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REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

Thursday, October 1, 2026, 10:00 A.M

County Administration North
First Floor, Multi-Purpose Room
400 West Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. Except as provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. The Commission encourages public participation. If you wish to speak on any item or during public comments, please complete a Speaker Request Form and place in the box next to the Clerk. Speaker Forms are located next to the entrance doors. When addressing the Commission, please state your name (or pseudonym) for the record prior to providing your comments. Public comments may also be submitted electronically by emailing comments@cob.oc.gov

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All supporting documentation is available for public review online at: https://cob.oc.gov/boards-commissions-committees/orange-county-commission-status-women-and-girls *and with Clerk of the Board of Supervisors located in the County Administration North Building:*
400 West Civic Center Drive, 6th Floor, Santa Ana, California 92701
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT
At this time members of the public may address the Commission on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of September 3, 2026, regular meeting of the Commission.

2. Presentation by Rachel Dailey, Program Administrator for Children's Home Society of California, a non-profit providing child care assistance and resources

3. Discussion on Board of Supervisor's annual Legislative Platform and weekly online Legislative Bulletin posted by CEO Legislative Affairs Office.

4. Continue discussion on the topics and data related to the 2027 update to the Board.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & ROUNDTABLE
At this time Commissioners may discuss ideas and request topics for future agenda items, make requests or provide direction to staff, and make comments or announcements regarding matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission, provided that no action will be taken on any matter not appearing on the agenda, except as otherwise provided by law.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 5, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

Agenda Item 1

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Miles, Marick, Brazer Aceves, Hertz-Mallari, Mahoney, Weiss

ABSENT: Commissioner: Nashashibi

CALL TO ORDER
The chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Vice Chair Marick led the pledge of allegiance.

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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and confirmed quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. James Gardner – Discussed his study and shared findings related to maternal filicide and described how the issues affecting women and girls in the Commission's 2026 report are similar to those documented in maternal filicide cases.

Maria – Former member of Pasadena's Commission for Women and Girls; suggests live streaming of the meeting or making the meeting recordings available online for those unable to attend in person.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of August 6, 2026, regular meeting of the Commission.

   On the motion of Vice Chair Marick, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, the Commission approved the August 6, 2026 minutes as recommended.

2. Presentation by Alex Zucco, Director of Policy and Legislation for the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

   Alex Zucco presented information related to the California Commission and the 30 city or county commissions related to areas of responsibility, ability to take or advise on legislation concerning women and girls, funding and finding alignment with governing board's stated objectives and strategic goals

3. Review and discuss data and recommendations for 2027 to provide an update on the Status of Women and Girls to the Board of Supervisors.

   Discussed ideas to include in 2027 update including using available unused space to provide eligible daycare for both children and seniors, early education programs, workforce development, widowhood and special needs caregiving; requested commissioners to provide information and data sources to the Clerk for discussion during October meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & ROUNDTABLE

Chair Miles – Requested for November meeting to have someone from County budget come to discuss County budget and funding for commission and another to discuss feasibility and costs related to live stream of Commission meetings.

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT: 12:02 p.m.

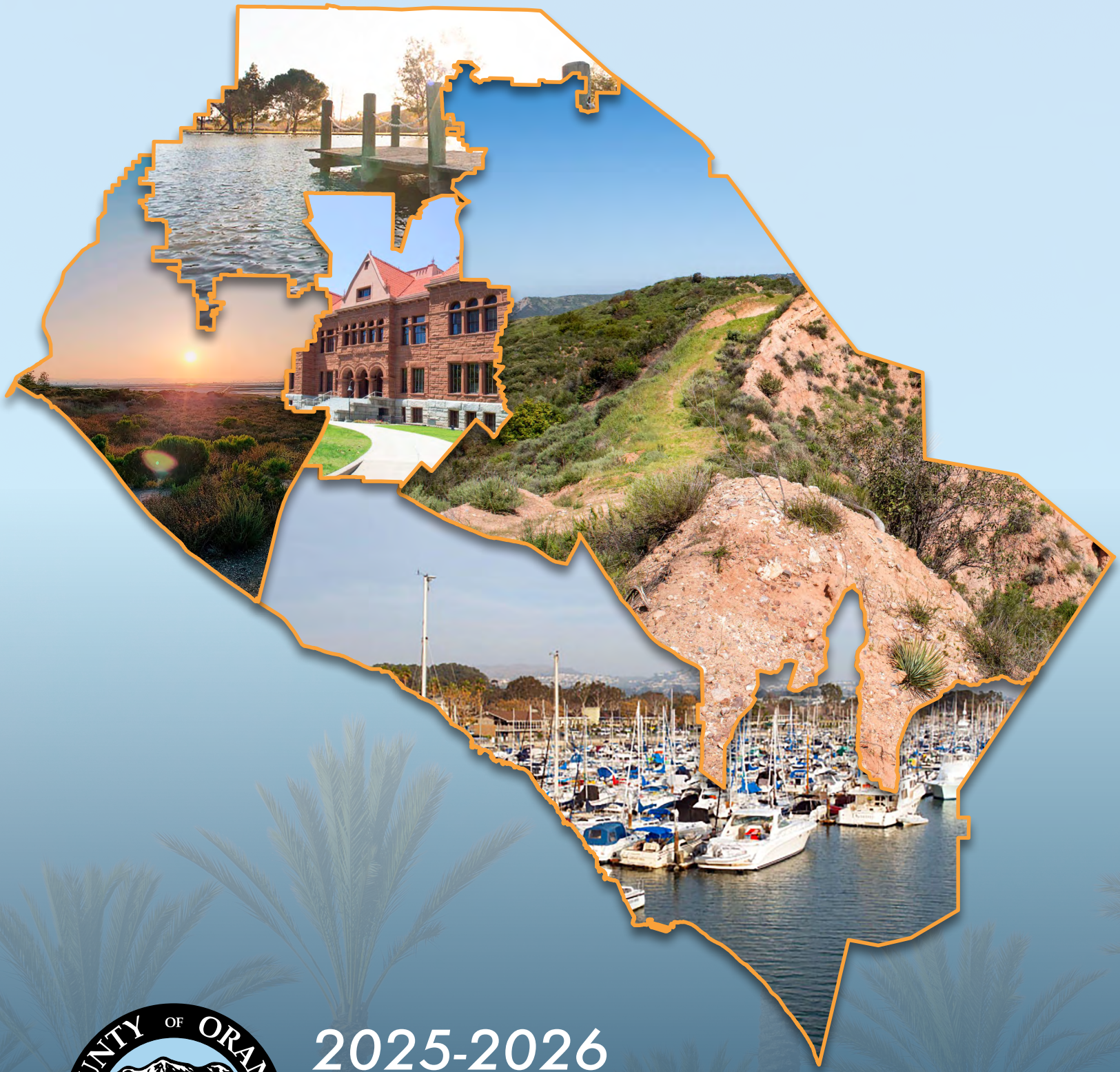
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Crystal Miles, Chair

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Valerie Sanchez, Clerk of the Commission

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Agenda Item 3



2025-2026

Legislative Platform

Our Community. Our Commitment.

