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ADDRESSING ISSUES OF MAJOR COUNTY INTEREST**

**2023-24 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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## **GENERAL STATE LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES**

The County will seek to maximize State revenues; full funding for the costs of State programs; additional funding for programs where service needs have outpaced stagnant or slow growing revenues; funding formulae which ensure an equitable allocation of State funding; minimize the adverse impact of State actions; achieve greater flexibility over the use of State funds; secure State assistance whenever possible, especially from non-General Fund sources, 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 will also:

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.
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 provide local flexibility.
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.
14. Oppose proposals that would reduce local flexibility in the administration of the County workforce.
15. Support proposals that combat misinformation and disinformation related to Elections and Voting, Immigration, Consumer Protection, and/or Public Health.

## **1. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

### **1.1 Child Welfare Services**

1. Support proposals that increase funding for family preservation programs and advance initiatives to support children and families prior to involvement in the child welfare system by promoting child abuse prevention and differential response programs/models.
2. Support proposals that ensure full funding for the Child Welfare Services Program, independent of actual caseload for up to five years, which includes the fully loaded costs of a social worker, costs associated with the implementation of mandated services and programs that improve outcomes for children, and costs needed to achieve outcome improvements as identified by mandated State and Federal program assessments, among others.
3. 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.
4. Oppose unfunded mandates that do not enhance child safety, expedite permanence, or promote well-being.
5. 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.
6. Support funding of initial and forensic medical examinations in child abuse cases.
7. Support funding for parenting programs aimed at teens and child care services for teen parents.

8. 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.
9. Support proposals that streamline Dependency Court procedures, including the simplification of notice requirements for dependency hearings, while ensuring the safety and best interest of children.
10. Support proposals that promote communication and collaboration between child welfare and, among others, local education agencies, parks and recreation departments, local arts agencies, public libraries, law enforcement agencies, and American Indian and Alaska tribes 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 and processes that improve the quality of life and outcomes for all children.
11. Support proposals to clarify and provide for social workers' access to dependent children's medical, counseling, and education records.
12. Support proposals that increase the types of professionals required to report suspected cases of child abuse and promote the quality of and accessibility of training for mandated reporters.
13. Support proposals that enhance and improve child safety.
14. Support proposals to open Juvenile Court Dependency hearings to the public.
15. Support proposals which expand and enhance the technology used by child welfare agencies to improve child safety.
16. Support legislation to allow law enforcement agencies to submit information on cases of substantiated child abuse or severe neglect for inclusion in the Child Abuse Central Index.
17. Support legislation to allow social workers to authorize medical, dental and mental health assessments and screenings for detained children in the dependency system.
18. Support proposals to restore the hearsay exception for health care practitioners in jurisdictional hearings under the Welfare and Institutions Code.
19. Support proposals that provide funding to reduce caseloads for dependency court appointed counsel.
20. 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.
21. Support proposals to clarify the status of a non-custodial parent in juvenile court proceedings.
22. Support proposals to provide adequate funding for the California Fostering Connections to Success Act established under AB 12 (Chapter 559, Statutes of 2010).

23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. Support proposals that increase funding and advance initiatives to support children and families after their involvement in the child welfare system by promoting Aftercare services and programs/models.
27. Support proposals to require the re-convening of the California Child Death Review Council to provide State coordination and integration of State and local efforts to track, investigate, and prevent child deaths.
28. Support proposals to ensure family law court judges and personnel are educated and equipped to recognize and respond to child abuse, and prioritize child safety in family court proceedings.
29. Support proposals that change the definition of and threshold for what constitutes “child neglect” to reduce the number of referrals falling under the jurisdiction of child welfare, and for changing requirements for relative caregivers to increase the number of relatives qualifying as appropriate placements.
30. Support proposals that define government-to-government relationships with tribes and consultation processes to improve outcomes for Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) cases.
31. Support proposals that clarify the principles and roles for implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), as well as those that promote government-to-government relationships with tribes and consultation processes to improve outcomes for ICWA cases.
32. Support proposals that expand resources and flexibility for counties to provide comprehensive, intensive and trauma-informed services for vulnerable children and youth with unique and complex needs (i.e., substance use disorder, mental health, homelessness), as well as robust continuum of placement resources and options.
33. Support proposals that would combat racial disparities in the child welfare system, while also preserving and advancing child safety, well-being, and permanency.

### **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 resource 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 resource family for licensure, approval, and adoption.
11. Support proposals and funding to ensure that the educational needs of children in foster care are met through efforts that include, but are not limited to, the expedited designation of Educational Rights Holders and improved monitoring of non-public schools.
12. Support proposals that provide and fund substance use prevention treatment services, and recovery 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 that reduce the over-utilization of psychotropic medication, which includes funding for activities to monitor the administration of psychotropic medication prescribed to foster children and youth.
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 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 or refer to these services, including pregnancy options and abortion education and services with training to provide or refer to these services.
27. Support proposals that provide funding for educational, enrichment, arts, and other extra-curricular activities for foster youth.

28. 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.
29. Support proposals that would support counties implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), including those that would: 1) broaden the definition of candidacy and evidence-based prevention services, 2) address critical gaps in interventions that cover all age groups, 3) create a fiscal opportunity to recover Title IV-E waiver shortfalls, and/or 4) seek guidance from Children's Bureau Region 9 related to the fiscal links between Title IV-E prevention provisions and congregate care provisions.
30. Support proposals that would provide resources and other forms of fiscal relief to counties for implementation of the FFPSA, such as, but not limited to funding for FFPSA implementation and protections from penalties or loss of Federal Funds resulting from the enactment of the FFPSA.
31. Support proposals that increase federal and state supports available for current and former foster and probation youth up to age 26.

### **1.3 Child Development and Early Care and Education**

1. Support efforts to enhance the quality of early care and education that set high standards for all services and program types, and address the needs of all children including those with disabilities and other special needs, and their families.
2. Support efforts to develop and implement a statewide quality rating and improvement system, and a system to adjust reimbursement rates based on demonstrated quality.
3. Support efforts to develop and sustain a well-educated and highly skilled professional workforce prepared to serve the cultural and linguistically diverse child and family populations of Los Angeles County.
4. Support efforts to ensure the health and safety of all children cared for in licensed early care and education facilities as afforded by timely, regular, and frequent on-site monitoring by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division.
5. Support efforts to adequately fund high-quality early care and education services for all children from low- and moderate-income families.
6. Support efforts that streamline the administrative processes utilized by the California Department of Education and Social Services 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.
10. Support efforts that increase flexibilities and resources for early care and education providers during local, state, and/or national emergencies to ensure families have timely access to services and providers can meet any resulting increase in demand for services.
11. Support proposals that invest in family resource centers.
12. Support proposals that align eligibility for subsidized child-care to County-level living-wage calculations instead of state-level income calculations.
13. Support proposals that provide state funding to increase affordable child-care options and increase the state's early care and education reimbursements rate to a level that cover the true cost of care for young children.

## **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 zero and near-zero emission technology, and replacement of existing fleets.
4. Oppose cuts in assistance to local government fuel emission reduction programs.
5. Support measures that promote the development of zero and near-zero emission 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 access to zero-emission vehicles, access to transit, and decrease single vehicle ridership or vehicle miles traveled.
7. Support legislation that provides increased funding for the replacement of diesel-powered vehicles and equipment, including generators, with zero or near-zero emission technologies.
8. Support proposals that provide authority to local and regional agencies to reduce mobile source emissions and emissions from their associated operating facilities, including locomotive, railyard, port, and trucking.

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 proposals that seek to reduce cumulative impacts of air emissions and reduce the urban heat island effect 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.
17. Support proposals which would enact a partial sales and use tax exemption for zero-emission transit buses sold to local public agencies eligible for the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Program.
18. Support proposals that would require fleet operators to convert to zero emission technology whenever feasible and proposals that would provide incentives for early retirement of existing vehicles.
19. Support proposals that would provide funding and incentives for zero and near-zero emission goods movement technology at the ports and along goods movement corridors such as the I-710 freeway.
20. Support proposals that would reduce greenhouse gas emission and indoor air pollution in new and existing buildings.
21. Support proposals that would limit the public's exposure to climate-related risks, such as wildfire, flooding, and heat.

22. Support proposals to map and quantify climate vulnerability, especially if focused on public health impacts.
23. Oppose proposals that would impose additional State barriers and requirements on local governments that are acting to reduce the emission of harmful air pollution caused by the use of fossil fuels in new buildings or existing buildings when altered or retrofitted.

## **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.

12. Support proposals to transfer fee title ownership of county-operated state beaches to Los Angeles County.
13. Support measures that provide funding and other resources for planning and implementation of coastal climate change adaptation measures.

### **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 protect, restore, increase, 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, native biodiversity, 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, as well as provide funding for the restoration of natural resources impacted by invasive species.
4. Support legislation to promote environmentally friendly programs that address reasonable protection of resources such as 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, particularly those located within the Los Angeles County mapped Significant Ecological 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 planning and/or implementation of environmental protection and health, environmental justice, sustainable communities, climate resiliency, and criteria pollutant 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, access, 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.
19. Support legislation to assure a full "cleanup to background" of the contaminated areas at and surrounding the Santa Susana Field Lab, as outlined in the 2007 Consent Order between Boeing and key Federal and State agencies, and the 2010 Administrative Orders on Consent agreement between key Federal and State agencies.



20. Support proposals and funding that improve access to parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces for Native American people to observe traditional practices.
21. Support proposals that prohibit freeway expansion projects in communities overburdened by environmental pollutants.
22. Support proposals the incorporate the County's PNA+ 30x30 plan into programs, legislation, policies, and funding opportunities.

