



**County of San Diego
LEGISLATIVE POLICY GUIDELINES
2014 Legislative Program**

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In addition to the Legislative Policy Guidelines, the Board of Supervisors has approved a number of legislative policies (M-policies) that provide the Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs with additional policy direction to advocate on behalf of the County of San Diego.

I. AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

The policy of the County of San Diego (Air Pollution Control District) with respect to various air pollution control issues shall be as noted below.

A. Air Quality Regulations

1. Support legislation that would provide local flexibility to implement trip reduction programs in non-attainment areas for the state smog standard.
2. Support legislative efforts to amend the federal Clean Air Act to discount transported air pollution when classifying down-wind areas and require the state to reduce pollution from up-wind areas to assure attainment of federal standards in the down-wind areas.
3. Support legislative efforts to provide for the automatic federal approval of proposed revisions to State Implementation Plans if the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) fails to take action on such revisions within 12 months of their submittal.
4. Support federal legislative efforts to require the EPA to adopt regulations and policies to ensure that existing state and local programs controlling emissions of hazardous air pollutants, which are equally or more protective of public health, can be found equivalent to National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants promulgated to EPA for a specified source category.
5. Support federal legislative efforts to simplify and streamline the Title V operating permit program in California by optimizing the use of the current permit program and restricting additional requirements to only those necessary to meet minimum requirements of the federal Clean Air Act.
6. Support federal legislation to require the federal Environmental Protection Agency to mandate maximum feasible emission reductions from emission sources over which the Environmental Protection Agency has responsibility for such reductions.
7. Support legislation to require all mobile emissions source categories provide their fair share of emission reductions needed to meet state and federal emission reduction targets, including those for greenhouse gases (GHG).

8. Support legislation to require additional, cost-effective reductions in mobile source emissions.
9. Oppose legislation that creates administrative burdens on air pollution control agencies and regulated sources and that provide little or no air quality benefits.
10. Support legislative efforts that would maintain the authority of local districts to regulate stationary sources of air pollution by limiting or rejecting any increases in the allowable uses of registered portable equipment at those sources.
11. Oppose legislation that prohibits air pollution control districts from imposing emission limits, testing, and reporting requirements on already regulated stationary source categories.
12. Oppose legislation that creates an elected California Air Resources Board, and eliminates the requirement for some members to retain technical expertise in the following categories: Automotive engineering or closely related fields; chemistry, meteorology, or related scientific fields, including agriculture or law; physician and surgeon or an authority on health effects of air pollution; and an additional member who meets one of these qualifications or has expertise in air pollution control.
13. Oppose legislation or administrative actions that would result in the loss of the San Diego region position on the California Air Resources Board.

B. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

1. Support legislative efforts to require project applicants to pay lead and responsible agencies for all costs associated with CEQA reviews and indemnify such agencies against court costs, attorney's fees and judgments related to their projects.

C. Emission Reduction Programs

1. Support legislation that encourages or incentivizes the use of low emission vehicles such as plug-in hybrids.
2. Support legislation that encourages or incentivizes the use of cleaner burning alternative fuels.
3. Support legislation that encourages or incentivizes the use of higher efficiency consumer products, including appliances.

D. Funding

1. Support legislative efforts to maintain federal grant funds to air districts at levels commensurate with federal mandates.
2. Support legislative efforts to continue the direct funding of air districts in the event federal air grants are included in block grants to the states.
3. Support legislative efforts to assure that state grants to local air districts are maintained commensurate with state mandates.

4. Support legislative efforts to increase funding of emission reduction programs related to stationary and mobile sources.
5. Support state legislation to allow air districts more flexibility in how state funding is allocated for projects reducing emissions from mobile sources.
6. Support state legislation to provide funding to increase toxic air contaminant monitoring locations in California.
7. Support state legislation to fund state board costs for the Air Toxics Hot Spots program from the state general fund.
8. Support legislation to help ensure San Diego County receives an equitable and population-based share of state and federal air quality improvement funding.
9. Support legislation to give more weight to population in providing funding to air pollution control agencies.
10. Support legislation to provide funding to reduce diesel emissions from school buses.
11. Support legislation that would require that fines and penalty monies for violations issued by an air district remain with that air district.
12. Support legislation that would allocate state funding to air districts for emission reduction projects (e.g., Carl Moyer program projects) in a manner that is more closely based on population distribution.
13. Support legislation that would increase state subvention funding for air pollution control districts to pay for state-mandated air pollution control activities that help protect public health.
14. Support legislation that provides funding to reduce emissions from goods movement.
15. Support legislative action that extends the availability of incentive fund programs for emission reduction.

E. Single-County Air Pollution District

1. Oppose state legislation that would require single-county air pollution districts to include representatives from cities on their governing boards.

II. BUDGET AND FISCAL

The policy of the County of San Diego with respect to various budget and fiscal matters shall be as noted below.

A. Bond Funding Distribution

1. Support legislation that includes an equitable allocation and distribution of bond funding selection criteria that allows for the participation of all jurisdictions throughout California, including San Diego.
2. 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 quality related to cross border pollution.
3. Support legislation that provides maximum flexibility to local jurisdictions for making decisions on the use of bond funds for local projects.

B. Federal Funding

1. Support federal legislation that would require states to distribute federal pass-through funds in an equitable manner to local subdivisions of the state.
2. Oppose legislation that would prospectively or retroactively restrict or eliminate the availability of traditional local government financing practices and instruments, such as the issuance of tax exempt obligations on a direct or conduit basis.

C. Government Restructuring

1. Support legislation that would align responsibility with authority and provide the necessary resources to execute the responsibility.
2. Support legislation that would eliminate competition among local agencies for the authority or resources reasonably necessary to discharge their responsibilities.
3. Support legislation that would manage the tax burden on the public to prevent taxation from growing faster than personal income growth.
4. Support legislation that would address the inverse relationship between tax revenue and service demand.
5. Support legislation that would bring state and federal laws into line with existing County regulations and ordinances.
6. Support legislation that provides consistency between California code of regulations and state statutes.
7. Support legislation that improves notification and transparency within the application process for the exercise of the governor's commutation power.

D. Incorporations/Revenue Neutrality

1. Oppose legislation that would repeal the revenue neutral provision; and support improvements on procedural, definitional and technical issues related to the incorporation process of a new city that would enhance the transition to cityhood.

E. Maintenance of Effort Requirements

1. Support legislation that would eliminate, for non-Prop 172 programs, financial and service level maintenance-of-effort requirements.

F. Mandated Programs

1. Support legislation that would require the state and federal governments to provide full funding of all costs to counties for all mandated programs. Oppose legislation that fails to provide adequate funding for mandated programs.
2. Support legislation that would provide that the state reimburses counties for any unfunded mandate imposed by a ballot measure that has previously been found by the Commission on State Mandates to contain reimbursable activities or programs.
3. Support legislation that would prohibit the state from mandating that a county participate in a specific demonstration or pilot project without the express consent of the board of supervisors of that county.
4. Oppose a "super mandate" that would set as the first priority of local government one type of service or services, such as law enforcement or fire services, without regard for other mandated services.
5. Oppose legislation that would impose on counties a mandated service for which the County is required to raise a local fee or tax to generate monies to fund the services.
6. Support legislation that would protect residents of the unincorporated area from the costs that may result from region-wide mandates.
7. Support legislation that would expand local government representation on the Commission on State Mandates.
8. Support legislation that streamlines the state mandate process, making the reimbursement process less lengthy or onerous for local government.
9. Support legislation that provides relief to counties from penalties associated with mandated programs.
10. Support legislation that requires the state to evaluate the cumulative fiscal impact on local government when considering proposals that change existing law.

G. Prevention Efforts

1. Support legislation focusing state and federal resources on services that prevent costly social and health problems, and thereby avoid the need for more costly state or local intervention at a later time.
2. Support legislation restricting advertisement of tobacco, liquor and other products that are known to damage health.

H. Revenues, Fees and Taxes

1. Alcoholic Beverage Excise Tax
 - a. Oppose legislation that would place into the constitution inadequate alcohol excise tax limits, and that would not guarantee a fair distribution of proceeds to counties to address alcohol related health care and law enforcement needs.
2. Government Tax Exemptions
 - a. Oppose exemptions that would reduce local revenue without compensating revenues or reductions in service responsibility.
3. Property Tax Administration
 - a. Support legislation that would require that all local taxing agencies share in the cost of property tax administration.
 - b. Support state reimbursement to backfill counties for the reduction in property tax administration fees resulting from property tax shifts in FY 1992-93 and FY 1993-94.
 - c. Support legislation that would offset the costs incurred by the County in administering the property tax system on behalf of other taxing agencies.
 - d. Support reinstatement of funding for the Property Tax Administration Program (PTAP).
4. Property Tax Revenue Allocations
 - a. Support a statutory or constitutional redistribution of property tax revenues that more equitably reflects local government responsibilities.
 - b. Oppose measures requiring counties to provide a share of existing property tax revenue to "no" or "low property tax cities."
 - c. Support legislation that would repeal the FY 1992-93 and FY 1993-94 property tax shifts from counties to schools.
 - d. Support an allocation of property tax that would provide the County a fair share of this resource based on the statewide average prior to the shift of property taxes in FY 1992-93.
 - e. Support clarification to deem the allocation methodology used by counties to allocate property taxes for FY 1978-79 was in accordance with current law.
5. Retail Sales Tax Fund
 - a. Support sales tax distribution formulas that would allocate sales tax funds based on a combination of population and situs, with sales tax growth allocated throughout the region on a per capita basis.

6. Sales Tax Exemption for Local Governments
 - a. Support legislation that would exempt local governments from payment of state and local sales tax on the purchase of goods.
7. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools
 - a. Support full funding of the PILT and Secure Rural Schools programs.
8. Tax Increment Financing
 - a. Support legislation to reinstate tax increment financing as a tool for projects beneficial to the region, but only if protections are included to reduce negative financial and operational impacts on affected agencies.
 - b. Oppose legislation that would expand the application of tax increment financing without appropriate criteria to protect against abuse.
9. Taxing Authorization
 - a. Oppose legislation that would reduce local discretion over locally imposed taxes such as transient occupancy tax.
 - b. Support a constitutional amendment prohibiting California courts from ordering a legislative body to raise local levies — such as taxes, fees and assessments — to fulfill a court order.
10. Gas Tax
 - a. Support legislation that would protect gas tax allocations to counties and cities, and/or prevent the state from suspending gas tax payments for any time period.
11. County Fines, Fees and Charges
 - a. Support legislation that would give local government agencies authority to send delinquent civil and criminal amounts owed, where the amount has been reduced to a judgment or is contained in an order of the court, to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) and/or Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for collection.
 - b. Oppose legislation that shifts fines, fees and forfeitures away from the County.
12. State Fees and Fee Administration
 - a. Support legislation that would require the state to provide an adequate apportionment of funds collected by the state to the County to execute the local responsibility.
 - b. Support legislation that requires the state to include a public outreach component with any new fee the state requires the County to collect on its behalf.