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2 Old Orange County Courthouse - District 2

3 Red Rock Wilderness - District 3

4 Fishing Pier at Carbon Canyon Regional Park - District 4

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & DISTRICT MAP



JANET NGUYEN
SUPERVISOR
1ST DISTRICT



VICENTE SARMIENTO
SUPERVISOR
2ND DISTRICT



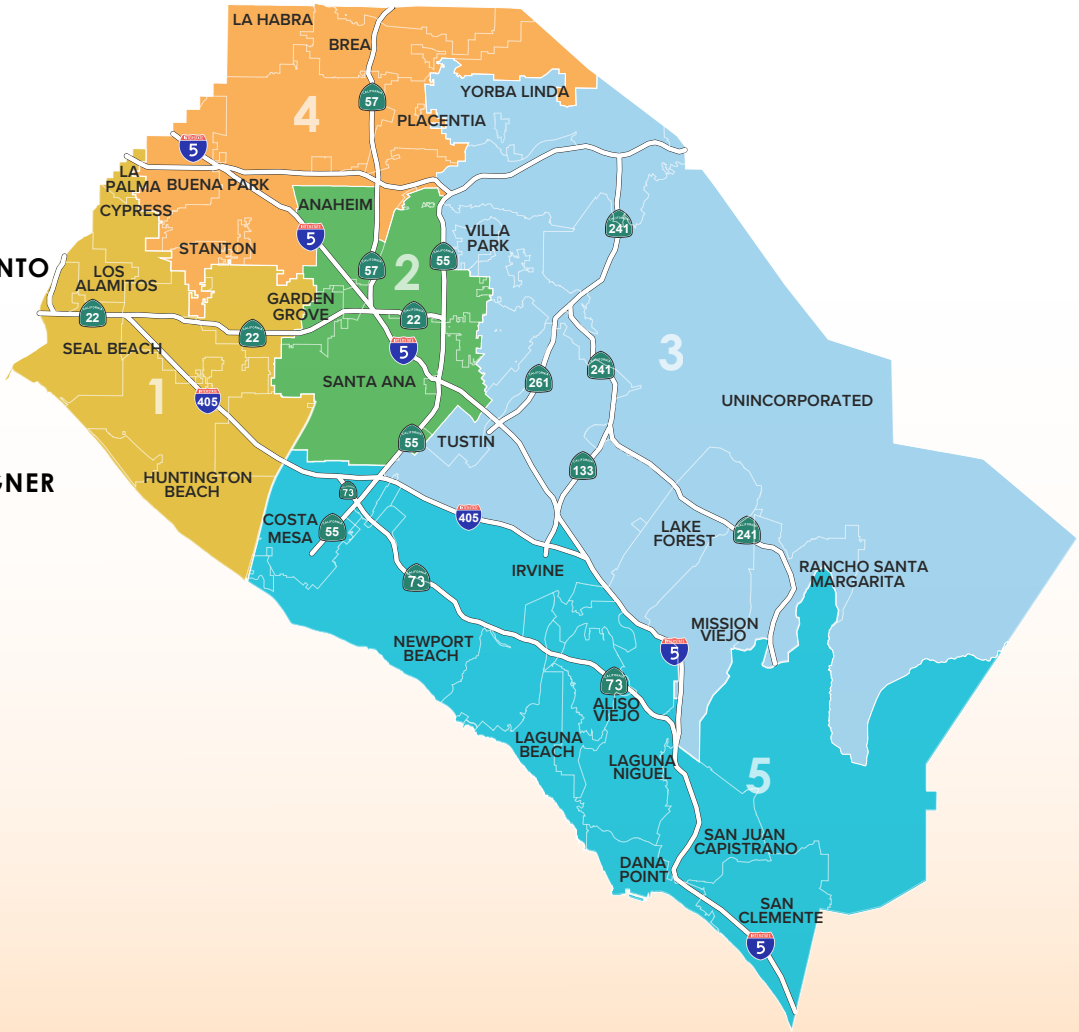
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3RD DISTRICT



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4TH DISTRICT



KATRINA FOLEY
SUPERVISOR
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1ST DISTRICT

Cities:
Cypress, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove*, Huntington Beach, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, Westminster

Unincorporated Areas:
Midway City, Rossmoor

2ND DISTRICT

Cities:
Anaheim*, Garden Grove*, Orange*, Santa Ana, Tustin*

Unincorporated Areas:
North Tustin*

3RD DISTRICT

Cities:
Anaheim*, Irvine*, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Orange*, Rancho Santa Margarita, Tustin*, Villa Park, Yorba Linda

Unincorporated Areas:
Modjeska, North Tustin*, Silverado, Trabuco Canyon, Williams Canyon

4TH DISTRICT

Cities:
Anaheim*, Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia, Stanton

5TH DISTRICT

Cities:
Aliso Viejo, Costa Mesa, Dana Point, Irvine*, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Newport Beach, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano

Unincorporated Areas:
Coto de Caza, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, Rancho Mission Viejo

*City/CDP split by district.

MISSION STATEMENT



OUR MISSION

"Making Orange County a safe, healthy, and fulfilling place to live, work, and play, today and for generations to come, by providing outstanding, cost-effective regional public services."

OUR VISION

For Business Values

We strive to be a high quality model governmental agency that delivers services to the community in ways that demonstrate:

- **Excellence**
  Provide responsive and timely services
- **Leadership**
  Leverage available resources as we partner with regional businesses and other governmental entities
- **Stewardship**
  Seek cost-effective and efficient methods
- **Innovation**
  Use leading-edge innovative technology

For Cultural Values

We commit to creating a positive, service-oriented culture which:

- Attracts and retains the best and the brightest
- Fosters a spirit of collaboration and partnership internally and externally
- Supports creativity, innovation, and responsiveness
- Demonstrates a "can-do" attitude in accomplishing timely results
- Creates a fun, fulfilling, and rewarding working environment
- Models the core values in everything we do

OUR VALUES

RESPECT • INTEGRITY • CARING • TRUST • EXCELLENCE

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY OVERVIEW

The Orange County Board of Supervisors is pleased to present its 2025-2026 Legislative Platform. It establishes the Board's initial legislative, regulatory, and budget funding priorities for the County's greatest needs, and creates the framework for its legislative advocacy program. The Board will review and may amend this document as necessary during the two-year legislative session.

