



**County of San Diego
SPONSORSHIP PROPOSALS
2021 Legislative Program**

STATE SPONSORSHIP PROPOSALS

I. Land Use and Environment

A. Regional Housing Needs Assessment Contribution

Seek a change in state law that would allow affordable housing produced within an incorporated city when funding is provided by the County and/or built on County-owned properties and land to count toward the County's regional housing needs assessment contribution.

II. Public Safety

A. Authority for Probation to Reduce Institutional and Facility Population During a State or National Emergency

Seek a change in state law that would allow the Chief Probation Officer to reduce its institutional and facility populations during a state or national emergency.

III. Health and Human Services

A. Adult Protective Services Information Sharing to Prosecute Elder Abuse or Neglect

Seek a change in law that would allow Adult Protective Services to share information with the City Attorney's Office for the purpose of prosecuting elder abuse cases, as well as clarify the list of law enforcement agencies to allow the FBI access to information in cases they have jurisdiction, such as in national or international elder abuse scams.

FEDERAL SPONSORSHIP PROPOSALS

I. Health and Human Services

A. Refugee Impact Grant Program (Board Directed)

Seek to establish a grant that would provide funding or appropriate funding from an existing federal discretionary grant to provide assistance to government agencies and community organizations in San Diego County heavily impacted by Iraqi refugees.

B. Refugee Services: Results Based Contracting (Board Directed)

Seek a change in federal procedure that would require the federal government to adopt outcome or results based contracting practices with the organizations they fund to provide refugee services.



**County of San Diego
PRIORITY ISSUES
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The County of San Diego will actively engage in legislation in the following areas at the state and federal level to ensure such legislation benefits County operations and the clients, customers, and constituents we serve.

The County of San Diego will actively pursue all available funding to lift up and invest in our communities to ensure the San Diego region receives its fair share.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The San Diego region needs more affordable housing. The demand for new affordable housing is greater than the number of units developed, and available housing is beyond the reach of many families to buy or rent. Reports continue to show that housing in San Diego County is among the most expensive in the nation and economic conditions have significantly impacted those that are most in need of affordable housing solutions.

The County of San Diego and cities in the region operate a number of programs to provide and develop affordable housing. These programs offer rental assistance, affordable housing opportunities for renters, financial assistance for first-time homebuyers, and resources for persons experiencing homelessness. The County will engage in efforts to increase the number of rental assistance vouchers available and enhance funding for rental assistance vouchers that support low-income and other vulnerable populations. The County will also work with local municipalities, community partners, the State, and the Federal Government to ensure legislation supports the creation of affordable housing in our region.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provides services under three major categories: Alcohol and Drug Services, Inpatient Health Services, and Outpatient Mental Health Services. BHS provides a continuum of services for children, youth, families, adults, and older adults. BHS promotes recovery and well-being through prevention, treatment, and intervention, as well as integrated services for clients experiencing co-occurring mental illness and alcohol or substance use issues. For clients and patients who require a hospital setting, inpatient health services are offered at the San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital, Edgemoor Distinct Part Skilled Nursing facility, and other contracted facilities.

In San Diego County, the Behavioral Health Continuum of Care (Continuum of Care) has brought together diverse stakeholders, including justice partners, hospitals, community health centers, and other community-based providers, to create data-driven system-wide changes to help ensure

individuals can quickly access behavioral health services to meet their immediate needs, and support their long-term journey to recovery. The vision of the Continuum of Care is: *to achieve a transformational shift from a model of care driven by crises, to one driven by chronic or continuous care and prevention through the regional distribution and coordination of resources to keep people connected, stable, and healthy.*

The County of San Diego will pursue funding opportunities to support the vision of the Continuum of Care and engage in legislation that promotes a robust Behavioral Health system of care for the San Diego region.

