



# Monterey County

Monterey County  
Government Center  
168 W. Alisal St.  
Salinas, CA 93901

## Meeting Agenda Legislative Committee

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Thursday, October 22, 2020

1:30 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd floor Government Center

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### SPECIAL Meeting

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**Call to Order**

**Additions and Corrections**

**Public Comment**

**Approval of Action Minutes**

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on September 14, 2020.

**Attachments:** [09.14.2020 DRAFT Action Minutes](#)

**Federal Report**

***Presenter: Brent Heberlee (Ballard Spahr LLP)***

2. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
  - a. COVID-19 Stimulus Legislation
  - b. 2020 Census
  - c. Federal Bill/Issues Track

**Attachments:** [2020-10-22 Federal Report](#)  
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**Attachments:** [2020-10-22 State Report](#)  
[2020-10-22 State Track](#)

**Grant Report*****Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)***

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  - a. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) - State Budget Funding for Interlake Tunnel
  - b. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
  - c. Grant Track

**Attachments:** [2020-10-22 Grant Report](#)  
[2020-10-22 Grant Track](#)

**Legislative Advocacy Related to COVID-19 Disparate Impact Report**

***Presenters: Annette D'Adamo, Elsa Jimenez, Lori Medina, Carl Holm, Eric Chatham***

5. Receive a report on proposed legislative advocacy efforts aimed at addressing the needs identified in the Monterey County COVID-19 Pandemic Disparate Impact Report.

**Attachments:** [2020-10-22 Memo Disparate Impact Leg Advocacy](#)  
[2020-10-22 LC Disparate Impact](#)

**2021-22 Legislative Program and Strategic Grant Services Programs**

***Presenter: Annette D'Adamo***

6. Receive report and provide direction on the development of the 2021-22 Legislative Program and Strategic Grant Services Program.

**Attachments:** [2020-10-22 LC Memo Leg and Grant Program Development](#)

**Legislative Workshop**

***Presenter: Annette D'Adamo***

7. Receive report and provide direction on the development of the 2020 Legislative Workshop.

**Attachments:** [2020-10-22 Memo Leg Workshop](#)

**Adjournment**

*Next meeting scheduled for: November 9, 2020*

*Committee members: Supervisor Mary Adams (Chair) and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo (Vice Chair). Staff: Nicholas E. Chiulos, Assistant CAO; Annette D'Adamo, Management Analyst III; and Maegan Ruiz-Ignacio, Administrative Assistant Confidential.*

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## Board Report

Legistar File Number: 20-885

## Item No.

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## Action Minutes - Draft Legislative Committee

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Monday, September 14, 2020

1:30 PM

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### Zoom Call-in Instructions

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

#### Additions and Corrections

None.

#### Public Comment Period

None.

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#### **ACTION:**

Approved the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on August 10, 2020.

#### Federal Report

***Presenter: Brent Heberlee (Ballard Spahr LLP)***

2. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
  - a. COVID-19 Stimulus Legislation
  - b. 2020 Census
  - c. Unemployment Benefits
  - d. Increase Federal Disaster Cost Share Act of 2020
  - e. Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act
  - f. Broadband Access
  - g. Federal Bill/Issues Track

**ACTIONS:**

- Received reports;
- Directed that a support position be taken on S. 4431, the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act.
- Discussed advocacy efforts related to expanding broadband in Monterey County including regulation as a utility by FCC, and legislative and funding opportunities to encourage broadband development.

**State Report**

***Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)***

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
  - a. Status of the Legislature
  - b. Status of legislation Monterey County has taken positions on
  - c. Monterey County COVID-19 Related Advocacy
    - i. Housing for the Harvest Program
    - ii. Project Roomkey - liability issues
  - d. Update on COVID-19 related legislation
  - e. Update on Legislative Economic Stimulus Plan
  - f. Update on Wildfire legislation
  - g. Governor's Executive Orders that Impact Monterey County
  - h. November 2020 Ballot Propositions
  - i. Broadband
    - i. Discuss possible legislation for a universal broadband bond on the 2022 ballot.
    - ii. Discuss possible legislation to reform existing state programs to expand internet access, generate funding, and assist local governments in moving projects forward.
  - j. State Bill/Issues Track

**ACTIONS:**

- Received reports;
- Directed staff to inquire with the California Chamber of Commerce and California Restaurant Association (CRA) to determine their advocacy priorities related to restaurant openings under COVID-19; Supervisor Adams will reach out to the former CRA leader; Supervisor Adams and Supervisor Phillips to reach out to local community for input through the Ad Hoc Committee; then regroup regarding next steps;
- Directed staff to work with the Health Department to write a letter to the California Department of Public Health requesting additional testing sites and resources for Monterey County;
- Recommended forwarding Proposition 19 to the Board of Supervisors for consideration without any recommendation from the Legislative Committee;
- Recommended forwarding Proposition 21 to the Board of Supervisors for consideration with a recommendation of support from the Legislative Committee;
- Discussed various legislative, funding, and administrative activities to expand broadband in the county and directed that further discussion related to broadband advocacy be placed on the October Legislative Committee meeting agenda.

**Grant Report**

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  - b. Proposition 64 - Public Health and Safety Grant
  - c. I-Bank Funding Update
  - d. Grant Track

**ACTIONS:**

- Received reports.

**Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:55p.m.**



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## MEMORANDUM

TO Legislative Committee

FROM Brent R. Heberlee

DATE October 20, 2020

RE Federal Legislative Update

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This memo provides a Federal Legislative Update on the items appearing on the agenda for the October 22, 2020, Legislative Committee meeting.

### 1. COVID-19 Stimulus Legislation

The Senate is scheduled to vote this week on two Republican economic recovery proposals. The first bill, which is expected to be considered on Tuesday, would allow the Small Business Administration to utilize \$134 billion in unused funds to provide a second round of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans to assist small businesses across the country. The initial round of PPP loans ended on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The second bill, to be considered on Wednesday, is a \$500 billion-plus proposal that includes \$300-per-week federal unemployment payments on top of regular state benefits, \$105 billion for schools, and additional funding for coronavirus testing and tracing. No Democrats are expected to support either bill, which means both bills would fall short of the 60 votes needed for passage.

Speaker Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin continue to discuss a broader relief package – somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2 trillion – and Pelosi has set a Tuesday deadline to reach a deal in order to have enough time to take up a bill before the election. Even if a deal is reached, many Senate Republicans have said they will not support a relief bill of that size, making it increasingly unlikely that a large economic relief bill will make it to the President's desk in the current Congress.

2. 2020 Census

At the request of Congressman Panetta's office, County staff last week joined a conference call with the Congressman's DC and District staff to provide an update on the County's 2020 census efforts. A follow up call is scheduled for this week that will also include the City of Salinas.

Congressman Panetta is exploring legislative solutions to address the operational failures and politicized nature of the 2020 census. Just last week the U.S. Supreme Court sided with the Trump Administration in its effort to end the census count – the City of Salinas is a named plaintiff in the suit that sought to extend the count to the end of the month. The Supreme Court also announced last week that it will review President Trump's attempt to exclude undocumented immigrants when calculating how congressional seats are apportioned among the states – a lower court's order had blocked the Commerce Department and Census Bureau from including information about the undocumented when they deliver state population counts to the White House after the census is completed. The ongoing problems around the 2020 count have raised questions over whether the data will be accurate enough to rely on for the upcoming decade. In addition to apportionment, census numbers are also used to determine state redistricting and \$1.5 trillion in federal funding each year. Because of these concerns, Congressman Panetta is considering a proposal to extend the statutory deadlines for census operations into 2021 to ensure an accurate count is completed.

**Attachment:**

- Federal Bill/Issues Track

**County of Monterey Federal Issues Track 2019-20**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Brief Summary</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Medical Marijuana appropriations rider	Blumenauer	Cannabis	Prohibits DOJ from spending funds to prevent certain states "from implementing their own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession or cultivation of medical marijuana"	Monitor	1/28/19 passed House as part of appropriations package to reopen the government
H.R. 1595 S. 1200	Perlmutter Merkley	Cannabis	SAFE Banking Act – creates a safe harbor for financial institutions to provide services to lawful, state-authorized cannabis businesses	Monitor	3/28/19 approved by Financial Services Com 9/25/19 passed House 5/15/20 passed House in HEROES Act
H.R. 3884 S. 2227	Nadler Harris	Cannabis	Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act of 2019 -- decriminalizes and deschedules cannabis, provides for reinvestment in certain persons adversely impacted by the War on Drugs, provides for expungement of certain cannabis offenses	Monitor	
H.R. 3185	Panetta	Economic Development	Defense Language Improvement Act – authorizes the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center to confer a BA degree in foreign language	Monitor	
H.R. 7467	Panetta	Economic Development	Revolving Loan Fund Flexibility Act – provides flexibility for use of EDA grant funds	Monitor	6/26-29/20 emails with Panetta staff 7/1/20 passed House as amdt to H.R. 2
CAFE standards	EPA/NHTSA	Environment	EPA proposal would lower auto emission standards and revoke CA waiver to set more stringent standards	Oppose	10/25/18 comment letter submitted to regulations.gov
H.R. 4051 S. 2284	Panetta Feinstein	Environment	Climate Action Rebate Act – imposes a carbon fee on fossil fuels and rebates revenues to low-income citizens	Support	10/14/19 LC Support 10/15/19 letters to Rep. Panetta and Sen. Feinstein
H.R. 310 H.R. 1941 S. 1318	Huffman Cunningham Feinstein	Environment	West Coast Ocean Protection Act – prohibits offshore oil and gas development	Support	5/13/19 LC Support 5/14/19 Letters to Panetta, Feinstein, Harris 9/11/19 passed House

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BLM Central Coast Oil and Gas Proposal	BLM	Environment	Proposal to increase oil and gas fracking on public lands	Protest	6/4/19 BOS approved protest position 6/5/19 Letter filed with BLM 10/4/19 BLM ROD issued; County protest dismissed
H.R. 5303	Panetta	Environment	Establishes a moratorium on new oil and gas leasing on federal land on the central coast	Monitor	7/24/20 passed House as part of FY2021 appropriations bill
S. 4431	Feinstein	Environment	Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act	Monitor	9/1/20 letter received from Feinstein requesting support
H.R. 530	Eshoo	Government	Legislation to overturn an FCC rulemaking on 5G wireless network deployment that curtails local authority	Support	3/11/19 LC Support 3/15/19 letter sent to Panetta
<b>2020 Census</b>	<b>Commerce Department</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b><i>The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the 2020 Census and implementing policies that will fail to achieve a complete count</i></b>	<b>Support</b>	<b><i>10/1/18 letter to U.S. Census Bureau in support of opening a census office in Monterey County 11/13/18 response letter received from U.S. Census Bureau denying request 1/16/19 Panetta letter to Commerce 3/5/19 meeting with Department of Commerce and Census Bureau officials in DC 3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation 10/15/20 call with Panetta's office</i></b>
H.R. 3043	Kirkpatrick	Government	Permanently Authorizing PILT Act	Monitor	
H.R. 6467	Neguse	Government	Coronavirus Community Relief Act	Monitor	4/30/20 call with Panetta staff
H.R. 7090	Cook	Government	Coronavirus County Relief and Stability Act	Monitor	5/26-6/3/20 emails with Panetta staff
H.R. 1629 S. 1015	Torres Burr	Government	911 SAVES Act	Monitor	
H.R. 2420 S. 1267	Serrano Menendez	Government	National Museum of the American Latino Act	Monitor	7/27/20 passed House
H.R. 8112	Thompson	Government	Increase Federal Disaster Cost Share Act	Monitor	
H.R. 3022 H.R. 3054	Engel Olson	Health	Repeal and/or delay of Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payment reductions under the ACA	Support	7/22/19 LC Support

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S. 1895	Alexander	Health	Lower Health Care Costs Act – extends mandatory funding for community health centers and authorizes new grant programs for local health departments	Support	7/22/19 LC Support
H.R. 987 S. 455 S. 1400	Rochester Shaheen Menendez	Health	Increases consumer access to comprehensive and affordable health care services	Support	6/7/19 Letters to Feinstein and Harris
H.R. 5438	Cox	Health	End Valley Fever Now Act – authorizes funding for research and clinical trials	Support	1/13/20 LC Support
H.R. 7327	Lowey	Health	Child Care for Economic Recovery Act	Monitor	7/29/20 passed House
H.R. 7027	DeLauro	Health	Child Care Is Essential Act	Monitor	7/29/20 passed House
McKinney-Vento program	Department of Education	Homelessness	Department of Education provides funding to local education departments to address student homelessness issues	Support	3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation 5/8/19 FY2020 funding approved by House Appropriations Committee
H.R. 2001	Stivers	Homelessness	Homeless Children and Youth Act – expands HUD’s definition of “homeless” to include all children and youth who are already verified as homeless by other educational and social services programs	Monitor	
Emergency Solutions Grant program	HUD	Homelessness	Provides grants to local governments to address homelessness issues	Support	3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation
S. 923	Feinstein	Homelessness	Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act – provides grants to local governments for housing and homeless services	Support	4/8/19 LC Support 4/9/19 Letter to Sen. Feinstein
H.R. 7351	Gomez	Housing	Opportunity Starts at Home Act - establishes a new tax credit that supports affordable housing financed by the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit	Monitor	
Census Question on Citizenship	Commerce Department	Immigration	Commerce Department intends to include a question on citizenship on the 2020 Census	Oppose	1/30/18 letter to Secretary of Commerce and congressional delegation 3/5/19 meeting with Department of Commerce and Census Bureau officials in DC 3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation

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H.R. 6	Roybal-Allard	Immigration	American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 – provides Dreamers and TPS recipients with an earned pathway to citizenship	Monitor	3/12/19 cosponsored by Panetta 6/4/19 passed House
S. 879	Van Hollen	Immigration	SECURE Act – provides TPS recipients with an earned pathway to citizenship	Monitor	3/26/19 cosponsored by Feinstein
S. 175 H.R. 641	Feinstein Harris Panetta	Immigration	Agricultural Worker Program Act - farmworkers who have worked in agriculture for at least 100 days in each of the past two years may earn lawful “blue card” status and potentially transition to lawful permanent residency	Support	2/11/19 LC Support 2/12/19 letters to Panetta, Feinstein & Harris 3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation
S. 292 H.R. 541	Feinstein Harris Panetta	Immigration	Keep Families Together Act – prohibits DHS from separating undocumented children from their parents at or near the border	Support	2/11/19 LC Support 2/12/19 letters to Panetta, Feinstein & Harris
H.R. 4916	Panetta	Immigration	Farm Workforce Modernization Act – establishes new program for ag workers to earn legal status	Support	11/12/19 LC Support 11/17/19 letters to Panetta, Feinstein & Harris
H.R. 6437	Chu	Immigration	Coronavirus Immigrant Families Protection Act	Monitor	4/30/20 call with Panetta staff
H.R. 3328	Torres	Immigration	Citizenship Affordability Act – provides for fee waivers for naturalization	Monitor	12/5/19 comment letter submitted to USCIS
S. 2302	Barasso	Infrastructure	America’s Transportation Infrastructure Act – reauthorizes federal surface transportation programs for five years	Monitor	10/14/19 LC Watch
Pajaro River Flood Control Project		Infrastructure	Monterey and Santa Cruz counties are working with the Army Corps of Engineers to authorize and fund a flood control project for the Pajaro River	Support	3/2/19 NACo resolution cosponsored by Monterey and Santa Cruz counties adopted 3/5/19 meeting with Panetta 8/13-14/19 meetings with ACOE, House and Senate staff 12/12/19 ACOE signs Director’s Report 12/20/19 report language in FY20 budget 2/11/20 ACOE FY20 Work Plan - \$1.8M
S. 4131	Klobuchar	Infrastructure	Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act – provides \$80 billion for broadband deployment	Monitor	

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H.R. 8	Thompson	Justice	Bipartisan Background Checks Act – requires background checks for all gun sales	Monitor	2/27/19 passed House
H.R. 1112	Clyburn	Justice	Enhanced Background Checks Act – closes loophole related to three day waiting period for gun sales	Monitor	2/27/19 passed House
S. 488 H.R. 35	Harris Rush	Justice	Justice for Victims of Lynching Act	Support	6/7/19 Letter to Panetta 2/26/20 passed House
S. 4	Harris	Tax	LIFT Middle Class Act – establishes a refundable middle class tax credit of up to \$3,000 for individuals and \$6,000 for married couples	Support	4/8/19 LC Support 4/9/19 Letter to Sen. Harris
H.R. 7197	Blumenauer	Tax	RESTAURANTS Act – establishes a \$120 billion revitalization fund to help independent restaurants deal with the COVID pandemic	Monitor	
H.R. 7222	Panetta	Tax	Safe Reopening Tax Credit Act - provides businesses and nonprofits a tax credit for expenses related to the COVID pandemic	Monitor	
S. 1932	Gardner Feinstein	Water	Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act – extends water storage and recycling programs authorized by the WIIN Act	Support	7/22/19 LC Support 7/31/19 Letter to Sen. Feinstein
S. 2466	Harris	Water	Water Justice Act – provides funding for safe drinking water programs for high-risk communities	Monitor	10/14/19 LC Support 10/15/19 letter to Sen. Harris
Interlake Tunnel Project		Water	WIIN Act Section 4007 water storage funding opportunity through Bureau of Reclamation		7/1/19 call with Bureau of Reclamation 7/3/19 call with WRA and County staff 9/5/19 call with Bureau of Reclamation
San Antonio Dam Repairs		Water	Federal funding is needed to assist with costs associated with repairs to the spillway		11/6/19 call with Feinstein staff
Salinas Valley Water Project		Water	Biological Opinion for project has been rescinded by NOAA/NMFS		2/28/19 update provided to Rep. Panetta staff



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**TO:** Monterey County Legislative Committee

**FROM:** Ashley S. Walker, Senior Policy Advisor

**DATE:** October 22, 2020

**RE:** Legislative Program: State Advocacy Updates

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**a. State Budget Update**

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our State in a wide-variety of very significant ways. One of the most severe impacts has been to the State's economy and budget. Facing one of the most challenging budget years in recent history, the Legislature and Administration came to agreement on the 2020-21 State Budget that included a section of budget trigger cuts that would go into effect, only in the event that the State did not receive additional federal funding support. Those trigger cuts were written into the budget to take place on October 15, 2020. As of this date, the State had not received any additional federal support and therefore, the Department of Finance released a statement that those trigger cuts would in fact take place.

Of most significance to the direct impact on county funding, is the \$1 billion in realignment backfill funding that was secured in the 2020-21 state budget. The trigger cuts mean a reduction of \$250 million to counties.

Should the State receive federal funding between now and the January budget proposal, it is unclear how those dollars would then be allocated. A special legislative session may be necessary.

**b. Status of the Legislative Session**

The Governor had until September 30 to take action on all bills presented to him by the Legislature. The Governor has the ability to call a special session of the Legislature, but so far there has been no indication he will do so. Members of the Legislature will continue to work over the fall to prepare legislative and budget proposals in anticipation of the next year's session which will begin in January.

**c. Governor's Actions**

- i. Priority Legislation:** As a recap of what legislation was signed or vetoed by the Governor, the chart below provides an overview of all bills the County took a position on this year and the bill status.

Measure	Author	Topic	Position	Status
<b>AB 331</b>	Medina	Pupil instruction: high school graduation requirements: ethnic studies.	Support	<i>VETOED</i>

<b>AB 1460</b>	Weber	California State University: graduation requirement: ethnic studies.	Support	<i>SIGNED</i>
<b>AB 1525</b>	Jones-Sawyer	Cannabis: financial institutions.	Support	<i>SIGNED</i>
<b>AB 1945</b>	Salas	Emergency services: first responders.	Support	<i>SIGNED</i>
<b>AB 2043</b>	Rivas, Robert	Occupational safety and health: agricultural employers and employees: COVID-19 response.	Support	<i>SIGNED</i>
<b>AB 2164</b>	Rivas, Robert	Telehealth.	Support	<i>VETOED</i>
<b>ACA 4</b>	Mullin	Elections: voting age.	Support	<i>SIGNED</i>
<b>SB 67</b>	McGuire	Cannabis: marketing: appellations of origin: county, city, or city and county of origin.	Support	<i>SIGNED</i>
<b>SB 823</b>	Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	Juvenile justice realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration.	Oppose	<i>SIGNED</i>
<b>SB 1102</b>	Monning	Employers: Labor Commissioner: required disclosures.	Support	<i>VETOED</i>
<b>SB 1117</b>	Monning	Master-meter customers: electrical or gas service.	Support	<i>SIGNED</i>
<b>SB 1231</b>	Monning	Endangered species: take: Santa Cruz long-toed salamander.	Support	<i>SIGNED</i>
<b>SB 1409</b>	Caballero	Franchise Tax Board: California earned income tax credit: report.	Support	<i>SIGNED</i>

ii. **COVID-19 Related Legislation:** Per the Committee's request, we monitored specific COVID-19 related legislation through the end of session. Below is a summary of actions taken by the Governor on bills that were passed by the Legislature.

- Benefits/Leave Related:

- SB 1383 (Jackson): This bill expands the California Family Rights Act (CFRA) to allow employees to use unpaid job protected leave to care for a domestic partner, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, or parent-in-law who has a serious health condition. *Status – Signed.*
- AB 826 (Santiago): This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), upon appropriation of funds by the Legislature, or upon a determination by the Governor that funds may be used for this purpose, to contract with a Feeding America partner state organization or another nonprofit to issue a food assistance benefit to individuals who meet certain eligibility criteria. *Status – Vetoed.*

- **AB 3216 (Kalra and Gonzalez):** This bill provides a right of recall and retention rights for workers who have been laid off due to a state of emergency and who work in a hotel, private club, event center, airport, or provide building services to office, retail or other commercial buildings. *Status – Vetoed.*
- **Workers Compensation:**
  - **SB 1159 (Hill):** This bill codifies the Governor's Executive Order (N-62-20) that created a rebuttable presumption that "essential employees" who contracted COVID-19 were infected on the job, and establishes the scope and terms of a similar presumption for infected employees outside of the Executive Order. *Status – Signed.*
- iii. **Wildfire Legislation:** Per the Committee's direction, we monitored a couple bills related to wildfires, and one bill made it to the Governor's desk. AB 3164 (Friedman) would have required CAL FIRE, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal and the Insurance Commissioner, to develop a wildland-urban interface wildfire risk model to determine the risk for a community or parcel in specified wildfire hazard zones. The bill was vetoed by the Governor, stating that the data requirements and lack of flexibility for CAL FIRE were not appropriate. The Governor directed the Legislature to develop a strategy that supports a wildfire risk model that allows for adequate discretion in the development of the model.

**d. Monterey County COVID-19 Related Advocacy**

- i. **Restaurants:** The Board of Supervisors approved a letter to the Governor requesting 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. Nossaman has been in regular communication with the California Restaurant Association (CRA) regarding the efforts on this issue. Nossaman also worked with Senator Caballero's office to participate in a meeting the Senator coordinated with the Governor's office and GoBiz regarding local economic impacts.
- ii. **Wine Tasting Rooms:** The Board of Supervisors approved a letter to the Governor requesting 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. The Vintners participating in Senator Caballero's meeting referenced above.
- iii. **CPUC LifeLine Proposed Decision:** The County sent a letter to the CPUC supporting the proposed decision related to the LifeLine program. The LifeLine proposed decision 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.
- iv. **LifeLine Participation by Local Internet Service Providers (ISPs):** The County sent a letter to the ISP's that serve county residents urging their participation in the LifeLine Program. In Monterey County, similarly to the State as a whole, the California LifeLine program is significantly underutilized.

**e. Governor's Executive Orders and/or Actions**

The following actions have been taken by the Governor since the last Legislative Committee meeting. This list was provided by CSAC to all County officials.

- October 15, Major Disaster Declaration Number FEMA 4558-DR (for California Wildfires - August 14, 2020 to September 26, 2020) has been amended to include Lassen and Tulare Counties for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance, including direct federal assistance.
- October 9 California Department of Public Health released updated guidance for private gatherings, which are events that bring together people from different households at the same time in a single space or location. All private gatherings must be held outside and are restricted to no more than three separate households at one time.
- September 25 Governor Newsom signed an executive order to streamline recovery efforts in communities across the state impacted by devastating fires. The order extends the state's prohibition on price gouging in impacted counties through March 25, 2021; extends the deadline for impacted residents to file a claim for property tax postponement; and directs the Franchise Tax Board, Board of Equalization, Department of Tax and Fee Administration and the Office of Tax Appeals to provide extensions to impacted residents and businesses for filing, audits, billing, notices and assessments, among other provisions.
- September 23 Governor Newsom signed an executive order to extend authorization for local governments to halt evictions for commercial renters impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through March 31, 2021, and address a variety of issues in response to the pandemic.
- September 17 Governor Newsom signed legislation to protect California's workforce amid the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- September 9 Governor Newsom signed bills to support small businesses grappling with the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, in order to bolster economic recovery.
- September 8 Governor Newsom unveiled a partnership with Sesame Workshop for Back-to-School PSAs on how kids can stay safe during COVID-19. A PSA with Elmo and his dad are available in English and Spanish.

**f. Project Homekey Program Funding**

Governor Newsom submitted a request to the Legislature's budget committee to allocate an additional \$250 million of flexible Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars to the Project Homekey program. He noted in his request, the overwhelming number of applicants and projects that much outweigh the funding available. The Legislature originally approved \$550 million in funds for this program. While the budget committee ultimately approved the Governor's requests, Senator Holly Mitchell expressed several concerns on behalf of the Committee, including that the request was not properly vetted through the budget process, and that the Legislature was unaware of any additional flexible funds that were not already allocated in the state budget.

**g. Digital Divide**

- i. Hearing: Student's Access to the Internet for Distance Learning:** On October 14, the Assembly Communication and Conveyance Committee, along with the Assembly Education Committee, held an information hearing titled "New Reality: Students' Access to the Internet for Distance Learning." The hearing was organized into three main panels for discussion: 1) Distance Learning and the Digital Divide; 2) Distance Learning and the Impact on Students and Educators; and 3) Getting Internet Access: Industry and Local Initiatives. Supervisor Alejo spoke on the third panel. The hearing, while of course focused on the additional hurdles COVID-19 has placed on this issue, highlighted that the digital divide has been and will continue to be a significant barrier to accessing education without fiscal and policy changes.

- h. State Bill/Issues Track:** See attached.