The Legislative Platform provides general direction to the County Executive Office and County departments, legislative advocates, legislative delegation members, and the public on policy initiatives which impact the County's delivery of service.

The Legislative Platform has three sections:

County Budget Overview

High-level summary of the County's budget process, current fiscal conditions, projected revenues, and current or new unfunded mandate costs.

Board Initiatives

Issues and proposals which the Board has identified as an ongoing priority over the next two-year legislative session. The Board will review and may amend this list as necessary.

Legislative Platform Policy Statements

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Local Governance Authority

- The County supports legislation and budget actions that preserve its local discretionary control and flexibility over its governance issues, including land use authority and service delivery.

Efficient Service Delivery

- The County supports legislation and budget actions that encourage new technology and innovation to streamline the delivery of services.
- The County supports legislation and budget actions that reduce access barriers, increase efficiency, and expand equity of public programs.
- The County supports efforts to reduce maintenance of effort cost requirements, and reasonable administrative or regulatory oversight.

Fair Share Cost Recovery

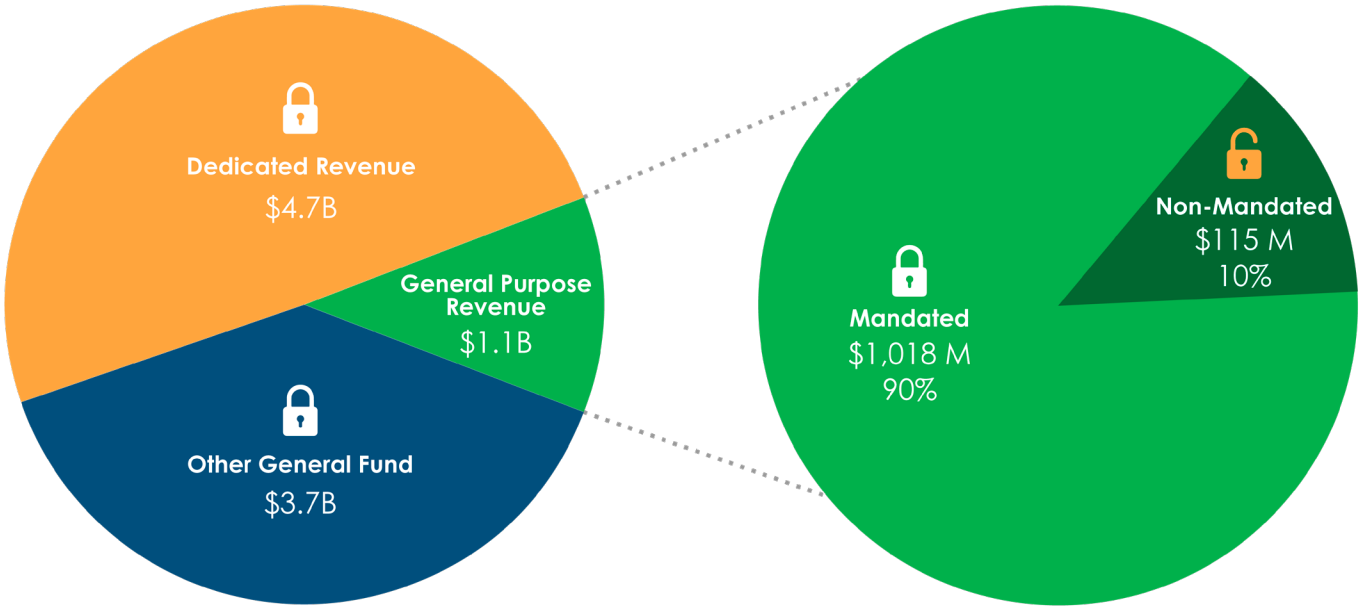
- The County supports dependable, predictable, and equitable revenue streams and allocation methodologies which reflect County responsibilities, demographics, cost of living, and caseload growth.
- The County supports full reimbursement for all mandates and other responsibilities imposed by the federal and state governments.
- The County supports adjusting the State's outdated property tax allocation formula so that Orange County receives its fair share of property tax revenue.

COUNTY BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Orange County Board of Supervisors approves an annual budget that provides the essential community, capital, and operational needs of the County while addressing new and ongoing challenges. As a political subdivision of California, budget allocations determined by the Legislature and the Governor for new or ongoing mandated programs will impact Orange County's annual budget and the health and welfare of our residents. New unfunded mandates will reduce available funds needed to service increasing caseloads.

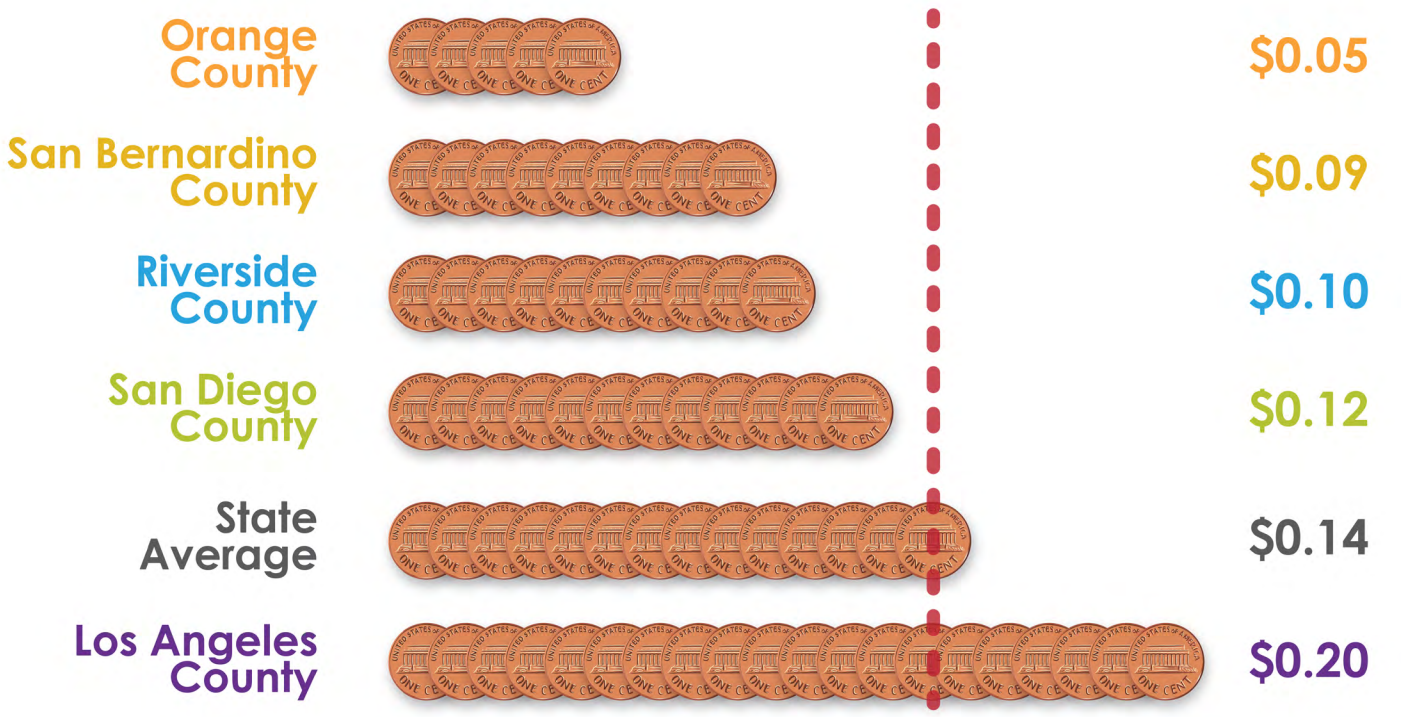
The County's budget relies on three revenue sources: Dedicated Revenue, Other General Fund, and General Purpose Revenue

