



TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee **DATE:** October 8, 2018

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RE: Legislative Program: State Advocacy Updates

The Legislature wrapped up the 2017-2018 session on August 31, 2018 and the Governor has completed all action on all bills he was presented. Most laws will take effect on January 1, 2019, unless the bill was passed and signed as an urgency measure. Urgency measures take effect upon enactment.

Given the November election, we will start the next Legislative Session with a new Administration. Over recess, Nossaman will work with the County to vet any potential legislative proposals or budget requests for the upcoming Session.

End of Legislative Session Bill Status:

- **SB 1459 (Cannella) Cannabis: provisional license: SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.** At the end of the legislative session, the County of Monterey, and a few other counties recognized the need to introduce legislation to allow applicants, local jurisdictions, and the state additional time to comply with the CEQA requirements related to issuing cannabis licenses. Nossaman worked with CSAC, RCRC and the various statewide cannabis organizations to develop language to establish a provisional cannabis license for one year. This bill was signed by the Governor on September 27, 2018 and was chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter 857, Statutes of 2018.
- **Status of Legislative Proposals with Positions:** The County took positions on several bills this legislative year. Below is an update on priority bills the County took a position on.

Health and Human Services:

- AB 626 (E. Garcia): California Retail Food Code: microenterprise home kitchen operations. Status: Signed by the Governor. County Position: Oppose.
- AB 1893 (Maienshein): Maternal mental health: federal funding. Status: Signed by the Governor. County Position: Support.
- AB 1909 (Nazarian): In-home supportive services: written content translation. Status: Vetoed. County Position: Support.
- AB 1921 (Maienshein): CalWORKs: housing assistance. Status: Vetoed. County Position: Support.
- AB 2111 (Quirk): CalWORKs: sponsored noncitizen: indigence exception. Status: Vetoed. County Position: Support.
- AB 2233 (Kalra): Medi-Cal: Assisted Living Waiver program. Status: Vetoed. County Position: Support.
- AB 3085 (Calderon): New Beginnings California Program. Status: Vetoed. County Position: Support.

Other:

- SB 10 (Hertzberg): Pretrial release or detention: pretrial services. Status: Signed by the Governor. County Position: Watch.
- SB 1079 (Monning): Forest resources: fire prevention grants: advance payments. Status: Signed by the Governor. County Position: Support.
- AB 2421 (Stone): Wildlife Conservation Board: Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program. Status: Signed by the Governor. County Position: Support.

Cannabis/Hemp:

- SB 1409 (Wilk): Industrial hemp. Status: Signed by the Governor. County Position: Support.
- AB 2772 (Medina): Pupil instruction: ethnic studies: grant program. Status: Vetoed. County Position: Support.

Court Construction Update:

The Judicial Council of California staff is currently developing the process for moving forward with the reassessment of all court construction projects on the facilities list that were not funding in this year's State Budget. The reevaluation process will be approved by the Court Facilities Advisory Committee later this year, through a public process. The recommendations have not yet been drafted publically. The Judicial Council staff has started some preliminary work including notifying each county where there are county owned court facilities. The Judicial Council sent such a letter to the county the end of August, requesting to visually inspect the court facilities. The reassessment to develop and submit a new Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan for funding is due by December 31, 2019, to two legislative committees: Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review and the Assembly Committee on Budget.

November 2018 Election Update:

On September 26, 2018, the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) released the results of a statewide survey focused on November election. The full report can be found on their website at www.ppic.org. Below please find a summary of the key findings:

- A slim majority of likely voters oppose Proposition 6, which would repeal recently enacted increases in gas taxes and vehicle registration fees. Proposition 10—which would expand local authority to enact rent control—is also trailing.
- In the governor's race, Gavin Newsom's lead has narrowed but is still in the double digits. Similarly, Dianne Feinstein's double-digit lead over Kevin de León in the US Senate race is smaller than it was in July.
- A majority of California likely voters favor Democratic candidates in US House races; half say this election is more important to them than past midterms.

Receive Monterey County State Bill Track:

See attached.