13. Taxation of Employee Deferred Compensation Plan Contributions

- a. Support legislation that would provide state or local public sector employees with the option of paying taxes on their deferred compensation plan contributions at the time in which the contributions are made in exchange for receiving tax free distributions at retirement.
- b. Support federal legislative efforts that would extend to all retirees the option to use tax free distributions from qualified retirement plans to pay for medical and long term care premiums.

I. Stabilization/Long Term Financing of Local Agencies

1. Support legislation that would stabilize local government financing, to increase funding to local agencies in an equitable manner, and to permit the most cost-efficient management of state mandated programs.
2. Support legislation that would, during a state budget crisis, allow local agencies to provide temporary loans between funds under that agency's control and discretion, so long as interest is paid.

J. Statewide Initiative Process

1. Support legislation that would require that each provision of an initiative measure must be reasonably germane to the general objective of the measure and interdependent with other provisions.
2. Support legislation that would prohibit an initiative from imposing unfunded requirements for new or expanded programs.
3. Support legislation that would prevent the initiative process from being used to incur long-term debt.

K. Suspension of State Bonds

1. Continue to urge the Legislature and the Governor to pass an on-time budget.
2. Support legislative action that would allow suspended funds to be expended now and guarantees funds will be reimbursed when a funding freeze is lifted.
3. Support legislative action that provides the necessary time extension for deadlines established by bond measures impacted by a potential Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) suspension action.
4. Provide funding for invoices that are submitted prior to a PMIB suspension action.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICES

The policy of the County of San Diego with respect to issues relating to community services shall be as noted below.

A. Animal Services

1. Support legislation that would increase criminal penalties for the ownership, possession, keeping, training, or transportation of a gamecock or other fighting bird, with the intent that such animal be used or engaged by any person in an exhibition of fighting.
2. Support legislation that would promote the spaying or neutering and/or microchip identification of dogs and cats sold by retail pet shops.
3. Support legislation that would provide for a safety plan and information sharing regarding any animal exhibited by a traveling circus or carnival.
4. Support legislation that would amend the federal Animal Welfare Act to ensure humane standards for the treatment of dogs at puppy mills.
5. Support legislation that would prohibit any person from breeding any animal which he or she knows is intended for use in any exhibition or other activity involving a fight between such animal and any other animal or human, or the intentional killing of any animal for the purpose of sport, wagering, or entertainment.
6. Support legislation that would increase the penalty for any spectator, including minors, who visit or attend an exhibition of animal fighting from misdemeanor to a felony.
7. Support legislation that would increase criminal penalties for any individual who hosts, permits, aids or causes an animal fight on their premises.
8. Support legislation that would increase criminal penalties for any individual who is found to be in possession of cockfighting paraphernalia.
9. Support legislation that would increase statewide animal control officer training to the standards of the County of San Diego, provided there is no additional cost to the County as a result of the legislation.
10. Support legislation that would promote or require animal-related businesses (pet stores, board facilities, horse stables, etc.) to have a disaster plan on file with the local animal control agency for the evacuation, transportation and sheltering of the animals at their place of business.
11. Support legislation that would promote the microchipping of dogs and cats.
12. Support legislation that would establish uniform standards for the conduct of administrative hearings and/or minimum training/certification standards for administrative hearing officers.

B. Elections

1. Support legislation that would require the state to pay all expenses for a special election proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the state Senate or Assembly, or in the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives, or for a special statewide purpose.
2. Support legislation that would restrict voting eligibility on county ballot measures affecting only unincorporated areas to voters registered in those areas.
3. Support legislation that would increase the maximum count of voters allowed in each election precinct.
4. Support legislation requiring stronger voter identification procedures while registering or voting, including presentation of proof of citizenship and photo identification.
5. Support legislation that strengthens penalties for persons convicted of voter fraud.

C. Facility Standards

1. Support legislation protecting local discretion regarding building and fire code standards.

D. Housing and Community Development

1. Support legislation regarding the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that would:
 - a. Consolidate and streamline programs as much as possible.
 - b. Eliminate or reduce unnecessary program and financial requirements.
 - c. Limit the role of HUD to fiscal and programmatic oversight.
 - d. Streamline the HUD decision making process by providing HUD field offices with the administrative authority to address local public housing authority regulatory requests.
 - e. Reduce local agency operational requirements and allow more program flexibility that will increase efficiency and program effectiveness.
 - f. Eliminate old, and reject new, matching and leverage fund requirements imposed on local government agencies.
 - g. Assign administrative responsibility and funding for housing and community development programs to local jurisdictions.
 - h. Support federal legislation that would update the funding formula for dispersing HUD-related monies to the San Diego region for a more equitable equation that takes into account the size of the region and the number of homeless persons that reside here.

2. Support legislation that would ensure that local agencies receive a fair share of the allocation of state and federal affordable housing resources and community development funds.
3. Support legislation that would ensure that the County receives an equitable share of the resources distributed to local agencies.
4. Support legislation that would permit maximum local control and determination of the use of state and federal affordable housing resources.
5. Support the existing Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 program, including adequate funding, and oppose the proposal to replace it with block grants to local housing authorities.
6. Support full funding of housing and community development programs such as Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships, Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8), Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA), Public Housing, veteran, homeless and elderly housing, which are programs of significance to the County.
7. Oppose legislation that would reduce funding for Housing Assistance Payment renewal contracts or ongoing administrative fees.
8. Support legislation that would prohibit an offset against Public Housing operating reserves.
9. Support legislation that would fully fund the Public Housing Capital Fund and Operating Fund programs.
10. Support state and federal legislation to provide additional funding to acquire, develop or rehabilitate affordable housing for veterans and address veteran homelessness.
11. Support legislation that would provide administrative allowance funding to Housing Successor Agencies for carrying out the housing obligations of former redevelopment agencies.
12. Oppose legislation that would allow HUD to replace the current Housing Choice Vouchers Section 8 program Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections with the Uniform Physical Conditions Standard (UPCS) inspections protocol currently used in Public Housing.

E. Library Facilities and Operations

1. Support legislative efforts to provide long-term stable funding for ongoing operations of local libraries through the existing property tax.
2. Support legislation that would authorize a community, upon an affirmative vote of the electorate, to impose a fee or benefit assessment for library purposes.

F. Parks and Recreation

1. Support legislation that preserves natural resources and provides opportunities for environmental education or outdoor recreation.
2. Support funding for physical activity programs that encourage a healthy lifestyle.
3. Support legislation that proposes a change in the distribution of Forest Reserve payments which would provide counties the flexibility to determine how to locally allocate the funds.
4. Support funding for dredging and water management improvements at Lindo Lake in Lakeside.
5. Support funding and policy proposals to provide an important trail linkage for the Stowe Trail in the County's regional trail network, allow recreational trail use, and function as a habitat corridor for wildlife.

IV. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The policy of the County of San Diego with respect to various general government matters shall be as noted below.

A. Business Efficiency

1. Support legislation that would simplify or eliminate governmental regulation of local government or businesses, or eliminate duplication of federal, state and local requirements.
2. Support legislation that allows local, state, or federal governments to streamline operations and business efficiency.
3. Support legislation to eliminate additional duties imposed on local jurisdictions without adequate funding to offset increased responsibility and associated costs.
4. Oppose legislation where appropriate funding for proper implementation of a new process is not provided by the state or federal government.
5. Oppose legislation that would impose federal financial penalties on the County resulting from action or inaction by the state.
6. Oppose legislation that reduces or modifies local authority if it is adverse to existing programs, policies, procedures or processes.
7. Support legislation that provides state and/or federal funding for programs that ensure consumer protection.
8. Support legislation that offers favorable tax deductions or credits and/or other incentive and rebate programs for county capital projects.

B. California Operational Area Coalition (COAC)

1. Support establishment of the COAC as an affiliate member of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

C. Civil Rights

1. Support legislation that would strengthen protections and remedies against employment discrimination without placing an unfair burden of proof upon employers.
2. Support legislation that would have a positive impact on race/human relations.

D. County Law Library

1. Support a permanent and secure funding source for county law libraries and ultimately transferring all responsibilities, including financial support, for law libraries away from counties to courts or other appropriate state agency, consistent with other court-related functions that have been transferred from counties to the state.

E. Design-Build Authority

1. Support legislation that would extend and/or make permanent the authority for counties to use the design-build method of procurement for public works projects.
2. Support legislation that would expand the allowed use of the design-build process to include projects costing less than \$2.5 million.
3. Support legislation that would allow aggregation of similar design-build projects on two or more separate sites.
4. Support legislation that would streamline the evaluation criteria for design-build entities throughout the selection process.
5. Support legislation that would expand the allowed use of the design-build process to include park development projects, including sports fields and recreational facilities, and related improvements.

F. Disaster Relief

1. Support legislation that would extend the timeframe in which a property owner may transfer the base-year value of property damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster to a replacement property (within the same county).
2. Support legislation that would provide or increase funding for the San Diego region in the event of a disaster or emergency.
3. Support legislation that would provide increased funding and flexibility to local housing authorities for housing and/or housing-related services (such as emergency vouchers,

utility assistance programs, and other rapid re-housing programs) in the event of a disaster or emergency.

G. Economic Development

1. Support legislation that would enhance business development and the creation of jobs by improving the availability of loans for business development and targeted tax credits, including expansion of Enterprise Zones tax credits for worker recruitment.
2. Support legislation that would authorize counties to exempt public works projects from the prevailing wage requirement.
3. Support legislation that would conform state law to federal provisions which exempt non-profit organizations and volunteer labor from requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act regarding prevailing wage.
4. Support legislation requiring state and federal agencies to prepare an economic impact analysis of proposed regulations.
5. Support legislation and regulatory changes eliminating state requirements, which exceed parallel federal requirements.
6. Support legislation that would offer financial incentives to businesses wanting to expand or relocate in the state.
7. Support legislation that would increase the capital expenditures limit on the use of tax-exempt industrial development bonds.
8. Support legislation that would expand the powers of locally established authorities that issue tax-exempt industrial development bonds.
9. Support legislation that provides tax incentives thereby encouraging reinvestment in businesses, thus helping the region's economy to grow.
10. Support legislation that enacts reforms that would improve the business climate and strike a balance between economic development and environmental protections.
11. Support legislation to establish and fund institutions of higher education in the San Diego region thereby enhancing economic development.
12. Support legislation that diverts property tax increment revenue to finance public works projects in border development zone infrastructure finance districts.
13. Support legislation that would make it easier to establish an assessment district for business and mixed-use developments in cities and counties.
14. Support efforts that would adjust the Federal Housing and Finance Agency's 2010 direction to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac prohibiting the mortgage lenders from purchasing mortgages with Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) assessments, so that residential PACE programs can move forward.

H. Employment Verification

1. Support legislation that advances the use of E-Verify or a similar federal system by government agencies and the private sector.
2. Oppose legislation that would limit the County's ability to review and consider criminal conviction history and credit history in the hiring process.
3. Oppose legislation that attempts to eliminate or restrict the County's receipt of Subsequent Arrest Notifications and Subsequent Arrest Disposition Notifications.

I. FEMA and Insurance on Public Buildings

1. Oppose federal legislation or regulations that would require local governments to purchase property insurance, or earthquake insurance, on public buildings as a condition of eligibility for federal disaster assistance.

