposals that return a greater share of funds to local areas which generate AB 2766 (Chapter 1705, Statutes of 1990) revenues, and provide greater flexibility to local programs to comply with air quality rules and regulations.
11. Support measures that require local air districts, through their On-Road Vehicle Mitigation Options, provide for emission reduction credit to employers that install Electric Vehicle Service Equipment (EVSE) or plug-in electric vehicle chargers for their employees use.
12. Support legislation that would allow public agencies to procure on-road, diesel-electric powered, hybrid vehicles to be deployed as fleet work vehicles.
13. Oppose legislation that provides broad and categorical California Environmental Quality Act exemptions for the South Coast Air Quality Management District with respect to emission credits and the issuance of permits.
14. Support legislation that provides narrow and tailored exemptions to immediately allow essential public projects, hospitals, and historically exempted projects such as small businesses to gain South Coast Air Quality Management District permits, and emission credits.
15. Support legislation that seeks to reduce cumulative impacts of air emissions in densely populated urban environments.
16. Support legislation which would: 1) extend California's efforts to combat climate change by setting interim and long-range targets for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; 2) provide flexibility to adjust the State's GHG emission reduction strategies based on changing technological and economic conditions; and 3) prioritize complementary goals of job creation, improved public health, technology innovation and regional policy collaboration.

## **2.2 Beaches**

1. Support measures that provide funding for beach erosion and accretion monitoring and for beach sand replenishment, including full funding of the Public Beach Restoration Act (Chapter 798, Statutes of 1999).
2. Support funding to maintain clean beaches and improve the water quality of coastal waters, estuaries, bays, and near shore waters.
3. Support funding for refurbishment and construction of restrooms, parking lots, accessways, lifeguard and maintenance facilities, docks, landscaping and other related beach and marina infrastructure on public beaches and at Marina del Rey.
4. Support proposals to include beaches in the definition of parks for the purpose of qualifying for park funding programs, if the beaches are in densely populated urban areas and are used by large numbers of residents as if they were an urban park.

5. Oppose legislation to provide the Coastal Commission additional discretion in approving permits for construction of seawalls, revetments, breakwaters, groins, harbor channels, or similar structures.
6. Oppose legislation to establish an off-leash dog beach in Los Angeles County unless it provides for State indemnification of the County and an appropriation to fund all additional County costs associated with an off-leash dog beach program.
7. Support legislation that provides for full funding for the local operation, maintenance, management, planning, and development of State-owned beaches managed by the County, such as Will Rogers State Beach and Dockweiler State Beach, securing an equitable allocation of State funding for locally operated units of the State Park System.
8. Support proposals to fully preserve the California Department of Boating and Waterways.
9. Support legislation to extend concession lease terms on State-owned facilities, including those which are under local control, when the concessionaire intends to make an investment in the property or increase revenues to the State or local operator.
10. Support proposals to secure funding for grant programs and financial incentives for green initiatives in marinas.
11. Oppose legislation that would authorize State agencies to reclaim or appropriate in-lieu fees held in account by local jurisdictions unless such fees are spent on projects located within the jurisdiction where the fees originated.

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

1. Support increased funding for environmental protection programs and capital projects, including resource, open space, and shoreline protection, as well as Santa Monica Bay and beach restoration.
2. Support proposals to establish a statewide endowment fund to protect, restore, and maintain natural resource areas, such as mountains, forests, beaches, park natural areas, preserves, wildlife/wildflower sanctuaries, greenways, riparian corridors, trails, and other natural environments containing ecological, geological, habitat, cultural, recreational, and scenic value.
3. Support proposals to streamline the permitting process and provide funding for the control, removal and/or eradication of invasive species that negatively affect natural landscape, open space areas, water quality, and water supply.
4. Support legislation to promote environmentally friendly programs that address reasonable protection of resources such as pesticide use, care of trees, ecological systems and open space, and use of gray and reclaimed water.
5. Support measures to promote the preservation and restoration of Los Angeles County mountain, bay, watershed, river, oak woodlands, and wetland areas.

6. Support legislation that provides property tax credit for the recording of open space and conservation easements on property.
7. Support legislation to collect a fee of up to \$6 upon the annual registration or renewal of motor vehicle registrations to fund projects and grants that prevent, reduce, remediate, or mitigate the adverse environmental effects of motor vehicles and their associated facilities and other infrastructure improvement projects.
8. Support legislation that would exempt routine maintenance and operation of existing publicly owned facilities and temporary and emergency measures from Regional Board permits, Streambed Alteration Agreements, State Fish and Game requirements or other agencies' permit processes as well as any compensatory mitigation requirements of State agencies.
9. Support legislation that streamlines State agencies' permitting processes, clarifies State application information requirements, reduces delays in approval times, and reduces the cost for acquiring permits from State agencies for construction, maintenance projects and actions taken by public agencies to protect public health and safety due to emergencies, such as fires, floods and earthquakes; and support legislation that would require State regulatory agencies to report regularly on their performance in complying with the State's Permit Streamlining Act.
10. Support legislation that would enable the County to comply with various environmental regulations, such as by minimizing the generation of pollutants at their source.
11. Sponsor or support legislation that would require the California Environmental Protection Agency and its affiliated agencies (including but not limited to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Regional Water Boards) to ensure that consultants hired to conduct and complete State mandated contamination investigations and related health assessments are independent from the identified contaminating party or parties.
12. Support measures to fund and expedite the required assessment and cleanup of properties contaminated by lead, arsenic, antimony or other hazardous substances, including increased State funding and adequate resources to protect the safety and well-being of residents of the communities affected by such contamination.
13. Support legislative and/or administrative proposals to enable local governments and the State to require responsible parties to clean up contamination caused by hazardous substances and to facilitate the recovery of local governments and/or State clean-up costs from such responsible parties.
14. Support proposals that provide State funding for environmental protection and health, sustainable communities, climate resiliency, and greenhouse gas reduction programs at the local level.
15. Support proposals which seek to reform and improve the California Department of Toxic Substances Control's enforcement of hazardous waste laws and regulations; regulation of facilities handling toxic substances; enforcement actions against

violators; cleanup of contaminated properties; decisions on permit applications; and community engagement.

16. Support proposals that: 1) establish a statewide lead advisory taskforce to review and provide recommendations regarding policies and procedures to reduce lead poisoning in the State; 2) require owners or operators of a permitted hazardous waste facility to meet a specified schedule for submittal of a permit renewal application; and 3) ensure manufacturer fees are paid by out-of-state entities selling lead-acid batteries in California.
17. Support transportation, parks, water conservation, and other related funding proposals which would ensure greenway development, protection, restoration, and enhancement are eligible for funding allocations.
18. Support proposals to expand local authority (e.g., local health officer) as needed to abate hazardous material or waste exposure when there is a danger to the health and safety of the public.

#### **2.4 Parks**

1. Support proposals to fund for acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of parks and recreation facilities and open space, and seek additional funding for the establishment of new urban parks in the underserved areas of the County.
2. Support legislation that provides for full funding for the local operation, maintenance, management, planning and development of State-owned parks and open space areas managed by the County, such as Castaic Lake State Recreation Area, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, and Placerita Canyon State Park, securing an equitable allocation of State funding for locally-operated units of the State Park System.
3. Support proposals to fund and promote partnering opportunities with social service agencies and schools for youth programs, services, and facilities that incorporate positive recreation alternatives and that provide employment opportunities for youth.
4. Support legislation that promotes innovative programs that provide alternatives to gang activity and encourage the employment of at-risk youth.
5. Support proposals to fund or promote partnering opportunities with social service and health agencies to increase healthy activities and exercise programs in parks for youth and adults.
6. Support proposals to fund after-school programs in park facilities and schools operated by parks and recreation agencies, with special incentives and funding for programs in identified high-crime areas.
7. Support proposals which promote partnering opportunities with social and health service agencies and allow park and recreation programs to be eligible for State preventive health funding.

8. Support proposals to fund the urban reforestation programs of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
9. Support proposals to fund State mandated fingerprinting of all park staff and volunteers responsible for supervision of minors.
10. Oppose legislation that would increase exposure to, or reduce immunities from, governmental liability related to the ownership, construction, operation, or maintenance of recreational facilities.
11. Support proposals to fund for new and expanded programs that encourage all children to participate in outdoor recreational activities and programs that involve increased physical activity to address the obesity issue in our youth.
12. Support proposals to fund programs at park facilities that build social connections between parents and their community and to provide information about child development and effective parenting strategies.
13. Support or pursue legislation to expand funding sources available to the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District and make technical updates to the District's enabling legislation.
14. Support proposals to fund or promote the use of parks and park-related amenities to mitigate the effects of climate change.
15. Support proposals that encourage joint-use arrangements with schools to increase physical activity for youth and adults, and alleviate the liability of school districts and local government partners in relation to joint-use of school facilities for public recreation.

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

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

environmental restoration, open space, and recreation projects within flood protection and water conservation facilities.

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

## **2.6 Water Supply**

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

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

16. Support proposals to expand the ability of local agencies to take nuisance actions against water purveyors for violations of secondary drinking water standards of color and odor, require water purveyors to fully cooperate with local agencies' investigations, and provide a method of cost recovery for actions taken to abate a nuisance.
17. Support proposals to require water purveyors to provide information to customers regarding complaint processes, advance notice of non-emergency maintenance or repairs that may affect water quality, and timely results of complaint investigations.
18. Support legislation that requires State agencies to prioritize review and approval of water infrastructure projects and programs that increase State and/or local water supplies, including water recycling, surface water treatment, stormwater capture, flood control, and groundwater recharge facilities and programs, among others.
19. Support legislation that ensures a property served by an onsite wastewater treatment system (septic systems) is evaluated by a qualified professional as part of the sale of the property and increases reporting of the evaluation results to the local health officer or designated city officials.
20. Support legislation that would allow for and/or expedite the direct reuse of potable recycled water.
21. Support legislation that effectuates fiscal and operational management and control over failing water systems by appointing an interim administrator, providing immunity from liability for parties involved in the consolidation or dissolution of a failing water system, providing adequate financial resources for the interim administrator, and ensuring that the local agency formation commission has a role in selecting the new, long-term water service provider.

## **2.7 Recycling and Waste Reduction**

1. Support proposals that increase flexibility for local agencies to meet the waste reduction goals of the California Integrated Waste Management Act.
2. Support legislation and policies which promote the development of alternatives to landfills such as conversion technologies that protect public health and safety and the environment; clarify the definition of conversion technologies; establish a viable permitting process for these alternatives based on performance standards rather than prescriptive definitions; ensure alternatives to landfills qualify for renewable energy production, landfill disposal reduction and reduced carbon fuels production incentives; provide full diversion and greenhouse gas emission reduction credits for these alternatives under applicable State law; and provide that all energy produced by conversion technology facilities be designated as renewable energy.
3. Support proposals to fund local governments for the environmentally safe management of hazardous and electronic waste.
4. Support legislation and funding to expand markets for diverted materials and support measures for Recycling Market Development Zones.

5. Support proposals that eliminate overlapping solid waste and recycling authority between State agencies/departments, and establish greater multi-disciplinary coordination of State environmental policies.
6. Support legislation to place greater emphasis on waste diversion program implementation, rather than relying primarily on quantity management, for the purpose of determining a local government's compliance with mandates established in the California Integrated Waste Management Act.
7. Support legislation to provide increased local government representation on the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.
8. Oppose legislation to eliminate diversion credits or recycling credits for the use of green waste as alternative daily cover.
9. Support legislation that would increase the use of recycled materials on highway construction, repair projects, and other public works projects.
10. Support legislation to provide funding for research and development that would assist local governments in developing and enhancing source reduction, recycling, and other waste diversion initiatives.
11. Support legislation to conduct a comprehensive environmental life-cycle assessment of waste management practices in California including waste reduction and recycling as well as the impact of materials transported outside of the State.
12. Support legislation that places greater emphasis on producer/manufacturer responsibility for the environmental impact of their products and the waste that is produced, and shifts end-of-life management and financial responsibilities from local governments to producers, in order to reduce public costs and encourage improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.
13. Support and pursue extended producer responsibility legislation and take-back programs for sharps and pharmaceuticals at the State level, consistent with the County's adopted Legislative Agenda and Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future.
14. Support legislation that provides or facilitates funding for and/or strengthens the ability of local governments to prevent and remediate illegal dumping of trash and rubbish, including open desert areas and vacant lands adjacent to low-income communities.
15. Support legislation which would reduce the negative environmental impacts of single-use items, such as expanded polystyrene food containers by: 1) shifting the burden of addressing those impacts away from residents and the County and toward the manufacturers of those products; 2) promoting more sustainable alternatives to such items; and 3) phasing out the use of those items on a statewide basis when environmentally preferable alternatives are available.
16. Support legislation which promotes market development and manufacturer stewardship of environmentally friendly food packaging products.

17. Support legislation which reduces the environmental impacts of single-use carryout bags and decreases the financial burden on local governments to address those impacts, and would not preempt stricter bag ordinances that local jurisdictions have enacted. Legislative proposals should seek to promote the use of reusable bags, reduce the use of plastic or paper carryout bags, and/or increase at-store recycling of carryout bags.
18. Support legislation to amend the provision of AB 2449, Chapter 845, Statutes of 2006, (Section 42252(a) of the Public Resources Code) to also require an environmental awareness message imprinted on each plastic carryout bag describing the negative impacts littered plastic carryout bags have on the environment and wildlife and the need to use reusable bags.
19. Support legislation that would exempt soils from undeveloped watersheds, such as lands in wilderness parks or open space properties, from testing requirements at landfills and streamline the process for landfills to accept clean soil for cover purposes or beneficial uses such as construction fill material for building roads.
20. Oppose legislation which bans new hazardous materials from landfill disposal unless the proposals also provide a funding mechanism and/or establish programs and guidelines for local governments to manage the banned materials.