In addition, a critical component of providing Behavioral Health Services is the decriminalization of behavioral health. The County will actively engage in legislation that creates a supportive system of care for those with mental illness and substance use disorders.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The County of San Diego will work with regional partners to advance efforts to reduce the impacts of Climate Change in San Diego County, including achieving zero carbon emissions by 2035. These efforts include, but are not limited to, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, programs and policies that prioritize environmental justice and equity, and preservation of natural ecosystems to function for carbon sequestration. The County will also focus on additional key areas:

- Wildfires
 - Due to the history of catastrophic wildfires in the region, the County of San Diego has continued to target reducing the risk of wildfires by improving local policies and codes and implementing innovative programs to help residents prepare for the next disaster. Wildfires are naturally occurring within the San Diego region and need to be managed as such. Climate change is making the wildfires in our region more destructive and more frequent, such that the fire season is nearly year-round. The County employs a comprehensive approach to fire protection, which includes areas of focus such as fire suppression (expanding coverage and purchasing equipment), fire and building codes, defensible space, land use planning, and community engagement through education and outreach. The County will engage in legislation and administrative action that address habitat management and restoration; the removal of dead, dying, and diseased trees; reduces community wildfire risk and/or strengthens community resiliency following a major wildfire; adopts land use changes to avoid building in high wildfire-prone areas; and addresses post-fire flood mitigation issues.
- Water Quality
 - Under the Beach and Bay Water Quality Monitoring Program, the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health and Quality performs beach water quality sampling. When poor water quality is identified, the public is notified through a number of different outlets, including social media, a website, telephone hotline, press releases, and posted signs on affected beaches. Warnings of contaminated water are provided to the public at beaches impacted by sewage spills when monitoring indicates bacteria levels exceed state health standards, or during other events that may pose an imminent threat to public health. Additionally, as an international border county, local beaches in the South Bay may also be impacted by cross-border sewage flows, making binational and regional coordination and responsiveness to potential beach water quality impacts essential for public health protection. Funding to support local beach water quality monitoring and

information-sharing is beneficial for public health authorities in the border region. The County will engage in legislation to support increased funding for beach water testing efforts, improved scientific methods for testing, and additional programs that may benefit the 70 miles of coastline beaches in San Diego County. The County should also engage legislatively in reducing upstream risks to water quality, including the repair and improvement of stormwater infrastructure and the preservation and restoration of riparian habitat.

- Habitat
 - There currently are more than 60 species in San Diego County listed as rare, threatened or endangered by the State and federal governments, and there are more species of concern in San Diego than in any other county in the continental United States. The implementation of multi-species Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs), as well as Natural Community Conservation Plans (NCCPs), is critical to our conservation measures. The County will engage in legislation and pursue funding that protects habitats and species of concern across the region and increases the adoption of local native plants in public and private landscaping.
- Environmental Justice and Protection
 - Environmental justice is defined as the equal protection and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Historically, those most impacted by the effects of climate change, pollution and other environmental issues have come from low-income communities and communities of color, despite having contributed the least to climate change and pollution. The County will engage in legislation and pursue funding for efforts to mitigate and reverse the impacts of climate change on all communities with an urgent focus on low-income communities and communities of color that bear some of the greatest effects of climate change to ensure a healthy environment for all to live, learn, and work in.

DATA INFRASTRUCTURE

Data is essential to shaping public policy that is equitable, impactful, and appropriate. The County of San Diego interfaces with many data portals to administer programs funded by the State and Federal Government. The County will advocate that the data systems are interconnected and accurate and support legislation that provides funding and capability to enhance our own data efforts. Additionally, the County will advocate for, and support, legislation that removes barriers to data sharing between various programs and systems for the purposes of providing person-centered case management and support.

ENSURING SAFE COMMUNITIES

One of the most important roles of local government is ensuring the safety of the public. It is critical to keep all members of our community protected from crime and abuse. The aim of the County of San Diego is to advocate for policies that create a system that is equitable, fair, and just. It is vital not only that crime rates remain low, but that the community feels safe where they live, work, and play; and that includes fostering trust with members of the law enforcement community. Equally important is the County must have appropriate resources to respond to disasters and emergencies.