ORANGE COUNTY FY 2024-25 BUDGET $9.5 BILLION



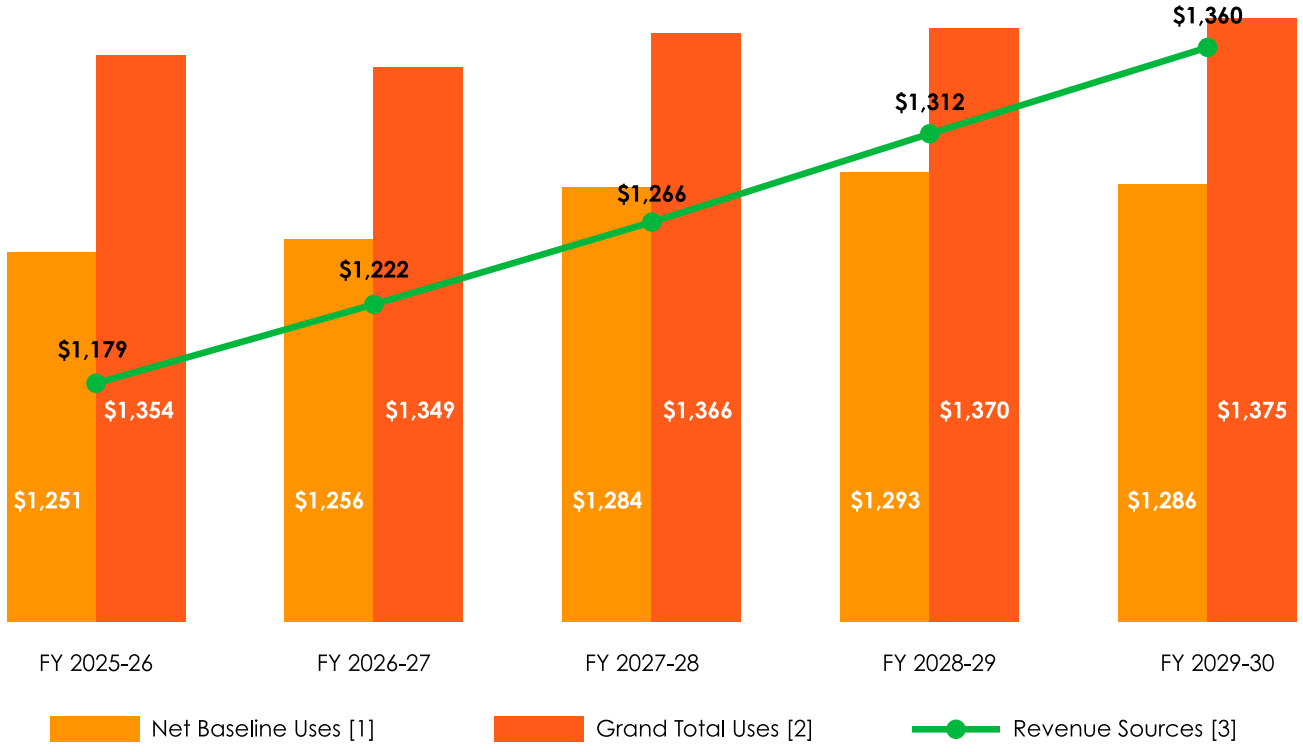
The County uses General Purpose Revenue to meet its unfunded mandated service requirements by the state and federal governments, such as match requirements for Community Services programs or Maintenance-of-Effort funding, as well as operational expenses for Public Protection and General Government Services departments.

- 92% of the County's $1.1 billion General Purpose Revenue comes from property taxes.
- Orange County receives the lowest property tax allocation of all 58 counties in the State at five cents for every dollar as shown below:



Neighboring counties with similar populations have more revenue to provide similar, required services. Orange County must meet its mandated responsibilities first, leaving less funding for non-mandated services and other County priorities.

2024 Strategic Financial Plan: General Fund Sources & Uses (in millions)



Notes:
[1] Net Baseline Uses includes NCC limits, restore augmentations, and reserve increases, if applicable.
[2] Grand Total Uses includes Net Baseline Uses, expand augmentations, Capital Improvement Plan, Information Technology Plan and strategic priority requests.
[3] Sources include General Purpose Revenues and one-time revenue sources, if applicable.

UNFUNDED MANDATE PRESSURES FOR 2025

In recent years, legislative changes have shifted more responsibilities to the County without associated funding and restricted County discretion in service levels or implementation. Issues causing fiscal pressure for the County include:

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

In 2017, the State abruptly ended the Coordinated Care Initiative, shifting $600M from the State to all counties and a new Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) that included an annual 5% to 7% inflation increase. The first-year County cost was $45M and is projected to be $80M in FY 2024-25 – a 78% increase over the last seven years. The County has shifted Realignment funding from Child and Welfare Services and diverted $24M from General Purpose Revenue to fund the IHSS MOE, with a projected $8M increase for FY 2025-26.

Behavioral Health Services Act Implementation (BHSA – Proposition 1)

Passed by the voters in March 2024, Proposition 1 modernizes the existing Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), revises the funding categories and limits, adds substance abuse disorders as an eligible service, and shifts funding away from counties to the State for many preventive services programs. When implementation begins in FY 2026-27, the County will lose $340M in MHSA and receive $174M under the new BHSA allocation – a nearly 50% cut. Unless other state funding is provided, the County must begin reducing or eliminating current preventive services programs.

Trial Court Security Realigned Funding

In 2011, the State realigned Trial Court security services to counties but provided an insufficient growth factor allocation for incurred county costs. Since then, the County has diverted approximately $7M annually from General Purpose Revenue to provide mandated security services for the Courts.