### **3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

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

1. Support or sponsor local option legislation to implement employee compensation or benefit changes, as directed by the Board of Supervisors.
2. Oppose legislation that mandates or authorizes compensation or benefit changes without approval of the Board of Supervisors.
3. Oppose legislation which would remove the Board of Supervisors' control over benefit increases or decreases in the Los Angeles County Retirement System that increase County cost.
4. Support legislation that promotes the timely provision of reasonable and necessary medical care and workers' compensation benefits while opposing legislation that erodes reforms accomplished by FY 2003-04 and FY 2011-12 workers' compensation reform legislation and oppose legislation that increases workers' compensation benefits unless it maintains a fair and equitable balance for employers and employees within the reforms previously adopted by the Legislature.
5. Support workers' compensation reform proposals that align public sector workers' compensation benefits with private sector benefits to the greatest extent practical.
6. Oppose legislation that mandates eligibility of additional employees for safety workers' compensation benefits or safety retirement benefit provisions.

7. Oppose legislation that expands existing or creates new presumptions related to injuries, illnesses, diseases, or physical conditions and that can be claimed as job-related for workers' compensation or service-connected disability retirement.
8. Oppose legislation that eliminates current requirements that employees demonstrate on-the-job exposure in order to qualify for workers' compensation or service-connected disability retirement benefits.
9. Support proposals to clarify the rights and responsibilities of the County to pay Advanced Disability Pension Benefits to safety members to ensure that all appropriate County costs are reimbursed.
10. Support legislation to fund the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program to assist in the recruitment and retention of public defenders and prosecutors, or any other student loan repayment assistance or forgiveness legislation which promotes the recruitment and retention of public defenders and prosecutors.
11. Support legislation to eliminate billing fraud or abuses of the workers' compensation system.
12. Support legislation to authorize local governments to implement retirement changes which may include: 1) a limitation on bonuses and other extraordinary pay such as overtime which may be included in pensionable income; 2) a revision of "final compensation" for purposes of calculating a retiree's pension from the highest one year to the average of the highest three years; 3) changes to retiree health plans to enable the County to adjust the design of the health plans to assist in controlling costs; and 4) coordination of benefits between disability retirement and workers' compensation permanent disability to prevent overlapping payments for the same disability.
13. Support pension reform changes and/or improvements that allow the County to recruit and retain highly-specialized personnel to provide critical health, mental health, legal, and other specialized services for County residents.
14. Support legislation allowing a public jurisdiction to terminate LC 4850, special work leave benefits for safety personnel, and authorize disability pension benefits when clear and convincing evidence exists that an employee's work-related disability will preclude the worker from ever returning to the performance of his or her duties.
15. Oppose legislation which would mandate specific changes to the County's employment relations commission structure, such as prescribing requirements for commissioner appointments.

### **3.2 Land Use Planning**

1. Oppose legislation that infringes upon county board of supervisors' local land use decision-making authority.
2. Support proposals to impose liens on non-owner occupied properties to recover costs associated with code compliance enforcement.

3. Oppose legislation that imposes financial penalties on local governments for implementing zoning regulations that reduce the value of affected private properties.
4. Support legislation that promotes the development of housing sites near public transit hubs, discourages sprawl, or promotes urban design that encourages safe walking and cycling routes to commercial districts and schools if financed by a mutually agreed upon funding mechanism.
5. Support legislation which would bring uniformity to the California Coast Act, which currently allows approval of decisions by a coastal county on coastal permit applications for developments that are not designated as the principle permitted use under the certified zoning ordinance to be appealed, but does not allow for appeals of the same decisions made by a city or a city and county.
6. Support legislation which subjects sober-living homes to local zoning regulations.
7. Oppose legislation that would establish building standards outside of the existing building code adoption process or that would hinder effective administration and enforcement of building standards.
8. Support proposals that provide builders and/or developers incentives to incorporate Universal Design/Visitability features which ensure safe, easy access into all housing, including new or converted dwellings or multi-family units for all persons, regardless of age or physical disability.
9. Support proposals to fund counties and other local agencies for outreach programs to educate communities on how to integrate sustainable and water efficiency elements into development and renovation projects.
10. Support proposals to monitor regulatory proceedings initiated by AB 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006), SB 97 (Chapter 185, Statutes of 2007), and SB 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) and SB 32 (Chapter 294, Statutes of 2016) and advocate for regulations that would: 1) preserve the County's flexibility in making California Environmental Quality Act determinations; and 2) incentivize actions by the County and other local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet AB 32 mandates both through their operations and their regulatory authority.
11. Support legislation to provide counties greater land use authority and regulatory authority over gas storage facilities, oil refineries, and gas/oil extraction.
12. Support legislation that provides urban counties with the same authority that cities have under current law to exempt infill projects from the California Environmental Quality Act, as long as those projects meet the additional requirement that they are located within a locally-designated Transit Oriented Development district, or are within one-half mile of a fixed rail transit station.
13. Support legislation that provides expedited judicial review processes, similar to those provided in SB 292 (Chapter 353, Statutes of 2011), for the development of projects that provide vital public services, including hospitals, health clinics, fire and police/sheriff stations, communication facilities/systems, libraries, schools, transportation projects, and other vital government capital projects in the County that

serve the public interest, as well as commercial, sports, cultural, recreational, and clean energy projects.

14. Oppose legislation that regulates or prohibits the California Science Center from negotiating lease agreements with public and/or private entities that support the establishment or maintenance of educational and cultural activities, tourism, and/or economic development.
15. Support legislation that seeks to prohibit the South Coast Air Quality Management District from regulating or prohibiting the use of any and all fire rings on beaches statewide and instead allow local jurisdictions to determine for themselves what is right for their areas and constituents.
16. Support legislation that would facilitate the County's ability to acquire and/or use government-owned land, buildings, and existing infrastructure to further local community needs.
17. Support proposals that provide the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) with an exemption from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for sites which are on publicly owned land, already contain antenna support structures and related infrastructure, and are not located on environmentally sensitive areas.

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

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

7. Oppose legislation that impedes the control of rodents, invasive species, and enforcement of pesticide use laws and regulations.

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

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

12. Oppose legislation that exempts any commercially-used weighing or measuring device, packaged commodity, petroleum product, automated retail checkout system or business transactional operation from laws and regulations applicable to these items under Weights and Measures regulatory activities.
13. Support proposals that protect consumers from debt collectors and debt buyers who engage in unfair and abusive debt collection practices and litigation.
14. Support proposals that maintain or increase funding for the Small Claims Advisor Program and simplify the small claims filing process for individual consumers and small businesses.
15. Support proposals to strengthen consumer protections with regard to business filings requirements by establishing stricter registration requirements for process servers.
16. Support proposals that increase protections for consumers against fraud, scams, and unfair or deceptive business practices.
17. Support legislation that protects businesses from deceptive business practices.
18. Support proposals to increase funding for collaborative consumer protection and consumer education programs.
19. Support proposals that provide consumers no cost access to credit reports, simplify the process to correct credit report discrepancies, and improve the accuracy of credit reporting.
20. Support proposals to increase identity theft protections and provide funding for the assistance needed to help victims restore their credit.
21. Support proposals that would extend or remove the sunset date of, or otherwise enhance, the County's Enhanced Homeowner Notification Program (SB 827 of 2014).
22. Oppose legislation which would prevent charitable organizations from collecting donated goods by restricting the placement of unattended collection boxes as long as they are compliant with existing laws and local ordinances.
23. Oppose legislation which would prohibit private entities contracting with a public agency from displaying content on their uniforms or vehicles which could imply the local agency is providing those services, unless the contractor conspicuously displays a disclaimer that they are not government employees.
24. Support legislation that provides the public with increased transparency regarding the value, performance and/or financial standing of businesses, educational institutions, and consumer goods.
25. Support legislation that provides consumers with comprehensive information and/or education on financial products, including tax preparation services, debt consolidation agreements, and consumer and student loans.

26. Support legislation to increase civil penalties for the unauthorized practice of law.
27. Support legislation which would create a comprehensive statewide tax agent registration system.
28. Support proposals that increase assistance, accessibility and education for consumers in the marketplace.
29. Support proposals to increase funding for wage theft enforcement and initiatives that contemplate the same.
30. Support proposals that increase consumer access to traditional banking services.
31. Support proposals to expand, improve, and/or clarify the regulation of high-cost lending, including online lending.
32. Support proposals which would create safer alternative loan products.
33. Support proposals to clarify and/or enhance translation requirements in consumer contracting.
34. Support proposals to enhance consumer protection investigations conducted by local agencies.

### **3.5 Child Support Administration**

1. Support legislation to allow counties to relinquish all responsibility for the local child support program to the State, should the State fail to adequately fund the program.
2. Support proposals to fully fund county child support collection program costs.
3. Support proposals that would hold counties harmless for any error or omission on the part of the State, including failure to meet collection standards.
4. Support legislation to improve collection of child support orders including:
  - a. Proposals that seek to base a child support order contained in a default judgment on the payor-parent's actual income, rather than presume, in the absence of proof of the payor-parent's income, that the payor-parent works 40 hours per week earning minimum wage.
  - b. Proposals that seek to enable local child support agencies to collect child support from non-traditional sources of income such as gaming proceeds paid to parents who owe past-due child support. This would allow the Department of Child Support Services to collect more child support for children and families.
  - c. Proposals to further adjust the mandatory statewide child support guideline for low-income parents.

- d. Proposals to increase collections by developing data matches between counties and local child support agencies, including data matches for individuals that contract with or receive a license or permit from a county, to the extent the information is public, which would yield specific information enabling the local child support agency to locate the assets of more parents who owe child support and collect more child support for children and families.
  - e. Proposals to eliminate the accrual of interest on past-due child support payments in order to make child support arrearages more manageable.
  - f. Proposals that support electronic filing of court documents, including the use of electronic signatures and the elimination of requirements to maintain hard copies of legal documents.
  - g. Proposals that grant access to Uniform Parentage Act filings and improve access to dependency court filings for the purposes of obtaining and enforcing child support orders.
5. Support proposals that ensure the equitable allocation of funding to Local Child Support Agencies and protect local control.

### **3.6 County Investment Practices**

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

### **3.7 Local Government Reorganizations/County Boundary Changes**

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

sources that were voter-approved or that, if re-enacted, would be subject to the provisions of Articles XIII C and D of the State Constitution.

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

### **3.8 Historic Preservation**

1. Support legislation for the funding and development of the El Pueblo Cultural and Performing Arts Center on the County-owned properties known as the Antique Block.
2. Support proposals to fund the protection, preservation, and enhancement of historical areas under County ownership or control and for State-owned sites within the County.
3. Support legislation that would maintain the survey monument preservation fund to pay for the necessary expenses incurred or authorized by the county surveyor to properly perform and maintain monument surveys of major historical land division lines.

### **3.9 Human Relations**

1. Support legislation that addresses and combats discrimination based on age, disability, disease status, gender identity, language, immigration status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics.
2. Support legislation to reduce hate crimes, increase human relations education and training, and increase communities' capacity to address intergroup relations issues in a positive way.

3. Support proposals to promote corporate board gender diversity.

### **3.10 Library Services**

1. Support proposals to fully fund the Public Library Foundation Program.
2. Support proposals to restore library district property taxes.
3. Support proposals that provide State bond financing for public library construction and renovation, and provide funding for reasonable costs of facility needs assessments.
4. Support proposals to maintain funding for the Transaction Based Reimbursement Program administered by the California State Library and encourage universal borrowing among library jurisdictions in California.
5. Support legislation that would dedicate one-half of one percent of Proposition 98 of 1988 monies to public libraries.
6. Support proposals which provide libraries with discounts on select communications services and which encourage participation in the Federal E-rate Discount Program.
7. Support proposals that fund or increase access to a broad range of literacy materials and services, such as those for financial, digital, health, and child and adult literacy, in community-based organizations, consumer counseling organizations, educational institutions, government, and financial institutions.
8. Support proposals that provide funding to connect public libraries to high-speed, high-capacity broadband infrastructure.

### **3.11 Museums and Performing Arts**

1. Support measures which provide increased State funding for the arts and museums, including construction/renovation of regional cultural facilities.
2. Support proposals to fund the Grand Avenue Project.

### **3.12 Education**

1. Support proposals to fund for school crossing guards provided by counties.
2. Support legislation to require school districts to establish a process in which the parent or guardian of a student commits in a written agreement or compact to assist and cooperate in the education of that student.
3. Support proposals to fund the California Subject Matter Projects, which includes the California Arts Projects.
4. Support proposals which would expand the role of arts education in public schools through the inclusion of arts as a core subject, the development of arts textbooks, and an increase in arts educators.

5. Support proposals that allocate special education funds in a manner that accurately reflects the needs of children in the County.
6. Support proposals to maintain or increase State funding for arts education.
7. Support proposals which address the accountability of school districts in developing, implementing and evaluating arts education.
8. Support proposals to assist school districts in providing school-based health programs to ensure the behavioral, mental health, and physical needs of students are addressed, and all students are ready to learn.
9. Support proposals that would establish State funded schools to provide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) instruction to underrepresented students.
10. Support proposals that help schools reduce food insecurity through advocacy, outreach, and application assistance to Federal, State, and County nutrition programs, such as CalFresh, as part of the school enrollment process.

### **3.13 Public Records**

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

### **3.14 Redevelopment**

1. Support legislation which continues or extends the redevelopment law reforms accomplished in the Community Redevelopment Reform Act (AB 1290, Chapter 942, Statutes of 1993), and oppose any redevelopment legislation which

would cause the County to lose revenues or which would limit or repeal the provisions of AB 1290.

2. Support measures to strengthen the blight findings requirement to prevent redevelopment and economic development abuse.
3. Support proposals to protect both statutory and negotiated pass-through payments, as well as all other funds allocated to taxing entities for the duration of the redevelopment wind-down process pursuant to ABx1 26 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2011) and AB 1484 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2012), and oppose proposals that would eliminate or reduce any pass-through payments, or eliminate or reduce or delay the flow of any other source of funds allocated to taxing entities by ABx1 26 as amended by AB 1484, before redevelopment successor agencies retire or pay off all debts, dispose of all remaining assets, and/or terminate their existence.
4. Support extension of review periods to allow counties and other affected parties adequate time to analyze the validity and impact of proposed redevelopment projects.
5. Support measures to close loopholes that allow agencies to extend the life of projects beyond the statutory time frames established in the Community Redevelopment Reform Act.
6. Support legislation that will provide State funding for rehabilitation of main street business districts.
7. Support proposals which facilitate the successful implementation of the requirements and goals of ABx1 26 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2011) and AB 1484 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2012).
8. Oppose proposals that eliminate the County's authority over the use of tax increment or its ability to determine its role in the formation of and participation in infrastructure financing districts, redevelopment agencies, joint powers authorities, or other similar entities.
9. Support proposals that make a county's or a local housing authority's participation in any redevelopment project or program subject to local approval, and support proposals which would allow a local housing authority to transfer housing functions previously performed by a former redevelopment agency to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, or to provide funding to a local housing authority for administration of the assumed housing functions.