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<a href="#">AB 6</a>	<a href="#">Reyes D</a>	Attorney General: duties.	8/31/2020-S. DEAD	The California Constitution exempts from state civil service various types of officers and employees, including officers elected by the people and a deputy and an employee selected by each of those officers. The California Constitution additionally authorizes the Attorney General to appoint or employ 6 deputies or 6 employees who are exempt from state civil service. Under existing law, the Governor, with the recommendation of the Attorney General, is required to appoint 2 directors and 2 associate directors of the Attorney General's office who would be exempt from state civil service. This bill would instead require the Governor, with the recommendation of the Attorney General, to appoint 6 directors and 6 associate directors of the Attorney General's office who are exempt from state civil service.	Oppose	8/29/20 – Letter from County Counsel in opposition to: President Atkins, Speaker Rendon, Sen. Monning, Sen. Caballero, Asm. Stone, Asm. Rivas. 8/29/20 – 2nd letter from County Counsel in opposition to: President Atkins, Speaker Rendon, Sen. Monning, Sen. Caballero, Asm. Stone, Asm. Rivas
<a href="#">AB 80</a>	Committee on Budget	Public health omnibus.	6/29/2020-A. CHAPTERED	Current state law establishes the California Health Benefit Exchange (the Exchange) within state government, known as Covered California, specifies the powers and duties of the board governing the Exchange, and requires the board to facilitate the purchase of qualified health plans by qualified individuals and qualified small employers Current law prohibits a member of the board from being employed by, a consultant to, a member of the board of directors of, affiliated with, or otherwise a representative of, a carrier or other insurer, an agent or broker, a health care provider, or a health care facility or health clinic while serving on the board or on the staff of the Exchange and from receiving compensation for service on the board, except as specified. This bill would create an exception to that prohibition by authorizing a member of the board or of the staff of the Exchange to perform volunteer services under specified conditions, including that the member or staff does not receive compensation, as described, for rendering services and does not have an ownership interest in the entity, facility, clinic, or provider group.	Support	Budget: In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE) - The IHSS program provides critical services to seniors and disabled individuals to help them remain in their own homes rather than in more expensive institutional care. 3/11/19 LC support 3/12/19 Letter to A. Budget Sub #1 and S. Budget Sub #3
<a href="#">AB 331</a>	<a href="#">Medina D</a>	Pupil instruction: high school graduation requirements: ethnic studies.	9/30/2020-A. VETOED	Would add the completion of a one-semester course in ethnic studies, meeting specified requirements, to the high school graduation requirements commencing with pupils graduating in the 2029–30 school year, including for pupils enrolled in a charter school. The bill would expressly authorize local educational agencies, including charter schools, to require a full-year course in ethnic studies at their discretion. The bill would require local	Support	2/11/19 LC support 2/12/19 - Letter to Author 3/13/19 - Nossaman testified Asm. Education. 6/19/19 - Memo to Senate Education 8/14/2019 - Memo to Senate Appropriations 9/3/20 Letter to Governor Request for Signature

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				educational agencies, including charter schools, to offer an ethnic studies course commencing with the 2025–26 school year, as specified.		9/17/20 Letter to Governor Request for Signature, Full Funding, and Restoration of Implementation Date
<a href="#">AB 352</a>	<a href="#">Garcia, Eduardo</a> D	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.	8/31/2020-S. D EAD	Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,920,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a wildlife prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program. The bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 3, 2020, statewide general election. The bill would provide that its provisions are severable.	Watch	3/9/20 LC Watch
<a href="#">AB 388</a>	<a href="#">Limón</a> D	Alzheimer’s disease.	8/21/2020-S. D EAD	Current law authorizes any postsecondary higher educational institution with a medical center to establish diagnostic and treatment centers for Alzheimer’s disease, and requires the State Department of Public Health to administer grants to the postsecondary higher educational institutions that establish a center pursuant to these provisions. Until January 1, 2025, this bill would require the department to implement the action agenda items in the Healthy Brain Initiative, as defined, to the extent resources are available. The bill would require the department to annually notify the Legislature about activities conducted pursuant to these provisions.	Support	4/8/19 LC Support 4/9/19 Letter to Author 6/12/19 Memo to Senate Health 8/14/2019 Memo to Senate Appropriations
<a href="#">AB 402</a>	<a href="#">Quirk</a> D	State Water Resources Control Board: local primacy delegation: funding stabilization program.	8/21/2020-S. D EAD	The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health, including, but not limited to, conducting research, studies, and demonstration programs relating to the provision of a dependable, safe supply of drinking water, enforcing the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, adopting implementing regulations, and conducting studies and investigations to assess the quality of water in private domestic water supplies. This bill would authorize the state board to delegate partial responsibility for the act’s administration and enforcement by means of a local primacy delegation agreement. The bill would authorize the state board, for counties that have not been delegated primary responsibility as of January 1, 2020, to offer an opportunity for the county to apply for partial or primary responsibility if the state board determines that it needs assistance in performing administrative and enforcement activities, as specified.	Support	7/22/19 LC support 8/14/2019 Memo to Senate Appropriations

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<a href="#">AB 769</a>	<a href="#">Smith D</a>	Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics: licensed professional clinical counselor.	8/21/2020-S. D EAD	Would require an FQHC or RHC that currently includes the cost of the services of a licensed professional clinical counselor for the purposes of establishing its FQHC or RHC rate to apply to the State Department of Health Care Services for an adjustment to its per-visit rate, and, after the rate adjustment has been approved by the department, would require the FQHC or RHC to bill for these services as a separate visit, as specified. The bill would require an FQHC or RHC that does not provide the services of a licensed professional clinical counselor, and later elects to add this service and bill these services as a separate visit, to process the addition of these services as a change in scope of service.	Support	5/13/19 LC support 5/14/19 Letter to author 6/12/19 Memo to Senate Health 8/14/2019 Memo to Senate Appropriations
<a href="#">AB 860</a>	<a href="#">Berman D</a>	Elections: vote by mail ballots.	6/18/2020-A. CHAPTERED	Under current law, a registered voter may vote by mail by requesting a vote by mail ballot for a specific election or by becoming a permanent vote by mail voter. County elections officials must begin mailing ballots and other required materials to these voters no later than 29 days before the day of the election. Current law, the California Voter's Choice Act, authorizes any county to conduct any election occurring on or after January 1, 2020, as an all-mailed ballot election if specified conditions are met. In an all-mailed ballot election held under the act, the county elections official must mail a ballot to every registered voter, regardless of whether the voter requested a vote by mail ballot or is a permanent vote by mail voter. This bill would require county elections officials to mail a ballot to every registered voter for the November 3, 2020, statewide general election.	Support If Amended	5/11/20 LC Support 5/11/20 Letter to Author
<a href="#">AB 901</a>	<a href="#">Gipson D</a>	Juveniles.	9/30/2020-A. CHAPTERED	In a county that has not elected to participate in a truancy mediation program, current law authorizes the county superintendent of schools to petition the juvenile court on behalf of a pupil for proper disposition of a case. In a county that has not established a school attendance review board, existing law authorizes the school district to notify the district attorney or probation officer, as specified, that available community resources cannot resolve the problem of truancy or insubordination. This bill would eliminate the authority of the county superintendent of schools to petition the juvenile court on behalf of a pupil, as described above, in a county that has not elected to participate in a truancy mediation program.	Watch	5/13/19 LC oppose 5/14/19 Letter to author 8/8/19 Memo to Senate Appropriations 3/9/20 Memo to Senate Education 8/24/20 BILL AMENDED – NO LONGER COUNTY CONCERNS - WATCH 9/21/20 Letter to Governor Notifying Removal of Opposition
<a href="#">AB 1080</a>	<a href="#">Gonzalez D</a>	Solid waste: packaging and products.	8/31/2020-A. DEAD	Would enact the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would impose a comprehensive regulatory scheme on producers, retailers, and wholesalers of single-use packaging, as defined, and priority single-use products, as defined, made partially or entirely of plastic, to be	Support	1/22/20 Letter to Author

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				administered by the department. As part of that regulatory scheme, the bill would require producers, as defined, (A) to source reduce, to the maximum extent feasible, single-use packaging and priority single-use products, and (B) to ensure that all single-use packaging and priority single-use products that are manufactured on or after January 1, 2032, and that are offered for sale, sold, distributed, or imported in or into the state are recyclable or compostable.		
<a href="#">AB 1253</a>	<a href="#">Santiago</a> D	Personal income taxes: additional tax.	8/31/2020-S. DEAD	The Personal Income Tax Law and California Constitution imposes taxes based upon taxable income of individuals, estates, and trusts at specified rates. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, in addition to those taxes, would impose an additional tax of at the rates of 1%, 3%, and 3.5% on that portion of a taxpayer's taxable income over specified thresholds, as provided.	Bill Amended	5/13/19 LC support 5/14/19 Letter to author 6/12/19 Memo to Senate Governance and Finance and Senate Natural Resources and Water <b>7/20/20 BILL AMENDED – POSITION NO LONGER APPLIES</b>
<a href="#">AB 1315</a>	<a href="#">Boerner</a> <a href="#">Horvath</a> D	Housing: small lot subdivisions.	1/17/2020-A. DEAD	The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a general plan for land use development within its boundaries that includes, among other things, a housing element. Current law provides for various incentives intended to facilitate and expedite the construction of affordable housing. This bill would authorize a development proponent to submit an application for the construction of a small lot subdivision, as defined, that meets specified criteria. The bill would require a small lot subdivision to be located on a parcel zoned for multifamily residential use and consist of single-family housing units with a floorspace of 1,200 square feet or less.	Comment	1/5/20 RMA comments to CSAC
<a href="#">AB 1436</a>	<a href="#">Chiu</a> D	Tenancy: rental payment default: mortgage forbearance: state of emergency: COVID-19.	8/31/2020-S. D EAD	Would enact the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020. This bill would require that any 3 days' notice that demands payment of COVID-19 rental debt that is served on a tenant during the covered time period meet specified criteria, including that the notice include an unsigned copy of an attestation of COVID-19-related financial distress and that the notice advise the tenant that the tenant will not be evicted for failure to comply with the notice if the tenant delivers a signed attestation of COVID-19-related financial distress to the landlord, as specified. The bill would define "covered time period" for purposes of these provisions as the time between March 4, 2020, and either 90 days after the termination of the COVID-19 state of emergency or April 1, 2021, whichever occurs earlier.	Support	8/10/20 LC Recommends Support to BoS 8/18/20 BoS Supports 8/18/20 Letter to Author
<a href="#">AB 1460</a>	<a href="#">Weber</a> D	California	8/7/2020-A. C	Would, commencing with the 2021–22 academic year, would	Support	5/13/19 LC support

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		State University: graduation requirement: ethnic studies.	HAPTERED	require the California State University to provide for courses in ethnic studies at each of its campuses. The bill, commencing with students graduating in the 2024–25 academic year, would require the California State University to require, as an undergraduate graduation requirement, the completion of, at minimum, one 3-unit course in ethnic studies, as specified.		5/14/19 Letter to author 6/19/19 - Memo to Senate Education 8/14/2019 - Memo to Senate Appropriations
<a href="#">AB 1525</a>	<a href="#">Jones-Sawyer D</a>	Cannabis: financial institutions.	9/29/2020-A. CHAPTERED	Would provide that an entity, as defined, that receives deposits, extends credit, conducts fund transfers, transports cash or financial instruments, or provides other financial services, including public accounting, as provided, does not commit a crime under any California law solely by virtue of the fact that the person receiving the benefit of any of those services engages in commercial cannabis activity as a licensee. The bill would authorize a person licensed to engage in commercial cannabis activity to request, in writing, that a state or local licensing authority, state or local agency, or joint powers authority share the person’s application, license, and other regulatory and financial information, as specified, with a financial institution of the person’s designation and would require the request to include a waiver authorizing the transfer of that information and waiving any confidentiality or privilege that applies to that information.	Support	3/9/20 LC Support 3/9/20 Letter to Author 9/3/20 Letter to Governor
<a href="#">AB 1822</a>	Committee on Local Government	Local Government: omnibus.	6/26/2019-A. CHAPTERED	Current law requires a commission to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each city and each special district within the county and enact policies designed to promote the logical and orderly development of areas within each sphere. Current law requires the commission, in order to prepare and update spheres of influence in accordance with this requirement, to conduct a service review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate area designated by the commission, as specified. Current law defines “sphere of influence” to mean a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency. Current law defines the term “service” for purposes of the act to mean a specific governmental activity established within, and as a part of, a general function of the special district, as specified. This bill would revise the definition of the term “service” for these purposes to mean a specific governmental activity established within, and as a part of, a function of the local agency.	Support	5/13/19 LC support 5/14/19 Letter to author
<a href="#">AB 1852</a>	<a href="#">Daly D</a>	Property insurance.	6/19/2020-A. DEAD	Current law requires the Insurance Commissioner to establish the California Home Insurance Finder on the Department of Insurance internet website to connect homeowners in need of insurance assistance to an insurance agent or broker for residential property insurance. This bill would require a notice of	Watch	3/9/20 LC Watch

