



**County of San Diego  
SPONSORSHIP PROPOSALS  
2022 Legislative Program**

**STATE SPONSORSHIP PROPOSALS**

**I. Health and Human Services**

**A. Mobile Pharmacy**

Seek a change in law that would allow for a mobile pharmacy to dispense medications to vulnerable populations, such as the homeless, and those who lack transportation and financial means to obtain medications from fixed pharmacy locations.

**B. Behavioral Health Hub Flexibilities**

Seek changes in law that would provide flexibilities in the review, approval of plans, permits, certificates of occupancy, licensing, and/or construction of behavioral health facilities, including, but not limited to, exemptions under the California Environmental Quality Act.

**FEDERAL SPONSORSHIP PROPOSALS**

**I. Health and Human Services**

**A. Title IV-E Eligibility Criteria**

Seek a change in federal procedure to means-test Title IV-E funding, which would increase the federal income threshold to 2021 income averages, thereby increasing the number of Child Welfare Services children eligible for Title IV-E funding.

**B. Continuum of Care Waiver**

Seek a change in federal law that would make permanent the temporary waivers put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency for the Continuum of Care program to streamline and better serve individuals experiencing homelessness.

**C. Emergency Solutions Grant Waiver**

Seek a change in federal law that would make permanent the temporary waivers put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency for the Emergency Solutions Grant program, which will continue to alleviate administrative burdens and help expedite locating housing for those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.



**County of San Diego  
PRIORITY ISSUES  
2022 Legislative Program**

**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. As the County works to increase the net housing supply in the region, it will also pursue reforms that will allow for fairer allocation of the State's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) credits.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

The County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services (BHS) department provides mental health and substance use disorder services to residents of San Diego County of all ages through cross-sectoral collaboration and coordinated systems of care, which include prevention, treatment, residential, long-term care, and support services.

BHS serves the region in four distinct domains. The work in each of these domains is guided by a broad vision of a behavioral health system characterized by upstream prevention and continuous care, rather than perpetual crisis, and is rooted in a regionally distributed and coordinated model that is data-driven and culturally responsive. The County will pursue opportunities to support legislation that advances this framework for behavioral health services.

## **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, support of local food system resiliency, 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 seek all funding and infrastructure improvement opportunities for the Tijuana River Valley. Additionally, 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 region also has an aging stormwater infrastructure system which makes us vulnerable to floods, water pollution, and exposure to toxins. Substantially more funding is needed, particularly in the area of green infrastructure and restoration opportunities. The County should also engage in legislation and pursue funding to reduce 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. Climate justice acknowledges that climate change can have differing social, economic, public health, and other adverse impacts on underserved populations. Historically, those most impacted by the effects of climate change, pollution, and other environmental issues have come from underserved, low-income communities, and communities of color. The County will engage in legislation and pursue funding that supports the County's Office of Environmental and Climate Justice as they work to collaborate amongst all County departments, the Air Pollution Control District, other jurisdictions, and community stakeholders in order to set measurable goals to reduce air pollution emissions and exposure to toxic and hazardous waste in underserved communities to support more equitable, healthier communities. 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.
  
- Food Systems
  - A food system includes all processes and infrastructure in place to feed a population; from all the inputs that are necessary to grow food, to the management of wasted food, and everything in between: production, manufacturing and processing, storage and distribution, consumption, and disposal of food and food-related products. The County will support legislation and pursue funding for initiatives and efforts to support access to healthy, local, and affordable food, climate-smart and resilient agriculture, nutrition assistance and education, and wasted food prevention and recovery to ensure a safe, equitable, and sustainable food system for the San Diego region.

## **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.

## **EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION**

Pregnant women and children ages birth to five years of age are two of the most vulnerable populations in San Diego County. The prenatal period creates the foundation of a child's future healthy development. Research has shown us that the rapid brain development that occurs in the first five years of life make these years the most critical and formative in a child's life. Ensuring the healthy development and overall well-being for all children throughout the County is critical. Prioritizing and improving upon the existing systems to support the wellbeing of young children and their families is critical. The County, working along with the local First 5 and state and federal governments, will advocate for and leverage the resources that are available to support pregnant women and children birth to five years of age. Additionally, the County will support and advocate for legislation that supports building a stronger early care and education system.

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 Early Care and Education system of care for the San Diego region.

## **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.

- Disasters and Emergencies
  - The County of San Diego will support legislation and efforts to ensure all-hazard preparation, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery to foster safe, strong, and capable communities.
- 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.
  - 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 reforms related to reducing gun violence, including 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. The County will engage in legislation and/or actions that dismantle barriers encountered by underserved communities, people of color, and vulnerable populations in all aspects of life including, but not limited to, healthcare, justice reform, the criminalization of marijuana and the war on drugs, housing, economic development, and wealth generation.

## **HOMELESSNESS**

The County of San Diego administers or delivers a range of health and social services to people experiencing homelessness in both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county. The County also secures, subject to available resources, housing and care coordination for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. 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 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 advocating for funding and appropriate programming and needed housing, not only will people be given the services they need, but County operations will be able to focus resources appropriately.

The County will engage in legislation at the state and federal level that provides necessary funding, programs, and support services for people experiencing or 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.