#### **2.4 Parks**

1. Support proposals for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of parks, recreation facilities, open space, and trails, and that prioritize the establishment of new parks in the underserved areas of the County as identified in the Parks Needs Assessment and the forthcoming Rural and Regional Edition.
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, local art agencies, and schools for youth programs, services, and facilities that incorporate positive recreation and cultural activities, 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 proposals that would increase exposure to, or reduce immunities from, governmental liability related to the ownership, construction, operation, or maintenance of parks, trails or 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 parks and park-related amenities as a means to increase community resilience, including mitigating the effects of climate change and increasing access.
15. Support proposals that prioritize joint-use agreements with schools in park-poor communities or communities identified as high-need in the LA County Parks Needs Assessment 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 educational and cultural activities, and public recreation.
16. Support proposals that would provide funding and resources for development, operations, maintenance, and programming for enhanced recreation and public access to and along the Los Angeles, San Gabriel, and Rio Hondo Rivers, including but not limited to Ballona Creek, Malibu Creek, Dominguez Channel, and their tributaries.
17. Support proposals that adjust the COVID-19 Industry Guidance related to Amusement Parks and Theme Parks to place all amusement parks, regardless of size, within the moderate risk tier, rather than the minimal risk tier, and provide competitive grants for amusement parks to be used by amusement parks to purchase personal protective equipment for their employees.
18. Support proposals that would establish an Equitable Access Grant Program consistent with the LA County's Park Needs Assessment.
19. Support proposals that incentivize or reward the development of parks, recreation facilities, open space and trails in the underserved areas that integrate a community-centered participatory design process.
20. Support proposals that support culturally and linguistically accessible park programming.
21. Support proposals that fund cooling strategies in parks.

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

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

2. Support proposals which promote nature-based 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.
9. Support legislation to fund the planning, implementation, construction, operation, and maintenance of watershed, flood-risk management, or multi-use projects, including integrated water resource projects and floodplain buyback and restoration programs, 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 to develop data-driven, science- and public health-based standards for pathogen levels in regulated receiving waters as a potential replacement for outdated fecal indicator bacteria standards; applies these new standards to monitoring activities; and provides funding for water quality and public health monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the new standards.

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.
16. Support proposals that provide incentives, such as property tax exemptions, to property owners to undertake measures that improve flood resiliency for their buildings and properties.

## **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 increase water conservation and 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, Climate Resilience, Affordability, Protection and Improvement of Water Quality, New Multi-Benefit 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 drinking and potable water quality requirements that would not result in clear, quantitative benefits to consumers.
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 establish monitoring and reporting of secondary drinking water contaminant concentrations and 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 are consistent with the County's Sustainability Plan and 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 proposals 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, reimbursing local governments for costs associated with service as the interim administrator and/or successor agency of water districts, and ensuring that the local agency formation commission has a role in selecting the new, long-term water service provider.
22. Support proposals which would require the State Water Board to adopt an annual assessment of failed water systems throughout the State that prioritizes systems for financial assistance due to the severity of the public health threat, the extent to which the community serviced by the public water system is a disadvantaged community,

23. the number of people serviced by the water system, and technical, managerial and financial capacity of the entity that operates the water system.
24. Support legislation to fund monitoring and research into contaminants of emerging concern.
25. Support proposals to repair water infrastructure of small water systems and/or incentivize consolidation and, ensure water rates are kept affordable.
26. Support proposals to provide financial relief for customers who have delinquent water bills as a result of unforeseen economic hardships or resources to allow waterworks districts to continue delivering drinking water at the lowest reasonable cost to their customers.
27. Support proposals to incentivize property owners to replace leaky, corroded, and/or unsafe pipes and fixtures.

### **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 without reducing public health and environmental protections.
2. Support legislation and policies which promote the development of alternatives to landfills 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, green produce development, 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 materials such as, but not limited to sharps and pharmaceuticals, batteries, and textiles.
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 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.
21. Support legislation that provides flexibility in complying with organic waste diversion laws and regulations while ensuring continued progress towards the State's climate goals, and that provides funding for waste diversion infrastructure.
22. Support proposals and funding that facilitate recovery and recycling of lithium-ion vehicle batteries.

### **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.
16. Oppose proposals that eliminate governmental retirement plan features such as special catch-up contribution provisions, qualifying charitable distributions, non-spouse beneficiary IRA fund rollovers, and auto enrollment.
17. Support proposals that provide State unemployment benefits to individuals unable to work as a result of a natural disaster or pandemic emergency, such as COVID-19, including self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig workers and those who earn a combination of traditional (W-2) and self-employment (e.g., 1099) income.
18. Support proposals, such as the Excluded Workers Pilot Program, that provide the functional equivalent of unemployment insurance benefits to workers who are not eligible for regular state or federal unemployment insurance benefits due to their immigration status.
19. Support proposals that increase unemployment insurance rates and recalibrate eligibility requirements and limits.

### **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, parks, and schools; and integrate anti-displacement policies into housing development plans to ensure community residents are not displaced as a consequence of neighborhood investments.
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.
18. Support proposals that preserve agricultural and working lands and limit their conversion to residential or other uses; and integrate anti-displacement policies into housing development plans to ensure community residents are not displaced as a consequence of neighborhood investments.
19. Support proposals to promote the use of public and private land for urban and peri-urban agriculture.
20. Support proposals that enable local tribes to identify and address barriers to observance of traditional practices such as harvesting and gathering, particularly on publicly-owned land, to the extent that the activities and participants are safe, and do not prevent agencies from carrying out their functions and habitat preservation.
21. Support proposals that would better enable local governments to increase density near transit, while addressing racial inequity and better serve communities of color.
22. Support proposals that provide funding for the planning and implementation of building decarbonization strategies for new and existing buildings.
23. Support proposals that would reconcile and/or harmonize potential conflicts between State housing policies and State-mandated airport land use compatibility planning responsibilities and implementation guidelines.

### **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, the public, and wildlife, 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.
8. Support proposals to increase capacity for and practice of integrated pest management techniques.
9. Support proposals that incentivize the practice of regenerative agriculture.
10. Support proposals that incentivize the practice of regenerative agriculture and the monitoring and/or reduction of agricultural activities that have an adverse impact on the environment.

### **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 to increase Small Claims Court filing limits, provide funding for Small Claims Court Advisory services, and/or other procedural changes to increase access to and simplify Small Claims Court.
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 1106 of 2019).
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 and/or ensure transparency of price disclosures.
28. Support proposals that increase assistance, accessibility, and education for consumers in the marketplace.
29. Support proposals to increase funding for wage theft enforcement or otherwise combat wage enforcement, including those that would eliminate piece rate pay.
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.
35. Support proposals to provide additional funding for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program providers to expand access to free income tax preparation services for low- moderate income taxpayers.

36. Support proposals which would create safer alternative loans including small dollar and short-term lending products.
37. Support proposals that increase consumer access to affordable health food items such as through the distribution of free EBT machines to food retail businesses.
38. Support proposals that would diversify, expand, and/or otherwise strengthen food supply chains, especially through support from local and/or minority-owned food production, processing, distribution, and retail businesses.
39. Support proposals that increase the capacity of free food distribution programs to recover, store, and/or distribute health foods.

### **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, but not limited to:
  - 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: (1) collect child support from non-traditional sources of income such as gaming proceeds paid to parents who owe past-due child support, and (2) proposals that incentivize timely support payments via enhanced enforcement tools;
  - 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 increase efficiency, such as electronic filing of court documents, use of electronic signatures, increase online access to other court and counties' records and orders, and the elimination of notarizing and maintaining hard copies of legal documents; and

- g. Proposals that support more uniformity and consistency in case enforcement.
- 5. Support proposals that ensure the equitable allocation of funding to Local Child Support Agencies and protect local control.
- 6. Support proposals that allow people to receive the supports and benefits they are entitled to without being penalized because they marry or are receiving child support and/or other public benefits.
- 7. Support proposals that promote Local Child Support Agencies' employees' safety in performing their duties.
- 8. Support proposals that promote programs aimed at alleviating child poverty.

### **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 Local Agency Formation Commission Organization (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 proposals to fund the protection, preservation, restoration, and enhancement of historical areas, cultural districts, civic artworks, or monuments in Los Angeles County, including but not limited to sites or artworks that are being managed on behalf of the County.
2. 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. Support proposals and funding to assist California Native American tribes to purchase and preserve their ancestral land.
4. Support proposals to fund programs that help low- and moderate-income homeowners and commercial business owners comply with local preservation and restoration policies in Los Angeles County.

### **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.
4. Support legislation that would strengthen law enforcement training, reporting, and prosecution of hate crimes.
5. Support proposals to promote and fund cultural exchange and cultural heritage programs, including, but not limited to, arts education, art commissions, cultural programs or events, and creative placemaking initiatives.

6. Support proposals which would remove prohibitions against government entities from providing equal opportunities for historically underrepresented groups.
7. Support State audits that conduct comprehensive investigations into allegations and concerns regarding the workplace culture surrounding women and LGBTQIA+ employees.
8. Support proposals that require businesses in California to address harassment of their customers based on specified characteristics including race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and national origin, by, among other things, posting a sign with specified content, training employees, and having a policy to collect data related to incidents of such harassment on business premises
9. Support proposals and funding that raise awareness and understanding of street harassment (defined as words, gestures, or actions directed at a specific person in a public place without the consent of that person, based on the person's actual or perceived race, color, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, religion, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition, genetic information, age, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation, that the person experiences as intimidating, alarming, terrorizing, or threatening to their safety) as a public health problem with the purpose of preventing its occurrence.
10. Support proposals and funding that require transit operators to develop and implement a plan to reduce the street harassment experienced by its riders, and to consider the safety concerns and needs of riders impacted by street harassment when planning, designing, and operating their systems.
11. Support proposals that advance funding, support, and advocacy for victims and survivor of hate incidents.