The County of San Diego will engage in legislation that protects the safety of those in our community; provides necessary resources to our justice partners to provide training and rehabilitative programming; and provides services and supports to victims of crime, disasters, and emergencies.

The County of San Diego will also support state and federal legislation that furthers gun reforms related to background checks for firearm purchases, budgetary commitments to invest in the communities most impacted by everyday gun violence, and/or new oversight and accountability measures for the gun industry.

EQUITY AND JUSTICE

Systemic racism and racial inequities have been ongoing and sustained over time, and the County of San Diego must recognize and act on these deep-seeded problems. This forced many difficult and necessary conversations around equity and racial justice within the County organization and to the people we serve. In 2020, there were steps to address disparities with the creation of the San Diego County Human Relations Commission and with the establishment of a new Office of Equity and Racial Justice. These entities will identify systemic bias within the County organization and will promote respect and integrity for all individuals. The County will engage in efforts that highlight and advance actions that address systemic racism and racial inequities to root out disparities and create a more just and equitable region. The County of San Diego will engage in legislation that will strengthen community and law enforcement relationships and funding for programs designed to enhance transparency and foster positive interactions with law enforcement.

HOMELESSNESS

The County administers or delivers health and social services to the homeless in all incorporated cities as well as the unincorporated areas of the county. The County also secures, subject to available resources, housing and care coordination for homeless residents. Funds for these services come primarily from the federal and state governments, although County general funds are also contributed. The County takes the lead where appropriate to secure federal and state resources and also works collaboratively with the non-profit community and participating cities in the completion of competitive grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and state and federal agencies for funds that would assist families and people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

Homelessness touches more than housing and social services. The operations of County Parks, Public Works, Public Safety, and others are impacted by homelessness. By advocating for funding and appropriate programming and needed housing, not only will those clients experiencing homelessness be given the services they need, but the operations of the County will be able to focus their resources appropriately.

The County will engage in legislation at the state and federal level that provides necessary funding, programs, and support services for those experiencing and those at risk of homelessness. This legislation should be flexible to administer in order to meet the specific needs of our region and funding should be at a level commensurate with the need.

PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND COVID-19

In February 2020, the County of San Diego declared a state of emergency due to a novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The virus spread rapidly across the globe, resulting in the World Health Organization declaring COVID-19 a pandemic in March 2020.

As with other areas throughout the nation, there is widespread community transmission of COVID-19 in San Diego County. The County has made significant efforts to mitigate the spread of the virus through testing, contact tracing and treatment, and by acquiring and providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to first responders and healthcare workers on the frontlines. Additionally, now that an approved vaccine is available, the County is expanding its efforts to vaccinate the public. Maintaining sufficient levels of PPE and testing materials along with supply of the vaccine and appropriate staffing to administer the vaccine will be critical to overcoming this pandemic.

Pandemics are a rare event, as such there is a need for further state and federal action and resources to allow our County to prepare for and respond to the next pandemic or infectious disease that will impact our County. These include, but are not limited to: legislation that would allow for the administrative or temporary suspension of state and/or federal regulations that inhibit a region's ability to respond to a pandemic; legislation that provides resources or funding to proactively plan and prepare and respond to a future pandemic by acquiring appropriate levels of PPE, testing supplies and materials, and/or vaccine supplies; legislation that allows flexibility of existing funding streams and disaster specific funding streams to meet the needs of our region; legislation that allows for flexibility of revenue backfills to County programs; legislation or administrative action to allow flexibility to adapt policies to continue to provide critical services.

The County of San Diego will engage in legislation introduced at the State and Federal level in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that will allow the County to adequately continue to respond to COVID-19, including but not limited to additional funds for response and economic recovery efforts. The County will also engage in legislation that bolsters public health infrastructure across all levels of government to adequately prepare for and respond to a future pandemic.