## **OLDER ADULTS**

The San Diego region is home to nearly 700,000 individuals over the age of 60, and by 2030, that number will be more than 800,000. San Diego County's over-60 population is projected to diversify and grow faster than any other age group, thus it is crucial the needs of the region's older adults are taken into account as we plan for the future. The County of San Diego has adopted an Aging Roadmap as the regional plan to ensure that the region has programs and communities that equitably support the needs and celebrate the contributions of all older adults in the San Diego region. The Aging Roadmap identifies specific goals and action steps in ten priority areas: Health and Community Support, Housing, Social Participation, Transportation, Dementia-Friendly, Caregiver Support, Safety, Preparedness and Response, the Silver Economy, and Medical and Social Services.

The County of San Diego will pursue funding opportunities to support the vision of the Aging

Roadmap and engage in legislation that promotes a robust system of support for the aging population in San Diego County.

### **PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND COVID-19**

The County of San Diego has made significant efforts to reduce and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 through a widespread effort to vaccinate all eligible residents, testing, contact tracing and treatment, and by acquiring and providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to first responders and healthcare workers.

Pandemics are a rare event, however, there will continue to be a need for 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.

In addition, 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, as well as resources and efforts to combat health misinformation that undermines our pandemic response and poses a threat to public health. 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, and increases multi-modal transportation opportunities in the unincorporated area.

### **VETERANS**

San Diego County is home to one of the largest concentrations of military personnel in the nation, and it's estimated more than one-third of County residents are connected to the military in some fashion as active duty, veterans, or family members. The County's Office of Military and Veterans

Affairs assists active-duty military, veterans, and their dependents and survivors to obtain federal and state benefits that they are entitled to receive. It also supports the provision of services and supports to the families of active military members in San Diego County. We are also a diverse and dynamic border community with a history enriched by immigrants from many countries and backgrounds. The County will support legislation that fosters the return and naturalization of deported service members that served in our armed forces and military. The County values and honors the service and sacrifice of those that serve in our armed forces, and pursuant to these values, the County will engage in legislation to support our military and veteran community. This includes adequate funding for programs, and appropriate benefits and services for active duty military, veterans, and their dependents.



**County of San Diego  
POLICY GUIDELINES  
2022 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 and vulnerable populations.
- 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 and/or efforts that recognize 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 provide consistency between the 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.
9. Support efforts to increase transparency in civilian oversight of law enforcement meetings and investigations. (For example: by permitting public case review discussion and allowing documents and information related to investigations of civilian complaints of misconduct, deaths, and other specified incidents under oversight entity jurisdiction to be made public)

#### 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, mitigate, respond, and recover from a wildfire, disaster, or emergency.
2. Support legislation that ensures continued funding for local jurisdictions for emergency planning, training, drills, mitigation, 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 increase access to wealth and/or improved living standards that promotes and sustains diversity, innovation, competition, and entrepreneurship.
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.

**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.
2. Support legislation and/or actions that improves civil discourse in the governance of open public meetings.

**I. Project Delivery Authority**

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

**J. 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.

**K. Immigrant Services**

1. Support legislation and/or efforts that provide federally funded immigration solutions and coordination that ensure safe and appropriate shelter and care for families and unaccompanied children, and to minimize health risks to those entering and exiting federal custody.
2. Support legislation that would increase access to legal counsel for Immigrants and Refugees.

**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, youth, 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 promotes the integration of and parity between mental health substance use disorder, and physical health care services, and the provision of care coordination services to support seamless care throughout a person's lifetime.
6. Support for legislation and/or efforts to create an appropriate level of service(s) for substance use disorders along the continuum of crisis to long term managements, especially focused on methamphetamine intoxication.

**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 reduces the impact of trauma to children by promoting primary prevention through nurturing relationships and environments, building up protective factors in families, and creating equitable pathways to wellness.
2. 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.
3. 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. 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.

**E. Issues Affecting Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities**

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, 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 and adults 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.

**F. 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 evidence-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.

**G. 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.

**H. 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.

**I. 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.

**J. Edgemoor**

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

**K. 2-1-1 Services**

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

**L. Nutrition**

1. Support legislation and/or actions that expand access to affordable and nutritious food.

**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, equity, and modernization within the child support program.

### **C. Justice Programs**

1. Support legislation and/or efforts to reduce collateral consequences of criminal convictions upon individuals and families, especially in underserved communities and communities of color.
2. 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.
3. Support funding for programs that divert individuals from the criminal justice system.
4. Support efforts to decriminalize behavioral health.
5. Engage in legislation that provides resources and/or support to victims of crime.
6. Engage in legislation that expands programs for the justice-impacted population to attend higher education for traditional bachelor's degrees and adult education programs leading to sustainable employment.

### **D. 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.

### **E. 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.

## **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.

5. Weights and Measures

- a. Support legislation and funding for regulatory and other activities related to weights and measures programs and consumer protection.

**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 training and handling, disaster and emergency readiness, and the protection of natural resources and the public.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Support legislative efforts for greater transparency around the community impacts of third-party food delivery platforms.
- 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 or funding that would improve health and safety at rental housing and mobilehome parks to protect against substandard housing conditions.
7. 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.
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 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. Engage in legislation to ensure funding streams for parks and recreation associated with the development of housing are protected.
3. 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. 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.