



Sonoma County Legislative Platform and Program

November 12, 2024

Recommended Action

- Adopt the Sonoma County 2025 Legislative Platform and approve the Sonoma County Legislative Affairs Program and Sonoma County Strategic Grant Program policies.

Sonoma County Legislative Program

- Legislative Platform
- Legislative Program
- Strategic Grants Program



Strategic Approach to Advocacy

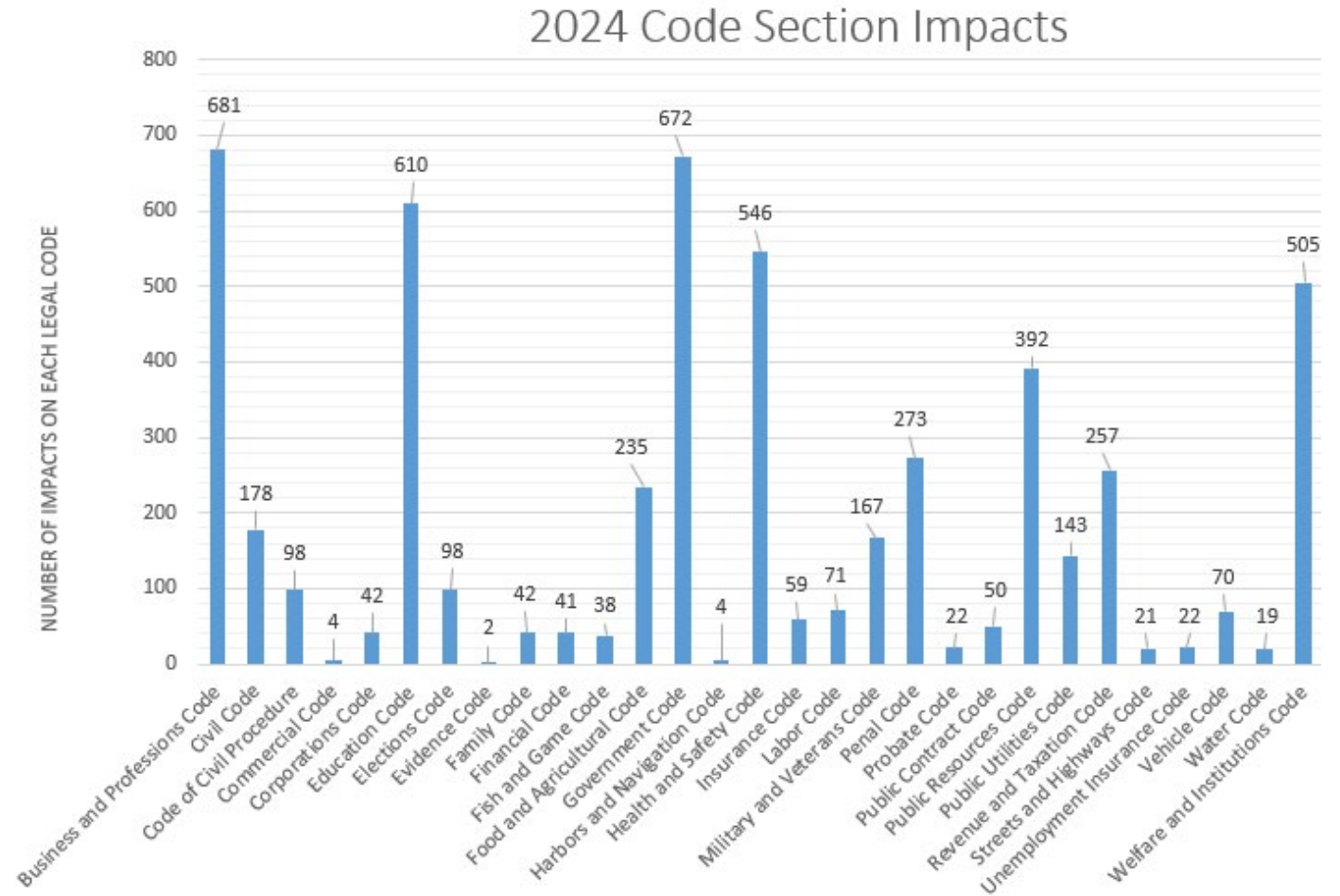
- Legislator Engagement
- Empower Departments and Agencies
- Streamlined Platform Development
- Annual Platform Adoption



Code Impacts of 2024 Bills Signed by Governor into Law

4610 Total

- Business and Professional – 681
- Government – 672
- Corporation – 610
- Health and Safety - 546



Legislative Platform Guiding Principles

- Governmental Transparency and Public Access
- Infrastructure Investment
- Public Administration
- Public Services Access
- Racial Equity & Anti-Racism
- Sense of Community



Legislative Platform Issue Areas

- Governmental Transparency and Public Access
 - Agriculture
 - Economic Development
 - Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery
 - Health and Human Services
 - Housing and Homelessness
 - Parks, Natural Resources, and Climate Adaption
- Telecommunications
 - Transportation
 - Tribal Affairs



2025 State Bill Proposals

- Platform Positions vs. Platform Proposals
- Proposals
 1. Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Endowment Fund
 2. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption for Public Trail Purposes
 3. California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) Access
 4. Highway 101 Airport Boulevard Overcrossing Rename
 5. Statewide Agriculture Access Verification Card (Ag Access) Program Training



Next Steps

- Seek authors for State policy proposals
- Share County Legislative Platform with Elected Officials
- Advocate for legislation aligned with the County Platform
- Monitor state and federal activities for additional policy considerations
- Track issues and interests for 2026 Legislative Platform