### **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.
9. Support proposals to fund public safety enhancements and/or social service interventions at libraries including, but not limited to, public safety staffing, social workers/clinicians, and technology (i.e., video cameras, etc.).
10. Support proposals to provide or increase funding for public libraries to provide outreach, programs, and services to customers.
11. Support proposals that would provide funding for public library facility capital, deferred maintenance, and/or other infrastructure projects.
12. Support proposals that further justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion policies at public libraries.
13. Support proposals that provide funding for services and programming at libraries in support of the unhoused population, as well as in support of mental health and well-being.

### **3.11 Museums, Arts, and Culture**

1. Support proposals that maintain or provide increased funding for museums, arts, and cultural activities, including, but not limited to, performing arts, visual arts, media arts, literary arts, and other artistic disciplines.
2. Support proposals that provide funding for acquisition, development, rehabilitation, construction, preservation, and restoration of cultural facilities of all types, including, but not limited to, museums, performing arts centers, cultural centers, artist studios, and facilities for cultural production.
3. Support proposals to fund the Grand Avenue Project.
4. Support proposals that further diversity, equity, inclusion, and access in the fields of arts and culture, and increasing cultural activities and funding for small and community-based nonprofit organizations based in underserved areas.
5. Support proposals that provide State funding to support the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County's renovation and expansion of the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum site.
6. Support proposals that authorize public schools, parks, libraries, and museums to adopt land acknowledgement processes to properly recognize Native American tribes as traditional stewards of the land on which an entity is located.
7. Support proposals that promote the protection and preservation of cultural heritage and cultural artifacts.
8. Support proposals that provide funding or resources to the 18 actionable strategies from the Countywide Cultural Policy Strategic Plan to ensure that every resident of the County has meaningful access to arts and culture.

9. Support proposals that provide funding to support public arts agencies and nonprofit arts and humanities organizations that directly combat systemic racism through the arts and humanities.

### **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 health, and sexual and reproductive health 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, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) 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.
11. Support proposals that provide additional support for students impacted by distance learning throughout the region, especially the most vulnerable including those with special needs, low-income, English learners, homeless, and foster youth.
12. Support legislation and funding that would expand the role of Native American studies in public schools through the inclusion of Native American history as a core subject, the development of Native American textbooks, and an increase in educators who are Native American.
13. Support proposals that develop an aquatic and pool safety program that can be used by local education agencies, such as school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools that serve pupils in kindergarten or any of grades one through twelve.

14. Support proposals that provide greater equity in how funding gets distributed to school districts, particularly for those with the highest level of disparities.
15. Support efforts to incorporate culturally relevant pedagogy into state educational curricula to highlight the history, culture, and contribution of minority groups to American civilization, while also addressing the political, economic, and social impacts of settler colonialism and slavery.
16. Support proposals that would repeal unnecessarily punitive truancy laws that contribute to the marginalization of Black youth in schools and contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline

### **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.
7. Support proposals to ensure that cities with their own health departments are able to process vital records.
8. Support proposals that provide State funding for the development, implementation, and ongoing support for a centralized process to allow information sharing electronically among various government agencies, such as data records and personal information, to expedite the issuance of benefits and provide more efficient services to constituents.

### **3.14 Redevelopment**

1. Support legislation which enforces 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, circumvent, or repeal the provisions of AB 1290.
2. 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.

3. Support extension of review periods to allow counties and other affected parties adequate time to analyze the validity and impact of proposed redevelopment projects.
4. 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).
5. 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.
6. Support proposals that make a county 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.
7. Support proposals that re-establish redevelopment programs that: 1) promote the development of low- and moderate-income housing with a minimum 30 percent set-aside and reasonable timeframes for expending these funds; 2) mandate that local governments' fiscal participation be at the discretion of the legislative body of each local government; 3) include mechanisms to allow local governments to fully recover their administrative costs; 4) require areas be deemed eligible for redevelopment projects when there is documented evidence of urban blight, local economic distress and/or inclusion of transit-oriented districts, excess Tate properties, or priority projects; and 5) require the adoption of a local financing plan to evaluate the overall fiscal feasibility and impact of redevelopment project objectives.

### **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 voters.
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 proposals to ensure that voter rights are maintained and/or restored for those whose rights have been unduly challenged.
13. Support proposals for state funding to support the accelerated implementation of an expanded vote-by-mail model.
14. Support proposals that provide elections officials flexibility on the availability of in-person voting locations and the recruitment of poll workers in response to emergency orders.
15. Support proposals that would provide funding and statutory relief from State-mandated requirements related to signature verification and petition efforts, special elections, and redistricting activities.
16. Support proposals and funding that seek to make voting more accessible to Native Americans.

### **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.
7. Oppose proposals that expand administrative and civil penalties on local government entities.

### **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, microbusinesses, entrepreneurs, social enterprises, and nonprofits, including access to capital, contracting, and microlending opportunities.
2. Support proposals that provide funding for business development assistance, including educational opportunities on their rights and responsibilities to comply with applicable laws and regulations.
3. Support proposals to increase incentives for businesses to hire unemployed or underemployed workers and deliver other community benefits.
4. Support proposals to develop a State Social Enterprise designation or increase social enterprise contracting with government agencies.
5. Support proposals to provide economic relief to industries, small business, and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and other natural or man-made disasters to advance economic recovery and foster sustained economic growth.
6. Support legislation that would provide small business owners with protections from personal guarantees and liability for leases between small business owners and commercial landlords.



## **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 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, including funding for prevention and intervention programs to reduce trauma hospital visits.
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 purchase family coverage and/or 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 birthing people.
7. Support proposals to expand the substance use 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.
19. Support proposals to include contingency management services as a Medi-Cal covered benefit for the treatment of substance use disorders (SUD).
20. Support legislative and budget proposals for continued State funding to support the Community Health Outreach Initiative (CHOI) program activities.
21. Support proposals to expand full-scope Medi-Cal and healthcare subsidies to all residents, regardless of age or immigrant status.
22. Support proposals to expand the safety net for abortion care, including for Medi-Cal eligible and undocumented people.
23. Support proposals that ensure managed care plans can appropriately reimburse safety net providers for the full value and cost of services, including but not limited to paying for: service levels appropriate for the acuity and needs of the patient population; care coordination and management; community supports; and other investments in the safety net to promote the efficient and effective delivery of care.
24. Support efforts to require private health care plans to utilize evidence-based practices for the collection and reporting of demographic data, including sexual orientation and gender identity, and data on community needs, such as housing, nutrition, and other supports.
25. Support proposals that codify the use of Medi-Cal funding for health plans, local health and behavioral health departments, and community organizations to employ Community Health Workers, including Violence Prevention Professionals, to conduct outreach, education, system navigation, and peer support services to community members.

#### **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 use; mental health; and behavioral health treatment for persons with autism spectrum disorders.
2. Support proposals to enhance access to prescription drugs, including medications for medical abortion (abortion pills), 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.
16. Support proposals that increase health insurance subsidies to lower insurance and health care costs.
17. Support proposals to include and expand midwife and doula care as Medi-Cal covered reimbursable services.

#### **4.5 Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) Programs and Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

1. Support proposals and increased funding for the provision of comprehensive HIV testing, counseling, bio-medical prevention, education, outreach, research, social marketing, care and treatment services for people living with HIV/AIDS.
2. Support proposals that improve the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) among persons housed in State and county 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 persons living with HIV/AIDS who are in custody.
3. Support proposals and increased funding for the provision of comprehensive STD counseling, testing, education, outreach, research, and social marketing programs.
4. Support regulatory or legislative changes to residential care facility law and regulation to enhance the provision of services to special populations, such as HIV, in residential settings.
5. Support proposals and funding to increase access to syphilis and congenital syphilis prevention, screening, treatment, and surveillance activities for individuals who are at highest risk.
6. Support proposals and increased funding to more effectively support STD surveillance in order to identify emerging areas of need, better direct scarce resources, and further appeal levels for federal funding commensurate with levels of infection.
7. 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 public health or health services systems, including, but not limited to, environmental health monitoring and oversight, to detect, prevent, and respond to natural and deliberately-caused disasters, including climate disasters such as heatwaves, pandemics, acts of terrorism, mass shootings, and community violence.
2. Support proposals that protect the public's health and/or that preserve or increase funding for public health/environmental 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 and abortion, childhood lead poisoning prevention, injury and violence prevention, food safety and nutrition, climate adaptation, 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 while preventing displacement.
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, healthy relationships (in relation to domestic violence and intimate partner violence), community violence prevention, behavior health awareness, anti-bullying, and human trafficking prevention and intervention.
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 use, 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, provide avenues for community members to share input, and improve access to and awareness of available services.
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);
  - 3) prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products and flavored electronic nicotine delivery systems including but not limited to menthol; and
  - 4) prohibiting the sale of all vaping products until U.S. public health officials determine the safety of vaping products and the cause(s) of the recent vaping-related injuries and deaths.