J. Information Superhighway

1. Support federal legislation that would permit counties to require franchise agreements, and impose franchise fees, for companies wishing to use the public right-of-way to offer cable television and video services.
2. Support legislation that encourages competition for cable television or video services, to the extent it does not eliminate or diminish rights currently held by the County, as specified below.
3. Oppose legislation that would diminish the County's control of the Public Right of Way (PROW).
4. Oppose legislation that would eliminate or diminish the County's ability to utilize cable television or telecommunications resources for emergency response purposes, including the ability to use cable television resources to provide essential information to the public during an emergency or natural disaster.
5. Oppose telecommunications legislation that restricts or removes the County's ability to regulate facilities in the Right-of-Way.
6. Support legislation that prohibits competitive video service providers from denying service to any group of potential subscribers because of the income of residents in the local area (redlining).
7. Oppose legislation that reduces the County's ability to enforce anti-redlining measures through its franchise authority.
8. Support legislation to improve broadband accessibility in San Diego County and throughout California.

K. Labor Relations

1. Oppose legislation that would impede local administration of labor relations.
2. Oppose legislation that would require compulsory binding arbitration for public employees.
3. Oppose legislation that would increase county costs or mandate currently negotiable employee group health and welfare benefits.
4. Oppose legislation that would increase the cost of administering benefits or mandate that specific group health and welfare benefits be provided to all employees.
5. Support legislation modifying the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to permit adjustable work schedules to meet the needs of management and labor.
6. Support legislation that would require the Secretary of Labor to promulgate regulations relieving public employers of the requirement to pay premium overtime to highly-paid management, administrative and professional employees, as well as retroactive relief for prior overtime liability.
7. Oppose legislation that would expand the Public Safety Officers Bill of Rights to non-peace officer employees.
8. Oppose legislation that would limit an employer's ability to engage in electronic monitoring of the usage of equipment provided to employees.

L. Legal

1. Support legislation that provides public and private accommodations/facilities with the opportunity to cure alleged violations within a reasonable time before a lawsuit can be filed.
2. Oppose legislation that would require trial venues to be held outside of the County of San Diego.
3. Oppose legislation that increases the County's liability or puts local government at risk for litigation.

M. Liabilities and Immunities

1. Support legislation limiting the liability exposure of public agencies and those with whom they contract to provide public services.
2. Oppose legislation that would weaken the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA), and support legislation that would continue to limit excessive litigation and medical malpractice insurance premiums.
3. Support legislation that would eliminate the joint and several liabilities of public agencies, and replace it with the doctrine of comparative negligence.

4. Support legislation that would repeal or modify state and federal statutes governing the awarding of attorneys' fees in actions against public entities so as to limit the exposure of the public entity.
5. Support legislation that would impose a statute of limitations on requests to pay punitive damages for cases that involve county employees.

N. Local Public Meeting Procedure

1. Oppose legislation proposing to restrict the use of executive sessions of the Board of Supervisors.
2. Oppose legislation unreasonably expanding the application of the Brown Act.
3. Support legislation that would prevent the state from waiving existing statutory requirements related to noticing and conducting open public meetings.

O. Military Benefits

1. Support legislation that would end the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) – Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) offset, also known as the “widow’s tax.”

P. Payday Lenders

1. Support removal of loopholes in state and federal regulations governing financial institutions that exempt some financial services providers from basic consumer protections, resulting in short term loans at very high interest rates and fees.

Q. Petroleum Pricing Practices

1. Support legislation that would require the phase out of refiner operated retail service stations.
2. Support legislation that would specifically provide that local governments are not preempted from regulating competitive conditions affecting the retail price of gasoline within their jurisdictions.
3. Support legislation that would limit the expansion of refiner owned stations that compete with franchisees.
4. Support legislation that would provide that a branded gasoline franchisee may purchase the franchiser’s branded petroleum products from any location or through any vendor in the franchiser’s wholesale network.
5. Support legislation that would prohibit a refiner, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter of petroleum products from charging a franchisee a wholesale price that is markedly out of line with prices in adjacent markets.
6. Support legislation that would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to regularly acquire information, by company and key city

market location, on retail and relevant wholesale prices of motor vehicle fuels, and to make the information available to the public.

R. Public Records and Communication

1. Support legislation that would permit public agencies to charge fees for the full recovery of "extraordinary direct costs" incurred in the process of responding to all types of request for public records, including both electronic databases and non-electronic written records and documents.
2. Oppose legislation that would require local agencies to provide databases in digital format for the cost of duplication only.
3. Support legislation that requires a trustee's deed to include responsible party contact information when the document is recorded.
4. Support legislation that would allow local agencies to establish records retention schedules and retain records for a reasonable amount of time.
5. Oppose legislation that prohibits officers or employees of a local agency that are involved in a state audit or investigation from discussing the information with appropriate county staff, county counsel, local government officials or technical experts.
6. Support legislation clarifying that if a state or local agency record is unlawfully possessed or exempt from disclosure, there is no requirement to make a copy of that record for the person who is returning it pursuant to existing law.

S. Unemployment Compensation

1. Oppose legislation that would increase employer liability for unemployment compensation, or that would reduce local discretion to manage this risk.

T. Workers' Compensation

1. Oppose legislation that would provide or expand presumptive eligibility for the award of benefits for Workers' Compensation or other employee benefits.
2. Oppose legislation that would increase employee benefits without system reforms that would offset increased employer costs.
3. Support legislation that would require rehabilitation services only if a worker is permanently disabled and unable to obtain suitable employment.
4. Support legislation that would allow for decreased employer costs within the Workers' Compensation system.

V. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The policy of the County of San Diego with respect to various health and human service matters shall be as noted below.

A. Behavioral Health

1. Gambling Treatment Services

- a. Support legislation to provide funding for gambling treatment services.

2. Alcohol and Drug Programs

- a. Support legislation to stabilize and expand funding for alcohol and drug treatment services for adolescents, their families and adults.
- b. Support legislation to prohibit alcoholic beverage companies from marketing alcoholic beverages directed at youth under the age of 21.
- c. Support legislation to allocate all surtaxes, interest, and penalties collected as a result of a reclassification of alcoholic beverages from beer to a distilled spirit to fund alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment services.
- d. Support funding to expand, promote and encourage voluntary and free Responsible Beverage Sales and Service Training to employees of California Alcohol Beverage Control off and on sale licensees, including all direct sales clerks, bartenders and beverage servers in tasting environments.
- e. Support legislation to establish state Alcohol and Drug Programs regulation and oversight of sober living homes.
- f. Support legislation that would establish stable funding for the Screening and Brief Intervention Referral and Treatment program.
- g. Support legislation that would allow the use of Medi-Cal funds for the Screening and Brief Intervention Referral and Treatment program.
- h. Support legislation that would remove categorical restrictions regarding the integration of primary health, alcohol and drug and mental health services funds.
- i. Oppose legislation that attempts to make further cuts to state and federal alcohol and drug treatment funding.
- j. Support legislation to allow County the flexibility to utilize federal and state funding for behavioral health services delivered by both Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and community licensed treatment programs.

- k. Support legislation that would establish effective regulation and controls for the marketing of medical marijuana and to prohibit distributors from using advertising practices aimed at youth under the age of 21.
 - l. Support funding for collaborative Drug Courts including DUI, Dependency Drug Court, and Reentry Court.
 - m. Support legislation establishing certification and licensing provisions relating to alcohol and drug counselors to be administered by the State of California.
 - n. Support legislation that seeks to maintain and utilize the CURES system to monitor prescription drug abuse.
 - o. Support legislation that would allow substance abuse disorder (SUD) treatment programs licensed by the State to include on-staff physicians with knowledge of addiction medicine as a part of a multidisciplinary healthcare team.
3. Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act (Proposition 36)
- a. Support legislation to provide full funding to counties to fulfill Proposition 36 responsibilities and allow maximum flexibility in the administration of state programs.
 - b. Support legislation to limit participant eligibility in the Proposition 36 program when the annual allocation to counties is not sufficient to fully fund state mandates.
 - c. Support legislation that would allow judicial discretion to use flash incarceration, similar to Drug Court, for Proposition 36 participants.
 - d. Support legislation that would revise eligibility criteria based solely on charges, to allow for a suitability assessment to be conducted by a trained treatment provider.
 - e. Support legislation that would allow funds to be used for drug testing.
4. Mental Health
- a. Support legislation that would provide an equitable allocation of state and federal mental health funds and provide increased funding in the form of a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all programs.
 - b. Support legislation that would ensure that foster children and their parents/guardians have information about and access to safe and effective treatment for children's mental health problems, including available medications.
 - c. Support legislation that would establish and fund programs that provide better care coordination for adults and older adults with mental health disabilities and children with mental health special needs.
 - d. Oppose legislation that would impose an undue higher monitoring standard for psychotropic medications than for non-psychotropic medications.

- e. Support legislation that appropriates funding to augment services and programs that focus on addressing and preventing factors associated with the high incidence of youth suicide and self-inflicted injuries.
- f. Support legislation to continue flexibility in the allocation of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds to counties.
- g. Oppose legislation designed to divert MHSA funds away from the provision of behavioral health services.
- h. Support legislation that aligns state law with federal law to provide for full retroactive reimbursement for past mandate claims for Special Education children placed in for-profit facilities.
- i. Support federal legislation to remove the exclusion of Medicaid coverage for patients aged 21 through 64 who are treated in an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) or a free-standing non-governmental psychiatric facility.
- j. Support legislation to encourage and facilitate the integration of alcohol and drug services, mental health and primary health services delivery models.
- k. Support funding for behavioral health courts.
- l. Support legislation that provides military service veterans afflicted with mental health disorders as a result of their military service, and are criminal defendants, with sentencing court options for treatment and rehabilitation services that will allow them to be self-sufficient and successfully re-integrate into society.
- m. Oppose legislation that would require acute psychiatric hospitals to maintain a state-mandated patient classification system that imposes criminal penalties for accidental noncompliance.
- n. Support legislation to authorize Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs) to bill Medi-Cal for behavioral health services.
- o. Support legislation that would strengthen the enforcement process of the judicial order for mental health treatment under Laura's Law, while protecting the civil rights of the mentally ill.
- p. Support legislation that would identify additional revenue streams and allow the use of funding sources that are not currently an option to support the implementation of Laura's Law.
- q. Support legislation to increase the reimbursement rate for services of institutes for mental disease (IMD) that are licensed as skilled nursing facilities (SNF).
- r. Support legislation that would establish and fund suicide prevention and other programs specifically designed to assist military service members and veterans in dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder and associated illnesses.

B. Block Grant Funding

1. Support legislation that fully funds Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) programs and increases the SSBG allocations to keep up with inflation and population growth.
2. Support legislation that fully funds for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) programs and increases the CSBG allocations to keep up with inflation and population growth.
3. Support legislation to fully fund the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Block Grant (SAMHSA) programs for clients diagnosed with mental health and substance abuse issues, and increase the SAMHSA allocations to keep up with inflation and population growth.