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				nonrenewal for a residential property insurance policy expiring on or after January 1, 2021, to be accompanied by a document that includes specified information, including an explanation of how the California Home Insurance Finder can help a person find a homeowners' insurance policy and information about FAIR Plan policies.		
<a href="#">AB 1868</a>	Committee on Budget	Juvenile justice realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration.	8/31/2020-S. D EAD	Current law establishes the Division of Juvenile Justice within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to operate facilities to house specified juvenile offenders. Current law, commencing July 1, 2020, establishes the Department of Youth and Community Restoration in the California Health and Human Services Agency and vests the Department of Youth and Community Restoration with all the powers, functions, duties, responsibilities, obligations, liabilities, and jurisdiction of the Division of Juvenile Justice. An existing executive order delays the deadline for transferring the Division of Juvenile Justice to the Department of Youth and Community Restoration from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2021, inclusive. This bill would repeal the provisions that would have created the Department of Youth and Community Restoration and the provisions that would have transferred the responsibilities of the Division of Juvenile Justice to that department. Among	Oppose	8/31/20 Floor Alert – Monterey County Opposes SB 823 and AB 1868
<a href="#">AB 1907</a>	<a href="#">Santiago D</a>	California Environmental Quality Act: emergency shelters: supportive and affordable housing: exemption.	5/29/2020-A. DEAD	Would, until January 1, 2029, exempt from environmental review under CEQA certain activities approved by or carried out by a public agency in furtherance of providing emergency shelters, supportive housing, or affordable housing, as each is defined. The bill would require a lead agency that determines to carry out or approve an activity that is within this CEQA exemption to file a notice of exemption, as specified.	Support	5/11/20 LC Support 5/11/20 Letter to Assembly Natural Resources Committee
<a href="#">AB 1945</a>	<a href="#">Salas D</a>	Emergency services: first responders.	9/11/2020-A. CHAPTERED	Would, for purposes of the California Emergency Services Act, define “first responder” as an employee of the state or a local public agency who provides emergency response services, including a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, public safety dispatcher, or public safety telecommunicator.	Support	5/11/20 LC Support 5/11/20 Letter to Author 7/15/20 Memo to Sen. Labor 9/3/20 Letter to Governor
<a href="#">AB 2043</a>	<a href="#">Rivas, Robert D</a>	Occupational safety and health:	9/29/2020-A. CHAPTERED	Would require the Division of Occupational Safety and Health within the Department of Industrial Relations to disseminate, in both English and Spanish, information on best practices for	Support	6/8/20 LC support 6/8/20 Letter to Author 7/15/20 Memo to Senate Labor Public

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		agricultural employers and employees: COVID-19 response.		COVID-19 infection prevention, as specified, consistent with the Guidance Documents available on the division's internet website, including, but not limited to, the Guidance Document entitled, "Cal/OSHA Safety and Health Guidance: COVID-19 Infection Prevention for Agricultural Employers and Employees." The bill would also require the division to work collaboratively with community organizations and organizations representing employees and employers to conduct a statewide outreach campaign, targeted at agricultural employees, to assist with the statewide dissemination of the best practices information and to educate employees on any COVID-19-related employment benefits to which they are entitled, including access to paid sick leave and workers' compensation.		Employment and Retirement 9/3/20 Letter to Governor
<a href="#">AB 2121</a>	<a href="#">Friedman</a>	Traffic safety.	5/29/20 A-DEAD	Would require, beginning June 1, 2022, and every 6 months thereafter, Caltrans to convene a committee of external design experts to advise on revisions to the Highway Design Manual.	Support	3/9/20 LC Support 3/24/20 Letter to Author
<a href="#">AB 2163</a>	<a href="#">Rivas, Robert</a> D	Rural Broadband and Emergency Infrastructure Grant Act of 2020.	5/29/20 A-DEAD	Would establish the Rural Broadband and Emergency Infrastructure Grant Act of 2020 to ensure that all California fairgrounds are equipped with adequate broadband and telecommunications infrastructure to support local, regional, and state emergency and disaster response personnel and systems. The bill would, upon appropriation, require the Department of Technology, Department of Food and Agriculture, Public Utilities Commission, California Broadband Council, and Office of Emergency Services to jointly develop the Rural Broadband and Emergency Infrastructure Grant Program to provide each California fairground with grant moneys to support broadband and telecommunications infrastructure deployment.	Support	3/9/20 LC Support 3/9/20 Letter to Author
<a href="#">AB 2164</a>	<a href="#">Rivas, Robert</a> D	Telehealth.	9/26/2020-A. VETOED	Current law prohibits a requirement of in-person contact between a health care provider and a Medi-Cal patient when the service may be provided by telehealth, and, for purposes of telehealth, prohibits the department from limiting the type of setting where Medi-Cal services are provided. Existing law authorizes, to the extent that federal financial participation is available, the use of health care services by store and forward under the Medi-Cal program, subject to billing and reimbursement policies developed by the department, and prohibits a requirement of in-person contact between a health care provider and a Medi-Cal patient when these services are provided by store and forward. This bill would provide that an FQHC or RHC "visit" includes an encounter between an FQHC or RHC patient and a health care provider using telehealth by synchronous interaction or	Support	3/9/20 LC Support 3/24/20 Letter to Author 7/15/20 Memo to Sen Health 9/3/20 Letter to Governor

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				asynchronous store and forward. The bill would specify that an FQHC or RHC is not precluded from establishing a patient who is located within the FQHC's or RHC's federal designated service area through synchronous interaction or asynchronous store and forward as of the date of service if specified requirements are met.		
<a href="#">AB 2167</a>	<a href="#">Daly D</a>	Residential property insurance: high fire risk areas: study.	8/31/2020-S. D EAD	The Insurance Rate Reduction and Reform Act of 1988, an initiative measure enacted by Proposition 103, as approved by the voters at the November 8, 1988, statewide general election, prohibits specified insurance rates from being approved or remaining in effect that are excessive, inadequate, unfairly discriminatory, or otherwise in violation of the act. The act requires an insurer that wishes to change a rate to file a complete rate application with the Insurance Commissioner, as specified. This bill would require the commissioner to investigate, study, and prepare a report that addresses specific issues relating to ratemaking for residential property insurance policies in high fire risk areas.	Support	3/9/20 LC Support 3/9/20 Letter to Author
<a href="#">AB 2179</a>	<a href="#">Levine D</a>	Electrical corporations: wildfire mitigation plans.	5/29/2020-A. DEAD	If the Public Utilities Commission approves a wildfire mitigation plan that authorizes an electrical corporation to deenergize portions of the electrical grid, this bill would require the commission to adopt rules requiring an electrical corporation, upon request from an entity of local government with responsibility for mitigating public safety impacts of a deenergization event, as defined, to provide or make available to that entity information relative to those customers receiving or determined to be eligible to receive medical baseline rates, as specified, that may lose electrical service during the deenergization event. The bill would require an entity of local government receiving that information to comply with all applicable state and federal laws for the protection of the privacy and security of the information.	Watch	3/9/20 LC Watch
<a href="#">AB 2180</a>	<a href="#">Levine D</a>	Electrical corporations: wildfire mitigation plans.	5/29/2020-A. DEAD	Would prohibit electrical corporations from diverting revenue authorized for specified purposes in the plans to other activities or investments that are also authorized by the plans, if the diversion would cause the total amount of all such diversions to exceed 5% of the allocation approved for their plans, unless the commission authorizes that diversion. The bill would require electrical corporations to retain records of all diversions of revenues that are authorized for specified purposes in the plans to other activities or investments that are also authorized by the plans.	Watch	3/9/20 LC Watch
<a href="#">AB 2367</a>	<a href="#">Gonzalez</a>	Residential	5/29/2020-A.	Would create the Wildfire Resilience Task Force, which would	Watch	3/9/20 LC Watch

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	D	property insurance: wildfire resilience.	DEAD	include the Insurance Commissioner, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services, and the State Fire Marshal, or their designees. The bill would require the task force to establish minimum standards for fire-hardened homes and communities, and would authorize the commissioner to promulgate regulations to implement specified exceptions to those standards. The bill would require an admitted insurer that offers or sells residential property insurance to, at a minimum, offer or sell the existing residential property insurance coverage it most commonly offers or sells to an applicant or insured who owns a residence that has an estimated replacement cost consistent with the insurer's underwriting guidelines, meets the minimum standards established by the task force, and exists in a development that was established before those standards were established, including a residence rebuilt after being destroyed by wildfire.		
<a href="#">AB 3224</a>	<a href="#">Rodriguez</a> D	Local health department workforce assessment.	8/21/2020-S. D EAD	Would require the State Department of Public Health to contract with an appropriate and qualified entity to conduct an evaluation of the adequacy of the local health department infrastructure, and to make recommendations for future staffing, workforce needs, and resources, in order to accurately and adequately fund local public health, as specified. The bill would also require the department to convene an advisory group to oversee the process of selecting an entity to conduct the evaluation and to provide oversight of, and technical assistance to, that entity. The bill would require the department to report the findings and recommendations of the evaluation to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on or before July 1, 2022.	Support	8/10/20 LC Support 8/10/20 Letter to Author
<a href="#">AB 3310</a>	<a href="#">Muratsuchi</a> D	Community colleges: ethnic studies.	5/29/2020-A. DEAD	Would, commencing with the 2021–22 academic year, require each community college district to offer courses in ethnic studies at each of its campuses. The bill would require that the units earned by students for successful completion of these courses would be eligible for transfer and, if applicable, would meet ethnic studies graduation requirements at the California State University. The bill would also, commencing with the 2023–24 academic year, require each community college district to require the completion of at least one course in ethnic studies of at least 3 units as a requirement for a student to obtain an associate degree. The bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop and adopt appropriate regulations for the implementation of these provisions.	Support	3/9/20 LC Support 3/24/20 Letter to Author
<a href="#">ACA 1</a>	<a href="#">Aguilar-Curry</a> D	Local government	8/31/2020-A. DEAD	The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the	Support	4/8/19 LC Support 4/9/19 Letter to Author

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		financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.		property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements.		
<a href="#">ACA 4</a>	<a href="#">Mullin D</a>	Elections: voting age.	6/26/2020-A. CHAPTERED	The California Constitution authorizes any person who is a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the state to vote. This measure, in addition, would authorize a United States citizen who is 17 years of age, is a resident of the state, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next general election to vote in any primary or special election that occurs before the next general election in which the citizen would be eligible to vote if at least 18 years of age.	Support	3/11/19 LC recommends support to BoS 5/7/19 BoS support 5/7/19 Letter to author
<a href="#">ACA 8</a>	<a href="#">Low D</a>	Elections: voter qualifications.	8/31/2020-S. D EAD	The California Constitution allows a United States citizen who is at least 18 years of age and a resident of California to vote. This measure would reduce the minimum voting age to 17.	Support	3/11/19 LC recommends support to BoS 5/7/19 BoS support 5/7/19 Letter to author
<a href="#">ACR 1</a>	<a href="#">Bonta D</a>	Immigration: public charges.	9/26/2019-A. CHAPTERED	This measure would condemn regulations recently adopted by the Department of Homeland Security to prescribe how a determination of inadmissibility for a person who is not a citizen or national is made based on the likelihood that the person will become a public charge. This measure would also urge the federal government to repeal the new regulations.	Support	1/14/19 LC support 2/12/19 - Letter to Author 2/25/19 - Memo to Asm. Human Services
<a href="#">SB 25</a>	<a href="#">Caballero D</a>	California Environmental Quality Act: projects funded by qualified opportunity zone funds or other public funds.	8/14/2020-A. DEAD	Would, until January 1, 2025, establish specified procedures for the administrative and judicial review of the environmental review and approvals granted for projects located in specified counties that are funded, in whole or in part, by specified public funds or public agencies and that meet certain requirements. Because a public agency would be required to comply with those new procedures, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the Judicial Council, by March 31, 2021, to adopt rules of court applicable to an action or proceeding brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification or adoption of an environmental review document or the granting of project approvals, including any appeals therefrom, to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 days	Support	4/8/19 LC Support 4/9/19 Letter to Author 6/21/19 - Memo to Assembly Resources and Assembly Labor and Employment 7/15/20 Memo Asm Natural Resources

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				of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the court to an action or proceeding seeking judicial review of the lead agency's action related to those projects. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.		
<a href="#">SB 45</a>	<a href="#">Allen D</a>	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.	8/31/2020-A. DEAD	Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,510,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.	Watch	2/11/19 LC watch 3/13/19 Sup. Adams meetings re: amendments 4/8/19 LC direction 4/9/19 Letter to Author
<a href="#">SB 51</a>	<a href="#">Durazo D</a>	California Competes tax credit: refunds.	8/31/2020-A. DEAD	This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, would allow a qualified taxpayer, to the extent a CalCompetes tax credit amount exceeds a qualified taxpayer's tax liability for the taxable year, as specified, to elect to be paid a refund from the Tax Relief and Refund Account, not to exceed the amount of total taxes imposed by the state and paid by the qualified taxpayer during the taxable year. The bill would define a "qualified taxpayer" as a taxpayer that has created at least 5,000 prevailing wage, full-time or full-time equivalent jobs in the state each year for a period of 10 years.	Watch	1/14/19 LC watch
<a href="#">SB 54</a>	<a href="#">Allen D</a>	Solid waste: packaging and products.	9/1/2020-A. D EAD	Would enact the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would impose a comprehensive regulatory scheme on producers, retailers, and wholesalers of single-use packaging, as defined, and priority single-use products, as defined, made partially or entirely of plastic, to be administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery. As part of that regulatory scheme, the bill would require producers, as defined, (A) to source reduce, to the maximum extent feasible, single-use packaging and priority single-use products, and (B) to ensure that all single-use packaging and priority single-use products that are manufactured on or after January 1, 2032, and that are offered for sale, sold, distributed, or imported in or into the state are recyclable or compostable. The bill would require the department to achieve and maintain, by January 1, 2032, a statewide 75% reduction of the waste generated from single-use packaging and priority single-use products offered for sale, sold, distributed, or imported in or into the state through source reduction, recycling, or	Support	1/22/20 Letter to Author