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, sustainably-produced, and affordable foods and beverages by expanding access to and increasing the number of grocery stores, farmers' markets, community gardens, and other healthy food outlets, especially in low-income communities.
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-eligible/CalFresh recipients and healthcare and retailer participation in health incentive programs;
  - c. the development of pricing strategies increases prices on unhealthy sugar-sweetened beverages and support improved access to healthy foods and beverages;

- d. reduced consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, including soda, sports drinks, and other sugar-sweetened beverages, and reduces youth access to these products;
  - e. adopt, implement, or strengthen food procurement policies to increase access to healthy and/or sustainably produced foods and beverages, and;
  - f. plant-based eating patterns.
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 Tuberculosis (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.
44. Support proposals that would protect medically-fragile individuals and vulnerable communities from harm caused by power outages or other emergencies.
45. Support proposals that would strengthen penalties for failure to meet mandatory State disease reporting requirements.
46. Support proposals that would strengthen social services to individuals impacted by public health isolation or quarantine orders.
47. Support proposals that provide equitable investments to eliminate health disparities among disproportionately burdened communities (e.g., people of color and low-income people) and address policies that perpetuate systemic racism that have endured historically racist practices (i.e., redlining community disinvestment, and over-policing) and their impacts.
48. Support legislation and funding that expands the collection and reporting of racial, ethnic, and tribal data in population health datasets, and enforcement efforts to ensure compliance with these requirements.
49. Support proposals that increase availability, affordability, and promotion of healthy and sustainably produced food options available at grocery stores, convenience stores, mobile food facilities, restaurants, and other food outlets, especially those at or near schools.
50. Support proposals that promote landlord compliance with health and safety regulations for housing and fund or otherwise enable the collection and tracking of data on housing maintenance practices and landlord business affiliations.
51. Support legislation that would provide accommodations for sidewalk food vending while ensuring food safety, that include, but are not limited to: 1) streamlining approvals for code-complaint carts, including by giving flexibility to local health authorities to approve innovative designs that are affordable and meet the unique needs of the vendors; 2) revising regulations to establish clear and easy-to-follow safety protocols that account for the types of foods commonly sold by sidewalk vendors; 3) simplifying onerous sink, power, water, fire safety, and other equipment

requirements; and 4) creating a process for addressing non-compliance without criminal penalties.

52. Support legislative and funding proposals to support and expand the Community Health Worker and/or promotoras/es initiatives.
53. Support proposals and funding that aim to ensure equitable rapid response, economic recovery, and funding to communities disproportionately impacted by public health emergencies and natural disasters.
54. Support proposals that protect workers, older adults, unhoused individuals, and other vulnerable populations from impacts of climate disasters (e.g., heatwaves), including through communications, services, building codes, and funding for home cooling.
55. Support proposals that increase the capacity of free food distribution programs to recover, store, and/or distribute healthy food.
56. Support efforts to provide grants to community-based organizations and/or faith-based organizations to identify health and racial justice issues in their communities and develop solutions to address them.
57. Support anti-preemption policies that allow local jurisdictions to pass sugar-sweetened beverage taxes and other public health-focused interventions.
58. Support legislation that expands funding to or supports education campaigns for all ages on reproductive health care including abortion, contraceptives, and pregnancy prevention.

#### **4.7 Substance Use**

1. Support proposals to increase funding for substance use 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 substance use 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 substance use.
3. Oppose measures that reduce the availability and accessibility of substance use prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services for individuals engaging in substance use.
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 use prevention, treatment, and recovery services as part of its continuum of services.
5. Support proposals that promote environmental approaches to reducing substance use 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 substance use 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 consumes alcohol during pregnancy; and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, a withdrawal syndrome that can occur in newborns exposed to certain substances, including opioids, during pregnancy.
7. Support legislation that will fund and expand the County's research, prevention, and treatment efforts for SUD, 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 SUD or other multiple symptoms/problems that effectively addresses substance use, 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 SUD 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 SUD benefits and reimbursements under the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) 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 DMC 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 delivery system, program, and payment reform proposals that increase the treatment system capacity to improve access to SUD treatment services.

16. Support proposals to develop recommendations for best practices, protocols, and other policies to enforce driving under the influence of substances, including prescription drugs.
17. Support proposals that increase access to Food and Drug Administration-approved medications for addiction treatment by clinical providers (i.e., physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants for SUD treatments).
18. Oppose proposals that seek to extend the sale of alcohol and alcohol products beyond current law.
19. Support proposals that delegate DMC certification responsibilities from the California State Department of Health Care Services to counties.
20. Support proposals that strengthen and provide funding for improved monitoring and enforcement of anti-patient brokering laws to protect SUD patients.
21. Support proposals that provide funding to enhance emergency departments discharge planning referrals and resources for individuals with complex needs (i.e., substance use disorder, mental health, and homelessness), including case management, navigation services, and health provider education.
22. Support proposals that reduce the prosecutorial and legal system interference with overdose and infection prevention initiatives, and reduce interference with addiction treatment for people who use drugs.
23. Support proposals that expand access to overdose and infection prevention tools for people who use drugs.

#### **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 that provide funding for the education and training of students interested in the laboratory field, including but not limited to the Los Angeles County CONAH.
4. 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.
5. Support proposals that fund training to enhance the competency of the health education workforce.

6. Support proposals to increase funding for public health nutritionists in local health departments and increase training funds for dietitians.
7. 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.
8. Support a continuation and expansion of the Career Advancement Academy for health care funded by the California community college districts.
9. Support proposals that provide funding for the education and training of primary and specialty care physicians, and epidemiologists.
10. Support proposals that establish funding for workforce development and infrastructure for public behavioral health care and SUD treatment providers, including non-licensed staff such as SUD counselors and peer support specialists.
11. Support policy proposals that incentivize students to pursue careers in allied health, health and mental health care; and facilitate the development of a diverse pipeline of workers from the local community, including those who have a background with the criminal justice system.

#### **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.
5. Support proposals that provide reparations for the survivors of forced sterilizations at LAC+USC Medical Center.
6. Support legislative and funding proposals intended to reduce the cost of feminine products and diapers, to cover the cost of providing these free products to low-income residents, and/or to allow government benefits to cover the cost of feminine hygiene products and diapers.
7. Support proposals to adopt amendments to the California Constitution to explicitly enshrine the fundamental rights of privacy essential to personal liberty, including the right to access contraceptives, the right to access abortion, and the right to same-sex marriage.

8. Support proposals that enhance, expand, and protect pregnant people's right to abortion services.
9. Support legislation that protects or provides additional funding for abortion rights and access to reproductive health

#### **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 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.
4. 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.
5. Support proposals that expand health care coverage to the fullest extent allowed under the Affordable Care Act, without eroding existing coverage.
6. Support proposals that simplify the health coverage enrollment and renewal processes to administer and facilitate use and access for clients.
7. 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 Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS), which interfaces with the Health Care Exchange.
8. Support proposals that expand and enhance data matching to minimize paper verifications and decrease processing time for enrollment for health care coverage.
9. Support proposals that provide the expeditious resolution of critical California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System issues to ensure that counties can effectively provide health care coverage to eligible residents.
10. 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.



11. Support legislation to implement a new five-year federal 1115 Medicaid waiver, and/or other State proposals that may replace or enhance components of prior Section 1115 waivers with other revenue programs.
12. Support proposals that include incentives for providers to deliver high-quality, coordinated, integrated, and cost-effective care across all levels of health care delivery.
13. Support proposals to ensure that coverage expansion includes mechanisms that protect existing patient-provider relationships from unnecessary disruption and ensure continuity of care.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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, including as part of a physician-led multi-disciplinary team when appropriate, 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.

5. Support policies that reduce drug costs and improve transparency of pharmacy benefit managers.
6. Support proposals to implement and fund telehealth programs for the delivery of medical, mental health, and SUD care and services.
7. Oppose measures that restrict the autonomy and flexibility of public hospitals and clinics to affiliate, acquire, or change control or governance of facilities.
8. Support proposals to support the safe and sustained operations of skilled nursing facilities and other licensed congregate health care facilities, including long-term care, assisted living, board and cares, and mental health rehabilitation centers, during public health emergencies and natural disasters.
9. Support funding proposals for the County's reuse initiatives at the LAC+USC Medical Center Campus, including for the Restorative Care Village and for the adaptive reuse of the General Hospital building.

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

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

#### **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. 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 proposals 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 support specialists.
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 proposals to fully fund a complete continuum of mental health services, facility placements or housing options, and define a transition and linkage process for parolees, including for example, those on nonrevocable parole status, those on Post-Release Community Supervision established by the 2011 Public Safety Realignment, and State-supervised parolees.
15. Support proposals to provide permanent and adequate funding of Early and Periodic screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) including but not limited to 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 proposals that enable individuals with serious mental illness to receive treatment in the community, including with amendments to 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 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.

28. 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.
29. Support proposals that would allow the utilization of County land and changes in statute and regulations to establish restorative care programs/villages that include treatment programs funded by the State.
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.
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. 4<sup>th</sup> 665.
32. Support proposals that would shift California's public behavioral health system to one based on population outcomes and that increase programming and funding for services that address the social determinants, equity, and preventions.
33. Support proposals that protect and preserve Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding for county behavioral health systems and oppose proposals that divert MHSA funds for other activities.
34. Support proposals to preserve, backfill, and expand the 1991 and 2011 Realignment funding for county behavioral health.
35. Support legislation, such as the Miles Hall Lifeline Act, that establishes a formal office and structure within the State government for implementation, administration, and funding of the 9-8-8 crisis call center network and connected crisis services in California.
36. Support proposals and funding that promote the adoption of Culturally Defined Evidence Practices and other culturally and linguistically appropriate care, including but not limited, to provision of services from traditional healers and community practitioners.
37. Support legislation that permits people with mental illness to state their preferences for treatment in advance of a mental health crisis through a Psychiatric Advance Directive

### **5.1 Residential Care Facilities**

1. Support proposals to establish adequate and equitable care and supervision payment rates for residential care facilities that serve persons with psychiatric disabilities, including proposals to make residential facilities such as Adult Residential Facilities (ARF) and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE), a State or federal benefit.

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 Recovery Homes and Sober Living Homes to ensure their safety.
5. Support proposals that eliminate the barriers to stabilize and expand the ARF and RCFE network, and support proposals to increase funding to increase their availability.
6. Support proposals that create a monthly stipend for residential care facilities caring for Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) recipients.

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

1. Support proposals that provide incentives to local governments and/or developers to increase and protect affordable and mixed-income housing, and that provide flexibility for counties to promote a diversity of affordable housing types through local land use policies.
2. Oppose legislation which would require local governments to impose one size fits all solutions to preserving and creating new affordable housing, in particular, prescribed development standards and densities/intensities, 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-, moderate-, and middle-income families.
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 of special populations, including homeless, elderly, disabled and mentally ill persons, and transitional age youth.
5. 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.
6. Support proposals which would stimulate the local economy by accelerating or increasing spending on public works and infrastructure projects, especially those which would improve public health and public safety, mitigate hazards, including climate hazards, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, or improve transportation.