### **3.15 Elections and Voting**

1. Support proposals to provide County reimbursement for the costs incurred in conducting special elections to fill vacancies in State and Federal offices.
2. Support legislation to require the Secretary of State to issue voting system guidelines and test specifications for approval of new voting systems.

3. Support legislation that increases protections against interfering with the casting of ballots at polling places or by mail, including increasing fines and/or penalties for practices that attempt to impede the voting process or intimidate votes.
4. Support legislation to improve and/or clarify the challenge process for Vote by Mail ballots and strengthen voter protections.
5. Support legislation to allow for the secure and effective use of new technologies available in the field of election administration.
6. Support legislation to authorize the implementation of additional, expanded and alternative voting opportunities.
7. Support legislation to assist counties in the effective implementation of State-mandated changes in the elections process and administration.
8. Support proposals to facilitate the timely certification and implementation of secure technology developed for the County's Voting Systems Assessment Project.
9. Support proposals to advance improved models for auditing vote totals and demonstrating the accuracy of voting systems.
10. Support proposals to improve and/or clarify the petition filing process for ballot measures, including codifying filing deadlines.
11. Support proposals to establish filing deadlines for civil writs for ballot related litigation.
12. Support or sponsor legislation which seeks to align the mailing dates for Sample Ballots with the mailing dates for Vote by Mail ballots, and modify other submission deadlines, as needed, that could delay the production of the Sample Ballot to enhance the timely dissemination of election materials.

### **3.16 City Governance**

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

### **3.17 Liability Protection and Mitigation**

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

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

### **3.18 Information Technology**

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

### **3.19 Small Business Development**

1. Support proposals that would increase economic opportunities for small businesses.
2. Support proposals that provide funding to educate small business owners on their rights and responsibilities to facilitate their compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
3. Support proposals to increase incentives for businesses to hire unemployed or underemployed workers.
4. Support proposals to develop a State Social Enterprise designation or increase social enterprise contracting with government agencies.

## **4. HEALTH**

### **4.1 Financing of the Safety Net**

1. Support, through a coalition with other counties and providers, a dependable, long-term funding source for the health care safety net.
2. Support legislation that promotes the fair and equitable distribution of Safety Net Care Pool dollars through the Global Payment Program between public and private hospitals.
3. Support proposals that provide funding for indigent care in place of those that have been eliminated, such as the California Healthcare for Indigents Program.
4. Support legislative or administrative changes to allow the Department of Health Services access to financial information records of patients (e.g., State Franchise Tax Board, Department of Motor Vehicles, etc.) which would facilitate identification and verification of patient financial resources.
5. Support legislation to permit counties to assert and collect on liens for health care costs of patients who receive a monetary award from a lawsuit settlement or compromise rather than from a judgment.
6. Support proposals to expand the use of intergovernmental transfers, health provider fees, and other allowable methods to increase net Federal Medicaid and Federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) matching payments to California and health providers like the County at no cost to the State General Fund.
7. Support legislation to allow the use of State capital improvement funds for County facility capital projects, including clinics and other public health facilities, while preserving the option to revise and/or expand a project's scope at the County's discretion.
8. Support proposals to assist hospitals to meet the SB 1953 (Chapter 740, Statutes of 1994) seismic safety requirements.
9. Support funding to promote/market the availability of County health care services, including innovation centers.
10. Support proposals to fund technology infrastructure in public hospitals and health systems, including electronic health records, health information management system, and data exchange with immunization registries, electronic case reporting, and electronic laboratory reporting.
11. Support proposals to conform State formulae for calculating individual share of costs and low-income eligibility in the Medicare Part D prescription drug program to adequate cost of living levels in Los Angeles County.
12. Oppose measures that would establish unnecessary requirements that would be a burden to public hospitals, such as: 1) mandating inflexible hospital staffing ratios; 2) community benefits reporting; 3) mandatory placement of medical parolees; and 4) eight-hour written notice to employees who work overtime.

13. Support proposals which provide funding for the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital.
14. Support proposals to preserve the 1991 Realignment funding for counties and the County-specific funding formula established in AB 85 (Chapter 24, Statutes of 2013) to support indigent health care and other services.
15. Support proposals to preserve supplemental payments to public and private hospitals as the Federal Medicaid Managed Care Rules are implemented in California.

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

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

11. Support and/or sponsor legislation that would enable paramedics and emergency medical technicians responding to 911 calls to transport patients to the most appropriate facility, such as, mental health urgent care centers or sobering centers, if available, subject to the County's Emergency Medical Services Destination Policy.

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

1. Support proposals that reduce the number of uninsured persons, and expand Medi-Cal coverage to low-income persons such as In-Home Supportive Services workers and juveniles within county probation systems.
2. Support proposals to simplify Medi-Cal eligibility rules, application, and re-determination processes to increase and expedite enrollment and promote retention, through the use of presumptive eligibility, elimination of financial barriers, increasing income and asset eligibility levels, and enabling more disabled persons to qualify.
3. Support proposals to increase funding of Medi-Cal outreach, enrollment, required documentation procurement, and retention activities.
4. Support proposals to allow counties and school districts to provide the State matching component and exercise the Federal waiver option to: 1) purchase family coverage; and/or 2) establish a cost-effective alternative using a community-based health delivery system.
5. Support proposals to allow counties to use Federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funds to provide a continuum of mental health and public health nursing services for children in the public's care.
6. Support proposals to continue State funding for prenatal services to undocumented women.
7. Support proposals to expand the substance abuse benefit for children and parents.
8. Support proposals to increase the Medi-Cal Maintenance Need Income Level to a minimum 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and require the State to annually adjust the Medi-Cal Maintenance Need Income Level when the FPL is adjusted.
9. Support proposals to continue 100 percent cost-based reimbursement for Federally Qualified Health Centers.
10. Support proposals to assist local programs that combat Medi-Cal fraud.
11. Support proposals to expand local and statewide efforts to fund children's health coverage programs with the goal of universal health coverage for all children in the State of California.
12. Support proposals to allow women to utilize their full-scope no-cost Medi-Cal coverage for two years post-partum.

13. Support proposals to provide State funding for costs associated with implementation of the Deficit Reduction Act – Citizenship/Identity Verification.
14. Support proposals allowing seniors and persons with disabilities continuance of their choice to maintain fee-for-service Medi-Cal.
15. Support proposals to align Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for providers and hospitals in medically underserved areas in Southern California with Northern California Medi-Cal reimbursement rates.
16. Support proposals that allow counties and school districts to continue to match funds to obtain Federal reimbursement of costs involving Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, which would allow the County and school districts to continue to recover costs associated with Medi-Cal enrollments, and allow the County to continue to offer Medi-Cal enrollment assistance to uninsured low-income families.
17. Support proposals to restore reductions to Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for providers and hospitals.
18. Support proposals to ensure that mobile eye examinations for Medi-Cal eligible children are reimbursable.

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

1. Support proposals to require public and private insurers to cover pre-existing conditions and offer comprehensive coverage for all health services, including prescription drug coverage; prenatal, perinatal care, and maternity care and support; contraceptives; childhood, adolescent, and adult immunizations; screening for diabetes; hypertension; cervical and breast cancer; Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) treatment and biomedical interventions; Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) treatment; Sexually Transmitted Diseases; substance abuse; mental health; and behavioral health treatment for persons with autism spectrum disorders.
2. Support proposals to enhance access to prescription drugs, durable medical equipment and immunizations, especially for low- and moderate-income uninsured persons.
3. Support measures to reduce the time to one year in which health insurance coverage cancellation must be determined.
4. Support measures which provide that health insurance coverage is established upon the date of receipt of an application or receipt of the first premium payment.
5. Support measures which require that cancellation of commercial health insurance coverage must be prior to any authorization of services.
6. Support measures which would require the California Department of Managed Health Care to review actuarial studies for any and all health insurance rate increases to ensure that the study was appropriately performed by a qualified actuarial firm.

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

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

1. Support proposals to allow the continuation and review of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program to ensure the provision of an uninterrupted supply of medications and the preservation of savings obtained through drug rebates.
2. Support proposals and increased funding for the provision of care and treatment services, and bio-medical research and interventions (such as pre-exposure prophylaxis and post-exposure prophylaxis) for people living with HIV/AIDS.

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

#### **4.6 Public Health**

1. Support measures that provide funding to strengthen the ability of the public health system to detect and respond to natural, as well as man-made disasters, including acts of terrorism.
2. Support proposals that protect the public's health and/or that preserve or increase funding for public health activities including: chronic disease prevention (such as asthma, heart disease, cancer, obesity, and diabetes), acute and chronic communicable disease control, immunizations, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted disease control, veterinary public health and rabies control, public health laboratory, maternal and child health, family planning, childhood lead poisoning prevention, injury and violence prevention, food safety and nutrition, and emergency preparedness and response.
3. Support legislation to require school districts and public park agencies to inspect their facilities on a regular basis for lead paint, report their findings to County health offices, and comply with requirements set by State and County childhood lead abatement programs.
4. Support proposals to require hospitals and non-acute health care facilities to have a written infection-control program; establish a statewide system for public disclosure of information on healthcare-associated infections in a manner that would assist

consumers in making healthcare choices; and require health care associated infections data to be made available to the local health department jurisdiction where facilities are located.

5. Support legislation to protect and improve drinking water supplies, recreational waters and fish and game ecosystems by utilizing evidence-based approaches.
6. Support legislation to provide for the safe disposal of all waste materials, especially low-level radioactive waste, by utilizing evidence-based approaches.
7. Support legislation that enhances food safety programs and regulations.
8. Support legislation that preserves and enhances housing stock including measures that support safe home environments free from lead, mold, and other indoor environmental hazards.
9. Support measures which establish, enhance, or fund policies, programs, research, standards, educational curriculum, and public awareness campaigns that encourage health promotion, health protection, disease and infection control, and injury and violence prevention efforts, including suicide prevention, behavior health awareness, and anti-bullying and sexual exploitation of minors.
10. Support measures that expand, provide additional funding for, reduce barriers to and increase enrollment in food assistance programs and Head Start, including increasing income guidelines and benefits for Federal and State Food Assistance Programs.
11. Support increased funding of Medi-Cal for obesity screening, prevention, and treatment for children at or above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of the sex-specific body mass index growth charts.
12. Support proposals to implement and enforce County cultural and linguistic competence standards for all health service programs in order to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate care.
13. Support legislation to improve the planning and certification of adult day programs and services which strengthen and provide for the fiscal monitoring of these programs.
14. Support legislation and funding that facilitates or requires health facilities, schools, private business, government, and community-based agencies to participate in large-scale disaster preparedness planning, training and exercises, especially in the area of mass prophylaxis and care.
15. Support proposals that protect and improve the health of adolescents and young adults (12-24 years of age) through:
  - a. enhanced multidisciplinary collaborations among County departments, cities and private agencies serving youth;

- b. funding to enhance integration of services to adolescents, including physical and mental health, juvenile detention services, employment and training or community experiences to which the youth can be referred; and
  - c. training for adolescent service providers on youth development, youth resiliency, cultural competency, physical and mental health, youth violence prevention, nutrition and physical fitness, substance abuse, how and where to make referrals to appropriate services, and increase the number and effectiveness of referrals to appropriate services.
16. Support measures that promote partnerships between organizations that serve communities and public health agencies to establish and enhance public awareness campaigns to encourage healthy lifestyles.
  17. Support proposals to provide funding to promote and market the availability of programs and services focusing on chronic disease prevention, risk reduction, screening, and treatment.
  18. Support proposals that would prevent youth access to tobacco products by: 1) protecting anti-preemption language specified in the Cigarette and Tobacco Licensing Act of 2003 that explicitly allows local jurisdictions to pass tobacco retail licensing laws; and 2) limiting the promotion and availability of traditional tobacco products, menthol and other flavored tobacco products, and electronic nicotine delivery systems (all e-devices and e-cigarettes).
  19. Support proposals that would reduce exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) from tobacco, cannabis, and electronic smoking devices, including e-cigarettes in outdoor areas, multi-unit housing complexes and indoor workplaces, and would designate SHS and electronic smoking devices, including e-cigarettes, as a public nuisance.
  20. Support proposals to increase tobacco cessation services including mandating cessation services be covered as part of employee health benefits.
  21. Support proposals for the development and implementation of programs which would provide incentives to improve the health of the workforce, including but not limited to facilitating strategies for increased physical activity and healthier eating.
  22. Support proposals that increase the availability and marketing of healthy, local and affordable foods and beverages by expanding access to and increasing the number of grocery stores, farmers' markets and community gardens, especially in low-income communities, and by increasing availability and promotion of healthy food options available at grocery stores, corner convenience stores, mobile food facilities, restaurants, and locations at or near schools.
  23. Support proposals that would increase the availability and affordability of immunizations, increase access to childhood, teen and adult immunizations in school, healthcare, workplace, medical settings and other appropriate settings, and increase funding of immunization programs to improve immunization coverage levels and reduce the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases.

