

# MEMORANDUM



## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE INTERGOVERNMENTAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

January 11, 2021

**TO:** Legislative Committee  
**FROM:** Annette D'Adamo, Legislative Coordinator (MAIII)  
**RE:** 2021-22 Legislative Program

### REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Review the draft 2021-22 Legislative Program, provide direction to staff on edits, and consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.
2. Review proposed revisions to the Policies Governing Legislative Activities, provide direction to staff, and consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

### 2021-22 Legislative Program

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.

The County Administrative Office – Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs (IGLA) Division works with the Board, 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, to craft a two-year Legislative Program to align with the two-year cycles of the state and federal legislatures.

Once the Legislative Program is drafted, it is reviewed by the Legislative Committee, which provides direction regarding desired changes, and considers a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve the program documents. Staff recommends that the Legislative Committee take these actions today and recommend adoption by the Board of Supervisors at their January 26, 2021 meeting.

The Legislative Program will be updated in January 2022 for the second half of the legislative session, again under the direction of the Legislative Committee and approval by the Board of Supervisors.

## 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(s)	Major Changes
ALL	The program is laid out to align with the Board's Strategic Initiatives (SI). Previously there was a separate section with legislative principles for each SI. The legislative principles were moved under their corresponding section of the report.
ALL	Added references under each legislative principle or priority to the COVID-19 legislative advocacy strategies as appropriate.
ALL	Changed the order in which priority items appear in each section to align with the Board's highest priorities (e.g., moved broadband and housing items to the beginning of the economic development section)
5	NEW: Section on COVID-19 Pandemic Disparate Impact Report
11	NEW: Section on COVID-19 Pandemic Disparate Impact Report - Legislative Advocacy Includes minor updates to the report submitted to the Board in August 2020. NEW bullet added under economic development sections for individual supports and business supports to support taxpayer hardship relief/assistance programs.
15	Moved the agriculture legislative principle under the economic development section, previously under infrastructure.
14	Deleted the federal opportunity zones section and incorporated language into the economic development legislative principle on sustainable job growth
15	Deleted Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) section and incorporated language under the economic development legislative principle related to military installations.
15-16	Broadband and Telecommunications
20-23	Cannabis: New sections on the war on drugs and provisional licenses.
29-31	2020 Census and Redistricting
32	Ethnic Studies
36	Public Charge – Section may not be needed
45	Resilient and Sustainable Communities - Additional focus on climate
47-48	Preserve and Enhance Water Supply - Regional Approach to Water Solutions
49	Addition: Safety and Security of Water Supply Facilities
50	Addition: Salinas River Lagoon and Old Salinas River
51-52	Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery
55-56	Access to Justice – Updates related to proposed Greenfield Courthouse project

## **Policies Governing Legislative Activities**

The Board of Supervisors has adopted Policies Governing Legislative Activities pertaining to the legislative activities of the Board, department heads, staff, the County's legislative advocates, and County advisory boards and commissions.

It has been several years since the policies were amended. Staff has reviewed the policies and proposes the following changes to align with current practices:

- Board representation on CSAC and RCRC
- Authorization and signature authority on County letters

Several minor changes have been included in the document with tracked changes. A redline version of all proposed changes is attached for the Committee's consideration and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

## **Next Step – January 26, 2021 Board of Supervisors**

At the January 26, 2021 meeting, the Board of Supervisors will be asked to approve the recommendations from the Legislative Committee to:

1. Approve the 2021-22 Legislative Program; and
2. Approve Policies Governing Legislative Activities.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to the Board of Supervisors, Legislative Committee, County department heads and staff, the County's legislative advocates and grant consultants, and IGLA staff for their contributions to the 2021-22 Legislative Program.

## **Attachments**

- DRAFT 2021-22 Legislative Program (redline version)
- DRAFT Policies Governing Legislative Activities (redline version)