7. Oppose legislation that would redirect redevelopment agency property tax increment from local redevelopment agencies to the State.
8. Oppose proposals to permanently prohibit the issuance of redevelopment tax allocation bonds.
9. Support legislation to distribute State housing funds to local jurisdictions based upon population and poverty levels.
10. Support revisions to the prevailing wage provisions of California Labor Code Section 1720 in order to minimize the impact upon affordable housing production.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Oppose changes to landlord/tenant laws that would involve public housing authorities in the legal process between tenants and their landlords.
14. Support proposals to address affordable housing needs on a multi-jurisdictional basis.
15. Support legislation that increases resources to clean-up and redevelop Brownfields.
16. Support legislation that continues the requirement for landlords to provide tenants that are on assisted programs with at least 90-day notice to move in order to allow sufficient time to complete the process.
17. Oppose proposals that substitute Proposition 1C (Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006) bond funding for existing housing and infrastructure resources.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. Support legislation to allow eligible taxing agencies, public agencies, or nonprofit organizations to purchase tax-defaulted property to construct or rehabilitate

- residential or mixed-use residential/commercial buildings that incorporate an affordable housing and social services component that has a public benefit.
22. Support legislation that maintains the County's ability to protect its residents and commercial tenant establishments.
  23. 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.
  24. Support proposals that stimulate regional investment and encourage private sector participation in advancing equitable and sustainable growth, including through the support of high-growth and emerging industries, including, but not limited to, life sciences/biosciences, arts, culture, leisure and hospitality (including entertainment/sports), creative economies (including television, film, and digital media), technology, health care, trade, child care, manufacturing (including rail/bus manufacturing, other advanced transportation manufacturing and maintenance and green chemistry/clean manufacturing), and support proposals which would facilitate job training and educational opportunities that will train a workforce capable of supporting those industries.
  25. 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.
  26. Support proposals that would help curb unjust evictions by prohibiting landlords from evicting tenants without just cause and/or written notice.
  27. Support proposals that would protect tenants from large unforeseen rent increases by placing an upper limit on annual rent increases and limiting rent increases to once per year.
  28. Support proposals that would allow local governments to use local property tax revenues to incur debt or issue bonds to fund State-approved affordable housing and housing-related infrastructure projects.
  29. Support or sponsor legislation that would create new financial incentives, including an expansion of property tax the welfare exemption for units covenanted at up to 120 percent of Area Median Income, to facilitate development of affordable housing around transit.
  30. Support or sponsor legislation to provide temporary property tax exemptions to finance accessory dwelling units for senior and low-income homeowners.
  31. Support proposals that would spur economic growth and promote economic recovery after declared emergencies or disasters.



32. Support proposals, such as rental, mortgage, or legal assistance, that would aid in preventing evictions and foreclosures of residential tenants, small landlords, and small businesses.
33. Support or sponsor proposals which would extend the duration of affordability covenants for housing developments that receive public subsidies, or which would, in cases where funding programs have different requirements, give precedence to the affordability covenant term that is longer.
34. Oppose legislation that would increase housing density in very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
35. Support proposals to promote the development and growth of community land trusts, housing cooperatives, and other models for the provision of permanently affordable rental and ownership opportunities.
36. Support proposals that would enable the County to acquire properties owned by Caltrans for the State Route-710 North Project and to preserve them as long-term affordable housing.
37. Support proposals that would provide funding for the Stay Housed LA Program, such as access to counsel for eviction legal services.
38. Support proposals that repeal Article 34 from California's constitution, which has been identified as an antiquated and 'racist rule' that requires cities to get voter approval to build low-rent housing when using public dollars.
39. Support proposals that support urban and regenerative agriculture, including through funding and the use of public and private land.
40. Support proposals that would: 1) promote a just transition to the green economy, including support for green industries and their workforce; and 2) ensure job seekers and current workers, particularly those who are low income and/or reside in disadvantaged communities, receive necessary workforce development, training, and supportive services to allow for a transition into a green economy with dignity and without bearing the costs of change.
41. Support proposals to protect residential and commercial tenants from displacement impacts from activities such as housing repairs, improvements, and community investment, including, but not limited to, right to counsel, rent escrow, rent control, just cause eviction, and "right-to-return" ordinances.
42. Support proposals that promote transitions to a zero-carbon or carbon negative energy system that reduces air and climate pollution and that minimizes the dangers of a changing climate to our communities and economy.
43. Support proposals and policies that integrate climate resilience and adaptation into planning, buildings, infrastructure, and community development.
44. Support proposals and policies that ensure that people stay in place and are not displaced when there are public investments, particularly in disadvantaged communities.

45. Support proposals that provide funding for programs that support community members across different age, income, ethnicity, and language groups to actively and meaningfully engage in decision-making related to sustainability efforts.
46. Support proposals and legislation which aim to increase nine percent federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit allocations.
47. Support legislation that prioritizes first-time homebuyers in home sales, such as the providing of financial incentives to sellers.
48. Support proposals that support equitable and inclusive economic development, including through infrastructure investments and capital development projects that include robust stakeholder engagement, community benefit commitments, and quality jobs for local communities.
49. Support proposals that seek to end speculative evictions by repealing and/or reforming the Ellis Act.
50. Support proposals that invest in Social Housing, including anti-displacement policies and repeal discriminatory housing laws.
51. Support proposals that would establish a Los Angeles Black Housing Fund.
52. Support proposals that promote and/or provide resources for community-based approaches to emergency response.
53. Support proposals that would remove administrative barriers and/or provide resources to strengthen tenant protections and improve housing stability, particularly for individuals and families at-risk of housing instability or homelessness.

## **7. JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **7.1 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 direct community investment to support safety, health, and economic self-sufficiency in public housing communities.
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 allow the County to charge full civil process serving costs.
11. 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.
12. Support proposals to provide funding for information technology initiatives that assist criminal justice agencies to integrate, upgrade, and maintain justice information systems.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. Support legislation to increase the criminal penalties for assaults against rail and bus operators.
17. Support proposals that would allow local government agencies to match anonymous criminal justice, public health, substance use disorder data, 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.
18. Support or pursue proposals that would expand eligibility of State-funded victim resources to family members of victims of fatal use of force by law enforcement and in-custody deaths.

19. Support proposals that would require the State to fully fund the defense of death penalty cases pursuant to current law.
20. Support proposals designed to prevent the discriminatory use of the death penalty in California.
21. Support cost-neutral proposals that increase transparency and prioritize the timely release of public information to all criminal justice partners.
22. Support proposals that increase the integrity of criminal convictions by facilitating access to information in peace officer personnel records which involve moral turpitude.
23. Support proposals that would require cities that elect to pay for the criminal prosecution of violations of city and municipal ordinances to pay for constitutionally required indigent defense.
24. Support proposals to provide State funding for Public Defender services for non-criminal/civil matters as authorized under current law.
25. Support proposals to provide funding to support the self-help legal access centers.
26. Support legislation that would facilitate the sharing of unlawful detainer data between local court systems and agencies that provide eviction prevention and defense services to tenants and individuals at-risk of homelessness.
27. Support legislative and funding proposals that aim to reduce rates of missing and murdered women of color, indigenous women, and transgender women, including by improving collaboration between State and local law enforcement agencies.
28. Support legislation and funding that seeks to reduce the disproportionate impact of juvenile and adult incarceration on people of color.
29. Support proposals that eliminate criminal system administrative fines and fees imposed by the State and provide adequate alternative resources to cover any potential revenue losses, including to local jurisdictions.
30. Support proposals that provide automatic conviction and records relief for certain felony convictions where time has elapsed since completing the term of incarceration, probation, mandatory supervision, post-release supervision, and/or parole, and where the defendant was not convicted of a new felony.
31. Support State funding and policy changes that may be necessary to support the closure of the Men's Central Jail.
32. Support and/or sponsor legislation that would mandate the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to create regulations that: revise/eliminate the Work Sample Test Battery and replace it with a health-focused screening tool; incorporate modern day policing skills in the candidate vetting process and in the training academy; or require training be conducted with an adult learning model.

33. Support and/or sponsor legislation that would create a Gender Parity Division within POST to review gender balance issues in law enforcement with regulatory recommendations to achieve gender parity.
34. Support and/or sponsor legislation to require the formation of an independent task force to study specific gender balance issues and make legislative and regulatory recommendations in a report to the Governor and the Legislature.
35. Support proposals and funding that aim to reduce the rates of missing and murdered indigenous women by improving collaboration between law enforcement agencies and other strategies.
36. Support proposals and funding that seek to reduce the disproportionate impact of juvenile and adult incarceration on Native Americans.
37. Support proposals that would reduce racial inequities in the debt-to-income ratio, such as through debt forgiveness, elimination of fines, and fees for low-level infractions.
38. Support proposals that would eliminate the mandated reporting to law enforcement and instead requires providers to refer patients to supportive services.
39. Support proposals that would provide funding for the Stay Housed LA Program, such as access to counsel for eviction legal services.
40. Support policies that increase access to housing opportunities for justice-involved populations.
41. Support policies that reduce barriers to community integration, including barriers to housing, for justice-involved populations.

## **7.2 Pretrial Recidivism Reduction, and Diversion Programs**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Support proposals that would maximize the State savings and funding that would be allocated for Proposition 47 of 2014 grant programs.
4. 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.
5. Support proposals that would fund and/or support programs to track the recidivism rates of justice-involved individuals at the county level.