TRANSPORTATION

Improving the transportation network throughout San Diego, while maintaining environmental quality is a high priority for the County of San Diego. The County has seen an increased demand placed on the region's transportation system, which requires balancing the need for road maintenance projects and transit infrastructure to alleviate traffic congestion, environmental impacts, and the degradation of existing roadways. Additionally, increasing zero and low carbon transportation options is an important component for the future of transportation and mobility in the region as they improve fuel economy, lower fuel costs, and reduce emissions. The County will pursue funding opportunities and engage in legislation that provides the necessary resources for our region to maintain and/or improve its transportation network, along with efforts to reduce emissions through green technology.



**County of San Diego
POLICY GUIDELINES
2021 Legislative Program**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Work collaboratively with cities, the state, tribal nations, and binationally with the City of Tijuana, Baja California Norte, and the Country of México.
- Protect the fiscal integrity of the County by stabilizing local government financing to increase funding to local agencies in an equitable manner.
- Ensure equity, transparency, and access for all residents.
- Provide a system/continuum of care that is operationally feasible for the County and benefits the residents of our region.
- Streamline eligibility processes for state and federal programs that will assist with timely processing and ensure benefits get to the clients who need them.
- Support an equitable allocation and distribution of state and federal funding that allows for flexibility and the participation of all jurisdictions throughout California, including San Diego.
- Ensure equitable access to goods or services focused on providing needed resources and programs to underserved communities.
- Support the reauthorization of federal bills that benefit the county including, but not limited to, infrastructure, transportation, the Farm Bill (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the Older Americans Act, the Endangered Species Act and/or the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009.
- Pursue sustainable grant funding at the state and federal level.
- Support a community-based approach to public safety.

POLICY GUIDELINES

I. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Support legislation that allows local, state, or federal governments to streamline operations and business efficiency.
2. Support legislation that includes an equitable allocation and distribution of state and federal funding.
3. Support legislation that recognizes the unique characteristics of border areas and the needs for related infrastructure such as ports and ports of entry, transportation related to goods movement, and air and water quality improvements related to cross border pollution.
4. Support legislation and administrative actions that provides consistency between California code of regulations and state statutes.
5. Support legislation that would eliminate financial and service level maintenance-of-effort requirements.
6. Support full funding of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program.
7. Support legislation that backfills counties' revenue losses and allows for flexibility of revenue backfills to County programs.
8. Support legislation that improves cross-system integration of funding sources.

A. Equity

1. Support legislation that would strengthen protections and remedies against employment discrimination.
2. Support legislation that would have a positive impact on equity for all.

B. Disaster

1. Support legislation that would provide flexibility and/or increased funding to the San Diego region to prepare, respond, and recover from a disaster or emergency.
2. Support legislation that ensures continued funding for local jurisdictions for emergency planning, training, drills, and response and recovery activities until all spent fuel is removed from the site of the decommissioned San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.
3. Support legislation that would remove and relocate outside of the San Diego region the spent nuclear fuel stored at the decommissioned San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

C. Economic and Workforce Development

1. Support legislation that would ensure availability and access to job training, education, and other services needed by individuals to assist them in obtaining, retaining, and advancing in employment to their maximum capacity.
2. Support legislation that facilitates the State's engagement with federal small business technical assistance grants.
3. Support legislation that would provide financial incentives and opportunities for films produced in San Diego County.

D. Registrar of Voters

1. Support legislation that promotes a fair, equitable, and engaged voting process.
2. Support legislation that improves or enhances the County of San Diego's ability to send all voters a mail ballot.

E. Broadband

1. Support legislation to improve broadband accessibility and affordability in San Diego County and throughout California.

F. Employee and Labor Relations

1. Support full cost recovery for salary, benefits, and administration for all employee relationships.
2. Support legislative and administrative actions that provide adequate training and safety measures to County employees who administer programs.

G. Liability

1. Engage in legislation that protects the County from liability.

H. Local Public Meeting Procedure

1. Support legislation that would improve access to telephonic or remote participation in public meetings and policy making processes.