C. Care-Givers

1. Support legislation that would provide a tax credit to elder caregivers, child care providers, and foster parents.

D. Child Care and Development

1. Support legislation that would authorize increased funding for child care services for low-income parents, especially those with children 3 years of age or less.
2. Support legislation that would consolidate child care programs into a block grant, and permit maximum flexibility for streamlined local administration of these funds.
3. Support legislation that would fund before and after school programs for children in elementary, middle, and junior high schools.
4. Support legislation that would provide additional state funding for child care subsidies for low-income working families.
5. Support legislation that would establish the authority to collect overpayments in subsidized child care programs.
6. Support legislation that would increase child care access and capacity for underserved populations such as infants and toddlers, children with special needs, rural and urban populations, and children needing non-traditional hours of care.
7. Support legislation to adequately fund child care programs for middle school-aged children requiring supervision.
8. Support legislation that would develop and establish a tiered-reimbursement system for subsidized, licensed child care programs based on a quality rating system.

E. Child Welfare Services

1. Child Welfare Laws

- a. Support legislation that would clarify child welfare laws, and define conditions under which children could be removed from their homes.
 - b. Support legislation that would clarify the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act to better define how local law enforcement agencies and/or county child welfare services agencies investigate and report findings regarding the report of suspected abuse, such as clear and uniform definitions for the following terms: investigation report, investigative file, unfounded report and inconclusive report and addition of a definition of reasonable suspicion as used in investigations related to suspected elder abuse.
2. Emergency Shelter Care (Polinsky)
- a. Support legislation that would increase State Child Welfare Services funding for emergency shelters from 30 to 60 days.
3. Family Preservation
- a. Support legislation that would ensure stable, full funding of family preservation services.
4. Foster Care
- a. Support legislation that would increase funding for respite care services for foster children with special needs.
 - b. Support legislation that would allow payment of state Aid to Families with Dependent Children Foster Care (AFDC-FC) for children placed with relatives, provided the state assumes financial responsibility for both the costs of payments and program administration.
 - c. Support legislation that would require the state to assume full responsibility for foster parent liability, including third-party liability.
 - d. Support legislation that would provide funding for program expansion to strengthen services to foster children who will soon reach the age of majority and will transition from foster care to independence.
 - e. Support legislation that would increase the state or federal funding/reimbursement rate for foster care parents as well as grandparent raising grandchildren
 - f. Support legislation that would allow counties to expand independent living skills programs to youth 14 to 15 years of age.
 - g. Support legislation that would provide funding for reimbursement of the County's share of cost of child care expenses incurred by foster parents for pre-school age children or for older children when absence is necessary to fulfill their responsibilities as foster parents (e.g., court appearances, training, etc.).

- h. Support legislation to authorize counties to obtain criminal background information on individuals identified as “adults of importance” to foster children.
 - i. Support legislation to authorize counties to obtain Child Abuse Central Index (CACI) information on volunteers who interact with foster children.
 - j. Support legislation that would streamline the court and home approval process related to adoptions.
 - k. Support legislation that would clarify and simplify county requirements for participating in the Resource Family approval process.
 - l. Support legislation that would authorize an abbreviated home study process for qualified caregivers.
 - m. Support legislation that implements well thought out congregate care reform, taking into account the needs of all children and providing a system that accounts for all children.
5. General
- a. Support legislation that would protect the physical, emotional and mental health of children and youth; promote their educational development, and ensure the availability of support services for juveniles.
 - b. Support legislation that would appropriate and allocate adequate funding for mandated caseload standards.
 - c. Support legislation that would provide incentives, rather than sanctions, for meeting expectations for which there are no federal mandates.

F. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

1. Support legislation to provide funding toward the improvement of the EMS/trauma/specialty care systems and emergency room facilities.
2. Oppose legislation that would mandate additional duties on counties with respect to monitoring the EMS system without appropriating funds to reimburse counties for the costs.
3. Oppose legislation that would restrict the imposition of EMS/trauma/specialty care facility designation fees or re-designation fees.
4. Support legislation that would protect the confidentiality of records or proceedings of medical quality assurance committees established by a county to monitor or evaluate the appropriateness, quality or level of pre-hospital emergency medical services or jail medical care procedures.
5. Oppose legislation that would reduce or eliminate the Maddy Fund distribution formula for local EMS agency use.

6. Oppose legislation that would increase costs for distribution of the hospital and physician portions of the Maddy Fund without appropriate adjustment in the administrative allowance for local EMS agencies.
7. Support legislation that would provide state funding for pre-hospital emergency services, including first responder agencies.
8. Oppose legislation that would weaken the authority and governing role of the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) to plan, implement, and evaluate all aspects and components of the EMS system.
9. Oppose legislation that would result in fragmentation of the EMS system and allow cities and special districts to provide EMS independent of County/LEMSA administration and medical direction.

G. Faith Based Services

1. Support legislation to eliminate federal barriers that prevent faith-based and community entities from competing for federal funding.
2. Support legislation to bring faith-based services and resources to this region.

H. First 5 Commission

1. Oppose legislation that would eliminate or reduce county flexibility in the use of Proposition 10 funds, or would supplant state funds with Proposition 10 funds.
2. Support legislation that would assist counties in using Proposition 10 funds to draw down the maximum amount of federal, state, and/or other matching funds.
3. Support legislation that is consistent with the County's strategic plan and furthers the support and improvement of early childhood development and school readiness within the County.
4. Oppose legislation increasing the tax on tobacco-related products that would be used for anything other than health care.
5. Support legislation increasing the tax on tobacco-related products that provides for the backfill of Proposition 10 and Proposition 10's backfill of Proposition 99.
6. Support legislation that would mandate stricter enforcement of the taxation of tobacco-related products purchased via the Internet and the fraudulent sale of tobacco-related products.
7. Oppose legislation that would limit or reduce local control of county First 5 Commissions.
8. Oppose legislation that would eliminate dedicated funding to county First 5 Commissions.

I. Fraud Detection and Prevention

1. Support legislation that would authorize a tamper-resistant identification system for public assistance programs.
2. Support legislation that would create a national clearinghouse to coordinate welfare program elements such as child support enforcement, program sanctions, time limits and fraud detection.
3. Support legislation that would impose strong criminal and eligibility sanctions on those who commit or assist fraud against public assistance programs.
4. Support legislation that would establish a state-funded statewide early fraud prevention and detection program for public assistance programs.
5. Support legislation that would assess an administrative and interest fee on the outstanding balance resulting from intentional fraud of TANF overpayments or CalFresh over-issuances.
6. Support legislation that would require the "rental" portion of TANF assistance payments to be paid directly by welfare departments to landlords (vendor payments).
7. Support legislation that would expand access to the Federal Income Eligibility Verification System (currently used for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medi-Cal, and CalFresh/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to include county-funded general relief programs.
8. Support legislation that would authorize increased verification requirements and adequate time to process expedited services and immediate need applications.
9. Support legislation that would expand protections against Medi-Cal provider fraud.
10. Support legislation to fund the California Department of Education to initiate investigations and program security activities throughout the state to identify and mitigate child care fraud and to discontinue subsidies to individual providers or parents who have committed fraud until repayment is made.
11. Support legislation that would require periodic reporting for all households with income and resources that are considered in the eligibility determination, even if the parent(s) and/or needy caretaker or relative in the household is (are) determined ineligible for benefits.

J. General Relief

1. Support legislation that would repeal county requirements to provide general relief contained in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17000 et seq.
2. Support legislation that would transfer to the state the responsibility for financing general relief.

3. Support legislation that would allow a county to adjust or withhold general relief for persons who have outstanding warrants, fines or other obligations to the county.
4. Support legislation that would authorize counties to limit benefit levels based on available general relief budget appropriations, suspending the program when funds are exhausted.
5. Support legislation to deny eligibility for general relief to convicted drug felons.
6. Oppose legislation that shifts the costs of providing assistance to low-income individuals from the state through the CalWORKs program to counties through general relief.
7. Oppose legislation that includes in immigration reform a shift of federal responsibility and costs to state and local government including a shift to local benefits because they are denied federal benefits.

K. Homeless/Supportive Housing

1. Support legislation that would allocate and/or increase funding for supportive housing for vulnerable populations (i.e., homeless, veterans, HIV/AIDS, mental health, substance abuse, aged, disabled, low income, survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, emancipated foster youth, formerly incarcerated persons, etc.) to stabilize them for purposes of treatment adherence and access to needed services.

L. Issues Affecting Older Adults

1. Support legislation that would prohibit the Department of Motor Vehicles from releasing, with minor exceptions, the addresses and personal information of adult protective service employees, public guardians/public administrators and long term care ombudsmen (and their families).
2. Support legislation that would provide adequate funding for mandated and non-mandated programs for senior and disabled populations, including state-only funded programs, such as the Linkages Program and Senior Companion, which helps frail and elderly adults with disabilities to remain at home and maximize their independence.
3. Support legislation to fund the County's Project CARE program and to provide a coordinated system of access for older adults and persons with disabilities for daily or emergency contacts to vulnerable citizens.
4. Support legislation to require and provide funding for criminal record checks using the FBI nationwide search process for In-Home Supportive Services home care providers.
5. Support legislation to exempt volunteer stipends from being treated as income towards the SSI benefit.
6. Support legislation to increase funding that would assist seniors at all income levels with re-entering or improving skills in order to participate or remain in the workforce.
7. Support legislation to build on the aging network to fund and establish long-term care services and supports.

8. Support legislation that would provide full funding for the Long Term Care Ombudsman program and if funding is not made available, support legislation that would remove the State mandates which are currently unfunded.
9. Support legislation that provides funding for evidence-based practices for seniors and persons with disabilities such as fall preventions, chronic disease self-management and care transitions models.
10. Support legislation that would allow for the exchange of information between AIS/CWS on common clients in order to assist with the prevention of abuse and amelioration of abuse for individuals once served by the Child Welfare Services multi-disciplinary teams.
11. Support legislation that uses the Elder Economic Security Standard Index or another similar method instead of the current Federal Poverty Level to determine the cost of meeting basic needs for older adults, and that is funded by the State and/or federal government.
12. Support legislation that provides funding for individuals at risk of, or currently experiencing, cognitive decline/dementia with decision-making in the areas of health care and finances so they may safely age in place in their home, as opposed to a facility, for as long as possible.
13. Support legislation that maintains or enhances funding for lifelong learning for older adults through the community colleges or adult education venues.
14. Support legislation that assists grandparents raising grandchildren and other kinship caregivers with access to state and federal funding and related services, including cash assistance, housing and food assistance, and emotional, social and physical health needs.
15. Support legislation to fully fund the state-mandate to provide guardianship or conservatorship services for low-income individuals.

M. Maternal Child Health

1. Support legislation that would provide equitable funding in the Title V allocation to California.
2. Support legislation that would ensure that any increase in Title V funding remains in core Maternal Child Health programs, with a significant portion of the increased funding going to counties to support their ability to meet local needs.

N. Medi-Cal

1. Support legislation that would provide choice for beneficiaries who receive medical care through Medi-Cal managed health plans in the least restrictive environment.
2. Support legislation that would provide for fair and equitable capitation rates for all Medi-Cal managed care plans operating in the same geographic area.