6. 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.
7. Support proposals that would fund and/or support establishing collaborative criminal justice rehabilitation and treatment programs between the State and local justice systems.
8. Support proposals that authorize new and/or expand existing pre-filing and post-filing diversion programs while maintaining public safety.
9. 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.
10. Support State funding for the implementation of mental health diversion pursuant to AB 1810 of 2018, county bail reform efforts, and expansion of various pre-plea diversion programs.
11. Support State proposals to create, fund, and further the development of alternatives to incarceration.
12. Support legislation which would give California voters the opportunity to restore voting rights to those on parole upon completion of a State or federal prison term.
13. Support proposals that would authorize counties and their local court to establish a pretrial diversion program for custodial parents or legal guardians of minor children.
14. Support proposals, where consistent with public safety and the best anti-recidivism practices, to remove mandatory minimum sentencing requirements.
15. Support proposals that fund mental health and substance use disorder treatment for undocumented residents to allow them to access treatment programs in lieu of incarceration.
16. Support proposals that fund mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs that would serve as a means of diverting mentally ill defendants out of the criminal justice system and into treatment, where consistent with public safety.
17. Support proposals that eliminate past gang membership as a disqualifier for court treatment programs.
18. Support proposals that promote and provide funding for arts-based programming, alternatives to incarceration, community violence intervention and peer mentoring, and services for justice-involved individuals and communities at risk of becoming justice-involved.
19. Support proposals that would streamline Proposition 64 dismissals and sealing by providing a mandatory time within which an application must be processed and decided; and require that dismissal orders include critically relevant existing statutory language for orders granting or denying relief.

20. Support State funding for County pretrial reforms and proposals that provide flexibility to identify and implement best practices for pretrial reform.

### **7.3 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 section 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.

### **7.4 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, peer mentoring and restorative justice programs, and substance use disorder screenings and treatment services.



### **7.5 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.
18. Support proposals that provide funding or support for programs, services, and facilities for arts instruction for youth in all active County youth detention facilities and juvenile day reporting centers as part of a comprehensive, multi-agency juvenile justice plan.
19. Support proposals that would enhance the County's efforts to restructure its juvenile justice system in order to shift-away from a punitive paradigm towards a rehabilitative, health-focused, and care-first system that further reduces the County's reliance on incarceration.
20. Support measures that would ensure that indigent children and youth that rely on public health care services are not disadvantaged, but instead have the same protections and privileges as that of persons who receive private health services.
21. Support proposals that would create and require posting of a Youth Bill of Rights for incarcerated youth at all juvenile facilities.

#### **7.6 Inmate Facilities and 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. Support proposals to house prison and/or jail inmates in alternative custody facilities including public, private, and community-based facilities that are better suited to treating justice-involved individuals with mental health, substance use disorder, gender/sexual orientation, and/or other critical needs.

### **7.7 Sex Offenders and Human 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, labor exploitation, and human trafficking.

7. Support proposals that provide funding for training related to the identification, intervention, and prevention of labor and sex trafficking, including the commercial sexual exploitation of children.
8. Support proposals that provide increased State funding for counties to help serve survivors of human trafficking, including commercially sexually exploited children.
9. Support proposals that enhance the County's ability to safely house and protect survivors of human trafficking, including commercially sexually exploited children.
10. 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.

### **7.8 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.
3. Support legislation or proposals that would help reduce the proliferation and purchase of firearms by increasing restrictions related to ghost guns and other firearms, expanding prohibitions for the manufacturer or new firearms, or imposing new excise taxes related to the purchase of certain firearms.
4. Support legislation that would expand those eligible to petition for gun violence restraining orders.
5. Support proposals that would prohibit persons who are on the United States Federal Bureau of Investigations' No Fly List from purchasing or possessing a firearm.

### **7.9 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.
18. Support proposals to improve the prevention of wildfires, including, but not limited to, the hardening of homes and the enforcement of defensible space programs.
19. Support proposals that improve workforce safety and protections for fire personnel exposed to harmful or hazardous conditions.
20. Support proposals to support the mental health of first responders and other public safety personnel, including proposals that improve training, standards, and resources for mental health services.
21. Support proposals that would enhance the County's Fire Camp program, including by: 1) establishing eligibility in the State's Ventura Training Center reentry program for people sentenced under AB 109 in Los Angeles County who participated in the Fire Camp program while incarcerated; 2) advocating for funding from the State to ensure that the Fire Department is fully compensated for their work with California

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Fire Camp Program; 3) advocating for funding to start a local reentry fire program; and 4) advocating for other resources, funding, and access as needed.

### **7.10 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 health or safety, or that create a nuisance.
3. Support or sponsor legislation that would enhance the ability of local animal control agencies to obtain 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 neglected or 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 or sponsor 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 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.
10. Support legislation that would enhance the ability of the Animal Care and Control Department to provide economical and efficient services to County residents, including, but not limited to, allowing 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.
11. Support legislation that would aid in the return of lost or stray animals to their owners, including but not limited to increasing the microchipping or spay/neuter of dogs and cats.

12. 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.
13. Support legislation that would establish training and certification standards for service animals and trainers of service animals.
14. Support legislation that increases the ability of the County to protect the health, safety, or welfare, of animals or people from animals.
15. Oppose legislation that is contrary to the stated mission and goals of the County's Department Animal Care and Control as approved by the Board.
16. Support legislation that increases the ability of the County to regulate animal-related industries or business operations that affect Los Angeles County residents.
17. Support legislation that promotes consumer protection, including but not limited to that which limits the importation or transfer of animals that were produced in substandard breeding operations.

#### **7.11 Trial Court**

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, housing 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.
7. Support legislation that would create more diverse and more demographically representative juries.
8. Support legislation that would mandate anonymized demographic-based data collection on the race, gender, and ethnicity of jury pools and those selected for jury duty.
9. Support legislation that would adequately compensate jury service for low-income workers and address the financial inequity of jury duty.

10. Support legislation that would bring California's charging nomenclature in line with that used by other states.
11. Support measures that would limit Federal immigration enforcement activity in or near courthouses.
12. Support proposals and pilots that would provide and fund a new court model that would promote community-based services to chronically homeless individuals who are involved with the criminal justice system.

#### **7.12 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.
5. Support proposals that would separate the duties of the Coroner's Office from the duties of the Sheriff's Office.

#### **7.13 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.

#### **7.14 Disaster Preparedness and Assistance**

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, climate disasters, 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.
15. Support proposals that would connect small businesses with disaster assistance resources and programs.

16. Support proposal that promote community resilience, such as through the creation of social networks and business readiness plans that support neighborhood-level sufficiency.
17. Support proposals that would ensure that Federal disaster relief allocated to the County includes sufficient funding for the restaurant and hospitality industry.
18. Support proposals that reduce collateral consequences to small business owners resulting from COVID-19, including: 1) restricting reporting of small business commercial debts, including rental debt, to credit reporting bureaus; 2) limiting aggressive debt collection practices against Qualifying Small Business Tenants, including but not limited to, harassment by landlords; and 3) allowing commercial tenants to terminate their leases early without penalty or obligation to make remaining lease payments.
19. Support funding opportunities to reduce flood risk in the County, particularly in vulnerable and disadvantaged communities and the necessary strategic partners to assist the County in advancing equity and climate resiliency in stormwater infrastructure planning, design, and capital improvements.

#### **7.15 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.
4. Support proposals to develop, recommend, and implement regulations and routine monitoring of community service referral agencies to ensure that Court-ordered community service is administered and verified by designated referral agencies in accordance to standards agreeable by the Superior Court of California.

#### **7.16 Law Enforcement Reforms**

1. Support legislation that would expand eligibility for compensation under the Victims Compensation Program for injuries or death caused by use of force by a police officer and define "crime" to include the use of excessive force by a peace officer, regardless of whether the peace officer is charged.
2. Support legislation that would require municipalities to annually post on their website information relating to use of force settlements and judgments.

3. Support legislation that would authorize a person to bring a civil action against any responsible party who, motivated by the person's protected status, knowingly causes a peace officer to arrive at a location to contact the person with the intent to, among other things, infringe upon the person's rights.
4. Support legislation that would expand judicial review of a criminal judgment when material police misconduct information is discovered after a defendant is no longer in custody.
5. Support legislation that regulates the communication and canteen charges and contracts in jails to relieve undue financial stress for inmates and their families, while ensuring that counties receive backfill funding to mitigate any potential losses to inmate education programs and related costs.

## **8. 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.
9. Support legislation that would reform the State mandate reimbursement process for SB 90 claims to create a more efficient and timely process.

**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 lawsuits.
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.
31. Oppose proposals that negatively affect revenue or the efficient administration of the property tax system.
32. Support proposals to expand eligibility, outreach campaigns, and increase funding for the California Earned Income Tax Credit.
33. Support proposals that would establish a non-return tax program to allow non-filing eligible families to receive the California Earned Income Tax Credit (Cal EITC).
34. Support proposals that expand the application of the California False Claims Act to case of tax fraud, enable the Attorney General of California to prosecute cases of tax fraud, and provide protections for whistleblowers who reveal cases of tax fraud to their employees.
35. Support proposals that expand the California EITC and Young-Child Tax Credit levels and eligibility.
36. Support proposals that adopt regulatory steps outlined under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Action plan to Advance Property Appraising and Valuation Equity, in order to address ethnic and racially systemic discriminatory and biased appraising practices.

## **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 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.
7. 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.
8. Support efforts to lift the cap on State CalFresh Employment and Training funding; require the State to fully fund the non-Federal match; and expand the Subsidized Employment Program in the CalFresh program.
9. Support efforts to maximize Federal funding for Medicaid, CalFresh, child welfare services, child support, and childcare.
10. Support options to simplify the administration of public assistance programs such as CalWORKs, Medi-Cal and CalFresh, including seeking any necessary Federal waivers.
11. 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.
12. Support adequate funding for data collection, verification, reporting, and fraud detection while continuing investments in technology for the automation of public assistance programs, including CalSAWS, which is currently supporting the constituents of Los Angeles County and shall be expanded to eventually support the automation of all 58 counties.
13. Support funding to modify the county's automated systems in any legislation containing policy changes that impact those systems.
14. Oppose proposals to repeal State law that allows the first \$100 of child support payments to be passed on to CalWORKs participants for a family with one child in the household and up to \$200 for a family with two or more children in the household.
15. 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.
16. Support proposals to secure State funding for SSI advocacy.
17. Support legislation which would restrict the imposition of any transaction fees or surcharges for the use of Electronic Benefit Transfer cards within California.
18. Support proposals that reduce food insecurity among post-secondary educational students and older adults age 60 or older.