Fixed MOE Payments and Excess Revenue MOE Payments to the State

Under AB 233 (Escutia,1997), counties are required to share 50% of any excess revenue received from specific court fines, fees, and penalties with the State. Each county's excess base revenue amount was determined by a 1994-1995 MOE with the State, and Orange County's base revenue payment is approximately $19M.

Legislative actions at the State level to decrease or eliminate specific court fines, fees and penalties have reduced the County's share of court revenues by 59%. Despite not receiving any excess revenue since 2013, the County must continue diverting approximately $5M annually from General Fund Revenue to meet its unfunded mandate payment.

BOARD INITIATIVES



Although the cost of doing business continues to grow, the Board of Supervisors is committed to implementing key initiatives and moving toward a future that will enrich the lives of Orange County's residents. By aligning strategic priorities with emerging issues, Board Initiatives identify the most critical needs over the next two-year legislative session. The Board of Supervisors will review and may amend this list as necessary.

- **Homelessness**
- **Housing Assistance**
- **OC Builds**
- **OC CARES**
- **OC Veterans Cemetery**
- **Opioid Epidemic**
- **Sustainability & Resiliency**
- **Workforce Development**

HOMELESSNESS

ORANGE COUNTY'S HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM

Outreach & Supportive Services

- OC Outreach & Engagement
- Care Coordination programs serving over 800 experiencing chronic homelessness
- Over 25 city specific homeless outreach teams
- CalOptima Health's Garden Grove Street Medicine Program

Shelter

- 61 emergency shelters able to serve over 3,000 people, representing 730 additional beds since 2019

WHAT IS COMING ONLINE...

Outreach & Supportive Services

- CalOptima Health's Anaheim and Costa Mesa Street Medicine Programs
- HOPE Center outreach expansion into 6 additional North Orange County Cities

Shelter

- Tri-City Navigation Center
- 120+ Behavior Health Bridge Housing beds
- CalOptima Health's 50 room Street Medicine Support Center (Garden Grove)

BACKGROUND:

Homelessness statewide increased 20% over the last five years and rose 29% in neighboring Southern California counties. In the County of Orange, efforts to house and serve homeless individuals and prevent additional residents from becoming homeless have kept the growth rate to 7%, a quarter that of nearby counties. Ongoing efforts require consistent funding to counties to sustain and increase their success. High-acuity individuals require specialized placements and the plethora of new programs at the state level lack enabling regulations and have not translated into sufficient growth of these systems of care.

ASKS:

- Expand unconditional funding for County projects that demonstrate success in housing and services for the homeless through the budget process.
- Expand placement options for high-need individuals to include transitional rental assistance, and ease restrictions on additional housing build-out requirements.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

ORANGE COUNTY'S HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM

Prevention

- 1,553 traditional Housing Choice vouchers issued
- Since 2022, more than 1,800 families provided CalWORKS emergency housing assistance
- Be Well Orange Campus Opened

Housing

- 1,364 affordable and supportive housing units completed/built since 2018
- 217 veterans-dedicated permanent supportive housing units

WHAT IS COMING ONLINE...

Prevention

- Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program
- Emergency Rental Assistance Pilot Program
- Be Well Irvine Campus

Housing

- 1,673 affordable and supportive housing units under construction, closing their construction loans or securing their funding

BACKGROUND:

The County of Orange, along with partner cities, is leading the way in affordable housing production in our region aligned with the County's Housing Funding Strategy from 2022. Since 2018, the County has invested $114 million in the construction of 24 developments, resulting in a total of 1,647 housing units. Despite this progress, costs per unit continue to increase, housing needs have grown, and existing funding is inadequate. The County has implemented creative partnerships to move projects forward and would benefit from more funding and flexibility for difficult-to-build projects.

ASKS:

- Provide state or federal funding for the Orange County Housing Finance Trust.
- Assist the County with obtaining the State Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) approval of Orange County's Housing Element.
- Provide full funding for federal housing vouchers to cover the cost of subsidized housing.
- Provide the County additional flexibilities for Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) housing requirements, reduce production costs for supportive and affordable housing options, and extend Project Homekey and Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) investments.

OC BUILDS



Santa Ana Gardens Flood Control Channel Bikeway



John Wayne Airport Capital Improvements

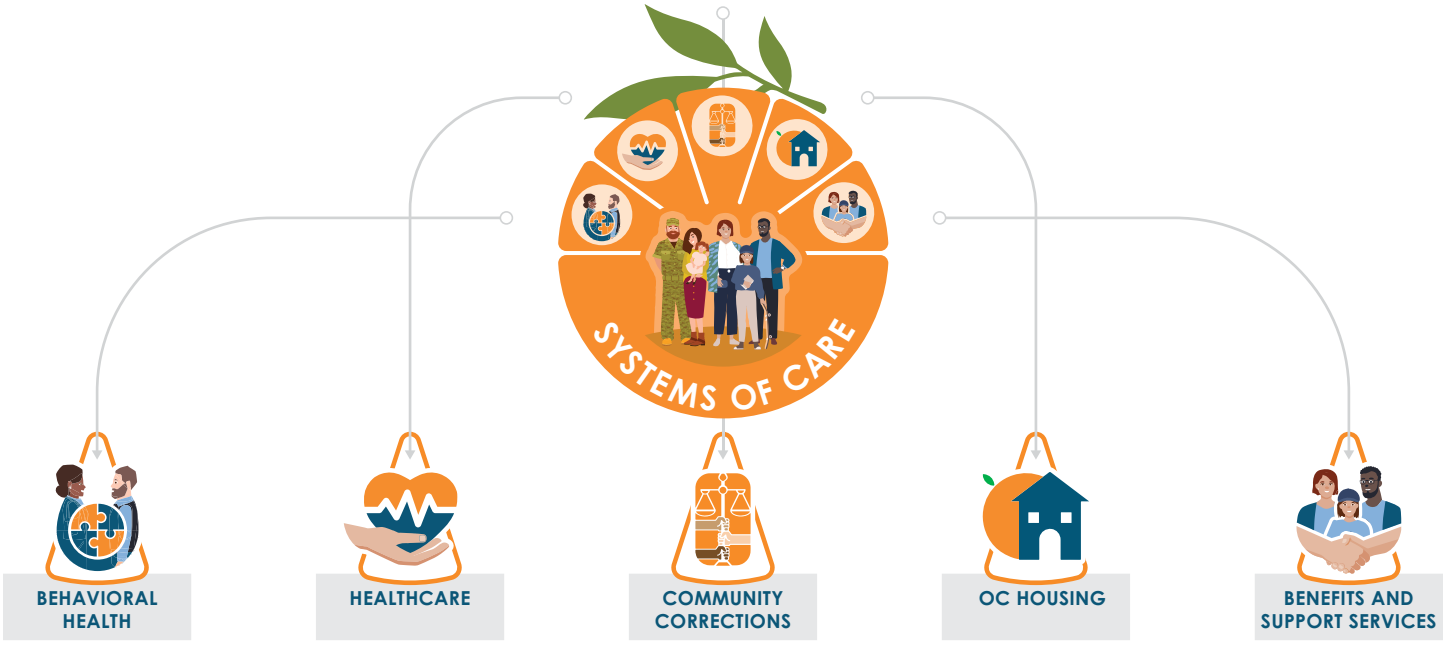
BACKGROUND:

OC Builds identifies the County's current and future transportation and technological infrastructure needs, such as bridges, roads, flood control channels, and cybersecurity that prioritize the safety of Orange County residents and facilitate transportation. The goal is to develop greener, more sustainable infrastructure that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, prioritizes the use of renewable energy, preserves natural landscapes and resources, and decreases food waste and consumer waste. In addition, the County continues to enhance its airport infrastructure to provide a world-class airport that is safe, facilitates efficient travel, and provides an enjoyable customer experience.