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				composting.		
<a href="#">SB 66</a>	<a href="#">Atkins</a> D	Medi-Cal: federally qualified health center and rural health clinic services.	8/31/2020-A. DEAD	Current law provides that federally qualified health center (FQHC) services and rural health clinic (RHC) services, as defined, are covered benefits under the Medi-Cal program, to be reimbursed, to the extent that federal financial participation is obtained, to providers on a per-visit basis. "Visit" is defined as a face-to-face encounter between a patient of an FQHC or RHC and specified health care professionals, including a physician and marriage and family therapist. Under existing law, "physician," for these purposes, includes, but is not limited to, a physician and surgeon, an osteopath, and a podiatrist. This bill would authorize reimbursement for a maximum of 2 visits taking place on the same day at a single location if after the first visit the patient suffers illness or injury requiring additional diagnosis or treatment, or if the patient has a medical visit and a mental health visit or a dental visit, as defined.	Support	4/8/19 LC Support 4/9/19 Letter to Author 6/12/19 Memo to Assembly Health 8/14/2019 Memo to Assembly Appropriations
<a href="#">SB 67</a>	<a href="#">McGuire</a> D	Cannabis: marketing: appellations of origin: county, city, or city and county of origin.	9/29/2020-S. C CHAPTERED	MAUCRSA requires the Department of Food and Agriculture, no later than January 1, 2018, to establish standards by which a licensed cultivator may designate a county of origin for cannabis, and requires for the designation that 100% of the cannabis be produced within the designated county, as specified. MAUCRSA requires the department, no later than January 1, 2021, to establish a process by which licensed cultivators may establish appellations of origin for cannabis produced in certain geographical areas of California, instead of by county. MAUCRSA prohibits cannabis from being represented to consumers, as specified, as produced in a California county unless the cannabis was produced in that county. MAUCRSA prohibits the name of a California county, including any similar name that is likely to mislead consumers as to the kind of cannabis contained in the product, from being used, as specified, unless 100% of the cannabis contained in the product was produced in that county. This bill would limit the approval of appellations of origin for cannabis unless it requires the practice of planting in the ground in the canopy area and excludes the practices of using structures and any artificial light in the canopy area.	Support	4/8/19 LC Support 4/9/19 Letter to Author 9/3/20 Letter to Governor
<a href="#">SB 189</a>	<a href="#">Monning</a> D	Fort Ord Reuse Authority: member agencies: land use and	8/21/2020-A. DEAD	The Fort Ord Reuse Authority Act establishes the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (the authority) to prepare, adopt, finance, and implement a plan for the use and development of the territory previously occupied by the Fort Ord military base in the County of Monterey. The act provides that the authority is governed by a board comprised of 13 members representing the County of	Support If Amended	2/11/19 - LC watch 5/13/19 LC support if amended. 5/14/19 Letter to author

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		zoning: dissolution.		Monterey and specified cities within the county, which the act designates as “member agencies.” The act provides that any local agency that does not adopt a resolution favoring establishment of the authority is not required to appoint a voting member to the board. This bill would reduce the size of the board from 13 members to 5 members and eliminate representation for certain cities.		
<a href="#">SB 200</a>	<a href="#">Monning</a> D	Drinking water.	7/24/2019-S. C HAPTERED	Would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and the long terms. The bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to provide for the deposit into the fund of certain moneys and would continuously appropriate the moneys in the fund to the state board for grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist eligible recipients.	Support	3/11/19 LC support 3/12/19 Letter to author
<a href="#">SB 347</a>	<a href="#">Monning</a> D	Sugar-sweete ned beverages: safety warnings.	8/14/2020-A. DEAD	Would establish the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Safety Warning Act, which would prohibit a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a sugar-sweetened beverage in a sealed beverage container, a multipack of sugar-sweetened beverages, or a concentrate, as those terms are defined, in this state unless the sealed beverage container, multipack, or packaging of the concentrate bears a safety warning. The bill also would require every person who owns, leases, or otherwise legally controls the premises where a vending machine or beverage dispensing machine is located, or where a sugar-sweetened beverage is sold in an unsealed container, to place a specified safety warning in certain locations, including on the exterior of any vending machine that includes a sugar-sweetened beverage for sale.	Support	4/8/19 LC Support 4/9/19 Letter to Author
<a href="#">SB 483</a>	<a href="#">Pan</a> D	Department of Motor Vehicles: records: confidentiality .	8/14/2020-A. DEAD	Current law prohibits the disclosure of the home addresses of certain public employees and officials that appears in records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, except to a court, a law enforcement agency, an attorney in a civil or criminal action under certain circumstances, and certain other official entities. This bill would extend that prohibition, subject to those same exceptions, to the disclosure of the home addresses of a public health officer. This bill contains other current laws.	Support	7/13/20 LC Support 7/21/20 Letter to Author
<a href="#">SB 755</a>	<a href="#">Rubio</a> D	Insurance: residential property insurance: requirements	8/14/2020-A. DEAD	Would require specified insurers who fail to renew or offer renewal of a policy of residential property insurance to make certain notifications to a policyholder in writing regarding other options the policyholder may have, including information about the FAIR plan.	Watch	3/9/20 LC Watch

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		upon nonrenewal.				
<a href="#">SB 757</a>	<a href="#">Allen D</a>	California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership projects: fixed guideway.	9/29/2020-S. V ETOED	The Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011 (leadership act) authorizes the Governor, until January 1, 2020, to certify projects that meet certain requirements, including certain labor-related requirements, for streamlining benefits provided by the leadership act related to compliance with CEQA and streamlining of judicial review of action taken by a public agency to require a judicial action to be resolved within 270 days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the court. The leadership act provides that if a lead agency fails to approve a project certified by the Governor before January 1, 2021, the certification expires and is no longer valid. The leadership act requires a lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings for the certified project concurrent with the preparation of the environmental documents. The leadership act is repealed by its own terms on January 1, 2021. This bill would additionally include projects to construct a fixed guideway, as defined, and related fixed facilities meeting certain conditions as projects that are eligible for certification by the Governor under the leadership act. The bill would provide that the certification by the Governor expires if the lead agency fails to approve the project by January 1, 2024.	Support	5/11/20 LC Support 5/11/20 Letter to Author  <b>7/27/20 BILL WAS GUT AND AMENDED AND IS NO LONGER RELEVANT TO THE COUNTY.</b>
<a href="#">SB 823</a>	Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	Juvenile justice realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration.	9/30/2020-S. CHAPTERED	Current law establishes the Division of Juvenile Justice within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to operate facilities to house specified juvenile offenders. Current law, commencing July 1, 2020, establishes the Department of Youth and Community Restoration in the California Health and Human Services Agency and vests the Department of Youth and Community Restoration with all the powers, functions, duties, responsibilities, obligations, liabilities, and jurisdiction of the Division of Juvenile Justice. An existing executive order delays the deadline for transferring the Division of Juvenile Justice to the Department of Youth and Community Restoration from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2021, inclusive. This bill would repeal the provisions that would have created the Department of Youth and Community Restoration and the provisions that would have transferred the responsibilities of the Division of Juvenile Justice to that department. Among other things, the bill would, commencing July 1, 2021, prohibit further commitment of wards to the Division of Juvenile Justice, except as specified, and would require that all wards committed to the division prior to that date	Oppose	8/31/20 Floor Alert – Monterey County Opposes SB 832 and AB 1868 9/3/20 Letter to Governor - Veto Request

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				remain within the custody of the division until the ward is discharged, released, or transferred.		
<a href="#">SB 862</a>	<a href="#">Dodd</a> D	Planned power outage: public safety.	8/14/2020-A. DEAD	Current law defines the terms “state of emergency” and “local emergency” to mean a duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by, among other things, fire, storm, or riot. This bill would additionally include a deenergization event, as defined, within a sudden and severe energy shortage constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.	Support	6/8/20 LC support 6/8/20 Letter to Senate Appropriations 7/15/20 Memo to Asm Utilities & Energy
<a href="#">SB 1102</a>	<a href="#">Monning</a> D	Employers: Labor Commissioner : required disclosures.	9/29/2020-S. V ETOED	Current law requires an employer to provide an employee, at the time of hiring, a written notice including specified information in the language the employer normally uses to communicate employment-related information to the employee. Current law requires the Labor Commissioner to prepare a template that includes the specified information mentioned above and to make the template available to employers in the manner as determined by the commissioner. This bill would require an employer to include in their written notice to all employees, specified information required in the event of a federal or state declared disaster or applicable to the county or counties in which the employee will be employed. The bill would prohibit an employer from retaliating against an employee for raising questions about the declarations’ requirements or recommendations.	Support	6/9/20 Met w/ Sen. Monning’s Office and CRLA regarding concerns. 7/13/20 LC Support 7/21/20 Letter to Asm Labor and Emp 7/29/20 Testified Asm Labor and Emp 8/3/20 Memo to Appropriations 9/3/20 Letter to Governor
<a href="#">SB 1117</a>	<a href="#">Monning</a> D	Master-meter customers: electrical or gas service.	9/25/2020-S. C HAPTERED	Current law contains various provisions relative to the responsibilities of a gas or electrical corporation and master-meter customer when gas or electrical service is provided by a master-meter customer to users who are tenants of a mobilehome park, apartment building, or similar residential complex, including a requirement that the master-meter customer charge each user at the same rate that would be applicable if the user were receiving gas or electricity directly from the gas corporation or electric corporation. This bill would replace “electrical corporation” with “load-serving entity,” defined as including electrical corporations, community choice aggregators, and electric service providers, in many of these provisions relative to the responsibilities of an electrical corporation and master-meter customer when electrical service is provided by a master-meter customer to users who are tenants of a mobilehome park, apartment building, or similar residential complex.	Support	6/8/20 LC support 6/8/20 Letter to Author 7/15/20 Memo to Asm Utilities & Energy 9/3/20 Letter to Governor
<a href="#">SB 1227</a>	<a href="#">Skinner</a> D	Road Maintenance	5/29/2020-S. D EAD	Currentlaw creates the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway	Comment	3/15/20 Sustainability Manager comments to CSAC

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		and Rehabilitation Program.		system and the local street and road system. Current law requires the Department of Transportation and cities and counties receiving funds under the program, to the extent possible and cost effective, and where feasible, to use advanced technologies and material recycling techniques that reduce the cost of maintaining and rehabilitating the streets and highways and that exhibit reduced levels of greenhouse gas emissions through material choice and construction method. This bill would delete the condition in that requirement imposed on the department and those cities and counties to use advanced technologies and material recycling techniques to the extent possible.		
<a href="#">SB 1231</a>	<a href="#">Monning</a> D	Endangered species: take: Santa Cruz long-toed salamander.	9/29/2020-S. C HAPTERED	Would permit the Department of Fish and Wildlife to authorize under the California Endangered Species Act., by permit, the take of the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum) resulting from impacts attributable to the construction along the State Route 156 corridor through Moro Cojo Slough in the County of Monterey for the purpose of enhancing safety and access, if certain conditions are satisfied. The bill would also provide that those conditions are subject to amendment if required by a certain monitoring program and adaptive management process. The bill would also make a related change.	Support	3/9/20 LC Support 3/9/20 Letter to Author 7/15/20 Memo to Asm Water, Parks & Wildlife 8/31/20 Letter to Governor
<a href="#">SB 1385</a>	<a href="#">Caballero</a> D	Local planning: housing: commercial zones.	8/14/2020-A. DEAD	The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for its physical development, and the development of certain lands outside its boundaries, that includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. This bill, the Neighborhood Homes Act, would deem a housing development project, as defined, an allowable use on a neighborhood lot, which is defined as a parcel within an office or retail commercial zone. The bill would require the density for a housing development under these provisions to meet or exceed the density deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households according to the type of local jurisdiction, including a density of at least 20 units per acre for a suburban jurisdiction.	Support	6/8/20 LC support 6/8/20 Letter to Senate Appropriations 7/15/20 Memo to Asm Local Government
<a href="#">SB 1409</a>	<a href="#">Caballero</a> D	Franchise Tax Board: California earned income tax credit: report.	9/18/2020-S. C HAPTERED	The Personal Income Tax Law, beginning on or after January 1, 2015, in modified conformity with federal income tax laws, allows an earned income tax credit, the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC), against personal income tax and a payment from the Tax Relief and Refund Account for an allowable credit in excess of tax liability to an eligible individual that is equal to that portion of the earned income tax credit	Support	6/8/20 LC support 6/8/20 Letter to Senate Appropriations 7/15/20 Memo to Asm Revenue & Tax 9/3/20 Letter to Governor

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				allowed by federal law as determined by the earned income tax credit adjustment factor, as specified. This bill would require the Franchise Tax Board to analyze and develop a plan to increase the number of claims of the CalEITC and the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.		
<a href="#">SCA 1</a>	<a href="#">Allen D</a>	Public housing projects.	8/31/2020-A. DEAD	The California Constitution prohibits the development, construction, or acquisition of a low-rent housing project, as defined, in any manner by any state public body until a majority of the qualified electors of the city, town, or county in which the development, construction, or acquisition of the low-rent housing project is proposed approve the project by voting in favor at an election, as specified. This measure would repeal these provisions.	Watch	1/14/19 LC watch

## Budget Items and Other Issues:

<b>COVID-19</b> <b>Food and Supplies</b>	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
<b>COVID-19</b> <b>Disaster Relief for Undocumented</b>	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
<b>COVID-19</b> <b>PPE &amp; Testing for Farmworkers</b>	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
<b>COVID-19</b> <b>All Mail November Election</b>	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
<b>COVID-19</b> <b>Food Emergency</b>	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
<b>COVID-19</b> <b>Cal OES Trailers</b>	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
<b>COVID-19</b>	Request that CARES Act funding be allocated to the 42 of 48 small counties with	5/4/20 Letter to Governor from CAOs

<b>CARES Act Funding for Counties</b>	populations under 500,000.	of California Counties.
<b>COVID-19 Spanish Translation</b>	Request for Spanish Translation of Industry Guidance and Checklist Documents.	5/29/20 Letter to the Governor
<b>COVID-19 Barbershops and Hair Salons</b>	Request reconsideration of guidelines to allow outdoor operations for barbershops and hair salons.	7/14/20 Letter to Board of Barbering and Cosmetology
<b>COVID-19 School Reopening</b>	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
<b>COVID-19 Beach Closures – Labor Day Weekend</b>	Requesting closure of State beaches in Monterey County during Labor Day Weekend.	8/18/20 Letter to Governor and State Parks Director
<b>COVID-19 Restaurant Reopening</b>	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
<b>COVID-19 Wine Tasting Rooms Reopening</b>	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
<b>BUDGET Food Bank Resources</b>	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.
<b>BUDGET Realignment Funding</b>	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.