I. Military and Veterans Affairs

1. Support legislation that would provide adequate funding to the County of San Diego for programs targeted to San Diego County's military and veteran populations.
2. Support legislation that would ensure that appropriate benefits and services are provided to eligible military, veterans, and their dependents.

J. Project Delivery Authority

1. Support legislation that gives local governments and agencies greater flexibility to use alternative delivery methods for construction projects.

K. Supporting Working Families

1. Support legislation that promotes living wage jobs with good benefits.
2. Support legislation that protects the right for workers to organize.
3. Support legislation that provides strong workplace safety standards.

II. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

A. Behavioral Health

1. Support legislation that promotes funding flexibility in categorical funding for behavioral health services, including in the allocation of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds and realignment funds, to be responsive to data-informed needs.
2. Support efforts to increase accessibility and funding for quality substance use and/or mental health services for children, adults, and families.
3. Support legislation that supports the expansion of Medi-Cal reimbursement for behavioral health services.
4. Support legislation to provide Institutions for Mental Disease appropriate reimbursement rates.
5. Support legislation that would provide additional funding and resources to caregivers.

B. Child Care and Development

1. Support measures that enhance the overall quality, affordability, capacity, accessibility, and safety of early care and education (childcare development) programs.

C. Children and Youth

1. Support legislation that increases and supports appropriate temporary shelter care, short- and long-term placements, services, and resource options for children, non-minor dependents, and former foster youth of or at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
2. Support legislation that increases services and resources for caregivers of children, non-minor dependents, and former foster youth who are victims of or at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

D. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

1. Support legislation and administrative actions to provide funding and policies to improve the EMS/trauma/specialty care systems and emergency department facilities.

E. First 5 Commission

1. Support legislation that is consistent with the principles of First 5 San Diego and furthers the support and improvement of the early care and education system and school readiness throughout the county.

F. Issues Affecting Older Adults

1. Support efforts to increase resources and services available to vulnerable adults who are unable to live independently, or are victims of, or are at risk of abuse or neglect, and the individuals who provide them with care.
2. Support legislation that promotes the sustainability of the In-Home Supportive Services Program through programmatic changes and appropriate cost sharing mechanisms between the State and counties.
3. Support legislation that would prohibit the Department of Motor Vehicles from releasing, with minor exceptions, the addresses and personal information of County employees who perform investigations in their personal vehicles.
4. Engage in efforts that would support programs to assist older adults to age where they choose, including but not limited to transportation access, housing retrofit, building assisted living support, access to technology, and end of life care.
5. Engage in legislation that builds a care delivery system that provides effective, reliable, high-quality, and efficient services to frail, older adult residents who are living with a serious illness and/or disability.
6. Support legislation or administrative actions and funding for a Memory Care Unit at the Veterans Home of California in Chula Vista.

G. Maternal Child Health

1. Support legislation that would provide equitable funding in the Title V allocation to California.
2. Support legislation that would aid in the implementation of evidenced-based care coordination practices and systems for the whole child within California Children's Services.
3. Support legislation that would maintain or enhance appropriation of State General Fund to Maternal Child Health programs.

H. Medi-Cal

1. Engage in legislation and administrative actions that provides for a Medi-Cal Managed Care System that provides recipients in San Diego County the highest level of care in the least restrictive environment.
2. Engage in Medicaid Waiver applications and/or renewals that improve and build upon San Diego County programs and services.

I. Health Access

1. Support legislation that would expand access to, and provide adequate funding for, health coverage for the uninsured.
2. Support legislation that would simplify the administration of, application for, and enrollment and eligibility processes for health coverage programs.

J. Public Health

1. Engage in legislation to ensure Health Equity is a prioritized component of health-related policy.
2. Support legislation that would increase state and federal funding to support public health services, including communicable disease control and prevention activities, and local public health surveillance activities.
3. Support legislation and administrative actions that restrict the sales of flavored tobacco products.
4. Support legislation that encourages the immunization of children, especially those within communities with low immunization rates.
5. County will identify, prioritize, and advocate for sexual and reproductive health care funding, programs and services that increase access in the region.