3. Support legislation that would close the funding gaps for San Diego County health providers that are disproportionately affected by low government payer reimbursement from Medi-Cal and Medicare.
4. Support legislation that would simplify Medi-Cal program administration by:
 - Combining/streamlining state Medi-Cal programs.
 - Increasing property limits.
 - Streamlining and simplifying the overall Medi-Cal eligibility application process.
5. Support legislation that would simplify the Medi-Cal application and annual renewal process by:
 - Simplifying the forms.
 - Aligning renewal dates for clients with both an active Medi-Cal and CalFresh case.
6. Support legislation that would raise the medically needy income level for Medi-Cal.
7. Support legislation to continue funding the federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to provide health insurance for children of poor working families.
8. Support legislation that would implement a moratorium and restrictions on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) ability to issue regulations that are in violation of congressional intent.
9. Support legislation to allow the use of electronic data matching with other states to verify identity for purposes of determining eligibility and to prevent fraud.
10. Support legislation that would reverse the Medi-Cal rate cut of AB 97 (2011), including retroactive payments.

O. Medically Indigent Services

1. Support legislation that would amend current law to permit counties to recover costs for services provided to indigents from pre-trial settlements and/or compromises.
2. Support legislation that would provide equitable state funding to counties for health services to the medically indigent.
3. Support legislation that would improve access to available health coverage for U.S. citizens and legal alien residents.
4. Support legislation that would expand coverage to, and provide adequate funding for, health coverage for the uninsured who are U.S. citizens and legal alien residents.
5. Support legislation that would simplify the administration of, application for, and enrollment and eligibility processes for health coverage programs.
6. Support legislation to establish an income cap for County Medical Services programs.

P. Mobile Remote Workforce Expansion

1. Support legislation that would provide funding to expand the Mobile Remote Workforce concept throughout the region and through several key projects.

Q. Public Health

1. Support legislation that would increase state and federal funding to support basic public health services, including communicable disease control activities, and community and public health surveillance activities.
2. Support legislation that would provide funding for the continuation and/or expansion of statewide programs to prevent, control and treat Hepatitis C and Chlamydia.
3. Support legislation that would establish and fund chronic disease prevention and health promotion programs, including programs that support healthy environments and address the social determinants of health.
4. Support legislation that would make health education activities related to chronic disease management, such as diabetes, obesity counseling and prevention activities, a covered and reimbursable benefit under Medi-Cal, both through fee-for-service reimbursement and health plan capitation payments.
5. Support legislation that would improve the County's ability to safeguard public health through enhanced Tuberculosis (TB) Control, by:
 - a. Increasing TB categorical funding to support TB control efforts throughout the region.
 - b. Expanding the Medi-Cal TB program to include undocumented patients, inpatient care, and uninsured persons currently ineligible for Medi-Cal.
 - c. Developing the authority and appropriations for the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to maintain detainees with Multi-Drug Resistant or medically complex TB in federal custody until treatment is completed.
 - d. Developing appropriations that would ensure full cost recovery for all local expenditures (inpatient and outpatient medical care, housing, etc.) for local health authorities that accept uncomplicated TB patients into the local community.
 - e. Requiring that all detainees released into a U.S. or foreign jurisdiction prior to completion of therapy adhere to therapy or be faced with federal custody until treatment is completed.
 - f. Requiring ICE officials to monitor detainees released in the U.S. to ensure adherence to their conditions of release.
 - g. Requiring that asylum seekers receive health screenings within 30 days of entering the U.S.

- h. Support legislation that requires immigrants applying for legal permanent residency who have been classified with active tuberculosis to check in with the local health jurisdiction upon entry into the U.S.
- 6. Support legislation that encourages the immunization of children, especially those within the African-American community, against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, and other serious disease, which will prevent severe long-term impacts on children's health and education.
- 7. Expand opportunities to develop and implement asthma surveillance, prevention and treatment programs.
- 8. Support legislation that would allocate existing funding for a nursing education program that provides incentives to increase the recruitment of persons into nursing careers, particularly young men, and men and women of diversity.
- 9. Support legislation to streamline hospital seismic safety reviews and other delays.
- 10. Support legislation that would support the use of the FEMA building evaluation tool, Hazards US (HAZUS) as a prerequisite to establishing future hospital seismic-safety policies.
- 11. Oppose legislation that would eliminate, cap or reduce funding for Targeted Case Management (TCM) services.
- 12. Support legislation to increase funding for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act and restore funding to fiscal year 2003 levels.
- 13. Support legislation that maintains appropriations that fund the Prevention and Public Health Fund programs.

R. Self-Sufficiency

- 1. Administration of Assistance Programs
 - a. Support legislation that would align the use of the Federal Poverty Level among related assistance programs.
 - b. Support legislation that would provide counties adequate time to implement automated support for regulation changes prior to imposing financial sanctions for non-compliance.
 - c. Support legislation that would align the application requirements for related assistance programs.
 - d. Support legislation that would allow counties to accept electronic and telephonic signatures for assistance programs.
 - e. Support legislation that would align CalWORKs Immediate Need and CalFresh Expedited Services processing timeframes.

2. Supplemental Security Income

- a. Support legislation that would require timely processing of applications for Supplemental Security Income, both at state and federal levels.

3. Nutrition Security

- a. Support legislation that would establish a predetermined CalFresh/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) error rate tolerance threshold based upon the greater of the national error rate average or the predetermined threshold.
- b. Support legislation that would add a standard housing deduction formula to existing deductions when determining income for CalFresh/SNAP benefit allotment.
- c. Support legislation to make former foster youth up to the age of 21 eligible for the transitional CalFresh program.
- d. Support legislation that would promote nutrition and health improvement to CalFresh/SNAP recipients.
- e. Support legislation that would provide financial incentives to businesses that provide incentives to CalFresh/SNAP recipients to purchase healthy foods.
- f. Support legislation that would allow community organizations that receive funding to provide nutrition education to also promote the availability of CalFresh/SNAP.
- g. Support legislation that would allow greater cross sharing of data to identify and serve potentially eligible populations.
- h. Support legislation that would incentivize Medi-Cal providers to offer health and nutrition education to Medi-Cal clients, and promote availability of CalFresh/SNAP benefits to purchase nutritional foods.
- i. Support legislation that would streamline the CalFresh/SNAP application process while maintaining program integrity.
- j. Support legislation that would streamline the process for foster youth who age out of the system, into the CalFresh/SNAP program.
- k. Support legislation that would continue to advance and facilitate cost-effective electronic and mail-in application processes that are cost-neutral to the County.
- l. Support legislation that would simplify SNAP reporting requirements.
- m. Support legislation that would align the state CalFresh Expedited Services processing timeframe with federal requirements.

S. Skilled Nursing Facilities

- 1. Oppose legislation that would subject publicly-operated distinct-part skilled nursing facilities to the rate setting process of the California Medical Assistance Commission.

2. Support legislation that would ensure the continuation of adequate reimbursement to publicly-operated distinct-part skilled nursing facilities that provide heavy nursing and therapeutic services to the most vulnerable adults in our society.
3. Support legislation that would allow targeted case management services provided to Mental Health and Public Guardian conservatees by County staff to be billed separately from the federal rate for skilled nursing facilities.
4. Support efforts to obtain a waiver of existing pharmacy licensing requirements for the Edgemoor pharmacy to authorize use of new technologies that will enhance patient safety and operational efficiencies in dispensing of medication.
5. Support funding that will assist with the costs associated with the Edgemoor Health Facility.

T. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

1. Local Government Costs
 - a. Support legislation that would exempt counties from sharing the penalties associated with failure to meet the required work participation rate outcomes when resulting from differences in state and federal rules.
 - b. Support legislation that would adjust the County's CalWORKs maintenance-of-effort (MOE) to reflect the reduction of the state's TANF MOE and to individual county allocations.
 - c. Support legislation that would remove CalWORKs performance incentive funds from the state budget process and the return of the funds to counties based on the amount the County has earned through performance incentives.
2. Program Administration
 - a. Support legislation that would maintain or increase counties' flexibility to address local needs and priorities including:
 - Maintaining or increasing the federal TANF Block Grant funding level and state CalWORKs allocations.
 - Prohibiting the carve out of incentive funds by the state.
 - Allowing the flexible use of funds for families who are receiving or at risk of needing child welfare services.
 - Allowing the rollover of unspent incentive funds.
 - Allowing the transfer of TANF funds to Title XX.
 - b. Support legislation that would permit local discretion to set TANF lifetime limits.
 - c. Support legislation that would provide for incentives that encourage recipients to seek and achieve employment at levels that will meet the work participation rates and lead to self-sufficiency.

3. Responsibility Contracts

- a. Support legislation that would require TANF recipients to enter into contracts with local welfare departments that include the following conditions:
 - Strategies to enhance recipients' employability
 - Behavioral standards
 - Sanctions, including loss of benefits, for recipients who fail to make reasonable progress in meeting requirements of the contract

U. 2-1-1 Services

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

V. Welfare Reform

1. Support future reform legislation that would eliminate all local costs for state and federal welfare mandates and provide flexibility to local governments for program activities.
2. Support legislation that uses a block grant approach to fund state and federal welfare programs as long as it provides for adjustments that are consistent with increases in workload standards and services.
3. Support legislation that would allocate federal welfare block grants directly to local administering agencies.

VI. PLANNING AND LAND USE

The policy of the County of San Diego with respect to various planning and land use matters shall be as noted below.

A. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

1. Support legislation that would set a baseline for cumulative impact analysis in CEQA guidelines that provides a cut-off point for inclusion of new projects in the collective analysis.
2. Support CEQA reform that would streamline process, reinforce effective public involvement, provide information for informed decisions and provide effective environmental protection.
3. Support legislation that would include counties as part of an expedited review process for infill projects.
4. Support legislation that would establish a specified deadline for public comments and challenges to CEQA documents.
5. Support legislation that would allow for short term events to be exempt from CEQA.

B. Eminent Domain

1. Support prohibition of eminent domain power to condemn non-blighted, owner-occupied residential property for transfer to other private property owners for more profitable economic development.

C. General Plans and Land Use Planning

1. Support legislation that would exempt a general plan from new requirements if the city or county has formally initiated proceedings during the preceding year for a general plan amendment to comprehensively update the general plan.
2. Oppose legislation that would erode the land use authority of local government.
3. Oppose legislation that would expand the role of the state and councils of government in local land use matters.
4. Oppose legislation that would mandate planning requirements without any provision for financial assistance.
5. Oppose legislation that would impede the land use authority of local agencies by restricting their discretion to deny or condition approval of development projects, which are incompatible with local conditions or land use standards.
6. Oppose legislation that would require too great a level of specificity in elements of the general plan of a local government.
7. Support legislation that provides up to a two-year tentative map extension without compromising long range general planning and corresponding ordinances.
8. Support efforts at the state and federal levels to include vesting provisions in land use regulations so that projects are only responsible for complying with the regulations and rules existing when processing is started.
9. Support legislative efforts that would encourage Agricultural (Ag) Tourism in the San Diego region and benefit local businesses involved in Ag Tourism.

D. Housing Programs

1. Oppose legislation that would require counties to impose and administer rent control programs.
2. Support legislation that would make the state Department of Housing and Community Development an advisory agency rather than a regulatory agency.
3. Support legislation that recognizes that unincorporated areas of a county should not be expected to plan "low and very low" income housing in housing elements at densities as high as that expected of high density urbanized areas.