24. Support proposals that increase the prevalence and safety of sidewalks, walking trails, bike paths, and parks; promote safe walking and biking routes to schools and commercial districts; and promote complete streets, which make streets safe and accessible for all users including automobiles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
25. Support proposals that promote infill development, transit-oriented development and the improvement of multi-modal transportation options, to encourage physical activity and improve the health of County residents.
26. Support proposals that place sensitive sites, such as childcare centers, schools, and housing safely away from harmful sources of pollution, such as freeways and industrial uses, to improve the health of County residents.
27. Support proposals that reduce harmful indoor air pollutants in workplaces and sensitive use environments such as schools, day care centers, and nursing homes.
28. Support and/or sponsor legislation that promotes:
  - a. the reduction of salt content of packaged food products and restaurant foods;
  - b. increased affordability of fresh fruits and vegetables, specifically through financial incentives, subsidies and outreach to CalFresh recipients;
  - c. the development of pricing strategies that require vendors to increase prices on unhealthy sugar-sweetened beverages to offset decreased prices in healthy beverages as well as strategies that reduce cost for foods high in protein and lean in fat, including fish and poultry;
  - d. reduced consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, including soda, sports drinks, and other sugar-sweetened beverages, and reduces youth access to these products; and
  - e. adopt, implement, or strengthen food procurement policies to increase access to healthy foods and beverages.
29. Support proposals to direct dedicated tobacco tax increases to address the State Budget shortfall to fund programs impacted by the shortfall.
30. Support proposals to strengthen the regulation and oversight of surgical centers and clinics performing obesity treatment cosmetic procedures to ensure that quality of care standards are in place at these clinics and checked by the appropriate credentialing agencies.
31. Support proposals to restore oversight of physician-owned ambulatory surgery clinics by the State Department of Public Health Services Licensing Division.
32. Support proposals that provide funding and/or assistance to local health departments for the purposes of billing insurers for TB screenings, HIV and STD services, immunizations, and other preventative health services provided to insured patients.

33. Support proposals to provide increased State funding to counties for the inspection and/or investigation of healthcare facilities.
34. Support proposals that preserve medical services for children such as the California Children's Services and Child Health and Disability Prevention Programs.
35. Support proposals that improve laboratory testing and reporting of infectious disease pathogens by diagnostic laboratories to local health departments in order to track and to curtail infectious disease outbreaks.
36. Support proposals to require the State Department of Health Care Services to develop a plan to provide evidence-based home visitation program services to Medi-Cal eligible participants.
37. Support proposals that increase the use of or require validated screening tools for the developmental assessment of infants and young children.
38. Support proposals to increase funding for Public Health Nurses (PHN) and explore options with the State to provide flexibility for reimbursable PHN services.
39. Support and/or pursue legislation that would increase funding for: a) Mosquito-borne disease and vaccination research; and b) Mosquito and vector control services which include but are not limited to: source reduction, surveillance and monitoring, education and outreach, biological control, and chemical control.
40. Support and/or pursue legislation that would allow for mosquito and vector control considerations in environmental evaluation and ongoing management and maintenance of stormwater and other infrastructure projects.
41. Support and/or pursue legislation that would grant state certified mosquito control personnel more authority to expeditiously access properties that are mosquito infested so intervention efforts can be initiated.
42. Support research for a Valley Fever vaccine, and the State's efforts to combat the Valley Fever Disease.
43. Support proposals to develop and fund a State wellness fund to support community disease prevention and wellness efforts that address the root causes of prevalent and preventable physical and mental health conditions, including trauma mitigation, resulting in reductions in downstream health care spending.

#### **4.7 Alcohol and Drug**

1. Support proposals to increase funding for alcohol and drug prevention, treatment, and recovery services that provide local flexibility and discretion based on the local planning process.
2. Support proposals for increased funding from Medi-Cal and other funding sources to enhance the alcohol and drug services system of care, including youth in the juvenile

- justice system and youth transitioning out of foster care, to address the growing problems associated with adolescent alcohol and drug use.
3. Oppose measures that reduce the availability and accessibility of alcohol and drug prevention, treatment, and recovery services for persons with alcohol and drug problems.
  4. Support proposals that provide funding for health, mental health, homeless assistance, child welfare services, social services, as well as adult and juvenile criminal justice programs that provide or make accessible substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services as part of its continuum of services.
  5. Support proposals that promote environmental approaches to reducing alcohol and drug problems in the community, e.g., expanding local authority to enforce local zoning ordinances related to alcohol outlets and increasing funding to expand/enhance community-based coalitions to help residents prevent/reduce local alcohol and drug problems.
  6. Support proposals that provide funding to increase the availability of education programs to prevent Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, a spectrum of irreversible birth defects, caused when a woman drinks alcohol during pregnancy.
  7. Support legislation that will fund and expand the County's research, prevention, and treatment efforts for substance use disorders, including cannabis, methamphetamine, and opioid addiction.
  8. Support proposals that provide permanent and stable funding and integrated approaches, including outreach and enrollment, for the early identification and diversion of high-risk/high-cost patients who are dually-diagnosed with mental health and substance abuse disorders or other multiple symptoms/problems that effectively addresses substance abuse, mental health, housing, and related matters.
  9. Support proposals which would improve the ability of California residents to easily discern the alcohol or drug content of products and reduce the potential to confuse alcoholic and drug products, such as alcopops for non-alcoholic products, cannabis edibles for non-cannabis products, or nicotine-containing e-cigarettes for nicotine-free products.
  10. Support legislation that gives counties local authority in establishing Driving Under the Influence (DUI) programs including programs to address the specific cultural and linguistic needs in populations who experience increased DUI violations.
  11. Support legislation that establishes a single State professional licensure process for alcohol and drug counselors administered by a single State professional behavioral health regulatory body.
  12. Support restoration of permanent and adequate funding for the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (Proposition 36) to provide drug treatment services to nonviolent drug offenders sentenced under Proposition 36.

13. Support proposals to include a full continuum of evidence-based substance use disorder (SUD) benefits and reimbursements under the Drug Medi-Cal program for adults and youth that meet established standards of care, including benefits currently not covered such as addiction medications, comprehensive residential services, and recovery support services.
14. Support legislation that improves oversight of the State's Drug Medi-Cal program by implementing program enhancements that include, but are not limited to: 1) improved collaboration, information sharing, and communication between the State and local jurisdictions; 2) adoption of formal policy and procedures for immediately advising counties when provider agencies are being decertified or suspended by the State and/or investigated by the Department of Justice; 3) inclusion of in-depth administrative, programmatic, and financial reviews during the provider certification review process; and 4) increased provider engagement and training.
15. Support proposals that facilitate the successful implementation of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver, including those that increase the treatment system capacity to improve access to substance use disorder treatment services.
16. Support proposals to develop recommendations for best practices, protocols, and other policies to enforce driving under the influence of drugs, including prescription drugs.
17. Support proposals that increase access to Food and Drug Administration-approved medication-assisted treatments by clinical providers (i.e., physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants for substance use disorder treatments).

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

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

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

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

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

#### **4.10 Implementation of Health Care Reform**

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

- services and medical educational programs in order to implement Federal health care reform.
3. Support proposals that establish funding for workforce development and infrastructure for mental health care and substance abuse providers under Federal health care reform.
  4. Support proposals to reform Medicaid, including the State Safety Net Care Pool and Section 1115 Waiver components, to increase Medicaid funds for priority areas, such as primary and preventive health care, without reducing total available Medicaid funding levels.
  5. Support proposals which define essential health benefits, pursuant to Federal health care reform, in a comprehensive manner that promote high-quality, patient-centered, and cost-effective health care service.
  6. Support proposals that expand health care coverage to the fullest extent allowed under the Affordable Care Act, without eroding existing coverage.
  7. Support proposals that simplify the health coverage enrollment and renewal processes to administer and facilitate use and access for clients.
  8. Support proposals that simplify and coordinate the health care enrollment and renewal process with existing programs such as CalFresh; and continue the use of county human services agencies to administer initial and ongoing Medi-Cal eligibility, including the California Automated Consortium Eligibility System (CalACES), which interfaces with the Health Care Exchange.
  9. Support proposals that expand and enhance data matching to minimize paper verifications and decrease processing time for enrollment for health care coverage.
  10. Support proposals that provide the expeditious resolution of critical California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS) issues to ensure that counties can effectively provide health care coverage to eligible residents.
  11. Support proposals that provide coverage expansion built upon the traditional delivery systems used by the Medi-Cal and uninsured such as the Two-Plan Model and safety net providers.
  12. Support legislation to implement the new five-year Federal 1115 Medicaid waiver, Medi-Cal 2020.
  13. Support proposals that include incentives for providers to deliver high-quality, coordinated, integrated, and cost-effective care across all levels of health care delivery.
  14. Support proposals to ensure that coverage expansion includes mechanisms that protect existing patient-provider relationships from unnecessary disruption and ensure continuity of care.

15. Support proposals that create comprehensive benefits to the fullest extent allowed in the Affordable Care Act, including mental health and substance use disorder services, without eroding previously implemented Federal Medical options and existing waivers.
16. Support proposals that maintain the Prevention and Public Health Fund, recognizing that health improvement results from investments in population health efforts and not just medical care.
17. Support proposals that continue funding for the safety net system to maintain or extend services for populations not covered by the Affordable Care Act, and oppose proposals that would transfer fiscal responsibility for expanded health care services to counties.
18. Support proposals that allow the State to take full advantage of opportunities under the Affordable Care Act to maximize revenues such as, opting into enhanced benefits, special payments and incentives for innovation and quality.
19. Support proposals that seek to minimize disruption in patient care and that help ensure access to essential HIV services, including support services, as patients transition from Federal Ryan White-funded services to other systems of care supported by the Federal Medicaid Expansion.

#### **4.11 Health Care Delivery System**

1. Support proposals to define medical homes as medical care based on the patient's health and behavioral health needs that are provided and coordinated by a multi-disciplinary team which includes, but is not limited to, physicians and nurses.
2. Support proposals to allow nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and/or similar personnel, to work independently with patients, as part of a physician-led multi-disciplinary team providing medical home/clinical care to patients.
3. Support proposals that provide funding for and promote services by an ambulatory care network as the provider of preventive outpatient services.
4. Support proposals for an "all-payer" payment system that sets prices for health care providers and plans throughout the State with the aim of reducing administrative burdens, improving efficiency of the delivery of health care, and maintaining access to health care for all residents.

#### **4.12 Integrated Data Sharing**

1. Support proposals that create or expand integrated information sharing systems for health, mental health and human services programs.

**4.13 Dental Health Coverage**

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

**5. HOUSING, ECONOMIC, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

1. Support proposals that provide incentives to local governments and/or developers to increase and protect affordable housing and flexibility for counties to promote a diversity of affordable housing types through local policies.
2. Oppose legislation which would require local governments to streamline approvals of proposed housing development projects by eliminating entitlement and environmental reviews, or which would result in significant displacement of existing low and moderate-income residents or a net loss of existing affordable housing units.
3. Support proposals that increase home ownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income families, and employees in vital occupations.
4. Support proposals to provide additional resources for meeting the capital and operational costs of housing production and related supportive service needs of low- and moderate-income families and the needs of special populations, including elderly, disabled and mentally ill persons.
5. Support measures that end predatory lending practices.
6. Support measures that promote economic incentives as a means of creation, attraction, and retention of business, including small business, in the County, especially business that will create, attract or retain jobs in high poverty and unemployment areas.
7. Support proposals which would stimulate the local economy by accelerating or increasing spending on public works and infrastructure projects, especially those which would improve public health and public safety, mitigate hazards, reduce energy usage, or improve transportation.
8. Oppose legislation that would redirect redevelopment agency property tax increment from local redevelopment agencies to the State.
9. Oppose proposals to permanently prohibit the issuance of redevelopment tax allocation bonds.
10. Support legislation to enhance workforce development for high-tech industries.
11. Oppose legislation that would reduce or eliminate the transfer of the City of Industry Tax Increment Housing Set-Aside funds to the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles or reduce authority and use over such funds.

12. Support legislation to distribute State housing funds to local jurisdictions based upon population and poverty levels.
13. Support revisions to the prevailing wage provisions of California Labor Code Section 1720 in order to minimize the impact upon affordable housing production.
14. Support legislation to provide Public Housing Authorities expanded access to criminal records, employment information, public assistance records and other information that pertains to participant information for housing purposes for prevention of fraud and other criminal activity.
15. Support legislation to encourage health care services or establish grants for the operation of new and existing urban health care services programs and projects in medically underserved and urban areas.
16. Oppose changes to landlord/tenant laws that would involve public housing authorities in the legal process between tenants and their landlords.
17. Support proposals to address affordable housing needs on a multi-jurisdictional basis.
18. Support legislation that increases resources to clean-up and redevelop Brownfields.
19. Support legislation that continues the requirement for landlords to provide tenants that are on assisted programs with a 90-day notice to move in order to allow sufficient time to complete the process.
20. Oppose proposals that substitute Proposition 1C (Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006) bond funding for existing housing and infrastructure resources.
21. Support the direct pass-through of Federal housing and community development funds to units of local government, including Los Angeles County, to be distributed in an equitable manner and without additional restrictions.
22. Support legislation that provides Public Housing Authorities with flexibility to administer and use public housing and Section 8 Program funds as well as revenues generated from the Rental Housing Construction Program.
23. Support legislation that promotes the State's adoption of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines for calculation of rents and incomes for affordable housing to increase eligibility, rather than maintaining separate State standards which would reduce the number of individuals able to apply for affordable housing.
24. Support legislation which would establish a permanent source of funding for affordable housing by placing a fee on real estate transaction documents, excluding home sales, to ensure that all Californians have access to affordable housing.
25. Support legislation to allow eligible taxing agencies, public agencies, or nonprofit organizations to purchase tax-defaulted property for the construction and

rehabilitation of mixed-use residential/commercial buildings for the purposes of developing affordable housing and other social services that have a public benefit.

26. Support legislation that maintains the County's ability to protect its residents and commercial tenant establishments.
27. Support legislation that would expand the definition of source of income in the California Fair Employment and Housing Act to include lawful, verifiable income paid to a housing owner or landlord on behalf of a tenant, including federal, state or local public assistance, housing subsidies, and housing assistance vouchers, including but not limited to, federal housing assistance vouchers under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937.
28. Support proposals that would stimulate economic development and regional job growth, increase small business creation, and generate well-paying jobs for workers of all skill levels, including those in high poverty and high unemployment areas.
29. Support research and development in high-growth and emerging industries, including, but not limited to, life sciences, arts, culture, entertainment/sports, film and digital media, and rail/bus manufacturing, and support proposals which would facilitate job training and educational opportunities that will train a workforce capable of supporting those industries.
30. Support or advocate for proposals that would promote the growth of the creative economy, which includes, but is not limited to, the fields of arts, sports, entertainment and culture.

