

County of Monterey – 2021-22 Legislative Report as of 12/14/2020

Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Brief Summary	Position	Notes
AB 34	Muratsuchi D	Communications: Broadband for All Act of 2022.	12/7/2020-A. PRINT	Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would enact the Broadband for All Act of 2022, to become operative only if approved by the voters at the November 8, 2022, statewide general election, to authorize the issuance of state general obligation bonds to fund increased access to broadband services to rural, urban, suburban, and tribal unserved and underserved communities.	Support	12/10/20 Letter to Author
SB 4	Gonzalez D	Communications: California Advanced Services Fund.	12/7/2020-S. RLS.	Current law establishes the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, known as “GO-Biz,” within the Governor’s office to serve the Governor as the lead entity for economic strategy and the marketing of California on issues relating to business development, private sector investment, and economic growth. This bill would require the office to coordinate with other relevant state and local agencies and national organizations to explore ways to facilitate streamlining of local land use approvals and construction permit processes for projects related to broadband infrastructure deployment and connectivity.	Support	12/7/20 Coalition letter to Author

Budget Items and Other Issues:

COVID-19 Food and Supplies	Request assistance to ensure the availability of resources and commodities to local businesses so that necessary supplies, food and water are available to our community.	3/20/20 Letter to Governor
COVID-19 Disaster Relief for Undocumented	Request creation of a disaster relief fund for undocumented community members that do not qualify for other public benefits and resources.	4/8/20 Letter to Governor, Pro Tem, Speaker
COVID-19 PPE & Testing for Farmworkers	Request assistance in securing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and testing supplies to protect essential farmworkers.	4/17/20 Letter to Governor, Pro Tem, Speaker, Cal OES, CDPH from CAO
COVID-19 All Mail November Election	Request issuance of Executive Order to conduct the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election entirely by mail. Board Resolution No. 20-091	4/21/20 Letter to Governor
COVID-19 Food Emergency	Request that the State expand resources to support California’s food banks including local capacity and ongoing sustenance of waivers in the CalFresh and WIC Programs.	4/24/20 Letter to Governor
COVID-19 Cal OES Trailers	Request the State fulfill its commitment by Cal OES to provide Monterey County with 100 trailers to assist with housing efforts related to COVID-19 pandemic.	4/30/20 Letter to Governor, Cal OES

COVID-19 CARES Act Funding for Counties	Request that CARES Act funding be allocated to the 42 of 48 small counties with populations under 500,000.	5/4/20 Letter to Governor from CAOs of California Counties.
COVID-19 Spanish Translation	Request for Spanish Translation of Industry Guidance and Checklist Documents.	5/29/20 Letter to the Governor
COVID-19 Barbershops and Hair Salons	Request reconsideration of guidelines to allow outdoor operations for barbershops and hair salons.	7/14/20 Letter to Board of Barbering and Cosmetology
COVID-19 School Reopening	Request guidance and resources to assist K-12 school districts and students to facilitate reopening (testing/response, PPE, technology).	7/15/20 Letter to Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction
COVID-19 Beach Closures– Labor Day Weekend	Requesting closure of State beaches in Monterey County during Labor Day Weekend.	8/18/20 Letter to Governor and State Parks Director
COVID-19 Restaurant Reopening	Request to allow counties to implement safe restaurant policies in accordance with established state and county safety protocols, thus enabling restaurants in the purple tier to open immediately for indoor dining at 25% of pre-COVID-19 capacity – moving to 50% once counties achieve the red tier.	9/24/20 Letter to Governor 10/5/20 Met w/ Senator Caballero, Governor's Office, GoBiz, CRA, NFIB.
COVID-19 Vaccine – Farmworker Prioritization	Request that the State's farmworker population be prioritized to receive COVID-19 vaccinations to protect our farmworkers who are providing critical and essential service for our community, region, and state.	12/3/20 Letter to Governor and Dr. Gahly
COVID-19 Wine Tasting Rooms	Request to allow counties to permit winery tasting rooms to open immediately for indoor wine tasting experiences at a safe capacity, without any food service requirements. This reopening incorporates the implementation of safe winery tasting room practices according to established State, County, and industry health protocols.	10/6/20 Letter to Governor 10/5/20 Met w/ Senator Caballero, Governor's Office, GoBiz, CRA, NFIB.
BUDGET Food Bank Resources	Request to provide funding to local food banks.	5/11/20 LC Support See 4/24/20 Letter re: COVID-19 food emergency. May 2020 Nossaman relayed request to County legislative delegation.
BUDGET Realignment Funding	Request stabilization of funding for 1991 and 2011 Realignment funded programs (public health, public safety, social services, and behavioral health services) to avoid massive cuts or service disruptions.	6/3/20 Nossaman relayed request to County legislative delegation.
BUDGET Vape Tax Proposal – First 5	Request that First 5 receive 14.8% of Vape Tax revenues.	8/10/20 Joint letter from County and First 5 to Sen. Monning, Sen. Caballero, Asm. Stone, Asm. Rivas
Climate Resiliency Bond proposals	Request a minimum of \$700M be included for critically needed dam safety improvements.	5/11/20 LC Support 5/28/20 Letter to Governor, Sen. Allen, Asm. E. Garcia from Coalition

November 3, 2020 Election Proposition 16	Proposition 16 would remove the ban on affirmative action involving race-based or sex-based preferences from the California Constitution.	8/10/20 LC recommends support position to BoS 9/1/20 BoS Adopts support position 9/1/20 Support registered with Prop 16 website
November 3, 2020 Election Proposition 17	Proposition 17 would amend the Constitution of California to allow people who are on parole for felony convictions to vote.	8/10/20 LC recommends support position to BoS 9/1/20 BoS Adopts support position 9/1/20 Support registered with Prop 17 website
November 3, 2020 Election Proposition 18	Proposition 18 would authorize a United States citizen who is 17 years of age, is a resident of this State, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next general election to register to vote and to vote in any intervening primary or special election that occurs after the person registers to vote.	8/10/20 LC recommends support position to BoS 9/1/20 BoS Adopts support position 9/1/20 Support letter to Asm. Mullin and Sen. Padilla
November 3, 2020 Election Proposition 21	Proposition 21 would allow local governments to enact rent control on housing that was first occupied over 15 years ago, with an exception for landlords who own no more than two homes with distinct titles or subdivided interests.	9/14/20 LC recommends support position to BoS 10/6/20 BoS adopts support position 10/6/20 Support registered with Prop 21 website
California LifeLine Proposed Decision	California LifeLine proposed decision that focuses on improving affordable broadband offerings without raising California LifeLine subsidy levels. This proposed decision also prioritizes access to emergency services through voice and bundled wireline services.	9/21/20 Letter to CPUC Expressing Support
California LifeLine Participation	In Monterey County, similarly to the State as a whole, the California LifeLine program is significantly underutilized. This letter urges the County's Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to participate in the program.	9/29/20 Letter to ISPs Urging Participation