K. Edgemoor

1. Engage in legislation that would provide funding and/or streamline regulations for Edgemoor.

L. 2-1-1 Services

1. Support legislation that would provide funding to assist in ongoing operation of a 2-1-1 referral system.

III. PLANNING AND LAND USE

A. General Plans and Land Use Planning

1. Support efforts to simplify, streamline, and improve land use planning, activities, and matters.
2. Protect local control over land-use decisions and flexibility over resources when it makes sense to maintain community character and does not limit housing options for the region. *(For example: protecting local input into the siting of wireless cell towers)*

B. Cooperation with Tribal Governments

1. Support legislation that recognizes tribal sovereignty and encourages mutually respectful relationships between tribal and local governments.

C. Regional Growth Management

1. Support legislation and funding that would ensure or promote socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable regional growth strategies and management.

IV. PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Animal Services

1. Engage in legislation that protects the general welfare and safety of animals.
2. Support legislation that would promote the spaying or neutering and/or microchip identification of animals.

B. Child Support Services

1. Support legislation, budget, or administrative action to adequately fund child support services.
2. Support legislation that promotes flexibility, efficiency, and modernization within the child support program.

C. Justice Programs

1. Support legislation that would provide sufficient and sustainable funding from the state and federal governments to expand and maintain offender diversion and reentry collaborative programming, including behavioral health treatment services, service navigation, and housing support for criminal justice offenders with substance use, mental health or co-occurring disorders reentering California communities.
2. Support funding for programs that divert individuals from the criminal justice system.
3. Support efforts to decriminalize behavioral health.

4. Engage in legislation that provides resources and/or support to victims of crime.

D. Immigrant Services

1. Support legislation that would increase access to legal counsel for Immigrants and Refugees.

E. Gun Reform

1. Support legislation that furthers gun reforms related to background checks for firearm purchases, budgetary commitments to invest in the communities most impacted by everyday gun violence, and/or new oversight and accountability measures for the gun industry.

V. RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

A. Agricultural Services

1. Pest, Disease, and Weed Management
 - a. Support continued or increased funding for pest, disease and weed management, including research, regulatory pest exclusion, detection and eradication activities, and outreach to detect and limit the spread of invasive pests and weeds.
 - b. Support legislation that would simplify, streamline, and improve pest, disease and weed management, including improved coordination between federal, state and county programs.
2. Pesticide Regulation
 - a. Support continued or increased funding for pesticide regulation activities, including education, outreach, compliance assessment activities and data entry.
 - b. Support efforts to improve, simplify and streamline pesticide regulation activities, and enforcement.
3. Agricultural Standards: Direct Marketing, Organic, Standardization and Eggs
 - a. Support continued or increased funding for regulatory, enforcement, and other activities related to agricultural standards programs that protect consumers and promote equity and quality in the marketplace.
 - b. Support legislation to improve, simplify and streamline regulatory, enforcement, and other activities related to agricultural standards programs that protect consumers and promote equity and quality in the marketplace.
4. Bees
 - a. Support legislation and funding for regulatory and other activities related to the protection of bees and the beekeeping industry.

B. Energy

1. Support efforts to achieve 100% renewable energy and a rapid transition of fuels toward electric and other low-carbon fuel sources.