## **6. JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **6.1 General**

1. Support reimbursement of County costs for the prosecution and defense of new crimes.
2. Support increased State funding for multi-agency collaborative justice programs.
3. Support funding to expand video conferencing by law enforcement agencies, including the Sheriff, the Probation Department, District Attorney, Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender consistent with existing law.
4. Support full funding of the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Program.
5. Support legislation to provide funding for crime prevention/intervention and enforcement in public housing.
6. Support legislation to add any chemical used to make illegal drugs to the list of essential chemicals considered necessary for the manufacture of illegal drugs.
7. Support proposals to maintain and enhance State funding for training under the Standards and Training for Corrections Program to support mandatory training for

- Sheriff's and Probation Department personnel, as well as additional training to increase efficiency, effectiveness, and the personal safety of these employees.
8. Support legislation to enable law enforcement to implement vehicular forfeiture ordinances related to racing, rallying and exhibitionist driving on local roads, streets, and highways.
  9. Support legislation that would add code enforcement officials to the list of specified public employees and their families whose personal information should be kept confidential from public inspection or inquiry.
  10. Support legislation to clarify the authority of law enforcement agencies to request information from a service provider on the location of a phone, cell phone, pager or other telecommunication device proximate to the commission of a crime affecting the life, health, or safety of a victim.
  11. Support legislation to allow the County to charge full civil process serving costs.
  12. Support proposals that impose civil and/or criminal penalties on licensed foster and child care providers who allow and/or fail to report registered sex offenders on or near their facilities.
  13. Support proposals to provide funding for information technology initiatives that assist criminal justice agencies to integrate, upgrade, and maintain justice information systems.
  14. Support proposals to amend Government Code Section 27701 to expand the job qualifications for applicants to the position of county public defender to include sitting or retired judges, judicial commissioners, magistrates, referees, or elected public officials.
  15. Support proposals to enhance criminal penalties for persons who commit assaults against health care or mental health service providers while in the performance of their duties.
  16. Support funding for and proposals that direct the California Department of Motor Vehicles to work with counties to assist county jail inmates, State prison inmates, Post Release Community Supervision offenders, and youth in juvenile justice facilities, including those deemed to be homeless, to apply for and receive a California Driver's License or Identification Card free of charge, prior to being released from custody as well as obtain vital records like their birth certificates.
  17. Support legislation to increase the criminal penalties for assaults against rail and bus operators.
  18. Support proposals that would allow local government agencies to match anonymous criminal justice, public health, and mental health data, pertinent to justice-involved individuals and which has been de-identified by the appropriate bodies/departments, through a secure, central database for statistical analysis and reporting.

19. Support proposals to create a pretrial release system that mitigates racial and economic disparities while maintaining public safety; and that provides counties with adequate funding for additional costs for all impacted departments and appropriate local control and flexibility.

### **6.2 2011 Public Safety Realignment and AB 109 Program**

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

### **6.3 Probation**

1. Support funding for the Developing Increased Safety through Arms Recovery Management Program.
2. Support State funding of adult probation services, and local assistance to cities and counties for correctional officer training programs.

3. Support legislation to assist probation departments in verifying that arsonists register with local law enforcement agencies, as required, by ensuring that probation departments are notified of violators who report directly to court.
4. Oppose measures that impose a reduction in probation officer caseloads without adequate funding.
5. Support measures to hold convicted adults accountable for the costs of probation, Post-Release Community Supervision, and/or court-ordered mandatory probation services based on their ability to pay, and authorize collection by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and county sheriffs' departments of court-ordered financial obligations payable to counties and county agencies from State prisoners, county jail inmates, parolees and individuals under probation supervision.
6. Support legislation to fund continuous electronic monitoring programs for probationers.
7. Support legislation to allow probation departments to register narcotics offenders when the Chief Probation Officer determines there is a need to perform this task and when the resources are available.
8. Support legislation to restore the ability of the Board of Supervisors to order the distribution of court ordered installment payments.
9. Support legislation to authorize government agencies to exchange information regarding individuals on probation, Post-Release Community Supervision and/or court-ordered mandatory probation to the full extent authorized by Federal law, while ensuring adequate due process protections.
10. Support funding for adult probation, Post-Release Community Supervision and court-ordered mandatory probation, to reduce recidivism in the local and State criminal justice system.
11. Support legislation to require the State to provide full funding for the treatment and programming needs of its parolees in the community.
12. Support legislation authorizing day reporting centers and other community-based alternatives to incarceration for probationers, individuals under Post-Release Community Supervision and/or court-ordered mandatory probation designed to increase supervision of probationers to ensure they receive appropriate types of program services and treatment.
13. Support proposals to authorize the creation and operation of multi-disciplinary teams to share case information related to an adult probationer, individuals under Post-Release Community Supervision and/or court-ordered mandatory probation that is deemed appropriate to determine the proper treatment, supervision and disposition of that person.
14. Support legislation to authorize the sharing of information among community corrections multi-disciplinary team members and that requires the team members to

maintain privacy and confidentiality requirements and penalties for disclosing information or documents.

15. Support proposals that would provide additional funding for programs, services, and facilities that provide a continuum of services to adult probation populations, including health, mental health, and substance use disorder screenings and treatment services.

#### **6.4 Juvenile Justice**

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

11. Support legislation to provide or enhance the County's flexibility to deliver educational services through multiple providers, including implementation of independent charter school programs designed to improve the delivery of educational services to minors in probation camps and halls.
12. Support the California County Superintendents' Educational Services Association proposal to modify the current funding formula for juvenile court schools to one that is based on a bed-unit enhancement plus Average Daily Attendance model.
13. Support proposals to provide full funding, adjusted for inflation, for the Youth Offender Block Grant.
14. Support proposals for new funding to increase access to quality child care and develop programs that strengthen parenting skills and promote optimal child development for pregnant and parenting youth involved in the juvenile justice system.
15. Support proposals to provide resources to enhance the juvenile mental health competency process, including shortening the timeline for formal competence proceedings and providing adequate funding for mental health and supportive services to juveniles detained pending their competency proceedings or remediation.
16. Support proposals to eliminate the fee paid by counties to house a juvenile at the California Division of Juvenile Justice, as well as proposals to divert juvenile offenders away from both State and local detainment and into community-based rehabilitation programs.
17. Support proposals that would require that a minor consult with legal counsel, in person, by telephone, or by video conference, prior to a custodial interrogation and before waiving their Miranda rights.

#### **6.5 Population Management, Recidivism Reduction, and Diversion Programs**

1. Support full funding of the cost to house individuals who belong in State prison or who are the responsibility of the State, so the County can avoid expending its own resources for this purpose.
2. Support funding for the construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of County adult detention facilities to mitigate current overcrowding conditions and to improve access to various forms of treatment for those incarcerated.
3. Support legislation or proposals which provide authority for the involuntary placement of low level offenders on electronic monitoring which would allow the County to keep high level offenders for a larger percentage of their sentence.
4. Support legislation or proposals which reduce the time State prisoners remain in the County jail once sentenced to prison.
5. Support legislation to waive State licensing fees for a health facility providing services to inmates located in a county detention facility and restore a license fee exemption for all county owned facilities.

6. Support legislation to authorize local governments to participate with the appropriate State agencies in post-release program planning at State prisons for those inmates to be released in the county for the purpose of providing these inmates with effective treatment programs consistent with the maintenance of public safety.
7. Support legislation to encourage State and local agencies to collaboratively prepare and implement inmate plans for treatment and programming at the earliest possible time during their incarceration in order to maximize the length of time available for effective treatment.
8. Support measures that provide funding for the construction, renovation, rehabilitation and operation of juvenile justice facilities.
9. Support legislation to enable the Probation Department to operate independent charter schools at probation camps and halls.
10. Oppose proposals for the early release of prison inmates to address overcrowding in the State prison system.
11. Support proposals to house prison and/or jail inmates in alternative custody facilities including in-State and out-of-State, public and private facilities to address overcrowding in the State prison and county jail system and avoid early release.
12. Support proposals to implement long-term recidivism reduction programs and strategies to address overcrowding in the State prison and county jail systems that do not place additional burden on local government or jeopardize public safety.
13. Support and/or sponsor legislation that eliminates or extends the time period for individuals to file a petition for resentencing of specified felonies to misdemeanors pursuant to Proposition 47 of 2014.
14. Support proposals that would maximize the State savings and funding that would be allocated for Proposition 47 of 2014 grant programs.
15. Support proposals that would distribute funding for Proposition 47 of 2014 grant programs to local agencies based proportionately on the United States Census Bureau Data on poverty thresholds, rates of unemployment and homelessness, populations of probationers, parolees and juvenile offenders, and rates of violent and non-violent crimes.
16. Support proposals that would fund and/or support programs to track the recidivism rates of justice-involved individuals at the county level.
17. Support proposals that would fund and/or support the County's justice system, including assisting the County with correctional treatment facility infrastructure needs and expanding diversion and treatment programs.
18. Support proposals that would fund and/or support establishing collaborative criminal justice rehabilitation and treatment programs between the State and local justice systems.

19. Support proposals that authorize new and/or expand existing pre-filing and post-filing diversion programs while maintaining public safety.

### **6.6 Sex Offenders and Sex Trafficking**

1. Support legislation to broaden the scope of information about sex offenders that can be provided over the internet and strengthen reporting requirements under Megan's Law.
2. Support proposals that address crimes against children including issues of internet privacy, cyber bullying, sexting, sextortion and the strengthening of default settings to protect privacy of information sharing on social networking websites and wireless devices.
3. Support legislation to assist probation departments in verifying that sex offenders register with local law enforcement agencies, as required, by ensuring that probation departments are notified of violators who report directly to court.
4. Support legislation that adds pimping, pandering and human trafficking to the list of crimes that establish a pattern of criminal gang activity and makes individuals eligible for sentencing enhancements pursuant to Proposition 21 of 2000.
5. Support legislation to increase the penalties for individuals involved in the commercial sexual exploitation of minors, including those that engage in pimping underage individuals and the consumers who solicit minors.
6. Support proposals that develop or enhance programs and services, and increase protections for victims of commercial sexual exploitation.
7. Support proposals that provide funding for training related to the identification, intervention and prevention of the commercial sexual exploitation of children.
8. Support proposals that provide increased State funding for counties to help serve commercially sexually exploited children.
9. Support proposals that enhance the County's ability to safely house and protect commercially sexually exploited children.
10. Support legislation to impose mandatory sanctions, including jail and/or prison terms, for sex offenders who tamper with or remove a GPS monitor.
11. Support legislation to amend Penal Code Statutes related to Sexually Violent Predators to require notification of conditional release hearings to potential counties of domicile and to victims.

### **6.7 Gun Violence**

1. Support proposals to provide funding to support activities aimed at confiscating firearms from those prohibited from possessing such weapons.

2. Support legislation to require an individual to obtain an ammunition purchase permit or authorization prior to the purchase of any type of ammunition.

### **6.8 Fire**

1. Support proposals to provide financial assistance to local governments for the acquisition of fire apparatus, including rotary and fixed-wing aircraft.
2. Support legislation mandating and/or funding the installation of fire protection systems in new commercial, multi-residential, educational, and institutional facilities.
3. Support proposals to provide funding for the Office of State Fire Marshal for training, education, and code enforcement.
4. Oppose legislation that would require local fire agencies to assume responsibility for the disposal of illegal fireworks.
5. Support legislation that would require or encourage the use of fire-resistant building materials.
6. Support legislation that would provide funding for a standardized fire service training program.
7. Oppose proposals that impede the ability to fight fires or ensure timely weed hazard abatement through use of most effective methods to eliminate fire risks.
8. Support proposals that would remove deed restrictions to allow a municipal government to sell a portion of State-owned property utilized for fire protection services to a county fire district without the property reverting to the State.
9. Oppose legislation which would bypass or notably streamline fire planning or inspection processes for rooftop solar construction.
10. Support proposals to fund equipment and training programs for local fire service agencies and other emergency responders who respond to hazardous material incidents.
11. Support legislation that would expand eligibility and Federal funding through the Medi-Cal program for Emergency Medical Services first responders.
12. Support proposals which would increase funding for local fire prevention and fire safety services.
13. Support proposals that would establish statewide standards for the use of reclaimed water systems for hydrant and fire protection systems.
14. Support legislation that would require and/or would incentivize the installation of adequate water supply and fire protection systems in the construction of new mobile home and/or special occupancy parks.

15. Support legislation to enhance hazardous materials management enforcement and penalties for safety violations at high risk hazardous materials facilities.
16. Support proposals to create a single statewide registry for hazardous materials specialists.
17. Support proposals to establish and fund firefighter pre-apprenticeship programs to aid local fire agencies in recruiting candidates from underrepresented groups.

### **6.9 Animal Care and Control**

1. Support legislation to reimburse local governments for the cost of complying with State regulations regarding the impoundment, treatment, care and housing of all stray and owner-surrendered domestic animals at public animal shelters.
2. Support proposals to prohibit the intentional feeding of select wild animals that present a threat to public safety.
3. Support or sponsor legislation that would clarify existing law on the timeline and procedures by which local animal control agencies may seek reimbursement from owners for the impoundment and care of their animals pending resolution of existing litigation or an investigation of potential mistreatment or criminal neglect.
4. Support proposals that would expand the time period for animal care agencies to hold a post-seizure hearing when the agency seizes animals that are allegedly being abused.
5. Support proposals that clarify that the statutory mandate to release dogs facing euthanasia to rescue organizations upon demand does not require the release of dogs that pose both an unacceptable risk of harm to the public and a significant liability to the municipal agency.
6. Support proposals that provide regulation of non-profit animal rescue and adoption organizations, including providing standards for the: 1) care of animals in their custody; 2) identification of adoptive owners and licensing of animals; and 3) compliance with tax reporting laws.
7. Support proposals that expressly exempt municipal animal shelters from the imposition of strict liability for injuries caused by animals housed in their care.
8. Support proposals that authorize animal control officers, when trained and certified, to administer controlled substances in the field for the limited purpose of euthanizing animals that are irremediably suffering.
9. Support proposals that establish minimum statewide training standards for animal control officers.