<b>BUDGET</b> <b>Vape Tax Proposal – First 5</b>	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
<b>Climate Resiliency Bond proposals</b>	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
<b>November 3, 2020 Election</b> <b>Proposition 16</b>	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
<b>November 3, 2020 Election</b> <b>Proposition 17</b>	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
<b>November 3, 2020 Election</b> <b>Proposition 18</b>	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
<b>November 3, 2020 Election</b> <b>Proposition 21</b>	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
<b>California LifeLine Proposed Decision</b>	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

<b>California LifeLine Participation</b>	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
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## Board Report

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4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
  - a. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) - State Budget Funding for Interlake Tunnel
  - b. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
  - c. Grant Track



**TO:** Monterey County Legislative Committee

**FROM:** Ashley S. Walker, Senior Policy Advisor

**DATE:** October 22, 2020

**RE:** Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

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## **Summary of Recent Program Efforts**

- a. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) – State Budget Funding for Interlake Tunnel:** As we have reported, we are working with CDFW to draw down the \$17 million State budget funds allocated to the Interlake Tunnel project. We had an initial call with CDFW, County Counsel, and WRA to discuss what needs to be in place for the County to receive this funding. We continue to work through the outline from CDFW of proposed tasks and responsibilities to successfully accomplish getting a contract in place to draw down funds. The second meeting with CDFW on September 23 was cancelled by CDFW, however we did receive the template funding agreement to begin tailoring to the Interlake Tunnel Project. We had a check in meeting with CDFW just prior to this meeting, and will provide an oral update to the Committee. We have been keeping Senator Monning's office updated on the progress of drawing funding down.
- b. San Lucas Drinking Water Project:** Nossaman recently checked in with the State Water Board regarding the status of the San Lucas Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) application. We learned there have been discussions directly between the San Lucas County Water District as well as Mission Ranches with Environmental Health and the State Water Board regarding a new alternative water supply replacement project. The new project alternative would convert the temporary well to a permanent well and add a pipeline to an existing 300 gallon water storage tank. The thought is that this project would dilute the nitrate concentration to an acceptable drinking water level. The temporary well currently in place has had spikes in nitrate levels, and the community of San Lucas is again on bottled water. The possible new project wasn't included in any of the previous options that the State Water Board previously considered or reviewed. The planning grant that the County currently has in the queue doesn't include this new potential solution that is thought to be achievable at a much lower cost. The County's new Community Services Department will be taking the lead on this project. There was an internal County call to discuss next steps. Nossaman will be working with the State Board to set up a meeting with the State to discuss this new project alternative and how best to move forward.
- c. Grant Track:** See attached.

### Active Applications

Department	Grant Program	Project Summary	Request	Role	Status
WRA	2019-20 State Budget Earmark – California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	Interlake Tunnel fish screen costs.	\$17 Million	Successfully lobbied for the funding in the 2019-20 State budget, including testifying in hearings, meetings with Member of the Legislature, and meetings with the Administration. Coordinated several meetings with CDFW to discuss drawing down funds and grant agreement details.	Working with CDFW on a grant agreement to be completed by June 30, 2021.
IGLA	Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program	Preparation of a Community Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CCAAP) that will address the importance of agricultural lands to our economy and environment and set strategies for reducing County-wide emissions by 40% by 2030.	\$175,000	Reviewed the application prepared by the County's Sustainability Program Manager.	Submitted: August 28, 2020.  Expected Award: December 2020
RMA	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	Planning for safe, clean drinking water project in San Lucas.	\$1,288,600	Met with staff to discuss potential funding opportunities. Coordinated several meetings with the State Water Board. Provided strategic advice to RMA.	Submitted: September 2018  Expected Award: 2020-2021
RMA	CalOES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	Address flood management and floodplain habitat loss within the lower Carmel River Basin by improving the natural and historic functions and values of the lower Carmel River and Carmel Lagoon through the hydraulic reconnection of the Carmel River, its southern floodplain, and the lagoon.	\$28,954,000	Reviewed the first draft, along with comments from the Big Sur Land Trust, and the final application.	Awards will be made after environmental for the projects are complete.  Expected Award: 2020-2021

### ***Past Applications – Awards Funded/Not Funded***

Department	Grant Program	Project Summary	Request	Role	Status
IGLA/Health	Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety Grant Program	Address improving coordination between County departments, the illicit market, and increase public education and community relations through a county-wide cannabis initiative.	\$996,545	Participated in meetings with County departments to discuss the program and potential projects. Assisted in reviewing the application.	Successfully awarded on August 5, 2020.
Sheriff	BJA Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding	Local grants to assist Sheriff's Office for COVID-19 response costs no reimbursable by Cal OES.	\$58,000	Reviewed application.	Successfully awarded on August 6, 2020.
IGLA	Cannabis Equity Grant Program	Create a new cannabis equity assessment program.	\$150,000	Meet with staff to discuss potential funding opportunity. Reviewed initial draft application and provided feedback.	Successfully awarded on April 21, 2020.

### ***Funding Research Requests***

Status	Department	Project
Ongoing	WRA	Deep Water Aquifer
Ongoing	Housing	Housing and Homelessness related grants
Ongoing	RMA	Carmel Lagoon
Ongoing	RMA	CRFREE
Ongoing	RMA	Court Construction - Greenfield Courthouse
Ongoing	RMA	Old Jail – State Budget Request
Ongoing	RMA	San Lucas Water Supply Replacement
Ongoing	WRA	Interlake Tunnel & Fish Screens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CDFW - Cost Reduction Options</li> <li>- WIIN Funding</li> <li>- WaterSMART Grant Program</li> </ul>
Ongoing	WRA	San Antonio and Nacimiento Dam and Spillway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Climate Resiliency Bond</li> <li>- I-Bank</li> </ul>
Complete	RMA	Big Sur Cell Service – USDA Grant Program

Complete	RMA	Salinas Soccer Complex
Complete	RMA	San Lucas / San Ardo Parks

### ***Notices of Funding Opportunities Sent***

Date	Department	Program/Summary	Due Date
10/23/19	Housing	Local Housing Trust Fund	TBD, Spring 2020
10/30/19	Housing	Infill Infrastructure Grant	February 18, 2020
11/15/19	Housing	Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program	February 11, 2020
1/10/20	RMA	Proposition 68 Regional Park Program	Spring/Summer 2020
1/10/20	RMA	Proposition 68 Rural Recreation and Tourism Program	Spring/Summer 2020
1/10/20	DA, CAO, Health, Sheriff	Increased Access To Services (KU) Program	March 2, 2020
1/14/20	Housing	Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program	February 13, 2020
2/24/20	Housing	Local Early Action Planning Grants	July 1, 2020
2/29/20	Housing	Emergency Solutions Grants	May 28, 2020
3/3/20	Housing	Housing for a Healthy California	June 25, 2020
3/5/20	RMA	Explore the Coast Grant Program	March 30, 2020
3/5/20	RMA	Youth Community Access Program	TBD, Draft Solicitation Comments Due March 27, 2020
4/2/20	Sheriff's Office	Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program	May 29, 2020
4/8/20	RMA, Sustainability Manager	Climate Adaptation and Resilience Program	Pre-App Due April 13, 2020
5/18/20	RMA, WRA	Defense Community Infrastructure Program	June 26, 2020
5/28/20	RMA	SAFER Fund Expenditure Plan	Comments due June 16, 2020
6/11/20	RMA, Housing	HCD: Transit Oriented Development	June 30, 2020
7/15/20	WRA	WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Program	August 5, 2020
7/28/20	Housing	Multi-Family Housing Program	September 15, 2020
8/25/20	Housing/RMA/OES	California Wildfire FEMA Personal Assistance – Crisis counseling, housing and unemployment assistance, and legal services.	12 months from the date you apply with FEMA to submit your insurance settlement records for review
9/2/20	Elections	Center for Tech and Civic Life – COVID-19 Grant	Over-the-Counter Beginning September 8, 2020
9/21/20	Agriculture Commissioner	Specialty Crop Block Grant Program	October 23, 2020
10/19/20	RMA	Statewide Parks Program	December 14, 2020

## ***Grant Support Letters Secured***

Date	Requesting Entity	Project	Funding Program	Supporting Entity
1/14/20	Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency	A valuation study that will support the implementation of additional passenger rail services planned for the Central Coast.	Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program	Monterey County Board of Supervisors
1/28/20	Monterey County	Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project (CRFREE)	FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program	Congressman Panetta
5/1/20	TAMC	SR 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange Project	Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Program	Monterey County Board of Supervisors
5/26/20	TAMC	SR 156 Castroville Boulevard Interchange Project	SB 1 Funding	Monterey County Board of Supervisors
6/29/20	City of Salinas and Monterey One Water	Stormwater project capturing wet weather stormwater flows and capturing dry weather flows.	Prop 1 Stormwater Grant Application	Monterey County Board of Supervisors
09/01/20	Monterey County Resource Conservation District	Salinas River Arundo Eradication Project	Wildlife Conservation Board's California Stream Flow Enhancement Program	Monterey County Board of Supervisors
09/08/20	TAMC	Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) – California Avenue Segment	Caltrans Active Transportation Program	Monterey County Board of Supervisors
09/08/20	TAMC	Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) – Cal State Monterey Bay North Segment	Caltrans Active Transportation Program	Monterey County Board of Supervisors



# Monterey County

**Item No.**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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5. Receive a report on proposed legislative advocacy efforts aimed at addressing the needs identified in the Monterey County *COVID-19 Pandemic Disparate Impact Report*.

# MEMORANDUM



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## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE INTERGOVERNMENTAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION

**DATE:** October 22, 2020

**TO:** Legislative Committee

**FROM:** Annette D'Adamo, Legislative Coordinator (MAIII)

**SUBJECT:** Legislative Advocacy – COVID-19 Pandemic Disparate Impact

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On August 25, 2020, the Board of Supervisors received the ***COVID-19 PANDEMIC DISPARATE IMPACT REPORT: Strategies for Addressing the Disparate Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Communities of Color in Monterey County.***

The report was developed by the County Administrative Office in partnership with the Health Department, Department of Social Services, and Resource Management Agency, with input from additional County departments.

The report identified the underlying conditions that have contributed to the racial disparities present in the data and statistics of those most impacted by the pandemic in Monterey County, and proposed strategies to address these disparate impacts.

The Board directed staff to work through the Legislative Committee to further define and prioritize the legislative advocacy strategies, and to work through the Health, Housing and Human Services Committee on all other strategies contained in the report.

### LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COVID-19 DISPARATE IMPACT

Even before the pandemic, Monterey County's Legislative Program focused on numerous legislative priorities in the areas of health, human services, economic development and public safety. The County has adopted a strategy of "Health in All Policies" as part of its efforts to eliminate social, racial, economic, and environmental inequities that impede the attainment and maintenance of good health, including health care access.

Since the pandemic began, Monterey County engaged in numerous legislative advocacy efforts to ensure that both state and federal administrations, agencies, and legislators are aware of the challenges and needs facing our community. Given the pandemic's disparate toll on communities of color, in particular low-income communities, legislative advocacy efforts have been aimed at: increasing testing; provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) for essential workers; helping to meet basic needs like providing

food, wage supports and temporary housing for people who get sick or exposed to the virus; access to communications and guidance in Spanish; support for all-mail elections; support for school and business reopening; and closing the digital divide.

The County Administrative Office – Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs Division staff has continued to meet with the County team that produced the Disparate Impact Report. The legislative advocacy efforts identified in this memo include those which were included in the Disparate Impact Report, and additional needs that have been identified as the team continues to meet. All legislative advocacy efforts identified in this memo aim to benefit those disparately impacted by the pandemic.

## 2020 CENSUS

Billions of dollars hang in the balance for essential programs, services, and infrastructure – and government representation from the Congressional level to local county supervisorial districts.