ASKS:

- As part of the budget process, maintain and expand both formula and discretionary grant programs to fund the completion of high-impact County infrastructure, guided by local input on County capital projects such as bridges, roads, and flood control channels, and prioritize necessary upgrades to enhance public access to County resources.
- Request funding to enhance John Wayne Airport's infrastructure, including significant investments in reconstructing taxiways and modernizing the passenger processing system to ensure a world-class airport experience that facilitates safe and efficient travel.
- Provide increased funding to invest in technological infrastructure to modernize cybersecurity systems with an emphasis on innovation, mobility and a focus on strengthening system and data security.

OC CARES



BACKGROUND:

The OC CARES system links the various systems of care in the County to provide full care coordination and services for justice-involved individuals to successfully reenter society and work towards self-sufficiency. These systems of care include behavioral health, healthcare, housing, benefits and support services, and community correction. The County began the initiative to address the current and possible underlying needs of justice-involved individuals involved in any of the County's systems of care and includes coordinated care management, linkages to programs and services, and assistance with job readiness and employment.

ASKS:

- Expand the ability to share information through changes in state laws or regulations to allow sharing among County agencies and local partners to serve the unique needs of high utilizers of the County's safety net system.
- Create and fund new licensing standards and placements through legislation and the budget to ensure a successful continuum of care.
- Fund and provide sufficient time to implement broad changes in the delivery of care, from behavioral health to correctional settings as part of the state budget.

ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS CEMETERY



BACKGROUND:

Home to former Army, Navy, and Marine bases and an estimated 105,000 veterans, Orange County is California's largest county without a veterans cemetery. After years of delay, the Orange County Board of Supervisors, all 34 cities, a bipartisan majority of the County's state and federal delegation, public safety and labor organizations, and more than 100 local, state and national veterans organizations are united in support of the Southern California Veterans Cemetery at Gypsum Canyon in Anaheim. The Board of Supervisors has deeded 200 acres of County-owned land at Gypsum Canyon to the Orange County Cemetery District (OCCD) for a public cemetery and a separate veterans cemetery, allocated $20 million exclusively for the veterans cemetery, and sponsored AB 1595 (Quirk-Silva) which authorized $25 million in previously secured state funding for Gypsum Canyon. Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and State Senator Tom Umberg secured an additional $5 million for the veterans cemetery in the 2024 State Budget Act, and now $50 million in county and state funding is now allocated to immediately begin construction. The Anaheim City Council unanimously approved OCCD's permitting application, allowing OCCD, the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) and the County to continue collaborating on land development for shared cost options, and to provide for shared infrastructure for both cemeteries.

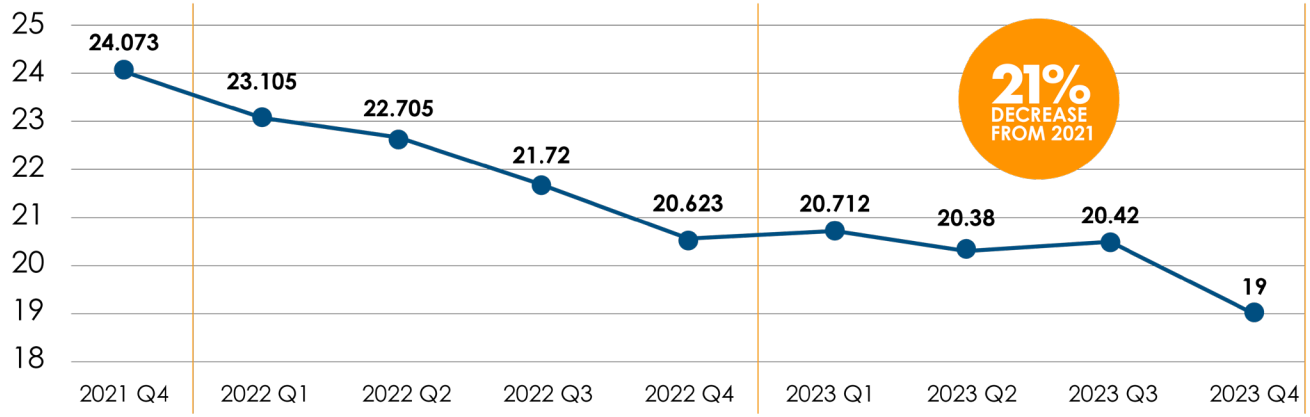
ASKS:

- Expedite CalVet's acquisition of land in Gypsum Canyon to start the design and construction of the Southern California Veterans Cemetery.
- Authorize transfer of $50 million of state and local funds into the Southern California Veterans Cemetery Master Development Fund.
- Provide dedicated state and federal funding to the cemetery to meet its full funding needs through the state and federal budget process or member requests.

OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Orange County Deaths - Total Population