10. Support efforts at the State and Federal levels necessary to eradicate the Yulin and South Korea dog farms practices until these atrocities are eliminated and no dogs/cats are harmed for meat festivals or food consumption.
11. Support legislation that would allow registered and properly trained veterinary technicians to administer rabies vaccinations in an animal shelter setting, without a veterinarian present, for the purpose of issuing dog licenses.
12. Support legislation that would help increase the microchipping of dogs and cats.
13. Support legislation that would increase criminal and/or civil penalties for the direct involvement in any facet of animal fighting, and legislation that would prohibit individuals from breeding animals for the purpose of being used for animal fighting.
14. Support legislation that would establish training and certification standards for service animals and trainers of service animals.

#### **6.10 Trial Court Funding**

1. Support measures which would increase the State's participation in trial court funding through the assumption of responsibility for financing court facility construction and maintenance.
2. Support measures which would require the State to fully fund any additional court costs incurred in implementing Proposition 36.
3. Support increased State funding for drug courts including pre-plea drug court programs.
4. Support measures that promote the transfer of trial court facilities to the State in an efficient and fiscally neutral manner.
5. Support measures and funding for the creation and expansion of collaborative courts such as mental health courts, drug courts and/or courts addressing the needs of persons with co-occurring disorders.
6. Oppose proposals to reduce State funding for Trial Courts and support proposals to provide sufficient funding to avoid courtroom and courthouse closures.

#### **6.11 Forensics and Crime Lab**

1. Support funding for the construction, renovation and operation of locally-operated forensic crime laboratories.
2. Support funding to contract out work needed to reduce the DNA testing backlog.
3. Support additional State funding to expand the use of DNA collection and analysis to be used in criminal investigations and prosecutions.

4. Oppose proposals or legislation that increases the Medical Examiner-Coroner's workload or shifts casework to the County from other jurisdictions or entities that would put the County's accreditation at risk.

### **6.12 Emergency Management and Operations**

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

### **6.13 Disaster Preparedness**

1. Support funding of local efforts to prevent, prepare for, protect against, respond to, and recover from emergencies and acts of terrorism while minimizing duplication of responsibilities.
2. Support legislation to facilitate prosecution of terrorist threats, and establish reasonable punishments.
3. Support proposals to allow the pass-through of Federal funds, such as homeland security, to counties based on threat levels, population, and relative need.
4. Support proposals to fund the development of a coordinated public information program to communicate health risks and disseminate health information in preparation for and in response to emergencies, acts of terrorism, and other catastrophic events.
5. Support proposals to fund for decontamination capabilities at all hospitals.
6. Support proposals to fund regional disaster management systems and resources to respond to medical needs during emergencies, acts of terrorism, and other catastrophic events.
7. Support proposals to provide funding to ensure an adequate and stable supply of vaccine, antidotes, medications, medical supplies, and blood products, and the development of a plan to distribute them in an emergency.

8. Support proposals to provide funding to enhance the preparedness of the public health system and for Emergency Medical Service providers to respond to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive emergencies, acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.
9. Support proposals to fund mitigation activities including security improvements and equipment for critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, dams, flood control, food and water supply, mass transit facilities, hospitals, and other public structures.
10. Support proposals to fund a coordinated health, mental health and public health response in the event of a terrorist attack.
11. Support legislation to fund the creation and dissemination of emergency, health or criminal history information, while ensuring adequate due process protections.
12. Support legislation to fund staffing, training and the purchase of rapid response emergency equipment for first-responder teams including police/sheriff, firefighters, emergency medical services, medical, public health, coroner, hospital emergency staff, emergency management, and other medical professionals.
13. Support legislation that increases funding and/or augments resources for protection against and response to bioterrorism and agroterrorism.
14. Support measures that provide funding for hospitals to respond to disasters and emergencies.

#### **6.14 Traffic Administration Services Program**

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

### **7. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT/MANDATE RELIEF**

1. Support legislation to set a date certain for the payment of deferred SB 90 (Chapter 1406, Statutes of 1972) reimbursements so that local governments will be able to borrow against them.

2. Seek SB 90 (Chapter 1406, Statutes of 1972) reimbursement for special education-mental health mandates from increased Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funds received by the State or under Proposition 98 of 1988.
3. Support proposals to amend the California Government Code to eliminate the exclusion of SB 90 (Chapter 1406, Statutes of 1972) mandated reimbursements from any order by the State Water Resources Control Board or by any Regional Water Quality Control Board.
4. Support proposals to limit State administrative fees to the State's actual costs for mandated administration.
5. Support proposals to streamline or eliminate administrative mandates to focus limited resources on services.
6. Oppose measures that increase the County's Trial Court Funding maintenance of effort above the agreement reached in AB 233 (Chapter 850, Statutes of 1997) and subsequent actions providing Maintenance of Effort (MOE) relief.
7. Oppose any measure to earmark or otherwise encumber the discretionary revenues available to counties as a result of AB 233 (Chapter 850, Statutes of 1997) and subsequent actions providing MOE relief.
8. Support proposals to allow counties to apply for MOE relief when facility costs are included in the MOE base and remain an ongoing County responsibility.

## **8. MENTAL HEALTH**

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

6. Support legislation to provide increased funding for mental health services for adults and older adults including adult and homeless systems of care, Adult Protective Services, Public Guardian and Conservatorship Services, substance abuse treatment, Institutions for Mental Disease reform, joint law enforcement and mental health teams, and to allow Medi-Cal reimbursement for Public Guardian and Conservatorship Services.
7. Support legislation to fund mental health services to CalWORKs recipients, multi-agency training and coordination for suicide prevention, emergency services for disaster relief response, and recruitment, training and retention of mental health professionals including certified peer counselors.
8. Support proposals to increase funding for specialized mental health and substance use disorder training to first responders, including law enforcement, fire personnel, probation officers, emergency medical personnel, and health care practitioners.
9. Support proposals to increase funding for prevention, diversion, housing, and intervention services for individuals with serious mental illness and substance use disorders and delinquent and/or emotionally disturbed minors to divert them from the criminal justice system.
10. Support proposals that require managed care plans to contract with, and/or reimburse, counties for crisis and specialty mental health services provided to managed care beneficiaries at the full cost of providing the service.
11. Support proposals to adequately fund county-operated Medi-Cal managed mental care plans, and support the establishment of regulations that effectively support the provision and monitoring of high-quality mental health services.
12. Support proposals that enhance increased treatment for the mentally ill homeless individuals, families, and children.
13. Support legislation to provide funding for mental health and substance abuse treatment for locally incarcerated juveniles and adults.
14. Support legislation to fully fund a complete continuum of mental health services, facility placements or housing options, and define a transition and linkage process for parolees released to the community, including those on nonrevocable parole status and Post-Release Community Supervision established by the 2011 Public Safety Realignment.
15. Support proposals to provide permanent and adequate funding of Early and Periodic screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) through the 2011 Public Safety Realignment allocation formula.
16. Support proposals to allow local Child Death Review Teams to expand the scope of child suicide death reviews to include suicides of young adults from 18 to 24 years of age.

17. Support efforts to increase mental health education and training slots at public universities and teaching hospitals, expand workforce development funding and training programs for mental health and other allied health professions and increase efforts to recruit mental health specialists to work with difficult-to-reach and underserved populations.
18. Support efforts to provide cultural and linguistic competence standards for all mental health programs in order to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate care.
19. Support proposals to increase the utilization of mental health services in ethnic communities through the development of culturally appropriate outreach messaging and marketing campaigns.
20. Support legislation that will allow county mental health departments greater flexibility regarding specific assistance such as transportation and wraparound services for children, funded through EPSDT Medi-Cal in response to the Katie A. lawsuit, which is a negotiated settlement agreement requiring services to be provided in the home rather than in residential placements.
21. Support proposals that promote the integration of health, mental health and substance abuse treatment for at-risk populations such as persons with a primary diagnosis of mental illness in a manner that protects the special needs of that population; and support legislation that establishes a behavioral health care home within the County mental health departments for such individuals.
22. Support proposals that increase funding and the availability of beds at Institutions for Mental Disease and State hospital psychiatric facilities to reduce the impact of overcrowding on emergency and inpatient resources for mentally ill individuals who no longer need acute care and for individuals with criminal histories.
23. Support legislation to extend the sunset date of Laura's Law, with amendments to facilitate implementation of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program.
24. Support proposals that clarify that public guardian services are mandated by the State and that reimbursement for related continuing education is a required mandated function.
25. Support proposals that increase opportunities for and streamline the siting of mental health residential and outpatient treatment facilities.
26. Support legislation that allows Medi-Cal reimbursement for mental health services and primary care services provided to the same individual on the same day.
27. Support proposals that eliminate the barriers to stabilize and expand the Adult Residential Facility network, and support proposals to increase funding to increase the availability of Adult Residential Facilities.
28. Support proposals that allow local jurisdictions to provide input into the development of a reversion mechanism for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and proposals that provide additional time and/or greater flexibility in planning for and spending MHSA funding.

29. Support proposals that preserve important protections for mental health patients who may be inappropriately or involuntarily transferred by an emergency room to a psychiatric hospital that may not be adequately equipped to provide necessary diagnosis services for life threatening medical conditions; and oppose the shifting of costs for and responsibilities of patients to an already burdened Psychiatric Emergency Services system without a guarantee of improved patient outcomes.
30. Support proposals that would allow the utilization of County land to develop restorative villages that include crisis residential treatment programs funded by the State.
31. Support proposals that would increase the length of time, beyond 24 hours and up to 72 hours, that a mental health urgent care center may hold a person to provide crisis stabilization services when medically necessary, and provide a payment for the increased length of stay.
32. Support proposals that would allow medical experts to share details with a court about a proposed conservatee that are observed by other medical personnel and staff as recorded in a medical record, and not just those directly observed as limited by *People v. Sanchez*, 63 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 665.

### **8.1 Residential Facility Safety**

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

## **9. REVENUE AND TAXATION**

1. Support full State funding of the schools' share of the cost of property tax administration.
2. Support legislation to provide the County with greater flexibility to increase the local sales tax rate beyond the 2.0 percent cap.

3. Support proposals to provide for a fee on alcohol consumption to be used to fund trauma and emergency care.
4. Support legislation to distribute the growth in sales tax revenue within counties on a per-capita or other basis that reflects the service responsibilities of counties.
5. Support proposals to mitigate County exposure to property tax refunds on State-assessed properties, including the establishment of a rebuttable presumption for values established within a defined range of fair market value.
6. Support legislation to clarify that, prospectively, interest on property tax refunds shall be computed from the date of payment of each installment.
7. Support legislation to clarify that property tax refund issues are not subject to class action law suits.
8. Oppose legislation that interferes with the County's ability to quickly resolve requests for changes in assessment or restricts the assessment appeals board's ability to deal with a sudden, large increase in the number of appeals.
9. Support legislation and regulation to uniformly apply tax and fees on utilities and similarly situated companies competing in California.
10. Support legislation to protect counties from refund claims based upon the application of Proposition 62 to taxes imposed in reliance upon applicable case law regarding the unconstitutionality of Proposition 62.
11. Support proposals to expand the type of debt that can be referred to the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) intercept program to include debts owed to the County Probation Department and the Department of Health Services, and enable counties to access FTB tax return information for collection purposes.
12. Support legislation to require the State Board of Equalization to identify the fiscal impact of any new or revised rule, regulation, or instruction.
13. Oppose proposals that would preempt the ability of local governments to negotiate compensation for the use of rights-of-way by telecommunication companies.
14. Support legislation to clarify that the State Board of Equalization has sole responsibility for determining whether or not an organization may qualify for property tax welfare exemptions and that counties have sole responsibility for verifying that the uses of individual properties qualify for welfare exemptions.
15. Support legislation to clarify that, in addition to the right to inspect an assessee's records for purposes of assessment, an assessor has the right to copy those records.
16. Oppose legislation to require a trial de novo for property tax appeals.
17. Support legislation to require marina or storage facility operators to report vessels at their location to the county assessor for the purpose of assessment.

18. Support legislation to require manufactured home park operators to report the names, mailing addresses, park space number, and description of resident homes to county assessors.
19. Support proposals to improve tax compliance related to non-reporting of corporate ownership transfers, including those properties that typically transfer without a recorded deed.
20. Oppose legislation that would give cities and other public agencies that receive property tax revenues standing as third-party participants in assessment appeal proceedings relating to properties that are located in the agencies' jurisdiction or legislation that would require the clerk of the board to send notice of hearing to third-parties.
21. Oppose measures that jeopardize local revenues resulting from the provision of voice (telephone), video (cable), and data (internet) services.
22. Support legislation to fund or restore State reimbursement to counties for property tax administration functions.
23. Support legislation to allow each person 55 years of age or older, regardless of marital status, the right to use the one-time lifetime exclusion for the transfer of a primary residence Proposition 13 base year assessed value to a replacement residence pursuant to the Revenue and Taxation Code.
24. Support legislation to promote statewide uniformity of procedures and guidelines by the State Controller for mandated functions performed by county auditor-controllers, such as property tax apportionments, management of administrative costs, accounting, and redevelopment activities.
25. Support legislation that enhances the administration of property taxes by using more efficient methods of administration, and support legislation that clarifies, streamlines, and outlines clear property tax policy for local governments.
26. Support proposals that provide a broad analysis of the role of tax expenditures in the State Budget and the implications for revenue losses; an evaluation of the current tax expenditures that are part of the tax code, including a thorough assessment of their respective relevance and appropriateness; and consideration of reduced corporate tax expenditures as a State Budget solution and as part of any discussions regarding revenue streams.
27. Support proposals that ensure tax increment generated by pension taxes be retained by the local jurisdiction that levied the pension tax.
28. Support legislation that would temporarily reduce or waive taxes and fees imposed on impacted businesses during transit-related construction activities.
29. Support proposals to: 1) reduce the amount of taxes and regulations imposed on the entertainment industry; and/or 2) mitigate the negative impact that high taxes and regulations have on the entertainment industry resulting in the loss of in-State film

and television production, employment opportunities, and associated revenue, both directly and indirectly related to the loss of entertainment industry jobs.