<b>2020 Census</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support efforts with the state and federal governments and community groups to achieve a complete count, especially in hard-to-count communities.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to ensure undocumented residents are included in the Census.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to extend the Census deadline to allow additional time to continue or restart enumeration efforts.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to ensure the integrity of the Census process.</li> </ul>
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## INCREASED STATE AND FEDERAL SUPPORT AND INVESTMENT

Despite recent investments, counties cannot continue to meet the unprecedented demands in public health, emergency response, and other vital services without additional state and federal support. Declining local revenues, coupled with the increasing demands on county delivered safety net services makes our situation unsustainable, and puts the health and security of the public, especially communities of color, at risk.

<b>State / Federal Investment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support additional direct fiscal relief to counties.</li> <li>➤ Support maximum flexibility in the usage of federal funds allocated to counties to mitigate direct and indirect COVID-19 costs, revenue losses, and temporary expansion of benefits.</li> <li>➤ Support an extension of the expenditure deadline to utilize federal funds allocated to counties.</li> </ul>
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## HEALTH

Access to quality healthcare is a fundamental human right. Communities of color have higher rates of underlying health conditions (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, etc.) linked to more severe cases of COVID-19. Communities of color also often have less access to quality health care and are disproportionately represented in essential frontline jobs that cannot be done from home, increasing their exposure to the virus.

<b>Health Care for All</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support efforts to create equity and eliminate racial disparities by expanding access to health care through universal coverage and other steps to improve the quality and affordability of health care (e.g., Medi-Cal expansion to undocumented seniors).</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to ensure employers help H-2A Temporary Agricultural Workers apply for health insurance through Covered California.</li> <li>➤ Support policies and funding that preserve and expand primary prevention, essential public health functions, and that foster social/racial equity in the areas of community health, health care access (including telehealth), education, and disease prevention.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Health Departments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support funding for public health departments to conduct essential activities including testing, case investigation, contact tracing, surveillance, epidemiology, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response measures.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts and funding to enhance public health workforce staffing, infrastructure, and capacity.</li> </ul>
<b>Testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support increased funding to test individuals that are not connected to a primary health care provider to minimize access barriers for underserved communities and increase capacity to support outbreaks in congregate living settings.</li> <li>➤ Support increasing production of testing supplies to increase the supply of testing kits for hospital-based testing services.</li> <li>➤ Support funding to deploy testing resources based on the needs of impacted communities.</li> <li>➤ Support reimbursement for the full cost of specimen collection and testing.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to streamline the process to utilize presumptive eligibility for Medi-Cal for testing purposes.</li> </ul>
<b>Case Investigation and Contact Tracing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support funding to develop and maintain electronic data collection and reporting systems.</li> <li>➤ Expand funding for income replacement and other types of isolation and quarantine support.</li> </ul>

<b>Surveillance, Epidemiology, Infection Control</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expand shared data collection and improvement of reporting standards for workplace infections</li> <li>➤ Support efforts for state Health and Human Service Agency to alter the Confidential Morbidity Report form to produce more consistent occupation data (currently a write-in response).</li> </ul>
<b>Preparedness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support policies that prioritize vaccine distribution through a health equity lens.</li> <li>➤ Support policies that prioritize certain groups to gain access to medications and vaccines based on documented higher risk for serious illness and death.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to establish and maintain adequate distribution, storage, and administration of vaccines.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to establish and maintain adequate supply chains for personal protective equipment.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Health Laboratories</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support increased funding for state and local public health laboratories.</li> </ul>
<b>Commercial Laboratories</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support increased oversight and enforcement of commercial lab responsibilities to ensure compliance with state mandates, state and local health officer orders, and adherence to reporting requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>Alternative Housing Access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support efforts to expand eligibility for alternate housing to adequately isolate infected or exposed populations to prevent virus transmission (e.g., hotels, emergency rental assistance, etc.).</li> </ul>
<b>Isolation Housing Supports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support expanded funding for income replacement and other types of isolation and quarantine supports.</li> </ul>
<b>Health Literacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support state level policy that documents be produced in the language of our California residents.</li> <li>➤ Continue to request that the State provide pandemic related communications associated with public health, safety, or business guidance in both English and Spanish.</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Healthcare</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support changes to continue the ability for healthcare to provide services using virtual services.</li> <li>➤ Support the expansion or continuation of elimination of cost-sharing payments by insurers for plan members treated for COVID-19.</li> <li>➤ Create an emergency health aid program to raise eligibility thresholds beyond Medi-Cal expansion levels and increase federal matching funds to help cover people who lost their jobs or remain uninsured during the pandemic.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expand testing and treatment (including clinical trials) to cover immigrants and temporary workers, including providing much needed funding for community health centers and removing barriers to permitting coverage under Emergency Medi-Cal.</li> <li>➤ Expand Medi-Cal to include reimbursement for mild to moderate mental health needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> </ul>
<b>Worker Support and Protections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support creation of Workforce Safety Councils that build on partnerships between labor, government, and business to work with employers to implement safety protocols, develop and distribute educational materials, and support and fund Workforce Safety Officers to implement health orders and guidance.</li> </ul>
<b>Sick Leave and Family Care Protections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support policies that expand sick leave and family leave to support workers and their families.</li> <li>➤ Support Statewide campaigns for immediate cash assistance for families, such as young child tax credits.</li> </ul>

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR BASIC NEEDS

Safety net services are a critical element of community well-being that help struggling households survive and thrive.

<b>Safety Net and Employment Support Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support funding for basic assistance to households who work in lower wage jobs, are underemployed, or are unemployed through CalFresh/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, childcare programs, Community Action programs and the CalWORKs/Temporary Assistance to Needy Family (TANF) programs.</li> <li>➤ Support funding for programs that help prevent homelessness and rapidly secure housing (HUD Homeless Assistance, CalWORKs Housing Support, CalWORKs Family Stabilization, Housing Disability Advocacy Program).</li> <li>➤ Support improvements to the CalWORKs/TANF program to modify work participation requirements to better match individual family needs and local economic circumstances and to recognize additional costs to communities as a result of ongoing funding stagnation.</li> <li>➤ Support expansion of wage subsidy programs for households served by both CalFresh/SNAP and CalWORKs/TANF – these programs have proven to be effective local resources for promoting self-sufficiency and establishing a positive work history.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support the continuation of virtual interviews, self-attestation verifications, and other virtual means of submitting required documents for Medi-Cal, CalWORKs and CalWORKs employment services, CalFresh, and general assistance.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to increase CalFresh/SNAP, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, CalWORKs employment services, and general assistance benefits, and eliminate eligibility barriers (e.g., residency and citizenship status, household size, income and property limits).</li> </ul>
<b>Food Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support funding for local food banks.</li> <li>➤ Support funding for meal delivery programs (e.g., Great Plates, Meals on Wheels, Congregate Meals for Seniors).</li> <li>➤ Support policy changes to make Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards eligible for online use through web-based marketplaces such as Amazon Pantry and Wal-Mart for food purchases.</li> </ul>

## HOUSING

Available and affordable housing is integral to the health and well-being of County residents and an important element for social/racial equity, environmental justice and economic development. Lack of housing or dense, multi-generational housing conditions make communities more susceptible to the spread of the virus.

<b>Housing Stability / Homeless Prevention</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support efforts to provide protections from eviction, foreclosure, and speculation.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to fund continued and expanded emergency rental and utility assistance programs.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to fund additional city and county emergency housing and ongoing operations.</li> <li>➤ Support policies and funding to sustain and transition short term emergency COVID housing to long term housing use (travel trailers), and to fund ongoing operations.</li> <li>➤ Support the continued provision of fair housing tenant/landlord services (e.g., CDBG Program).</li> <li>➤ Support an increase in housing vouchers for transitional and permanent supportive housing and affordable housing.</li> <li>➤ Support programs that allow for a variety of homeless housing types such as additional permanent, supportive, and shelter housing.</li> <li>➤ Support the continuation of employer housing and food requirements under the H-2A Temporary Agricultural Worker program.</li> </ul>
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<b>Affordable Housing Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support efforts to fund the planning and development of housing – especially affordable housing and affordable rental housing – for low-income residents and those with special needs (e.g., farmworkers, the disabled, and the homeless).</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to streamline policies and processes that create barriers or delays to the development of affordable or special needs housing projects and incentivize providing more than the minimum inclusionary requirement (e.g., CEQA exemptions for farmworker housing projects).</li> <li>➤ Support non-profit housing developments through additional/expanded tax credit programs.</li> <li>➤ Support changes to the tax credit program to incentivize development of mixed income housing projects.</li> <li>➤ Support regional approaches to affordable housing development which allow cities/counties to share in Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) credits.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to provide incentivize affordable housing development for migrant farmworkers and H-2A Temporary Agricultural Workers.</li> </ul>
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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Communities of color are over-represented in essential jobs that increase their exposure to the virus. High rates of poverty and low wages create greater risks of economic disruption.

<b>Individual Supports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support the continuation/reinstatement of increased unemployment benefits by the federal government – including extending benefits to undocumented workers.</li> <li>➤ Support additional economic stimulus payments to individuals – including funding to undocumented residents (e.g. Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants (DRAI)).</li> <li>➤ Support expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit to provide more relief to low-income Californians, including those that file taxes with Individual Tax Identification Numbers.</li> <li>➤ Support funding and policies that protect workers through the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) and educational materials on how to prevent virus contraction and transmission.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to address disparate impact of COVID-19 pandemic on women of color, exacerbating existing disparities and further undermining family economic stability and survival (including efforts to address childcare, loss of wage earnings due to COVID-19, wealth gap, and access to income supports).</li> </ul>
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<b>Business Supports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support efforts aimed at supporting women and minority owned businesses impacted by the pandemic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Small business grants, loans, and/or no-interest loans</li> <li>○ Workforce development programs</li> <li>○ Entrepreneurship programs</li> <li>○ Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)</li> <li>○ Payroll Protection Program (PPP)</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Support efforts to establish an emergency loan program through the state's Small Business Disaster Relief Loan Guarantee Program</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to provide protections from eviction, foreclosure, and speculation for small businesses.</li> </ul>
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## PROTECTING YOUTH AND FAMILIES

The pandemic has added major stressors to children and families, especially in communities where there is a higher incidence of the virus. Economic challenges, school closures, and social isolation further add to the problem and place additional stress on family units.

<b>Protecting Youth and Families</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support efforts to expand eligibility for isolation spaces (e.g. hotels) for people experiencing domestic violence.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to protect youth at heightened risk for abuse and mistreatment.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to strengthen social programs and family resources to keep families connected to county support systems and services (e.g., mental health).</li> </ul>
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## CHILDCARE

Local economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis hinges on the ability of many county residents, especially those who work in industries deemed essential, to access childcare so that they can return to work.

<b>Childcare</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support improved access to safe, high-quality childcare.</li> <li>➤ Support the classification of front-line workers as “essential” to receive county level and state level free childcare benefits.</li> </ul>
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## LANGUAGE ACCESS

Since the pandemic began there has been a lack of communications and guidance documents in languages other than English. It is essential that these written and verbal communications be provided in non-English languages for communities where English is not the primary language.

<b>Translation of Communications/ Guidance for Threshold Languages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Continue to request that the State provide pandemic-related communications associated with public health, safety, or business guidance in both English and Spanish.</li> </ul>
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## VIRTUAL ACCESS

As a result of the need for social distancing during the pandemic, some requirements have temporarily been waived to allow access to County services by virtual means and to increase virtual participation in government. Making these changes permanent will increase the public's access to County government.

<b>Increased Internet and Virtual Access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support policy changes to permanently increase access to virtual connection, learning, and public participation opportunities.</li> <li>➤ Support policy changes to continue participation and access of virtual public meetings governed by the Brown Act.</li> <li>➤ Support policy changes which allow County services to be provided by virtual means.</li> </ul>
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## BROADBAND EXPANSION

A lack of internet access disproportionately effects some County residents because internet access is not available in their area or is unaffordable. Expansion of broadband services would benefit economic activities, access to healthcare (e.g.: telehealth); and education (e.g.: distance learning).

<b>Broadband Expansion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support efforts to secure funding for the expansion of broadband and cellular services to underserved areas of Monterey County (e.g., state universal broadband bond).</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to reform existing state programs to expand internet access, generate needed revenue, and make it easier for local governments to obtain funding to move local projects forward.</li> <li>➤ Support efforts to regulate broadband/internet access as a utility by the Federal Communications Commission and California Public Utilities Commission.</li> </ul>
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## EDUCATION

Schools are facing significant challenges which disparately impact students of color. Nearly 7,000 students/families do not have access to the tools they need for distance learning (e.g., laptops or tablets), and over 10,000 students do not have internet access in their home because internet access is not available in their community or is unaffordable to their families.

<b>Internet Access and Technology Needs</b>	➤ Support efforts that ensure quality distance learning through expanded broadband access and technology supports, especially in rural and underserved communities.
<b>In-Person Learning</b>	➤ Support the safe transition, when appropriate, to in-person learning through increased state funding for testing, rapid results, and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for students and teachers.

A photograph of the California State Capitol building in Sacramento, featuring its iconic white dome and classical architecture. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. In the foreground, several people are seen walking and sitting on benches. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the title and subtitle text.

# Legislative Advocacy

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## COVID-19 DISPARATE IMPACT REPORT

# 2020 Census

- Support efforts with the state and federal governments and community groups to achieve a complete count, especially in hard-to-count communities.
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- Support efforts to ensure the integrity of the Census process.