Any Opioid : Age-Adjusted Rate per 100k Residents



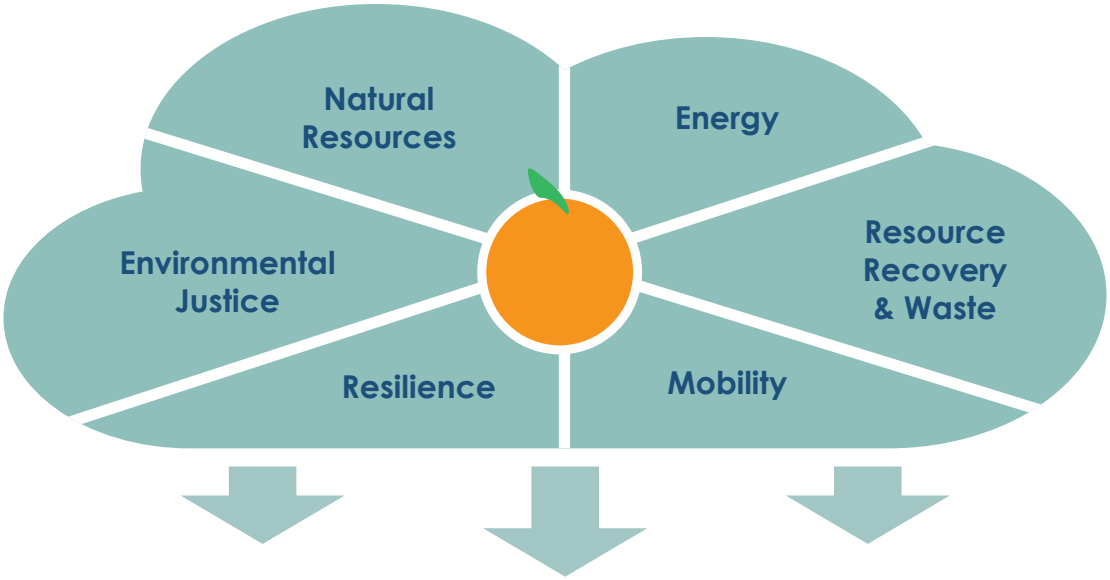
BACKGROUND:

Orange County continues to be on the frontlines of the opioid crisis through efforts focused on preventing misuse of opioids, supporting treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and providing outreach and educational opportunities to abate the opioid epidemic within the community. To promote prevention, the County hosts public awareness campaigns, targeted prescriber outreach and community education public forums to increase awareness of opioid misuse. In efforts to support treatment and recovery services, the County provides medication-assisted treatment and education on naloxone administration to individuals with OUD. The County also participates in regional coalitions and initiatives with community partners, advocates for legislative changes, and issues numerous reports to the State on the opioid epidemic and its impacts on residents. Although preliminary counts of overdose deaths are decreasing due to these efforts, the County strives to combat the opioid crisis even further.

ASKS:

- Through the budget process, fully fund the County's increased treatment responsibilities mandated by the Legislature to ensure alternatives to incarceration are successful and recidivism is reduced.
- Streamline coordination among local law enforcement agencies to deter crime across jurisdictions, and increase penalties and accountability for those engaged in the narcotics trade.

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY



BACKGROUND:

The County has established an Office of Sustainability and produced its first-ever preliminary Climate Action Plan (CAP), a centralized effort to organize and set goals for the implementation of sustainable projects and infrastructure. The plan organizes six priority sectors: Energy, Mobility, Resource Recovery and Waste, Environmental Justice, Natural Resources, and Resilience. Waste Recovery activities account for 87% of emissions and the County has led the way on reductions through organics recycling and infrastructure enhancements.

ASKS:

- Provide additional flexibility, funding, and local authority through regulatory changes to assist the County in complying with state and federal climate mandates.
- Expedite or exempt permitting requirements for County infrastructure that provides essential public services and aligns with CEQA-certified CAP objectives.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



BACKGROUND:

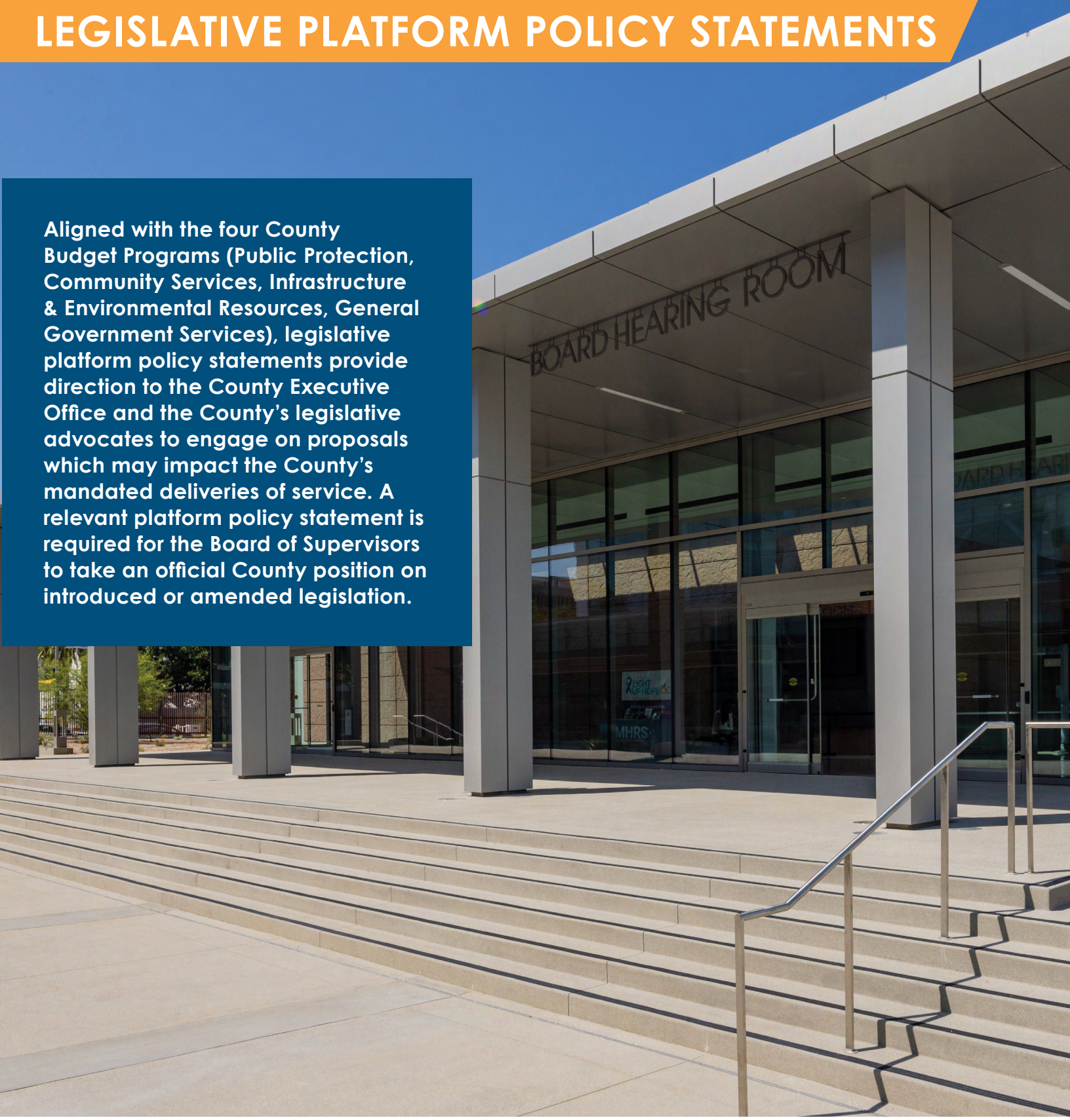
Orange County seeks to attract, retain and develop a highly skilled and competent workforce so that public services can be effectively and efficiently provided to the community. Additionally, the County is committed to lowering unemployment, reducing poverty and promoting sustainable growth in our communities through strategic planning for economic development. Despite significant national and global headwinds, the County continues to see strong economic and employment activity, as several industries have more than fully recovered from pandemic-era job losses.