30. Support proposals that would impose additional taxes on income derived from investment services or capital gains to fund investments for vital programs, such as education.

## **10. SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

1. Support proposals for State and local governments to work together as partners to balance resources, eligibility and benefits, and forge new partnerships with business, nonprofit, and religious organizations to promote individual self-sufficiency.
2. Oppose proposals which would reduce available Federal matching funds for health and human service programs by capping State General Fund contributions.
3. Support proposals to allocate block grant funds based on actual costs and caseloads for various functions such as assistance grants and employment services.
4. Support a single integrated safety net which pools Federal, State, and county resources.
5. Support the maintenance of a statewide safety net because counties cannot afford to aid persons who are ineligible for Federal benefits under welfare reform.
6. Support a statewide safety net that covers legal immigrants while holding sponsors, when available and able to pay, financially liable for sponsored immigrants.
7. Support the use of savings from welfare reform to finance safety net services, especially for vulnerable persons losing Federal eligibility who otherwise would be a county responsibility under Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
8. Support proposals to increase funding for aging programs such as Linkages, Multipurpose Senior Services Programs, Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers, Senior Nutrition Programs and local Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs.
9. Support efforts to lift the cap on State CalFresh Employment and Training funding and require the State to fully fund the non-Federal match.
10. Support efforts to maximize Federal funding for Medicaid, CalFresh, child welfare services, child support, and child care.
11. Support options to simplify the administration of public assistance programs such as CalWORKs, Medi-Cal and CalFresh, including seeking any necessary Federal waivers.
12. Oppose efforts to make counties responsible for any penalties resulting from circumstances beyond their control including inadequate Federal and State administrative funding as well as unclear Federal and State program instructions.

13. Support adequate funding for data collection, verification, reporting, and fraud detection systems, while continuing investments in technology for the automation of public assistance programs, including the LEADER Replacement System (LRS), which is currently supporting the constituents of the Los Angeles County and shall be expanded to become the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) to eventually support the automation need for all 56 counties.
14. Support funding to modify the county's automated systems in any legislation containing policy changes that impact those systems.
15. Oppose proposals to repeal State law that allows the first \$50 of child support payments to be passed on to CalWORKs participants.
16. Support funding for the development, maintenance, and operation of the mission critical LRS, the migration of other counties onto LRS technology, and ancillary systems that support end-to-end business processes for health and human services.
17. Support proposals to give counties the flexibility to develop and translate CalWORKs screening and evaluation forms into non-English languages if the State has not provided translated versions of the forms.
18. Support proposals which provide for the uniform implementation of electronic signatures in social services programs including CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, CalFresh, In-Home Supportive Services, and Child Welfare Services.
19. Support proposals to secure State funding for Supplemental Security Income advocacy.
20. Support legislation which would restrict the imposition of any transaction fees or surcharges for the use of Electronic Benefit Transfer cards within California.
21. Support proposals that reduce food insecurity among post-secondary educational students.
22. Oppose proposals that hinder the flexibility county welfare departments have in administering public assistance programs such as CalWORKs.
23. Support legislation that provides categorical eligibility for CalFresh benefits to families participating in the National School Lunch Program.
24. Support proposals that eliminate barriers for transition age youth applying for CalFresh, including but not limited to, any opportunities to truncate the CalFresh application for transition age youth.

## **10.2 CalWORKs**

1. Support measures that promote economic self-sufficiency through partnerships with public, private, nonprofit, and religious organizations to hire CalWORKs participants and provide limited community service and work experience opportunities.

2. Support measures that enable counties to develop coordinated systems, which include, but are not limited to, Employment Development Department and Department of Social Services programs that assess CalWORKs participants, and identify and develop the employment, training, or community service and community work experience activities to which CalWORKs participants can be referred.
3. Support an equitable allocation of CalWORKs funds to counties based on relative need.
4. Support legislation to exempt the full value of one vehicle per household and/or a greater portion of a vehicle's value from the CalWORKs vehicle asset limit to ensure that clients have reliable transportation.
5. Support a statewide safety net to cover hardship cases, such as families with abused or neglected children, the disabled, families and emancipated foster youth at risk of homelessness, children, or parents who are not readily employable beyond the five-year limit on Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits, and adults who have complied with the work requirements but are unable to find employment through no fault of their own.
6. Support expansion of the State's financial commitment to local welfare-to-work programs that promote self-sufficiency among welfare recipients/applicants, non-custodial parents of children receiving CalWORKs benefits, and CalFresh applicants/recipients.
7. Support the use of TANF funds to provide employment-related and supportive services to non-custodial parents of children receiving TANF benefits, as permitted under Federal law.
8. Support efforts to fund and maintain the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) and/or an automated, non-biometric identity verification method for the CalWORKs and General Relief Programs.
9. Support legislation that excludes special military pay when determining CalWORKs eligibility for families of deployed members of the armed services.
10. Support proposals that reduce barriers and increase the participation of pregnant or parenting teens in the Cal-Learn Program.
11. Support proposals that simplify the CalWORKs Child Care Program to increase access to quality child care and programs that promote child development and eliminate child care as a barrier to welfare-to-work activities and employment.
12. Support proposals that would provide a limited State-funded CalFresh grant to families receiving CalFresh Only benefits only where a parent or relative caregiver is working a sufficient number of hours to meet the CalFresh/TANF Work Participation Rate.
13. Support proposals that would allocate new State funds for counties to conduct approved CalFresh outreach activities.

14. Support proposals that would encourage all Cal-Learn youth to enroll and stay in school, actively participate in the Cal-Learn Program, and not seek employment as an alternative to school, but in conjunction with formal education that leads to at least a high school diploma.
15. Support proposals to exclude Cal-Learn youth from the base calculation of the Federal work participation rate.
16. Support proposals to require that non-exempt CalWORKs adults attend the Welfare-to-Work Appraisal appointment as a condition of initial adult eligibility for cash assistance.
17. Support proposals to provide a short-term extension of CalWORKs cash assistance and Medi-Cal benefits for families participating in the Family Reunification Program who were receiving CalWORKs assistance and Medi-Cal when the child(ren) in the families were removed due to abuse or neglect.
18. Support proposals to modify asset and/or income eligibility limits for the CalWORKs and the CalFresh Programs to assist families and individuals impacted by the recession who would otherwise not qualify for these programs.
19. Support proposals to restore and maintain funding for the Cal-Learn Program.
20. Oppose proposals to reinstate the CalWORKs Maximum Family Grant rule which prohibits a CalWORKs grant increase for any child born into a family receiving CalWORKs Program aid for ten continuous months prior to the birth of a child.
21. Support proposals to repeal the CalWORKs 100-hour rule for working families who are low-income and apply for the CalWORKs Program.
22. Support proposals that provide financial incentives to youth aided under the CalWORKs Program to achieve self-sufficiency upon the successful completion of a high school diploma.
23. Support proposals that maintain CalWORKs grants at or above 50 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) by requiring the State to re-adjust the Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) when the FPL is updated, with minimal or no cost impact to counties.
24. Support proposals to maintain or increase funding for the CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative.
25. Support measures that increase earned income disregard levels to prevent the denial or loss of CalWORKs benefits by working families that are impacted by annual State and County minimum wage increases but continue to live below the federal poverty level.
26. Support proposals that simplify the curing of CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work sanctions.

### **10.3 Workforce Development**

1. Support the equitable pass-through of the maximum amount of Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds to workforce development boards that administer the program at the local level, without additional requirements on the use of funds.
2. Support proposals to allow consultations between local officials during the modification of the Federal-mandated comprehensive four-year local plan, especially with respect to local performance measures.
3. Support establishment of performance levels for all target populations (adult, dislocated workers and youth) that are reasonable and do not penalize local areas with high unemployment rates and disproportionate numbers of hard-to-employ persons, or which target employment and training services at the hard-to-employ.
4. Support the use of the Governor's WIOA reserve dollars (15 percent discretionary funds) to provide workforce development services in the State of California, and to provide employment and training services for evacuees of natural disasters who relocate to California.
5. Support proposals that provide additional resources to local workforce development programs.

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

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

6. Support proposals to provide funding to public defender offices to investigate and advise on the potential consequences to immigration status resulting from noncitizens' encounters with the criminal justice system.
7. Support proposals to provide funding to public defender offices to coordinate with, train and assist legal aid service providers in seeking post-conviction relief from negative immigration status consequences stemming from the criminal convictions of their clients.

### **10.5 Domestic Violence**

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

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

1. Support legislation to reestablish an 80 percent funding formula for State participation in In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) wages and benefits above the minimum wage or develop an alternative way to increase State participation in IHSS wages and benefits above the minimum wage.
2. Support proposals that increase the State's share of cost for wages in the IHSS Program, and alternative proposals that fairly distribute share of costs among State and local governments.
3. Support proposals to ensure the delivery of all eligible services, quality of care, the health and safety of IHSS consumers, and the integrity of the IHSS Program.

4. Support proposals to improve program integrity and prevent fraud in the IHSS Program.
5. Support proposals to increase IHSS funding with emphasis on respite care and the establishment of community-based, long-term care programs.
6. Support legislation to provide State funding for emergency IHSS providers to allow recipients to continue to receive IHSS services when the regular provider becomes ill or is otherwise unavailable to provide care.
7. Support proposals to develop a new funding allocation methodology for the In-Home Supportive Services Program which ensures equitable funding to sustain the program, mitigates cost shifts to counties, and stabilizes 1991 Realignment revenues for county programs.

### **10.7 Senior and Adult Services**

1. Support proposals to increase funding for the Adult Protective Services (APS) Program to enable counties to ensure the safety and protection of abused and neglected elders and dependent adults and to meet new State mandates to the programs and associated increases in APS client caseloads.
2. Support measures to ensure that counties have priority for adult protective services funding over agencies which do not have State-mandated responsibilities.
3. Support proposals that promote the use of less costly home and community-based care alternatives to the institutionalization of disabled persons, including by allowing funding to follow persons to home and community-based care services, such as IHSS.
4. Support legislation or budgetary actions to provide a tax credit to individuals who provide in-home care for elderly parents or other family members.
5. Support proposals to reestablish and to fully fund the Special Circumstances Program to provide assistance to eligible, low-income aged, blind and disabled persons.
6. Support proposals to fund for construction, renovation and/or acquisition of centers serving senior citizens.
7. Support proposals to provide State funding for elder abuse forensic examination programs.
8. Support proposals that would allow the pass-through of Federal funds appropriated for programs authorized under the Older Americans Act to the California Department of Aging and subsequently to the area agencies on aging in the absence of an enacted State budget.
9. Support proposals and funding that promote the coordination of services such as Older Americans Act Programs, In-Home Supportive Services, Caregiver Resource Centers, Community-Based Adult Services, Multipurpose Social Services Program and Adult Protective Services into an integrated long-term care system.

10. Support proposals to facilitate the State's implementation of its Olmstead Plan, which prohibits the unnecessary institutionalization of individuals with disabilities, through the inclusion of appropriate access to community-based services and placement options.
11. Support proposals that would increase the types of professions required to report suspected cases of elder abuse.
12. Support proposals which require the licensing, oversight and regulation of conservators, establish a Probate Ombudsman Program, and provide sufficient resources to conduct investigations of conservators through the Probate Court and the Public Guardian Program.
13. Support proposals that would allow the County to recover costs associated with severe weather-related emergency services to Adult Protective Services clients.
14. Support proposals that provide resources to elderly or dependent adults who are victims of financial abuse, and to support the education, prevention and investigation of financial abuse and exploitation of this population.
15. Support proposals that fund the biennial updating of the Elder Economic Security Standard Index.
16. Support legislation that would give the California Department of Developmental Services and regional centers the authority to adjust pay rates for providers who operate in regions where the local minimum wage rate is higher than the State minimum wage.
17. Support legislation that will enhance the County's ability to reunite families with loved ones who have tendencies to wander, such as individuals with Alzheimer's, dementia, and autism.
18. Support proposals to enhance the confidentiality of investigators' and social workers' personal information in the Department of Motor Vehicles' records including, but not limited to, Adult Protective Services investigators and social workers.

### **10.8 Community Services Block Grant Funding**

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

### **10.9 Military and Veterans Affairs**

1. Support proposals to increase efforts to reduce homelessness for veterans and their families, increase affordable housing, mental health services, including treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, substance abuse treatment, training, placement and employment opportunities, and provide other essential assistance to those who have served in our armed forces.

2. Support legislation to allow all recently honorably discharged, released or retired members of the Armed Services to qualify for in-State tuition rates at California Community Colleges, the California State University or the University of California.
3. Support legislation which enhances contracting opportunities for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises and Social Enterprises by providing the ability for these businesses to receive bid preferences on low-bid construction contracts.
4. Support legislation which increases the amount of the preference allowed on low bid construction contracts in an amount consistent with the County's Small Business, Disabled Veteran Owned Business, and Social Enterprise Utilization Plan.

#### **10.10 Service Delivery**

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

#### **10.11 Homelessness**

1. Support proposals which increase funding for homeless assistance programs, including supportive housing, supportive services, and emergency services, increase local flexibility over the use of homeless assistance funds, simplify and reduce administrative requirements, allow data sharing between local agencies that provide homeless services and more equitably distribute funds based on relative need.
2. Support proposals which provide additional resources for meeting the housing and related supportive service needs of special populations, including elderly, disabled, and mentally ill persons.
3. Support creation and funding of a State plan to end homelessness, and the reconvening of a State-level Interagency Council on Homelessness comprised of representatives from all State cabinet departments responsible for programs or activities that affect homeless persons and the agencies that serve them.
4. Support proposals to improve the discharge policies and procedures of State prisons, hospitals and any other agencies with residential services, to ensure that persons are not homeless at the time of release.
5. Support proposals to increase services and benefits for CalWORKs homeless families and services and benefits to prevent homelessness among families receiving CalWORKs.
6. Support measures that would allocate additional resources to create and rehabilitate housing for low and extremely low-income populations who are vulnerable to homelessness.
7. Support legislation that would authorize the sale of surplus or otherwise unneeded State property to the County of Los Angeles or the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to provide housing for persons or families experiencing homelessness.