19. Oppose proposals that hinder the flexibility county welfare departments have in administering public assistance programs such as CalWORKs.
20. Support legislation that provides categorical eligibility for CalFresh benefits to families participating in the National School Lunch Program.
21. 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.
22. Support proposals to continue CalFresh eligibility with hold harmless provisions for the SSI/SSP population and ongoing funding for county administration and benefits.
23. Oppose proposals that eliminate Modified Categorical Eligibility to the CalFresh program.
24. 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/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Work Participation Rate.
25. Support proposals that would allocate new State fund for counties to conduct approved CalFresh outreach activities.
26. Support proposals that replace CalFresh, Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) benefits lost or stolen.
27. Support proposals that will provide all CalFresh households a period of transitional CalFresh benefits once their income has exceeded their Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) limit before discontinuing the case.
28. Support proposals that change the State's CalFresh Expedited Service (ES) timeframe from three days to five days.
29. Support proposals that suspend the CalFresh Student Rule.
30. Support proposals that allow low-income undocumented immigrants to receive food-assistance benefits under the CFAP regardless of their immigration status.
31. Support proposals that provide emergency food assistance to millions of low-income Californians during a public health emergency regardless of immigration status.
32. Support proposals that reindex the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and public benefit levels, and recalibrate time constraints and eligibility requirements, particularly those affecting allowable assets.
33. Support proposals that exempt guaranteed-income payments, or similar cash-transfer program payments, from eligibility determinations for public benefits so that participants do not experience negative impacts to other public benefits they are receiving.



34. Support proposals that expand free Metro passes to all youth and seniors, plus recipients of CalWORKs, General Relief, and CalFresh.
35. Support proposals that provide more flexible federal and State funding to provide customers and/or their families services and supports in a manner that best meets their needs.
36. Support proposals that ensure free daily meals to children in childcare by enabling all Child and Adult Care Food Program childcare providers to qualify for the highest level of reimbursements for the meals they serve.
37. Support proposals to expand SNAP Restaurant Meals Program to include other prepared foods in non-restaurant settings (i.e., grocery stores).
38. Support proposals that provide funding and expand eligibility to food assistance programs to Californians of all ages, regardless of immigration status.
39. Support proposals that would allow electronic signatures on state or federal forms such as the SSP 14, that are needed from customers to access public benefits including, but not limited to the General Relief (GR) Program and the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI).
40. Support proposals that would increase drinking water affordability such as through CalFresh/EBT water supplements.
41. Support proposals that establish or expand guaranteed income programs, matched savings, baby bonds, or other measures to reduce income inequality and the racial wealth gap.
42. Support proposals that increase access to SNAP online ordering and delivery services.

## **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 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 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 childcare and programs that promote child development and eliminate childcare as a barrier to welfare-to-work activities and employment.
12. 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.
13. Support proposals to exclude Cal-Learn youth from the base calculation of the Federal work participation rate.
14. 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.
15. Support proposals that modify income eligibility limits and increase income deductions for the CalWORKs and the CalFresh programs to assist families and individuals impacted by a recession, a pandemic such as COVID-19, or a natural disaster, and to prevent the denial or loss of benefits by working families that are impacted by annual State and/or County minimum wage increases but continue to live at or below the federal poverty level.

16. Support proposals to restore and maintain funding for the Cal-Learn Program.
17. 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.
18. Support proposals to repeal the CalWORKs 100-hour rule for working families who are low-income and apply for the CalWORKs Program.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. Support proposals to maintain or increase funding for the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program.
22. 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 the flexible use of the Governor's WIOA reserve dollars (15 percent discretionary funds) to provide workforce development services delivered by local workforce development boards.
3. Support proposals that provide additional resources to local workforce development programs including dedicated funding for summer and year-round employment programs, proposals that increase work experience funding for in-school and out of school youth to increase the viability of locally created career pathways based on high growth sectors, and to ensure local areas can train and pay workforce staff at appropriate levels.
4. Support proposals that provide an allocation of resources to regions and/or among workforce development boards need as measured by factors such as unemployment, poverty, and based on the number of individuals with barriers to employment.
5. Support proposals that reduce barriers to employment and provide opportunities for unemployed and underemployed individuals.
6. Support proposals to enhance workforce development for high-growth industries and promote the creation of new industry sectors.
7. Support proposals which would enhance the Homeless Hiring Tax Credit Credit or create similar measures, including business services, employer-based training, and hiring incentives, to incentivize employers to create access to good jobs and living wages priority populations.

8. Support legislative and budget proposals that create and fund local food assistance pilot programs, administered by community-based and non-profit organizations that serve as food first responders and mobilize around their local communities.
9. Support proposals to reduce employment barriers and expand career opportunities for justice-involved individuals, such as eliminating licensing barriers, including requirements to disclose and consider criminal history; and creating pathways into careers with family- sustaining wages.
10. Support proposals that promote collaboration between the workforce development system and educational institutions to strengthen employment pathways for youth and adults.
11. Support proposals that promote collaboration and coordination between the workforce development system and local continuums of care to better serve individuals experiencing homelessness.
12. Support proposals that enhance the additional worker and business safety and protection protocols needed due to COVID-19 or other health pandemics.
13. Support proposals that grow the early care and education industry, and improve access to childcare for individuals with the highest barriers to employment.
14. Support proposals that incentivize the development of high-road jobs and inclusive career pathways, including job entry and advancement support for local workers, and people from under-represented communities.
15. Support proposals that would assist with the transition of workers, particularly disadvantaged or displaced workers, from the fossil-fuel industry to other cleaner and growing industries.
16. Support proposals that spur job creation through the streamlined review of employment-generating land uses in strategic locations and the coordination of workforce development with long-range land use planning.
17. Support proposals that provide funding to support the renovation of a permanent home for the UCLA Labor Center and renames it the UCLA Reverend James Lawson Jr. Worker Justice Center.
18. Support investments in a Black health workforce.
19. Support legislation to enhance implementation of the California Fair Chance Hiring Act - AB 1008 (Chapter 789, Statutes of 2017) including proposals which:
  - prohibit employers from requiring self-disclosure of past criminal legal system involvement;
  - require employers to document and provide individualized assessments in writing;
  - increase the period of time within which applicants can submit evidence of rehabilitation or mitigating circumstances to contest a rescinded employment offer to ten (10) business days; and require employers to notify candidates of

rescinded job offers by email, as well as by mail, and provide a clear point of contact in the email that appeals can be sent to.

20. Support proposals that provide funding for state and local enforcement of the California Fair Chance Hiring Act, as well as employer and job seeker education, outreach, and marketing.

#### **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 proposals for services and State funding to provide immigrants and their families with due process protections, including legal representation for individuals facing removal proceedings.
3. 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.
4. 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).
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Sponsor or support proposals to strengthen consumer protection against fraud and harmful acts impacting immigrants and their families seeking immigration services.
8. Support proposals that increase access to services and resources for immigrants and their families, with emphasis on culture, language, and immigration competencies.
9. Support proposals for immigrants to obtain and maintain professional licenses, vocational training, higher education, and related resources to promote self-sufficiency and financial empowerment.
10. Support proposals that provide services and/or funding for unaccompanied minors (and their families) that seek asylum or other humanitarian immigration relief protection.
11. Support proposals that would provide and/or expand access to disaster assistance resources and programs for immigrants and their families.

12. Support or pursue legislative changes to either eliminate or grant local entities the authority to eliminate the citizenship requirement for Disaster Service Workers.
13. Support legislation which would prohibit jails, prisons, and other public agencies from transferring individuals in custody who are eligible for release to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement jails.
14. Support proposals that do not bar immigrants in need of assistance from receiving benefits.
15. Support proposals that would expand access to Identification Cards for all residents of California.

### **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 legal services, financial empowerment, and job training and placement 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.
7. Support efforts to fund prevention efforts and innovative approaches to end domestic and sexual violence.

### **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.
8. Support proposals that advocate for in-Home Supportive Services providers.
9. Support proposals that fully restore the funding for IHSS Public Authority Consumer Advisory Committees and Governing Boards.
10. Support proposals that expedite and/or reduce barriers for family caregivers to obtain legal guardianship/conservatorship over a dependent adult family member and/or older adult family member receiving or applying for IHSS benefits.
11. Support proposals to provide State funding for Disaster Response Services for IHSS recipients when they are displaced or otherwise impacted by a disaster or severe weather-related emergency.
12. Support proposals that would include the confidentiality of Social Workers' personal information in the Department of Motor Vehicles' records for In-Home Supportive Services Social Workers.
13. Support proposals and funding for individuals who are in the process of applying or have the intent to apply for a U-Visa and/or Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petition with the United States Citizen and Immigrant Services (USCIS) to access critical support and benefits.

### **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, including proposals that provide funding for transportation services.

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 proposals such as the California Wandering Prevention Task Force, that develop strategies and interventions to prevent and reduce the risks and better protect the safety and well-being of individuals with cognitive impairments, including the reunification of 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.
19. Support proposals that improve the quality of life, such as livability needs, and delivery of services for older adults and people with disabilities.
20. Support proposals that provide funding for arts-based programs and services for older adults.
21. Support legislation, proposals, and funding to expand fall/injury prevention efforts and implement the National Falls-Free Initiative at the local level.
22. Support legislation, proposals, and funding to enhance the financial well-being of family caregivers.
23. Support proposals that expand eligibility for congregate meal programs to dependent adults, ages 18-60, with disabilities.

