



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Platform Update

Recommended Action:

Receive an update on the 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Platform

Executive Summary:

The County maintains robust levels of advocacy at all levels of government led by the Board of Supervisors and supported by the departments, staff, and community partners. These efforts provide the County with needed resources and policies to enrich the quality of life in Sonoma County through superior public service. The two-year Legislative Platform approved by the Board provides direction.

Staff will provide an update on the draft 2021-2022 Legislative Platform. Staff will return to your Board for formal platform adoption on March 23, 2021.

Discussion:

Upon completion of each two-year legislative cycle, the Board of supervisors adopts a countywide legislative platform to provide direction to staff and legislative advocates in seeking resources and policy support for County priorities.

In determining legislative priorities, staff queried departments to determine general and specific needs and then met with the County's legislative advocates to review submittals and assess opportunities and strategies. Throughout this project, staff have ensured alignment with the development of the County's five year strategic plan the Economic Recovery Plan, in addition to the continued alignment with the Recovery and Resiliency Framework.

The recommended draft of the Sonoma County 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Platform contains state and federal priorities and is divided into six sections: 1) Guiding Principles, 2) State Priorities, 3) State Issues, 4) Federal Priorities, 5) Federal Issues, and 6) General Issues.

- 1) Guiding Principles provide the broader policy directions for specific issues and direction for staff and legislative advocates when responding to unanticipated legislation.
- 2) State Priorities summarize the proposed areas where the County expects legislative advocates to pursue introduction and/or passage of legislation. 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
- 3) State issues include issues that the County actively supports and may include supporting the advocacy efforts of local government associations such as California State Association of Counties and the Rural County Representatives of California to advance County interests.
- 4) Federal Priorities are intended to be the primary focus of federal legislative advocacy. The following are the recommended priority issues:
- F1. Disaster Response and Recovery
 - F2. Housing and Homelessness
 - F3. Climate Action
 - F4. Broadband
 - F5. Health Care
 - F6. Infrastructure
- 5) Federal Issues include issues the County actively supports including supporting the efforts of local government associations such as the National Association of Counties, professional organizations, and other counties to advance county interests.
- 6) General Issues include those with connections to both state and federal legislative or funding action that the County will actively support.

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Staff will continue to assess priorities and present to your Board for addition or modification as needed.

Prior Board Actions:

June 23, 2020 - Amendment to the County's Legislative Platform

February 4, 2020 - Legislative End-of-Year Report of the 2019-2020 Legislative Platform

January 29, 2019 - Sonoma County 2019-2020 State and Federal Legislative Platform

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 20-21 Adopted	FY21-22 Projected	FY 22-23 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			

Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Legislative advocacy and adoption of the Legislative Platform are covered by existing budgets.

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

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

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

N/A