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UPDATE OF THE COUNTY'S FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

This memorandum is to request your Department's review and input on the County's Federal Legislative Agenda in preparation for 2020, the second year of the 116th Congress.

The County's Federal Legislative Agenda serves as the basis for the ongoing development and advocacy of positions on Federal legislative and budget issues in Washington, D.C. A copy of the current Federal Legislative Agenda can be found here: ([Link](#))

Department Recommendations for Changes

Given the dynamic changes in Federal policy and legislative landscape, the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch recommends updating the Federal Legislative Agenda for 2020 to meet the needs of the County.

As part of this process, we request that County departments review the current 2019 Federal Legislative Agenda and submit proposed changes to existing policies, new policies, and/or the deletion of obsolete policies.

Instructions for submitting recommended changes can be found in Attachment I, and sample department submissions can be found in Attachment II. A signed copy of Attachment I or a cover letter signed by the department head must be included with the submission.

Due Dates

To ensure sufficient time for this office and Board Offices to review recommendations, we request that your responses be submitted to your legislative analyst assigned to your department (See Attachment III) **by November 5, 2019.** Late submissions may not be considered.

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After reviewing departments' submissions, our office will present recommended changes to the existing Federal Legislative Agenda to the Board for approval. All previously adopted policies and positions will remain in effect.

If your department does not have any proposed changes, please notify the legislative analyst by the submission deadline.

Any other questions should be directed to the legislative analyst assigned to your department or Brigitte Mardigras at (213) 974-1717.

Thank you for your attention to this request and collaboration on this effort.

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Attachments



County of Los Angeles
Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Department:	
Division (if applicable):	
Contact Person's Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Submission Approved By:	(Name and Title)
	(Signature)

INSTRUCTIONS

Recommended additions and changes to the Federal Legislative Agenda should represent your department's highest priorities and should be consistent with existing operational goals and plans.

New policy statements should represent emerging programs and issues for which your department is seeking the Board's concurrence to guide future advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C. In cases where an existing policy is no longer relevant or needed, your department may recommend deletion of that policy.

Each recommendation should be accompanied by a justification. If the recommendation would impact another County department's operations or programs, concurrence by that department should be secured prior to submission to our office.

Examples of recommended new policies, revisions to policies, and justifications can be found in Attachment II.

Please submit your department's recommended changes by November 5, 2019.

The Chief Executive Office (CEO) Legislative Analysts will review departments' submissions and provide feedback via email or department meetings **by November 19, 2019.**

If you have any questions, please contact your CEO Legislative Analyst.

Sample - Excerpt from Changes to the Federal Legislative Agenda (2019)

6. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps)

6. Support proposals to eliminate the college student eligibility rules for the SNAP Program.

Justification: New policy. By eliminating student eligibility rules for college students in the SNAP, higher education students who are food insecure can become eligible for SNAP, which provides food assistance to low income families and individuals. Food insecurity can negatively impact a student's learning abilities, knowledge retention, and personal and social developments. A student, regardless of whether living in his/her parents' household or separately, school participation status (full or part time), or any other restrictions set forth for higher education students, should be able to participate in a food assistance program as long as they meet that program's eligibility requirements. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

7. Support proposals which will allow categorical eligibility to SNAP benefits for families participating in the National School Lunch Program and/or Former Foster Youth between the ages of 18 to 26.

Justification: New policy. According to the Department of Public Social Services, it will be beneficial to the households that are participating in the National School Lunch Program to automatically become eligible for SNAP benefits. This will not only reduce the administrative cost for the social service agencies, but it will also reduce food insecurity among school children which in return can have a positive impact on the students' educational achievements. Furthermore, SNAP benefits safeguard the health and well-being of low- and no-income individuals by increasing their food purchasing power and raising their level of nutrition. Former foster youth are some of our most vulnerable youth. Providing these youth with enhanced food access would improve health outcomes and support self-sufficiency. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

7. Children and Family Services

2. Support proposals ~~and funding which that~~ would increase services and funding to promote income security, housing, health care, education and vocational opportunities, and economic self-sufficiency for transition-age foster youth, nonminor dependents, and former foster youth emancipating from foster care, as well as ~~and which would~~ lower the age provision of the Independent Living Program to 14 years.

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. **(Recommended by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

~~8. Support proposals which allow fiscal penalties imposed on the State to be reinvested in the child support program.~~

Justification: Policy deletion. California was required by the Federal government to establish a statewide case management system by October 1, 1997. California failed to meet that deadline and was assessed penalties in excess of \$200.0 million per year. In 2007, California implemented a statewide case management system and penalties were no longer assessed. Therefore, this policy is no longer necessary and should be deleted from the Federal Legislative Agenda. **(Recommended by the Child Support Services Department)**

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