### **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, SUD 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 would: 1) increase funding for homeless assistance programs, including supportive housing, supportive services, employment services, and emergency services; 2) increase local flexibility over the use of homeless assistance funds; 3) simplify and reduce administrative requirements; 4) enhance data and client-level information sharing between local agencies that provide services to homeless individuals and families; and 5) distribute funds equitably based on relative need.
2. Support proposals which provide funding to meet the housing and related supportive service needs of special populations, including homeless, veterans, elderly, Native Americans, disabled, justice-involved individuals and those with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder.
3. Support State efforts to develop policies and identify resources, benefits, and services to prevent and work towards ending homelessness in California.
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 linked to housing resources 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 proposals to provide resources to create, rehabilitate, or subsidize housing for low and extremely low-income populations who are vulnerable to homelessness.
7. Support proposals that would authorize the use or sale of surplus or otherwise unneeded State property local governments or joint powers authorities to provide housing for persons or families experiencing homelessness.
8. Support proposals that would provide funding for rental assistance and legal aid to assist individuals and families who are at risk of becoming homeless.
9. Support proposals to exempt interim housing projects that serve homeless families and individuals, such as conversions of motels into supportive or transitional housing, newly constructed supportive housing projects and newly constructed emergency shelters, from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

10. Support proposals that would remove zoning restrictions and other barriers to by-right use of publicly owned and controlled property for shelters and supportive or affordable housing.
11. Support proposals to expand housing opportunities for people who are homeless or who are at-risk of becoming homeless, including eviction defense services, temporary rental assistance, and temporary mortgage forbearance.
12. Support proposals that would require a minimum allocation of State homelessness funding to be spent on services that meet the specific needs of unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness.
13. Oppose proposals that establish a separate joint powers authority with the County, City of Los Angeles or any other city within the County for purposes of funding housing to assist low-income households, exercise land use authority, oversee administration of County social services, acquire land through eminent domain and receive new state and federal funding.
14. Oppose legislation that seeks to weaken or remove the Housing First model for homeless services.
15. Support proposals that provide ongoing funding for housing and services for those experiencing homelessness with options for individuals with higher levels of care needs, such as Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) and Residential Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs).
16. Support proposals that increase funding to address Native American homelessness and increase Native American housing.
17. Support legislation that identifies population-specific funding for groups disproportionately impacted by 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 proposals that provide support, funding or flexibility for the expansion and maintenance of pedestrian and bicycle-oriented infrastructure such as crosswalks, pedestrian lighting, bicycle facilities, parklets and other pedestrian amenities, and traffic controls that promote safe and active transportation, consistent with traffic safety initiatives such as Vision Zero.
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 unincorporated Los Angeles County roadways.
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 replace the State's Congestion Management Program with current performance-based planning measures that 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, clean, 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. Supports the transition to a zero-emission transportation system, especially in goods movement;
  - c. Focuses on maintenance and transforming the current system of local streets and highways to attain a transportation network that is safe for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders;
  - d. Recognizes the critical importance of public transit systems and goods movement infrastructure to environmental sustainability and economic well-being;
  - e. 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;
  - f. Raises revenues through a package that utilizes multiple funding sources, including fuel taxes, license fees and registration fees; and
  - g. 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 and other active transportation 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 transit first policies and traffic safety programs, policies and initiatives, such as 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.
30. Support proposals that would promote active transportation that are inclusive of and accessible to all levels of physical ability, including promoting active transportation networks between jurisdictions.
31. Support proposals that would provide funding or other incentives to support the provision of low and no-cost transit passes for students, seniors, disabled persons, and low-income populations.
32. Support proposals that would provide funding or other assistance for the installation of bus-only lanes and signal prioritization for transit buses, including for the installation of full bus rapid transit infrastructure along priority corridors.
33. Support proposals that would equitably integrate emerging transportation technologies into existing transportation networks safely and in ways that reduce greenhouse gas emissions due to transportation.
34. Support proposals that allow the County to adopt a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) Transportation Plan to accommodate the operation of NEVs within the County's public right of way.
35. Support proposals that require transit providers to develop anti-harassment plans, to be considered and implemented as part of the agencies' planning, designing, and operating their systems.
36. Support State funding requests for congestion relief and climate resiliency projects along The Old Road in the Santa Clarita Valley.
37. Support proposals that would limit searches associated with traffic or pedestrian infractions (including, but not limited to, technical violations, equipment violations, proper lighting and broken taillights) for which there is not a strong causal connection to a collision.

## **12. UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **12.1 Energy**

1. Support proposals to expand renewable electric generation and supply in California to ensure energy resiliency.
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), 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: 1) open, transparent provisions of information about utility systems in local jurisdiction boundaries; 2) fair and economical pricing; timely and open negotiations; 3) favored nations clauses; 4) limits on length of franchise agreement terms; 5) sharing of information about other franchise deals; and 6) 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 medical device dependent 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 and Sustainability Plans that aim to reduce energy and water consumption, mobile source 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 and County decarbonization goals.
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.
21. Support proposals that would prohibit the State Water Resources Control Board from extending the operating permits of coastal power plants that use once-through cooling systems.
22. Support proposals that require additional reviews of public safety power shutoff programs (PSPS), including the need for proper notification and community to impacted communities, and which mandate additional mitigation measures as a requirement for continuation of a PSPS program including, but not limited to, the deployment of battery back-up systems, generator programs, additional community resource centers and other strategies to ensure the health and safety of County residents.
23. Support proposals that require electric investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to offer an allocation of certain electrical resources to other lead-serving entities (LSEs), specifically, community choice aggregators (CCAs) and electric service providers (ESPs) that serve departing lead customers who bear cost responsibility for those resources, including product attributes to comply with resource adequacy, Renewable Portfolio Standard program, and others.



24. Support proposals that require at least 40 percent of federal climate, clean energy and other infrastructure funds be allocated to benefit disadvantaged communities and an additional 10 percent of funds be allocated to benefit low-income communities and households.
25. Support proposals to expand renewable and emissions-free electric generation and supply in California.
26. Oppose proposals that restrict or inhibit local government's latitude to advance reach Codes.

### **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. Support proposals that would expand access to reliable, affordable, broadband nationwide, particularly for underserved communities, and that would bridge the digital divide by: 1) developing best practices for streamlining the permitting of high-

speed broadband internet infrastructure; 2) exploring public-private partnerships to incentivize private investment in broadband infrastructure in historically underserved and rural communities; 3) creating workforce development pipeline programs that identify career opportunities created by supporting the expansion of broadband, fiber, and related telecommunications infrastructure industries; and 4) utilizing innovative, short-term, and long-term strategies to provide free or low-cost high-speed internet and related devices to disadvantaged communities.

### **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 proposals that provide funding to local governments to convert overhead electrical lines to underground facilities or to expand criteria for qualification to include fire safety, reliability projects, or projects in disadvantaged communities.

### **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; 3) require the disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and other well stimulation treatments and 4) provide funding for supportive services, workforce development and other assistance that helps displaced fossil fuel workers' transition to the green economy or other industries that offer career pathways with family-sustaining wages.
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 (MHF) or require refineries in California to convert from MHF to safer alternatives.
  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.
  8. Support proposals to expedite the closure of natural gas facilities, accelerate permanent closure plans, and limit storage capacity of natural gas facilities.
  9. Support legislation that establishes statewide minimum setback distances for oil and gas operations, including drilling, from sensitive land uses provided that these requirements do not preempt local authority from establishing more productive measures.
  10. Support proposals to assess the condition, regulatory compliance, and potential safety risk of existing and orphaned or abandoned oil and gas facilities, and support proposals that would facilitate the clean-up or closure of abandoned or orphaned wells.
  11. Support legislation that strengthens the State's oversight and regulations pertaining to gas storage facilities, oil refineries, and gas/oil extraction.
  12. Support legislation that would phase out oil extraction and proposals that would support funding for site remediation/reuse for local governments that have already committed to the phase out of extraction.
  13. Support proposals to fund and support health and safety protections, including continuous air monitoring programs near oil and gas operations.

**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.
15. Support proposals that address misleading cannabis advertising and unsubstantiated health benefit claims from cannabis companies, including but not limited to positive mental health impacts.
16. Support or pursue legislation that would: 1) provide standing to County Counsel to civilly prosecute and enjoin water theft; 2) provide additional enforcement authority for water theft and/or misuse in declared drought emergencies; 3) authorize County Counsel to civilly prosecute and enjoin water pollution from cannabis cultivation; 4) address potential loopholes or exploitation by illegal cannabis growers and pursue increasing local government controls over illegal cannabis and unregistered hemp crops; and/or 5) authorize an alternative means of service of process for commercial cannabis businesses when their business entity status is form unknown.
17. Support proposals that support the establishment of a safer cannabis market, including promoting access to banking and financial resources, safer cannabis products and businesses, and increased resources for local public health, equity and consumer protection programs.

#### **14. RACIAL EQUITY AND JUSTICE**

1. Support proposals that would address, correct and/or remedy past public policy which produced or sustained racial inequity.
2. Support proposals that affirmatively advance and/or provide resources to promote racial equity.
3. Support proposals to broaden the scope of authority of the state's Racial Equity Commission to ensure state agencies, departments, and offices develop and implement racial equity action plans and align their policies, procedures, budgets, and services with the Commission's Racial Equity Framework, and develop monitoring and accountability mechanisms to track progress.
4. Support proposals that would establish a State Office of Racial Equity.
5. Support proposals to conduct and/or fund Racial Impact Assessments.
6. Support proposals to establish The California African American Freedmen Affairs Agency.
7. Support proposals to address the wrongful taking of property owned by BIPOC Residents.