4. Support legislation that recognizes unincorporated areas of a county should receive a lower allocation of multi-family housing for housing elements than in cities.
5. Support legislation that would amend housing element law to provide local governments more flexibility to establish density for a site.
6. Support legislation that would allow unincorporated county land that contains low income housing that is annexed into a city to count towards the County's regional housing needs contribution.
7. Support legislation that would provide funding for infrastructure development in the unincorporated area that would aid in more opportunities to meet low income housing requirements.
8. Support legislation that would classify unincorporated counties as suburban or rural.
9. Support legislation that reinstates local land use authority in determining whether density bonus projects are appropriate for a specific community.

E. Impact of Activities on Indian Reservations

1. Support legislation that would provide funding to offset the transportation impacts associated with the development of Indian gaming and other related uses on reservations adjacent to rural areas with limited transportation infrastructure.
2. Support legislation that would preclude newly purchased land from being designated as "tribal land" by the Secretary of the Interior in order that the land may be used for Indian gaming and related uses.
3. Support legislation that would require a full Environmental Impact Statement whenever a non-traditional use of land is proposed on an Indian reservation that likely would negatively impact surrounding communities.
4. Support legislation that would require operators of landfills, and other large development projects, on Indian reservations to obtain appropriate state and local permits, and the associated Tribe to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to mitigate impacts.
5. Support legislation that requires prior to an Indian casino or gaming related facility being granted a liquor license, the Tribe with the casino or gaming related facilities must enter into an enforceable agreement with the County to mitigate any adverse off-reservation environmental, public safety, or behavioral/health impacts the liquor license may cause.
6. Oppose legislation that would limit or restrict the ability of federal, state and local government agencies or departments to comment or take a position on any tribal fee-to-trust applications.

F. Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCO)

1. Oppose measures potentially undermining the authority of LAFCOs in incorporations and other government reorganization proposals.

G. Regional Airport

1. Oppose legislation that would directly or indirectly limit consideration of possible airport sites.

H. Regional Growth Management

1. Support legislation that would reduce competition among local agencies for revenue generating development, including the provision of alternatives to existing revenue allocations, but oppose revenue reallocations that would reduce county revenues without compelling justification.
2. Support legislation that would provide counties greater authority to generate revenue to finance regional services.
3. Oppose legislation that restricts the land use authority of the County of San Diego with regard to decisions not having regional significance.
4. Support legislation that would provide additional resources, including adequate funding, to local agencies to address regional growth issues.
5. Support legislation that would authorize local agencies to establish regional authorities to address growth management issues on a voluntary basis.
6. Oppose legislation that would consolidate special purpose agencies at the expense of the technical expertise and enforcement integrity necessary to accomplish special purpose objectives.
7. Support legislation that would require the existence of a plan for the financing of necessary infrastructure improvements prior to the approval of development permits.
8. Oppose legislation that would usurp, or transfer to another state agency, the authority of the County of San Diego to site public facilities.
9. Support legislation that would create a local agricultural property tax incentive program that would allow a local program that could create or modify property tax incentives to encourage agricultural use of land in a manner similar to the state's Williamson Act.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY

The policy of the County of San Diego with respect to various public protection matters shall be as noted below.

A. Child Support Enforcement

1. Support legislation that would require cooperation in establishing paternity and support orders.

2. Support legislation that would create the flexibility to use state and federal funding for additional activities which would enhance the establishment and enforcement of child support.
3. Support legislation that would adjust the California child support guideline formula used to estimate the amount of child support to ensure an accurate and payable order.
4. Support legislation that would increase efficiencies through the use of administrative changes to the program processes.
5. Support legislation that would develop state and federal automated interfaces with the child support system for better location and asset data.

B. Crime

1. Support legislation that would protect the public from the dangerous and improper use of weapons, and enact necessary regulations to limit or control their use.
2. Oppose legislation that would weaken the authority of local law enforcement to control the issuance of concealed weapons permits.
3. Support enhanced penalties for persons convicted of willfully obtaining or using personal identity information about another person without that person's knowledge or consent.
4. Support legislation that would make it a felony to flee from enforcement officers (high-speed pursuits).
5. Support development of a tamper-proof, permanent Social Security card to reduce various types of fraud.
6. Support legislation to allow appropriate federal border agencies to detain drivers suspected of being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol and direct them to awaiting local law enforcement for sobriety checks.
7. Support legislation to require the Attorney General to post a notice that operation of a motor vehicle with a drug or alcohol in the driver's body at a land border port of entry is an offense under federal law.
8. Support legislation to encourage credit issuers to adopt tougher fraud preventative practices to prevent identity theft.
9. Support legislation that would provide the County the authority to impose certain civil penalties on those who violate County ordinances, rules and regulations by compromising the protection of public health and safety and the preservation of the environment.
10. Support legislation that would increase penalties for adults convicted of driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol with a juvenile passenger, 17 years or younger, regardless of any prior offenses or whether there is a parental/guardianship relationship with the juvenile.

11. Support legislation that would mandate the installation of ignition interlock devices by persons convicted of a DUI offense.
12. Support legislation that imposes stricter requirements on junk dealers and recyclers of nonferrous materials and imposes penalties for metal theft offenders or recyclers that do not adequately document and report metal theft offenses.
13. Support funding that will assist with the gang enforcement task forces in the north and east county.
14. Support legislation that includes theft from an elder or dependent adult as a qualifying offense for sentencing procedures for petty theft.
15. Support legislation that would provide that electronically digitalized copies of records be included as evidence in court proceedings.

C. Department of Juvenile Justice/Juvenile Justice Commission

1. Support legislation that would exclude any crime classified as a serious or violent felony from the "sliding-scale" fees.
2. Support legislation that would provide a permanent and secure funding source to support county juvenile justice commissions.
3. Support legislation that transfers all responsibilities for juvenile justice commissions away from counties to the court or state.

D. Detention Facilities

1. Oppose state intervention in local land use decisions; specifically, the siting of detention facilities and other public facilities.
2. Oppose state legislation limiting the authority of boards of supervisors to control the operation of detention facilities.
3. Support legislation providing state assistance in funding the operating costs of county detention facilities.
4. Support state and federal legislation providing adequate funding to counties to finance the construction, operation and maintenance of adult and juvenile detention facilities.
5. Support legislation that invests in improving, expanding and renovating local detention facilities to address overcrowding, early releases and the responsibilities shifted to counties under public safety realignment. Incentives should be included to encourage in-custody treatment programs and other services.
6. Support legislation that includes counties and other affected municipalities as active participants in the planning and decision-making processes regarding the expansion of correctional facilities or the site selection for new facilities.

7. Oppose legislation that limits or changes the Probation Department's ability to manage the operations and policies of their juvenile detention facilities.

E. Drugs

1. Support state and federal legislation that would provide long-term funding for the operation of local drug courts.
2. Support legislation to equalize penalties for methamphetamine, cocaine, and heroin.
3. Support state and federal legislation or administrative actions to improve the interdiction of the flow of drugs into California and San Diego County.
4. Support Legislation that would place Ecstasy (MDMA) on Schedule 1 or 2 of California's controlled substances, thus making it illegal to possess or distribute the drug.
5. Support legislation that would prohibit a person convicted of possession of "date rape" drugs from probation and treatment under Proposition 36.

F. Emergency/Disaster Management

1. Support legislation to provide full funding for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG), which is the only all hazards emergency preparedness grant program in support of capacity building at the state and local level.
2. Support legislation to add "excessive heat" under relevant government codes used to declare a state or local emergency for the purpose of enabling local jurisdictions to seek state or federal reimbursement for costs incurred when a heat emergency is declared.
3. Support legislation to require that County Office of Emergency Services and Sheriff have direct authorization to broadcast emergency messages on all television channels on the system simultaneously to customers within the originators' county or to more specific target areas in order to transmit emergency notifications.
4. Oppose reductions in funding or capacity to the Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) medical supply cache located in San Diego County.
5. Support legislation to provide additional funding for local hazard mitigation efforts.
6. Support legislation to provide additional funding for local governments to prepare for disaster recovery.
7. Support federal legislative efforts that seek to advance or expand the use of the Next Generation Incident Command System (NICS) by emergency response officials.

G. Ex-Offender/Reentry Programs

1. Support full funding from the state and federal governments for diversion, adult ex-offender, and reentry programs.

2. Support legislation that invests in adult probation services — using as a potential model the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) — to build a continuum of intervention, prevention, and supervision services for adult offenders.
3. Support legislation that provides additional funding and treatment capacity for alcohol and drug treatment, public health and diversion programs, given that the vast majority of inmates in the state and local system struggle with addiction, which is a primary factor in their criminality.
4. Support legislation to fully support the successful JJCPA initiative, which provides a range of juvenile crime prevention and intervention programs and which represents a critical component of an overall crime reduction and public safety improvement strategy. Diverting juveniles from a life of offending would help to reduce pressure on the adult system.
5. Support legislation that invests in mentally ill jail diversion programs, where treatment and services can help promote long-term stability in mentally ill offenders or those with co-occurring disorders, decrease recidivism, and divert appropriate offenders out of the criminal justice system.
6. Support funding opportunities to restore the mental health Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction program.
7. Support legislation that would provide sufficient and sustainable funding to expand and maintain offender reentry collaborative programming, including treatment services, for criminal justice offenders with substance abuse or mental health disorder problems reentering California communities.
8. Support legislation that would fund the expansion and development of proven evidence-based reentry and integration models that include behavioral health services.
9. Support funding for mental health and alcohol and drug treatment services for offenders returning to local custody/jurisdiction.

H. Grant Programs

1. Support full funding for COPS, Law Enforcement Technical grants, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act grants, and juvenile probation camps and ranches.
2. Support full funding for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area task force (HIDTA).

I. Information Technology Infrastructure

1. Support funding that will enhance criminal justice and public safety information technology infrastructure.
2. Support funding that will allow for multi-agency integration of criminal justice related data.

J. Peace Officers

1. Oppose legislation restricting the availability of evidence in administrative investigations and hearings involving peace officers.

K. Securing Our Border

1. Support completion quickly and efficiently of the border 14-mile triple fence along the international border.
2. Support legislation to enhance the capability of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency to track expired visas.
3. Support legislation to provide adequate funding for sufficient permanent customs agents and advanced technology to every point of entry into the United States to secure our borders.

L. Sex Offenders

1. Support legislation that would permit rental housing providers to evict or refuse tenancy to registered sex offenders.
2. Support legislation that would remove the ability of convicted sex offenders to obtain exemptions from having their status posted on the Internet by the Attorney General or local law enforcement and allow as much information as possible to be posted in accordance with the Supreme Court decision (Megan's Law).
3. Support legislation to provide notification 65 days prior to the placement hearing for a sexually violent predator.
4. Support legislation to establish residential placement guidelines for conditionally-released predators.
5. Support legislation to require that any changes in monitoring, treatment or conditions of release must be reported to local officials and require some form of public input and/or notice prior to making any changes.
6. Support legislation to increase the treatment period for sex offenders from two years to five years.
7. Support legislation that would add human trafficking for the purposes of sexual slavery to the list of offenses requiring registration as a sex offender under California's Sex Offender Registration Act.
8. Support legislation that prohibits a person mandated to register as a sex offender from using any Internet social networking website if the victim of the offense was under 18 years of age at the time of the offense and the Internet was used in the commission of the crime.

