

MEMORANDUM



COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE INTERGOVERNMENTAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION

December 17, 2020

TO: Legislative Committee
FROM: Annette D'Adamo, Legislative Coordinator (MAIL)
RECO: Receive a report and provide direction on the development of the 2021-22 Legislative Program

Background

Monterey County maintains a long-standing and successful Legislative Program, ensuring that the interests of the County are well represented in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. The Program provides the County a voice in funding and policy decision-making in the state and national capitals and ensures that County leaders are fully apprised of evolving state and federal initiatives impacting the County and its residents. The Legislative Program is managed in accordance with a series of legislative principles and priorities which are designed in support of the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Initiatives. The Strategic Initiatives lay out a forward-looking vision for planning and management of County resources across programs to secure maximum return and benefit for County residents.

In the fall of each year, the County Administrative Office – Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs (IGLA) Division works with County departments, the County's state and federal legislative and funding advocates (Nossaman LLP & Ballard Spahr LLP), under the direction of the Board's Legislative Committee, on updates to the Legislative Program.

Summary of Major Changes

A redline version of the draft 2021-22 Legislative Program is attached so that you can view all proposed changes in the document. Below is a summary of major changes:

Page 8-15 – Special Section on COVID-19 Pandemic Disparate Impact Legislative Strategies

Page 22-25: Cannabis: War on Drugs – and – Provisional Licenses

Page 28-29: Broadband

Page 31-33: 2020 Census and Redistricting

Page 47: Resilient and Sustainable Communities - Additional focus on climate

Page 47-48: Preserve and Enhance Water Supply - Regional Approach to Water Solutions

Page 49: Safety and Security of Water Supply Facilities

Page 52-53: Access to Justice

Pages 53-54: Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery

Policies Governing Legislative Activities

The Board of Supervisors has adopted policies pertaining to the legislative activities of the Board, department heads, staff, the County's legislative advocates, and County advisory boards and commissions. Staff will review the policies and bring any proposed changes to the Legislative Committee for approval at the January 2021 meeting.

These policies can be found in the Board Policy Manual:

[G-122 Legislative Program: Policies Governing Legislative Activities](#)

Next Steps

Staff is continuing to work with County departments to further refine the Legislative Program document. A final draft of the program will be presented to the Legislative committee at the January 11, 2021 meeting.

January 11, 2021

Legislative Committee

- Consider recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for approval of the 2021-22 Legislative Program

January 26, 2021

Board of Supervisors - Consider recommendation from Legislative Committee to:

- Approve the 2021-22 Legislative Program
- Receive annual reports from Nossaman LLP and Ballard Spahr LLP regarding 2020 state and federal legislative advocacy efforts.

Attachment

DRAFT 2021-22 Legislative Program (redline version)