## **11. TRANSPORTATION**

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

15. Support the inclusion of funding for grade separations and local road improvement projects in any proposed statewide infrastructure bond measure.
16. Support a statewide infrastructure repair and expansion program that includes funding for transit priorities in Los Angeles County and throughout California.
17. Support legislation to fund the inland port in the Antelope Valley.
18. Support legislation that allows all direct and indirect environmental, engineering, accounting, legal and reasonable administrative costs to be recovered from Bridge and Thoroughfare Districts in unincorporated Los Angeles County, in addition to actual construction costs.
19. Oppose legislation that erodes the County Road Commissioner's current authority to carry out work.
20. Support proposals that guarantee an equal amount of gas excise tax revenues from the State as received by the County under Proposition 42 of 2002.
21. Support proposals to identify and provide sufficient and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance, preservation, and rehabilitation.
22. Support efforts to evaluate the State's Congestion Management Program and better align its goals and objectives with local land use and regional transportation goals and objectives.
23. Oppose legislation which would expand or restructure the membership of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors.
24. Oppose proposals which would alter the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority's user fee collection structure or propose alternative fee structures.
25. Support legislation and transportation funding proposals, including new fees and taxes, that would:
  - 1) provide permanent and sustainable funding to maintain and repair the State's transportation infrastructure and local streets and roads to ensure the safe and efficient mobility of the traveling public and the economic vitality of California;
  - 2) ensure an equitable funding formula between the State and local governments; and
  - 3) adhere to the following priorities:
    - a. Makes a significant new investment in transportation infrastructure that would remain in place for at least 10 years or until an alternative method of funding our transportation system is agreed upon;
    - b. Focuses on maintaining and rehabilitating the current system of local streets and highways to attain a transportation network that is safe for all users;
    - c. Recognizes the critical importance of public transit systems and goods movement infrastructure to environmental sustainability and economic well-being;
    - d. Provides for a roadway maintenance funding formula that equitably distributes revenue between the State and local governments and, consistent with current and

- historical practices, provides new revenues to local governments via direct subventions for investment in local streets and roads;
- e. Raises revenues through a package that utilizes multiple funding sources, including fuel taxes, license fees and registration fees; and
  - f. Provides strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment.
- 26. Support legislation aimed at protecting or increasing funding for the Los Angeles County public transit system (including bikeway networks) and projects.
  - 27. Oppose proposals for routes, segments or alignments of the California High-Speed Rail project which would cross the Big Tujunga Wash at or above grade or which would threaten severe impacts to home, quality of life, and sensitive environmental areas.
  - 28. Support proposals that provide funding, support or flexibility to local governments to implement traffic safety programs and initiatives, consistent with Vision Zero, including flexibility establishing enforceable speed limits.
  - 29. Support proposals that would assist the County and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in their joint efforts to site a rail manufacturing and testing facility within the County's geographic boundaries.

## **12. UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **12.1 Energy**

- 1. Support proposals to expand electric generation and supply in California, including a waiver of air quality emission standards when electricity supply is critically low.
- 2. Support proposals to provide an exemption to allow public agencies to extend the use of emergency generators when electrical blackouts are imminent.
- 3. Support proposals to increase funding for programs administered or managed by public agencies for public and private sectors which encourage and/or implement reduced energy consumption, reduced peak energy usage, on-demand energy usage reduction (demand response), increased renewable energy usage (solar photovoltaic, solar water heating, clean natural gas use, bioenergy), energy storage, energy data management systems, water efficiency/conservation, and energy financing programs.
- 4. Support proposals which assist local governments with renegotiating and developing new utility franchise agreements by providing: open, transparent provisions of information about utility systems in local jurisdiction boundaries; fair and economical pricing; timely and open negotiations; favored nations clauses; limits on length of franchise agreement terms; sharing of information about other franchise deals; and mechanisms for undoing existing in perpetuity agreements.

5. Support legislation that would provide customers, such as the County, with opportunities to select retail power providers and programs (including direct access and community choice aggregation) that offer renewable power, lower retail energy rates, and customer end-user programs, and oppose legislation that restricts or limits or diminishes these customer choice options.
6. Support legislation that allows local government to purchase and/or generate electricity and natural gas for local government facilities delivered through utility transmission and distribution systems (lines/wire for electricity, pipelines for natural gas).
7. Support proposals to provide funding to encourage local governments to install traffic signals with an independent power source provided the power source is equivalent or cleaner than the current supply.
8. Support proposals to assist low-income and elderly households with energy assistance, such as payment subsidies, conservation education, weatherization, and energy efficiency improvements.
9. Support proposals that would increase access to funding under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in Los Angeles County.
10. Support legislation to assist and encourage local businesses and homeowners to implement green energy programs (such as wind turbines, solar panels, and energy-efficient appliances) to reduce demand on local and regional power grids, as long as the legislation includes provisions which protect the County's ability to analyze environmental impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act to exercise discretion in regulating land uses in County unincorporated areas.
11. Support legislation requiring the California Public Utilities Commission to require Investor Owned Utilities to establish separate Tariff Rates for newer high and ultra-high efficient traffic and street fixtures such as Light-Emitting Diode signal lights and street lighting fixtures.
12. Support proposals to require Investor Owned and Municipal Utilities (IOMUs) to provide local governments and State agencies with disaggregated energy consumption data to support the development and/or update of greenhouse gas emissions inventories and climate action plans.
13. Support proposals which provide funding for local government efforts to develop, update, and implement climate action plans.
14. Support proposals and funding which assist local governments in the development and implementation of Climate Action Plans that aim to reduce energy and water consumption, equipment and fleet emissions, and other greenhouse gas emissions targeted under AB 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006) and SB 32 (Chapter 248, Statutes of 2016).
15. Support legislation to provide renewable energy status, diversion credits, and other incentives for energy production at existing facilities in the County that generate energy from waste.

16. Support legislation which would implement standards and benchmarks to: 1) raise California's renewable energy portfolio standards; 2) reduce petroleum use; and 3) increase energy efficiency in buildings.
17. Support legislation that would enhance consumer protections available to property owners who finance eligible property improvements through voluntary property-tax assessment financing programs.
18. Support legislation that facilitates and/or funds local governments new or increased code or ordinance compliance, enforcement, or development requirements that result from the State's clean energy policies.
19. Oppose legislation which would mandate that community choice aggregation integrated resource plans be approved by the California Public Utilities Commission.
20. Support legislation that fosters community choice energy program development and operations; and oppose legislation that reduces local control or that adds burdensome regulations, unreasonable costs, or creates delays to community choice energy programs and their customers.

### **12.2 Telecommunications and Video Services**

1. Support proposals to establish technology-specific area codes in order to reduce the proliferation of area codes for regular telephone customers.
2. Support proposals that improve the management of numbering resources applicable to telecommunications carriers, and avoid the premature exhaustion or split of an area code.
3. Support measures that promote universal access to telecommunication services including voice, video, data, and the Internet.
4. Oppose measures that restrict local control over the public rights-of-way.
5. Oppose measures restricting local authority over emergency alert communications systems.
6. Support measures that provide local governments with commercially equivalent, no-cost access to media to distribute information by such methods as Public, Educational, and Government access channels.
7. Support proposals that evaluate the health and safety impact of wireless communications emissions.
8. Support proposals that promote access for disabled persons to telecommunications services, including voice, video, data, and the Internet.
9. Support proposals that would enable local governments to negotiate compensation and other public benefits for those that use the rights-of-way, such as telecommunications and video service providers.

10. Support proposals that protect net neutrality.
11. Oppose proposals which would preempt, limit or remove local authority over the governance of telecommunications infrastructure deployment and siting, including but not limited to, land use planning discretion, public review, and the ability to receive appropriate compensation for access to and use of public rights-of-way.

### **12.3 Construction Contracts**

1. Support legislation that: 1) authorizes a board of supervisors to delegate the approval of change orders to a county officer for construction contracts, including buildings, roads, bridges, flood control, waterworks projects, and related professional services; 2) increase the limit on construction contract change orders that a board of supervisors may delegate to a county officer; and 3) modifies the maximum contract change order amount delegated to a county officer based on the Consumer Price Index.
2. Support legislation that authorizes counties to use the design-build contract method for projects to construct buildings and directly related improvements, and support or sponsor legislation that would delete the existing sunset date on design-build authority granted to counties and that would eliminate the current project cost threshold required for the use of the design-build method.
3. Support legislation to preserve and improve the County's ability to solicit and manage construction contracts and or job order contracts.
4. Support legislation that would enable counties to use qualitative and/or quality criteria in awarding job order contracts, including "Best Value Selection," which uses non-price factors such as quality, performance history and expertise for contractor selection.
5. Support legislation that would increase the current force account limit for alteration or repair of county-owned buildings, and would include an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment.

### **12.4 Underground Utilities**

1. Support legislation that strengthens the enforcement of laws regulating excavations in the public right of way.
2. Support legislation to grant counties the right to object to and/or challenge public utilities projects that encroach on streets within their jurisdiction.
3. Support legislation that strengthens the State's oversight and regulations pertaining to gas storage facilities, oil refineries, and gas/oil extraction.

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

1. Support proposals which would: 1) provide a comprehensive statutory framework for regulation of hydraulic fracturing (or “fracking”) and other well stimulation treatments in California; 2) provide statutory and regulatory protection from potential hazards to the environment, groundwater quality, air quality, seismic safety, and public health that may result from these processes; and 3) require the disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and other well stimulation treatments.
2. Support legislation which would require petroleum refineries to post their risk management plans on their websites and provide an alarm system and automatic notifications to residents within a five-mile radius in case of emergencies.
3. Support legislation which would require the owner or operator of a petroleum refinery to install fence-line and community air monitoring systems.
4. Support legislation which would require the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) to increase the number of inspectors for its refinery inspector program.
5. Support legislation which would create an Interagency Task Force on Refinery Safety to examine ways to improve public and worker safety through enhanced oversight of refineries, and strengthen emergency preparedness in anticipation of any future refinery incident.
6. Support proposals which would ban the use of modified hydrofluoric acid.
7. Support legislation, regulations or orders which restrict or prohibit natural gas injection into a gas storage facility which has experienced a leak until the State has completed a study to determine the feasibility of closing or reducing the capacity of the facility, completed a root cause analysis of what caused the leak, and issued a public report on the findings and the State’s final determination.

### **13. CANNABIS**

1. Support proposals that provide State funding to local governments for use in connection with and/or to implement local and regional regulatory activity, programs and services related to cannabis.
2. Support proposals that ensure cannabis and its products are appropriately packaged and labeled to prevent accidental ingestion, particularly by minors.
3. Support proposals that reduce cannabis advertising and marketing that directly or indirectly encourages consumption of cannabis by people under the age of 21 years, including but not limited to proposals that prohibit cannabis advertising in broadcast, cable, radio, print, and digital communications, and advertising or sponsorship at events such as concerts, fairs, festivals, and sporting events, where less than 85 percent of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older.
4. Support proposals that standardize cannabis dosing or set potency limits.

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

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER  
AND SHIELA KUEHL

DECEMBER 11, 2018

**Addition to the State Legislative Agenda**

In October of this year, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Supervisor Kuehl's motion directing the County CEO to work in partnership with Metro's CEO to help identify a suitable location within Los Angeles County for a rail manufacturing and testing facility. This is a goal that should be included in the County's state legislative priorities moving forward.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office to support proposals that would assist the County and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in our joint efforts to site a rail manufacturing and testing facility within the County's geographic boundaries.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

December 18, 2018

**Support Legislation Related to Vote by Mail and Sample Ballots**

The midterm elections have concluded and Los Angeles County (County) saw almost 60% voter turnout. The office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has ensured that all eligible votes that were cast were counted accurately and timely.

This election saw the first use of the County’s newly designed Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot, which provided a more usable voting experience and a more streamlined tally function. While initial feedback of the new VBM design has been favorable, there were many voters who were displeased that they received their VBM ballot before receiving their Official Sample Ballots.

Current California law governs when the Official Sample Ballots and VBM ballots can enter the mail system. Both of these events have dates triggered by an upcoming election. Sample Ballots *can* enter the mail 40 days prior to an election and *must* be in the mail by 21 days prior to an election for a 19-day window of time. VBM ballots *must* be in the mail 29 days before the election, so there is an eight-day overlap in the two mailings.

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Even though there are almost three weeks to send out Sample Ballots, roughly 2 million, or 50% of those, were mailed in the final two days of the mailing window on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. While many voters could read their Sample Ballots in anticipation of going to the polls on Election Day, there were many voters who did not get a chance to see the Sample Ballot before receiving their VBM ballot. Informed voters make better decisions and many were left to vote early without considering the full scope of the Sample Ballot, including candidate statements.

In addition to the statutory timelines related to distribution, the Sample Ballot production process is highly complex and involves various inputs that also can have strict deadlines, like candidate statements and measure arguments/rebuttals. Given all of these timeframes, which include the resolution of any legal issues with the ballot statements/measure text, it is not feasible to have all 5.2 million books completed and dropped at the front end of the legal timeframe.

Without increased regulatory flexibility though the Department will continue to be challenged with providing Sample Ballots to VBM voters before they receive their VBM ballots. To enhance the timely dissemination of election materials, the County should explore and advocate for legislation that seeks to align the mailing dates for Sample Ballots with the mailing dates for VBM ballots, and modify other submission deadlines, as needed, that could delay the production of the Sample Ballot.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to add the following policy to the County's 2019-2020 State Legislative Agenda, under section 3.15 Elections and Voting:

- Support or sponsor legislation which seeks to align the mailing dates for Sample Ballots with the mailing dates for Vote by Mail ballots, and modify other submission deadlines, as needed, that could delay the production of the Sample Ballot to enhance the timely dissemination of election materials.
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer and Sacramento Advocates, in coordination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, to pursue County-sponsored legislation that will address the changes needed in State law to enhance the alignment of the timeframes for VBM Ballot delivery and Sample Ballot mailing; and
  3. Direct the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to work with their new Sample Ballot vendor(s) prior to the March 2020 Presidential Primary Election to take all reasonable steps to ensure the timely dissemination of election materials.

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