9. Support legislation that requires any person mandated to register as a sex offender who adds or changes his or her account with an Internet service provider or changes an Internet identifier, to send a written notice to the law enforcement agency where he or she last registered.
10. Support legislation that would require the metallic information strip on a Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) license or identification card to include information such as sexually violent predator status or conviction of a sex offense against a minor.
11. Support legislation that permits any law enforcement agency that believes that public safety may be compromised by allowing a convicted sex offender to be excluded from public posting on the Megan's Law website to recommend that the Department of Justice make information about the offender available on the public website.
12. Support federal legislation that would remove the suspect's knowledge of the victim's age as an element of the offense for sex trafficking of children by force, fraud or coercion to ensure successful and timely prosecution.

VIII. RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

The policy of the County of San Diego with respect to various resources and environmental issues shall be as noted below.

A. Agricultural Services

1. Support legislation that would authorize counties with a population greater than one million to establish a registration fee for fresh fruit and vegetable wholesalers.
2. Oppose legislation that would increase state control over fruit and vegetable standardization programs.
3. Support legislation that would ensure effective pricing accuracy of merchandise and produce when electronic scanners are used.
4. Support legislation that would provide for a more flexible sampling methodology for scanner inspections to increase the number of inspections, providing additional consumer protection.
5. Support legislation that would assure the clear labeling and accuracy of the net quantity of packaged products to promote value comparison and consumer confidence.
6. Oppose legislation that would diminish or remove protections now afforded to consumers for transactions measured by scales or meters.
7. Support legislation that would allow growers of specialty crops to participate in crop insurance programs, including legislation that would treat plant pest quarantines as disasters and provide eligibility for economic relief to growers of specialty crops in declared disaster areas.

8. Support legislation that would review, amend or increase user fees collected by the County agricultural commissioner for the testing, certification or registration of licensed personnel and pest control businesses.
9. Support legislation that would harmonize the language regarding civil penalty authority in the Food and Agricultural Code and the Business and Professions Code to allow county agricultural commissioners to levy, in lieu of civil prosecution, a civil penalty against persons who violate provisions of the codes in order to provide an effective alternative to court prosecution.
10. Support legislation that would recognize the unique characteristics of borders areas and support funding to prevent and eradicate invasive agricultural pest infestations from Mexico that pose a threat to U.S. agricultural crops.
11. Support legislation that would achieve the optimal level of funding for required regulatory activities, such as pest exclusion, detection and eradication, and improve coordination between federal, state and county programs.
12. Support legislation that would encourage conservation of agricultural land by providing funding for conservation easements or the transfer/purchase of development rights and economic incentives for farmers to conserve wetland and grassland habitats on their farms.
13. Support legislation that would improve the funding and effectiveness of pesticide regulation activities to protect the safety of workers, the public and the environment.
14. Support legislation that would increase funding for regulatory activities associated with structural fumigation inspections to promote worker and public safety.
15. Support legislation that would increase funding for education, outreach and compliance assessment activities related to the safe use of pesticides.
16. Support legislation that would increase funding for agricultural water quality education, outreach and compliance assessment.
17. Support legislation that would promote effective control of rodents that present risks to humans and/or livestock.
18. Support legislation that would provide full funding for an insect detection trapping program for pests that threaten the local agricultural economy.
19. Support legislation that would provide grants to increase producers' competitiveness in Specialty Crops, including nursery stock.
20. Support legislation that would improve funding for Certified Farmers Market and Certified Producer inspections, as well as funding for the California Organic Program.
21. Support legislation that would promote funded regulatory activities for biologically sound bee keeping, improve the safety of people and animals, and improve the protection of honeybee health.

22. Support legislation that would require property owners to abate unmanaged bee hives, which pose a public nuisance.
23. Support legislation that would improve funding for wildlife education and assistance programs that aid the public in safely addressing interactions with wildlife such as bears, coyotes, bobcats or mountain lions, which impact public safety.
24. Support legislation that would provide funding for control, prevention and eradication of invasive pests.
25. Support legislation that would provide funding for education and outreach on invasive pests to the industry and the public.
26. Support legislation that would support coordinated treatments in commercial citrus groves and continued residential treatments for the suppression of the Asian Citrus Psyllid population in San Diego County.
27. Support legislation that would add support for science-based Asian Citrus Psyllid control in organic citrus operations.
28. Support efforts to encourage property owners to remove dead and dying citrus trees.
29. Support legislation that would fund the electronic submission, collection, and entry of pesticide use data.
30. Support legislation that would provide alternatives to enforcement activities by promoting a consultation-based option for compliance.
31. Support legislation that would review or amend state caps on fees collected by the County agricultural commissioner for the registration of businesses that use commercial weighing or measuring devices for full cost recovery when possible.
32. Support legislation that would improve consumer protection during business transactions involving commercial weighing or measuring devices (scales, meters, and scanners).
33. Support legislation that would increase funding for the inspection of businesses licensed as weighmasters.
34. Support legislation that would improve funding for the Shell Egg Quality Program.
35. Support legislation that would improve protections for consumers that purchase shell eggs and organic produce.
36. Support legislation that would increase funding for enforcement of certified producers, certified farmers markets, organic labeling, or produce quality.

B. Biotechnology

1. Industry
 - a. Support efforts to identify an in-state alternative site to Ward Valley; and oppose provisions to limit the amounts of low-level radioactive waste and mandate disposal options, and support performance based, scientifically founded solutions to disposal of such waste.
2. Education
 - a. Support legislation that provides assistance from new revenue sources to universities to retain and expand existing biotechnology programs, including pre-doctorial and post-doctoral education and targeting underrepresented or at risk students.

C. California Energy

1. Support legislation that would expedite siting and construction of new generation plants.
2. Support legislation that would encourage exploration of alternative fuels and renewable energy sources.
3. Support legislation that establishes a system for competitive and predictable electricity rates.
4. Support legislation that allows for direct access to permit companies to choose their own providers.
5. Support legislation that provides reliable energy including generators, cross border opportunities and energy transfers.
6. Support legislation that provides a fair allocation of Department of Water Resources energy costs to San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) customers.
7. Support legislation that provides clean and diversified energy initiatives (energy efficiency, solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, clean coal technologies and advanced natural gas technologies) to augment traditional resources (oil, natural gas, coal and hydropower).
8. Support incentives that promote “green building” practices to make facilities resource and energy efficient and healthy places to work.

D. Climate Change

1. Oppose legislation that mandates local government programs to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions without providing funding.
2. Support legislation that provides incentives and CEQA streamlining for higher density redevelopment and infill development in urban centers.

3. Encourage, with financial incentives, cost effective and efficient methods to reduce GHG emissions.
4. Oppose legislation that addresses GHG emissions at the expense of jeopardizing existing criteria pollutant reduction programs.
5. Support legislation that clarifies the local air districts' existing authority, or delegates authority to local air districts, to enforce GHG regulations for stationary sources currently regulated under criteria pollutant programs.
6. Support legislation that provides funding for local climate change programs.
7. Support legislation that provides funding for development and/or implementation of local emergency response and adaptation strategies relating to climate change.

E. Development Process Improvements related to the Endangered Species Act (ESA)

1. Support legislation that would reduce the complexity and time necessary for the listing process, establish minimum standards for determining the best available scientific and commercial data, and require the scientific data supporting a listing to be published in the Federal Register.
2. Support legislation that would require that a peer review process be established both within and outside of government to verify scientific and commercial data, and its use in the endangered species listing process.
3. Support legislation that would simplify the process for obtaining permits, and extend the Section 7 consultation requirement to persons who do not necessarily require multiple agency permits.
4. Support legislation that would provide local agencies having land use authority sufficient funding to implement multiple species and/or habitat recovery plans.
5. Support legislation that would streamline the ESA Section 7 consultations when there is an adopted habitat conservation plan.
6. Support legislation that would provide that critical habitat designations would not include areas that are part of an adopted habitat conservation plan.
7. Oppose legislation that would replace the current "sensitive species evaluation standards" review with a "full disclosure of information" document similar to that required by the CEQA.
8. Support legislation that would exempt lands supporting existing agricultural uses from requirements arising out of habitat conservation plans prepared pursuant to the state or federal ESA.
9. Support legislation that would require that habitat conservation plans accommodate necessary fire safety and flood control measures such as controlled burning and vegetation treatments.

10. Support legislation that would amend the state and federal ESA to provide that an approved Multiple Species Conservation Program shall not require modification as a result of subsequent unforeseen circumstances or the subsequent listing of additional species.
11. Support legislation that would require the state and federal governments to indemnify local governments for any legal actions arising out of the implementation of multiple species habitat conservation plans or any special rules that carry out the provisions of the ESA.
12. Support legislation that would exempt from normal permit requirements actions taken on private property to prevent or minimize injury to property, health or safety.

F. Environmental Health

1. Support legislation that would promote local control of hazardous materials handling, hazardous waste management, medical waste management and protection of groundwater from underground and aboveground storage tank leaks.
2. Support legislation prohibiting the state from forcing a county to accept more than its fair share of hazardous waste.
3. Support legislation to amend Public Resources Code relating to solid waste to allow burn dumpsites that are orphaned or held by a property owner to be more competitive for remediation funding in order to mitigate public health risk.
4. Support statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for universal waste, sharps waste, pharmaceutical waste and other product waste management costs and support legislation to implement the framework for an Extended Producer Responsibility System that shifts universal, sharps, pharmaceutical and other waste management costs from local government to the producer of the product.
5. Support legislation that allows accessible underground storage tanks that are monitored and contained to have less stringent requirements than buried tanks.
6. Support legislation that raises the reporting threshold for low risk hazardous materials.
7. Support statewide efforts to revise hazardous material laws to eliminate obsolete sections and reflect the change from paper forms to online reporting.
8. Support statewide efforts to align medical waste laws with the regulations established by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation for handling, storage and transportation of medical waste.
9. Support legislation that would improve health and safety at public spas and swimming pools and increase pool operator knowledge without imposing unreasonable costs or mandates.
10. Support legislation that would protect the public by incorporating food safety in the local design and implementation of new food systems-related programs.

11. Support legislation that would improve food safety procedures at regulated food facilities without imposing unreasonable costs or mandates.
12. Support legislation that would improve health and safety at body art facilities without imposing unreasonable costs or mandates.
13. Support legislation that would ensure public health at cottage food operations by properly addressing food handler training, inspection and enforcement procedures and effective public notification, and also would allow for cost recovery for the agency responsible for implementation.
14. Support legislation that improves food safety knowledge for all food handlers without imposing unreasonable costs or mandates.
15. 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 until such time as the property owner has performed the necessary clean-up and mitigation for hazardous byproducts.

G. Historical and Cultural Preservation

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

H. Land and Water Conservation Fund

1. Support full and permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund first enacted in 1964 to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high quality recreation areas and facilities.