# Increased State and Federal Support and Investment

- Support additional direct fiscal relief to counties.
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# Health

## - Health Care for All

- Support efforts to create equity and eliminate racial disparities by expanding access to health care through universal coverage and other steps to improve the quality and affordability of health care (e.g., Medi-Cal expansion to undocumented seniors).
- Support efforts to ensure employers help H-2A Temporary Agricultural Workers apply for health insurance through Covered California.
- Support policies and funding that preserve and expand primary prevention, essential public health functions, and that foster social/racial equity in the areas of community health, health care access (including telehealth), education, and disease prevention.

# Health

## - Public Health Departments

- Support funding for public health departments to conduct essential activities including testing, case investigation, contact tracing, surveillance, epidemiology, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response measures.
- Support efforts and funding to enhance public health workforce staffing, infrastructure, and capacity.

# Health - Testing

- Support increased funding to test individuals that are not connected to a primary health care provider to minimize access barriers for underserved communities and increase capacity to support outbreaks in congregate living settings.
- Support increasing production of testing supplies to increase the supply of testing kits for hospital-based testing services.
- Support funding to deploy testing resources based on the needs of impacted communities.
- Support reimbursement for the full cost of specimen collection and testing.
- Support efforts to streamline the process to utilize presumptive eligibility for Medi-Cal for testing purposes.

# Health

## - Case Investigation and Contact Tracing

- Support funding to develop and maintain electronic data collection and reporting systems.
- Expand funding for income replacement and other types of isolation and quarantine support.

# Health

## - Surveillance, Epidemiology, Infection Control

- Expand shared data collection and improvement of reporting standards for workplace infections
- Support efforts for state Health and Human Service Agency to alter the Confidential Morbidity Report form to produce more consistent occupation data (currently a write-in response).

# Health - Preparedness

- Support policies that prioritize vaccine distribution through a health equity lens.
- Support policies that prioritize certain groups to gain access to medications and vaccines based on documented higher risk for serious illness and death.
- Support efforts to establish and maintain adequate distribution, storage, and administration of vaccines.
- Support efforts to establish and maintain adequate supply chains for personal protective equipment.

# Health

## - Public Health & Commercial Laboratories

- Support increased funding for state and local public health laboratories.
- Support increased oversight and enforcement of commercial lab responsibilities to ensure compliance with state mandates, state and local health officer orders, and adherence to reporting requirements.

# Health

## - Alternative/Isolation Housing Access/Supports

### ***Alternative Housing Access***

- Support efforts to expand eligibility for alternate housing to adequately isolate infected or exposed populations to prevent virus transmission (e.g., hotels, emergency rental assistance, etc.).

### ***Isolation Housing Supports***

- Support expanded funding for income replacement and other types of isolation and quarantine supports.

# Health - Health Literacy

- Support state level policy that documents be produced in the language of our California residents.
- Continue to request that the State provide pandemic related communications associated with public health, safety, or business guidance in both English and Spanish.

# Health

## - Access to Healthcare

- Support changes to continue the ability for healthcare to provide services using virtual services.
- Support the expansion or continuation or elimination of cost-sharing payments by insurers for plan members treated for COVID-19.
- Create an emergency health aid program to raise eligibility thresholds beyond Medi-Cal expansion levels and increase federal matching funds to help cover people who lost their jobs or remain uninsured during the pandemic.
- Expand testing and treatment (including clinical trials) to cover immigrants and temporary workers, including providing much needed funding for community health centers and removing barriers to permitting coverage under Emergency Medi-Cal.
- Expand Medi-Cal to include reimbursement for mild to moderate mental health needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Health

## - Worker Support and Protections

- Support creation of Workforce Safety Councils that build on partnerships between labor, government, and business to work with employers to implement safety protocols, develop and distribute educational materials, and support and fund Workforce Safety Officers to implement health orders and guidance.

# Health

## - Sick Leave and Family Care Protections

- Support policies that expand sick leave and family leave to support workers and their families.
- Support Statewide campaigns for immediate cash assistance for families, such as young child tax credits.

# Public Assistance for Basic Needs

## - Safety Net and Employment Support

- Support funding for basic assistance to households who work in lower wage jobs, are underemployed, or are unemployed through CalFresh/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, childcare programs, Community Action programs and the CalWORKs/Temporary Assistance to Needy Family (TANF) programs.
- Support funding for programs that help prevent homelessness and rapidly secure housing (HUD Homeless Assistance, CalWORKs Housing Support, CalWORKs Family Stabilization, Housing Disability Advocacy Program).
- Support improvements to the CalWORKs/TANF program to modify work participation requirements to better match individual family needs and local economic circumstances and to recognize additional costs to communities as a result of ongoing funding stagnation.

# Public Assistance for Basic Needs

## - Safety Net and Employment Support

- Support expansion of wage subsidy programs for households served by both CalFresh/SNAP and CalWORKs/TANF – these programs have proven to be effective local resources for promoting self-sufficiency and establishing a positive work history.
- Support the continuation of virtual interviews, self-attestation verifications, and other virtual means of submitting required documents for Medi-Cal, CalWORKs and CalWORKs employment services, CalFresh, and general assistance.
- Support efforts to increase CalFresh/SNAP, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, CalWORKs employment services, and general assistance benefits, and eliminate eligibility barriers (e.g., residency and citizenship status, household size, income and property limits).

# Public Assistance for Basic Needs

## - Food Security

- Support funding for local food banks.
- Support funding for meal delivery programs (e.g., Great Plates, Meals on Wheels, Congregate Meals for Seniors).
- Support policy changes to make Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards eligible for online use through web-based marketplaces such as Amazon Pantry and Wal-Mart for food purchases.

# Housing

## - Housing Stability & Homeless Prevention

- Support efforts to provide protections from eviction, foreclosure, and speculation.
- Support efforts to fund continued and expanded emergency rental and utility assistance programs.
- Support efforts to fund additional city and county emergency housing and ongoing operations.
- Support policies and funding to sustain and transition short term emergency COVID housing to long term housing use (travel trailers), and to fund ongoing operations.
- Support the continued provision of fair housing tenant/landlord services (e.g., CDBG Program).
- Support an increase in housing vouchers for transitional and permanent supportive housing and affordable housing.
- Support programs that allow for a variety of homeless housing types such as additional permanent, supportive, and shelter housing.
- Support the continuation of employer housing and food requirements under the H-2A Temporary Agricultural Worker program.

# Housing

## - Affordable Housing Development

- Support efforts to fund the planning and development of housing – especially affordable housing and affordable rental housing – for low-income residents and those with special needs (e.g., farmworkers, the disabled, and the homeless).
- Support efforts to streamline policies and processes that create barriers or delays to the development of affordable or special needs housing projects and incentivize providing more than the minimum inclusionary requirement (e.g., CEQA exemptions for farmworker housing projects).
- Support non-profit housing developments through additional/expanded tax credit programs.
- Support changes to the tax credit program to incentivize development of mixed income housing projects.
- Support regional approaches to affordable housing development which allow cities/counties to share in Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) credits.
- Support efforts to provide incentivize affordable housing development for migrant farmworkers and H-2A Temporary Agricultural Workers.

# Economic Development

## - Individual Supports

- Support the continuation/reinstatement of increased unemployment benefits by the federal government – including extending benefits to undocumented workers.
- Support additional economic stimulus payments to individuals – including funding to undocumented residents (e.g. Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants (DRAI)).
- Support expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit to provide more relief to low-income Californians, including those that file taxes with Individual Tax Identification Numbers.
- Support funding and policies that protect workers through the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) and educational materials on how to prevent virus contraction and transmission.
- Support efforts to address disparate impact of COVID-19 pandemic on women of color, exacerbating existing disparities and further undermining family economic stability and survival (including efforts to address childcare, loss of wage earnings due to COVID-19, wealth gap, and access to income supports).

# Economic Supports

## - Business Supports

- Support efforts aimed at supporting women and minority owned businesses impacted by the pandemic.
  - Small business grants, loans, and/or no-interest loans
  - Workforce development programs
  - Entrepreneurship programs
  - Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)
  - Payroll Protection Program (PPP)
- Support efforts to establish an emergency loan program through the state's Small Business Disaster Relief Loan Guarantee Program
- Support efforts to provide protections from eviction, foreclosure, and speculation for small businesses.

# Protecting Youth & Families

- Support efforts to expand eligibility for isolation spaces (e.g. hotels) for people experiencing domestic violence.
- Support efforts to protect youth at heightened risk for abuse and mistreatment.
- Support efforts to strengthen social programs and family resources to keep families connected to county support systems and services (e.g., mental health).

# Childcare

- Support improved access to safe, high-quality childcare.
- Support the classification of front-line workers as “essential” to receive county level and state level free childcare benefits.

# Language Access

## Translation of Communications and Guidance for Threshold Languages

- Continue to request that the State provide pandemic-related communications associated with public health, safety, or business guidance in both English and Spanish.

# Virtual Access

## Increased Internet and Virtual Access

- Support policy changes to permanently increase access to virtual connection, learning, and public participation opportunities.
- Support policy changes to continue participation and access of virtual public meetings governed by the Brown Act.
- Support policy changes which allow County services to be provided by virtual means.

# Broadband Expansion

- Support efforts to secure funding for the expansion of broadband and cellular services to underserved areas of Monterey County (e.g., state universal broadband bond).
- Support efforts to reform existing state programs to expand internet access, generate needed revenue, and make it easier for local governments to obtain funding to move local projects forward.
- Support efforts to regulate broadband/internet access as a utility by the Federal Communications Commission and California Public Utilities Commission.

# Education

## **Internet Access and Technology Needs**

- Support efforts that ensure quality distance learning through expanded broadband access and technology supports, especially in rural and underserved communities.

## **In-Person Learning**

- Support the safe transition, when appropriate, to in-person learning through increased state funding for testing, rapid results, and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for students and teachers.

# Thank you!

County Administrative Office

Health Department

Department of Social Services

Resource Management Agency

County Counsel

Civil Rights Office

Information Technology

District Attorney's Office



# Monterey County

## Board Report

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6. Receive report and provide direction on the development of the 2021-22 Legislative Program and Strategic Grant Services Program.

# MEMORANDUM



## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE INTERGOVERNMENTAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION

**DATE:** October 22, 2020

**TO:** Legislative Committee

**FROM:** Annette D'Adamo, Legislative Coordinator (MAIII)

**SUBJECT:** 2021 Legislative Program and Strategic Grant Services Program Development

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive a report and provide direction on the development of the 2021 Legislative Program and Strategic Grant Services Program development/updates.

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 and Strategic Grant Services Program.

In addition to the program updates, IGLA staff will also undertake a review of policies for each of the programs and bring forward recommendations regarding proposed policy changes along with the program updates. The proposed process and timeline for these updates is included below.

Direction is also being sought at this meeting related to any style or format changes the Committee would like to see to the programs documents.

### Proposed Process / Timeline for Program Adoption

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| <b>October 22, 2020</b>  | <b>Legislative Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Approve and provide direction on process and timeline</li></ul>   |
| <b>Oct.-Nov. 2020</b>    | <b>IGLA, State and Federal legislative and funding advocates meet with Board Members and department heads</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Discuss legislative and grant priorities</li><li>- Discuss proposals for County sponsored legislation or budget requests</li></ul>   |
| <b>November 9, 2020</b>  | <b>Legislative Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Status update to Legislative Committee</li></ul>  |
| <b>December 14, 2020</b> | <b>Legislative Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review and discuss first drafts of program documents</li></ul>  |
| <b>January 2021</b>      | <b>Legislative Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Consider recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for approval of the 2021 Legislative Program and Strategic Grant Services Programs</li></ul>  |
| <b>January 2021</b>      | <b>Board of Supervisors</b> - Consider recommendation from Legislative Committee to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Approve 2021 Legislative Program and Strategic Grant Services Program</li><li>- Receive annual reports from Nossaman LLP and Ballard Spahr LLP regarding 2020 state and federal legislative and advocacy efforts.</li></ul> |



# Monterey County

**Item No.**

## Board Report

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7. Receive report and provide direction on the development of the 2020 Legislative Workshop.

# MEMORANDUM

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## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE INTERGOVERNMENTAL & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION

**DATE:** October 22, 2020

**TO:** Legislative Committee

**FROM:** Annette D'Adamo, Legislative Coordinator (MAIII)

**SUBJECT:** Legislative Workshop

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive report and provide direction on the development of the Legislative Workshop

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For the past two years the Board of Supervisors has hosted an annual Legislative Workshop with the County's state and federal legislative representatives. The last Legislative Workshop was held in February 2020 and included the Board, Congressman Panetta, Senator Monning, Senator Caballero, Assemblymember Stone, Assemblymember Rivas, and representatives from the offices of Senator Feinstein and Senator Harris. Select County department heads presented priority legislative issues and the legislative representatives shared priority issues they would be working on during the state/federal legislative session which would impact the County.

The County Administrative Office – Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs Division is beginning work on the County's 2021 Legislative Program, including many newly identified legislative advocacy initiatives that have been identified by the County's COVID-19 Pandemic Disparate Impact Report. As part of the work we would like to begin planning for the next Legislative Workshop.

Staff seeks direction from the Legislative Committee regarding:

**Scheduling:**

- December or January
- 2-hour meeting

**Format:**

- Virtual meeting to allow for social distancing

**Agenda/County Priorities:**

- Work with the Legislative Committee to make a recommendation to the Board to approve the agenda and County priorities to be presented at the Legislative Workshop