



SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 3/23/2021

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** County Administrator's Office

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Sheryl Bratton 707-565-2588, Marissa Montenegro 707-565-3771

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

**Title:**

2021-2022 Sonoma County Legislative Platform

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the Sonoma County 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Platform

**Executive Summary:**

On March 2, 2021 staff provided the Board with an update on the Sonoma County 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Platform. The draft platform was updated based on Board feedback and a final draft is attached for Board review and approval.

Staff recommends approval of the attached 2021-2022 Sonoma County State and Federal Legislative Platform.

**Discussion:**

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State priority issues have been updated to address continued prioritization of disaster recovery and response in addition to supporting the COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. This year the priorities include:

- S1. Disaster Response and Recovery
- S2. Affordable Housing and Homelessness
- S3. Behavioral Health
- S4. Climate Action
- S5. Resiliency
- S6. Infrastructure

Federal Priorities have also been updated to address continued prioritization of disaster recovery and response in addition to supporting the COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. This year the priorities include:

- F1. Disaster Response and Recovery

- F2. Housing and Homelessness
- F3. Climate Action
- F4. Broadband
- F5. Health Care
- F6. Infrastructure

As an emerging opportunity within the Infrastructure priority, Congress has released new guidelines on the return of “earmarks” for the FY 2022 Appropriations bills. Members will be allowed to submit requests for earmarks -- now referred to as Community Project Funding. Given this recent development, staff will work to update a local priority project list to share with local Members of Congress. The following projects are being discussed:

- Wiltel Conduit Fiber Optic Retrofit
- County Communication Tower Upgrades and Facility SMART Fiber Connections
- Emergency Coordination Center
- Solar PV at Veterans Building - Resiliency/Grid Independent
- Eagles Nest and Memory Lane Retaining Wall Replacements
- Airport Blvd Widening

The following issues have been added to the attached final draft platform:

- G1. Equity and Social Justice
- S47. Marketplace Equity and Consumer Protection

Staff will continue to work with your Board, state and federal advocacy consultants and staff subject matter experts to develop strategic advocacy plans within each state and federal priority area as well as the local priority project list for Community Project Funding. Staff recommends approval of the attached Sonoma County 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Platform to support continued advocacy for Sonoma County.

**Prior Board Actions:**

- March 2, 2021 - Received an update on the 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Platform
- January 10, 2017 - Approval of the Sonoma County 2017-2018 State and Federal Legislative Platform.
- November 17, 2015 - Approval of the Sonoma County 2016 State and Federal Legislative Platform and Report by State Advocates.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 20-21 Adopted</b>	<b>FY21-22 Projected</b>	<b>FY 22-23 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			

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<b>Total Sources</b>			
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**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

none

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll Classification)</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)</b>	<b>Additions (Number)</b>	<b>Deletions (Number)</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

N/A

**Attachments:**

2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Platform

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

N/A