I. Offshore Oil Drilling – Outer Continental Shelf

1. Oppose offshore oil drilling in the coastal waters within the San Diego region.
2. Support legislation to increase state and local governments' decision-making roles regarding offshore operations.

J. Water Availability and Resources

1. Support legislative measures proposing improvements to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and State Water Project facilities that would facilitate conveyance of water to Southern California.
2. Support legislation related to water supply and Delta levee repair that would:
 - Improve Delta levees to control flooding, maintain water supply reliability and reduce seawater intrusion to protect water quality.
 - Develop adequate and reliable funding from state and federal sources for maintenance of Delta levees.
 - Provide funding to enhance conveyance and storage facilities as part of the California Bay-Delta Authority (CBDA) program that are cost-effective, improve

the reliability and quality of the San Diego region's water supplies and protect the Bay-Delta's ecosystem.

- Support funding for water conservation, water recycling, groundwater recovery and recharge, and source water protection and watershed planning activities and facilities.
3. Support legislation that provides for the development of a comprehensive state water plan that balances California's competing water needs and results in a reliable and affordable supply of high-quality water for the San Diego region.
 4. Support legislation that allocates state water bond funds to the San Diego region in a fair and equitable manner.
 5. Support legislation that would expand the use of water conservation and voluntary water transfers.
 6. Support legislation that would provide incentives and funding for indoor and outdoor water conservation measures sponsored by local agencies.
 7. Support legislation that would assist the reclamation and reuse of water.
 8. Oppose legislation creating administrative and financing obstacles to the development of water reclamation programs.
 9. Support funding for wastewater or drinking water infrastructure projects including water treatment improvements, storm drain projects and sewer improvements.
 10. Support legislation and policy that reduces the impact of water shortages on San Diego agriculture.
 11. Support legislation that would maintain the 100-year standard for levee protection in Southern California jurisdictions.

K. Watershed Planning and Water Quality Management

1. Support legislation that would foster science-based, environmentally beneficial, results-oriented, and cost-effective water quality programs that draw on the strengths of municipalities that administer stormwater permits and the state and regional water quality control boards. Clean water legislation should address all of the following issues:
 - Use of current science and relevant data when setting water quality objectives in watershed basin plans.
 - Identification and abatement of sources of stormwater pollution.
 - Increased local flexibility in the use of local resources to manage stormwater and improve or maintain water quality.
 - Elimination of duplicative efforts by state and local water quality regulatory programs to prevent wasted time and effort, and to better use limited funds.
2. Support legislation that would provide funding for implementation of long-term treatment control best management practices, and related storm water quality/urban runoff

improvement programs associated with approved Integrated Regional Watershed Management plans.

3. Oppose legislation that would mandate improvements to water quality, and related actions, but fails to include necessary long-term funding resources.
4. Support legislation that would provide funding for programs and research to improve the quality of recreational water, surface water and groundwater.
5. Support legislation that would promote and fund comprehensive solutions to clean water issues that affect public agencies and the private sector, including:
 - Planning
 - Monitoring and pollution detection
 - Research and program development
 - Data analysis and dissemination
 - Research
 - Water quality protection
6. Support legislation that would provide funding for flood control and hazard mitigation projects and programs to protect life and property from the impacts of flooding.
7. Support legislation that provides a secure, consistent, and recurring long-term funding source for the testing of beach water quality and corresponding public health notification at San Diego County beaches and bays.
8. Support legislation and regulatory actions that are consistent with existing mandates of the federal Clean Water Act, provide local flexibility for attaining water quality objectives, and avoid imposing unfunded mandates.

L. Wildlife Preservation – Habitat Protection

1. Support legislation to provide funding to local governments to create programs to protect river parkways and to reclaim damaged river habitat.
2. Support legislation that would balance protection of the nation's biological and wildlife resources with the social, economic, and quality-of-life standards of local communities.
3. Support legislation that would recognize the value of cooperative planning by agencies to protect important natural resources through multi-species habitat plans, and provide funding for regional and sub-regional multi-species habitat plans.
4. Support legislation that would provide federal funding to complete planning and implementation of regional open space plans, including funding sources for acquisition management, monitoring and maintenance.
5. Support legislation that would require compensation by the state or federal government to private property owners when there has been an effective taking of property as a result of the implementation of environmental laws and regulations.

6. Support continued funding for Farm Bill programs that provide economic incentives to farmers for conservation efforts.
7. Support legislation that would require the commitment of state and federal lands with habitat value to regional preserve systems established by multiple species habitat plans, including lands held in trust by the Resolution Trust Corporation and military surplus lands.
8. Support legislation that would authorize the inclusion of passive recreational uses in regional preserve systems established by multiple species habitat plans.
9. Support legislation that would provide incentives, such as income tax credits, for property owners to preserve, sell or donate biologically valuable land.
10. Support legislation that would provide funding for planning and acquisition activities for the County Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Plans that are permitted under the Federal ESA Section 10(a) Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) and the State Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) Act and funding for other regional activities, including funding for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service San Diego National Wildlife Refuge and Otay/Kuchamaa.
11. Support funding for necessary Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) technical support to enable the Corps and the U.S. Environmental Protection agency to work with the County to develop a streamlined Section 404 permitting process that is equivalent to the permitting benefits of the MSCP. One approach to this goal is to create a Programmatic General Permit/Regional General Permit for the County through a Special Area Management Plan (SAMP).
12. Support legislation that funds removal of non-native or invasive weeds.
13. Support legislation that requires the federal government to develop, implement, and fund mitigation plans to address the trash and debris flowing downstream into the Tijuana River Valley from the other side of the border and support funding that mitigates the ecological impacts of the border fence.

IX. TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

The policy of the County of San Diego with respect to various transportation and public works matters shall be as noted below.

A. Airports

1. Support federal legislation that would continue to fund the Airport Improvement Program at a level necessary to ensure sufficient revenue for local airports to meet safety, security, capacity, and noise improvement needs.
2. Oppose legislation that would divert funds from the state aviation program.

3. Support legislation that provides funding for airport security improvements and provides ongoing funding for security at county-owned airports, where county government has been called upon to provide enhanced security.
4. Support full funding for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), the Contract Tower Program, and capital improvements at airports.
5. Support legislation that provides funding for intermodal projects such as mass transit, rail or passenger car that connect airports with the regional transportation network.
6. Support federal legislation that would address the issues related to national security risks from the use of flight schools as identified in the 2012 GAO Report titled "General Aviation Security: Weaknesses Exist in TSA's Process for Ensuring Foreign Flight Students Do Not Pose a Security Threat."
7. Support federal and state legislation that would maintain air traffic control towers at County airports.

B. Infrastructure Development in Support of Business and Commerce

1. Support legislation that would provide funding for development of backbone infrastructure systems in support of industrial facilities, business parks and the proposed Port of Entry in East Otay Mesa, consistent with specific plans for the area, and local/regional transportation plans and projects.

C. Metro Sewer System Upgrade

1. Support legislation providing federal matching funds to upgrade the Metro Sewer System and other local wastewater collection, treatment, recycling, and disposal facilities.
2. Support legislation authorizing the use of alternative technology to treat wastewater if results are equal to secondary treatment.
3. Support legislation authorizing a combination of water reclamation and advanced primary treatment, i.e., "secondary equivalent" as an alternative to the secondary treatment requirement of the federal Clean Water Act where it can be demonstrated that the impact on receiving waters will be equal to or better than with total secondary treatment and discharge of all effluent.
4. Support legislation that would hold existing Metropolitan Sewage Disposal Agreements and Joint Powers Agreements for Metro participating agencies harmless from subsequent judicial decisions or legislative changes.
5. Support funding for development of local and regional water recycling projects, including groundwater recharge and potable reservoir augmentation.

D. Solid Waste Planning and Disposal

1. Support legislation that would require active landfill operations to bear the full costs of permitting, operating, long-term monitoring, enforcement and maintenance.

2. Support legislation that would ensure all solid waste management operators and jurisdictions will provide complete information about waste that enters or is diverted from landfills so that all jurisdictions and CalRecycle can make accurate assessments in compliance with AB 939 reporting requirements.
3. Support funding for inactive landfill and burn dumpsite monitoring, maintenance, and remediation.
4. Support legislative measures that would encourage expansion of composting and anaerobic digestion infrastructure.

E. Solid Waste Recycling

1. Support legislative measures (a) requiring the state to provide funding for added costs to local agencies for preparation and implementation of mandated recycling plans and programs and (b) requiring extended manufacturer responsibility for the recyclability and disposal costs of their products — particularly "e-waste" and (c) encouraging active development of markets for recycled materials.
2. Support legislation establishing grant and loan programs for recycling businesses, including recyclers of construction/demolition materials and organics/green waste, and for rural and back county recycling programs.
3. Support legislation that would encourage environmentally preferable purchasing (EPP) Initiatives on a local, state, and federal level, as well as active development of private markets, to increase the markets for recycled content products.

F. Streambed Alteration Permits – Public Projects

1. Support legislation that would streamline the issuance of a streambed alteration permit for emergency or routine construction and maintenance of public road drainage and flood control facility projects.
2. Support legislation that would establish standards for the use and creation of mitigation banks to meet streambed alteration permit mitigation conditions.
3. Support legislation that would exempt from normal permit requirements actions taken on private and public property to prevent or minimize injury to property, health or safety.
4. Support legislation extending the Water Resources Development Act to allow expedited review of public projects by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulatory staff.

G. Transportation

1. Support legislation that provides equitable state or federal funding for roads and highways, protects local transportation funding, transit services and facilitates the timely construction of local transportation projects.
2. Oppose legislative efforts to defer or divert transportation-related funding for state or federal deficit reduction/general fund purposes.

3. Support transportation funding legislation that:
 - Provides revenues without affecting funding sources of other county projects.
 - Allocates funding to counties based on equitable criteria such as total number of registered vehicles; and miles of roads.
 - Allows local discretion over funds for road improvements.
 - Reaffirms state responsibility for highway financing.
 - Assures federal funding for local transportation projects.
 - Continues state and federal funds for alternative forms of transit.
4. Support legislation to eliminate unnecessary federal or state review of local transportation projects.
5. Support legislation that would allocate funds as a pass-through or block grant directly to applicable local agencies.
6. Support legislation that would provide post-interstate funding for highway maintenance and rehabilitation.
7. Support legislation that would provide federal gas tax revenues to local governments on an equitable basis for street and road improvements.
8. Oppose legislation that would reduce the amounts available for the state Transportation Improvement Program or usurp local decision-making on priority transportation projects.
9. Support legislation that would fund and/or expand the implementation of the Federal Rural Transportation Initiative and in particular the funding of transportation improvements, including operation and safety improvements, on heavily traversed two-lane arterials in the unincorporated area of San Diego County.
10. Support continued funding to study the establishment of a magnetic levitation (MAGLEV) rail system in the region.
11. Support funding for transportation projects such as road widening, bypasses, pedestrian improvements, and trails.
12. Oppose legislation that seeks to increase truck size or weight limits to a level that puts highways, roads, and bridges at risk of increased damage or deterioration or threatens the capacity of our road systems.
13. Support legislation that would remove the remaining available balance for the \$9 billion in state debt funding for the high speed rail project, while allowing for the \$950 million portion designated for local transportation to remain available for future funding.