C. Environmental Health

1. Support legislation and funding that would improve, streamline and simplify waste management, including but not limited to hazardous, medical and universal waste, to ensure proper handling, emergency readiness, and the protection of natural resources and the public.
2. Support legislation and funding that would modernize, simplify, and streamline local beach water quality monitoring.
3. Support efforts to improve, streamline and simplify the California Retail Food Code and related food safety law to protect the public, provide flexibility to food facilities without compromising public health, and ensure effective regulation at the state and local level.
4. Support legislation that would improve health and safety at public spas and swimming pools and increase pool operator knowledge.
5. Support legislation that would improve health and safety at body art facilities.
6. Support legislation that would improve the County's ability to limit re-occupancy of a residence that has been determined to have been used in the manufacture of Methamphetamine or Fentanyl until such time as the property owner has performed the necessary clean-up and mitigation for hazardous byproducts.
7. Support legislation that would encourage accessibility to and promote the advantages of fishermen's markets and local fresh caught seafood.
8. Support legislation that would provide full cost recovery for local radiation health protection programs conducted under contract to assist the State.
9. Support legislation that provides funding for environmental reporting information systems and funding for the information exchange requirements or modifications that require local data systems to be modified to connect and transmit information to state's data systems.
10. Support state and federal funding and efforts to address and eliminate untreated sewage, trash, and sediment that originates from across the U.S.- Mexico border.
11. Support legislation that would provide funding for surveillance, control, or outreach to limit the spread of the invasive Aedes mosquitoes which are capable of transmitting diseases, such as Zika, dengue and chikungunya.
12. Support legislation that promotes training and funding for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery as it relates to hazardous waste identification, collection, and disposal assistance to local agencies.

13. Support legislation that directs increased State Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment testing of fish for the presence of contaminants in coastal and inland waterbodies and/or provides funding for local public notification when fish consumption is not safe.

D. Historical and Cultural Preservation

1. Support legislation and funding for the preservation of historical and cultural resources.

E. Land and Water Conservation Fund

1. Support continued or increased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, including increases to the state and local share of funding.

F. Offshore Oil Drilling – Outer Continental Shelf

1. Oppose offshore oil drilling and/or efforts that would allow offshore drilling off the coast of California.
2. Support legislation and/or administrative action that provides for petroleum-based monitoring of offshore oil drilling.

G. Parks and Recreation

1. Support legislation and funding that would promote and protect outdoor recreation, including but not limited to the development and maintenance of parks, construction of recreational facilities, implementation of recreation programming, and the preservation and restoration of natural resources.
2. Support legislation that would expand the list of advisory panels established by the San Diego River Conservancy to administer the San Diego Rivers Watershed Consortium Program to include those watersheds not previously included.

H. Water Availability and Resources

1. Support legislation and funding that would improve affordability, availability and reliability of water, potable reuse, and/or protect water resources in the region and throughout California.
2. Support legislation and funding for drought mitigation and response that would ensure flexible and effective implementation at the local level, if applicable.

I. Watershed Planning and Water Quality Management

1. Support legislation that would provide funding for drainage improvement, flood control and hazard mitigation projects, green stormwater infrastructure, and related programs to protect life and property from the impacts of flooding.
2. Engage in legislation and administrative actions that ensure water quality is protected, and that federal, state, and local regulations, requirements, and policies are aligned.

J. Wildlife Preservation – Habitat Protection

1. Support legislation and funding for preservation, conservation, and restoration efforts, including but not limited to land management, monitoring, and maintenance activities, that protect biological and wildlife resources.
2. Support efforts to develop, implement, and fund mitigation plans and/or projects to address the trash and debris flowing downstream into the Tijuana River Valley.

VI. TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

A. Airports

1. Support legislation and funding for airport and aviation programs that promote safe, secure, and, efficient airport operations, air traffic control and aircraft piloting.

B. Regional Wastewater System Improvements

1. Support legislation and funding to improve, streamline, and simplify local wastewater systems, programs, projects, and related wastewater management activities.

C. Solid Waste

1. Support legislation and funding to improve, streamline, and simplify solid waste planning, disposal, diversion, and recycling activities.

D. Streambed Alteration Permits – Public Projects

1. Support legislation that would improve, streamline, and simplify the streambed alteration permit process.

E. Transportation

1. Support legislation to improve, streamline, and simplify local transportation planning, projects, and related activities, such as maintenance, rehabilitation and new construction.
2. Support legislation that provides flexible, sufficient, and equitable state or federal transportation funding, without affecting funding sources of other county projects, and/or protects existing state, federal and local transportation funding.
3. Support State efforts to prevent suicides on the Coronado bridge, as well as measures to address issues of speeding, debris, guardrails, and wrong-way accidents.