ASKS:

- Provide increased funding for County workforce training and development to ensure skilled and specialized positions can be filled, resulting in development and retention of a high-performing workforce.
- Fund programs to provide opportunities for high school graduates, work experience participants, and internships to receive on-the-job training to prepare for a future career path with the County.
- As part of the Master Plan for Career Education and California Jobs First Initiative, the State should sustain the central coordinating role of county workforce agencies and enhance access to high-value regional industries, especially for disinvested communities.

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM POLICY STATEMENTS

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PUBLIC PROTECTION

Statement Number	Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/ Federal
P-1	**Aging Juvenile Facilities**	Support efforts to improve existing juvenile facilities and provide resources for infrastructure changes required by legislative mandates.	*Probation*	State/ Federal
P-2	**Appeals Process**	Support reforms to streamline the appeals process in criminal cases, including those cases involving special circumstances.	*District Attorney*	State/ Federal
P-3	**Court Appointed Dependency Counsel Funding**	Support legislation or administrative action to fully fund optimal caseloads for dependency attorneys.	*Public Defender*	State
P-4	**Court Maintenance-of-Effort**	Modernize Maintenance-of-Effort statutes to reflect the State's responsibility for revenue decreases and alleviate County cost pressures.	*County Executive Office*	State
P-5	**Court Security**	Support funding for court security efforts.	*County Executive Office*	State/ Federal
P-6	**Court-Ordered Services**	Support measures that increase accessibility to court-ordered services for vulnerable adults and at-risk youth.	*Social Services Agency*	State/ Federal
P-7	**Criminal Justice Sentencing**	Support restoration of accountability to the criminal justice system by ensuring sentences are fully carried out and sufficiently address the significance of each crime.	*Sheriff's Department/ County Executive Office/District Attorney*	State/ Federal
P-8	**Custody Operations**	Support funding for construction, modernization, and staffing of adult criminal justice facilities that will meet needs created by realignment and address long-term sentences in County jails.	*Sheriff's Department*	State
P-9	**Cyber-Crime**	Support efforts to assist law enforcement in combatting cyber-crime and promote programs that increase cybersecurity awareness.	*Sheriff's Department*	State/ Federal
P-10	**Disaster Preparedness & Response**	Support measures that increase resources, timely reimbursement, and authority for disaster preparedness and response initiatives requiring County involvement, including for natural resources restoration and for rebuilding or repairing infrastructure and property in post-disaster or emergency recovery assistance.	*Health Care Agency/ Social Services Agency/ Sheriff's Department/ OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
P-11	**Driving Under the Influence**	Support efforts to increase penalties and accountability for driving under the influence, as well as resources that promote efforts to prevent driving under the influence.	*County Executive Office/District Attorney*	State
P-12	**Homeland Security/ OCIAC**	The County supports: • Increased coordination on homeland security and emergency response efforts among federal, state and local governments with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for each. • Increased federal and state funding for the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC).	*Sheriff's Department/ District Attorney*	State/ Federal

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P-13	**Human Trafficking**	Support efforts to prevent sexual assault, human trafficking and related crimes.	*County Executive Office/District Attorney/Sheriff's Department/ Social Services Agency*	State/ Federal
P-14	**Indigent Defense Services**	Support ongoing, sustainable funding to deliver unfunded state-mandated legal services in post-conviction cases.	*Public Defender*	State
P-15	**Juvenile Justice Interventions**	Support proposals that increase funding, local discretion, and resources needed to effectively meet the treatment needs of youth and implement statewide juvenile justice reforms. Oppose measures that would impede the ability to effectively provide treatment services and supervision to youth at their first point of entry into the juvenile system.	*Probation*	State
P-16	**Law Enforcement Collaboration**	Support efforts to encourage collaboration between local law enforcement and state and federal agencies to address shared public safety and cyber security threats.	*Sheriff's Department*	State/ Federal
P-17	**Opioid & Narcotics Epidemic**	Support efforts to address the illicit use of narcotics, including opioids, such as fentanyl, by holding drug traffickers accountable, stopping the flow of narcotics across the border and disrupting the use of social platforms to illegally sell and distribute, including supporting funding for naloxone distribution projects.	*Sheriff's Department/ District Attorney*	State/ Federal
P-18	**Public Administrator**	Support legislation or administrative action, which would reaffirm existing authority under Probate Code section 2900-2903, authorizing the Public Administrator to access vital information from financial institutions allowing deputies to properly administer their cases.	*District Attorney*	State
P-19	**Public Administrator Judicial Responsibilities**	Support legislation or administrative action which would emphasize the importance of the Public Administrator's judicial responsibilities under Probate Code section 7600-7604, authorizing deputies to perform duties to protect individuals and potential victims.	*District Attorney*	State
P-20	**Public Safety**	Support a public safety system that promotes local law enforcement services, crime prevention, prosecution of crime, confinement of high-risk adults, and evidence-based programs aimed at rehabilitation and lowering the recidivism rate.	*County Executive Office/Sheriff's Department/ District Attorney/ Health Care Agency*	State/ Federal
P-21	**Public Safety Realignment**	Protect existing funding and support for AB 109 public safety realignment and Proposition 172.	*County Executive Office/Sheriff's Department/ District Attorney*	State

PUBLIC PROTECTION

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P-22	**Recidivism**	Support funding for recidivism reduction efforts in adult and juvenile offenders, further enhancing the County's ability to collaborate with and expand funding for partnerships with non-governmental/community-based organizations.	*County Executive Office/Sheriff's Department/ Probation/District Attorney*	State/ Federal
P-23	**Reduce Harm Caused by Gun Violence**	Support efforts to reduce harm caused by gun violence, including educational and awareness campaigns, the enforcement of existing gun control regulations, eliminating County liability for the provision of gun safety devices, and gun buyback events.	*County Executive Office/Health Care Agency/ Sheriff's Department*	State/ Federal
P-24	**Reentry**	Support funding for reentry programs that support housing services, employment services, and other supportive services for individuals reentering the community.	*County Executive Office/OC Community Resources/OC Public Works/ Social Services Agency/ Probation*	State/ Federal
P-25	**Treatment Capacity**	Support funding for both in-custody and out-of-custody programming and facilities in order to enhance the County's rehabilitation and treatment programs for inmates and out-of-custody defendants. Protect existing sources of revenue that fund critical inmate programs including mental health and collaborative courts.	*County Executive Office/District Attorney/ Health Care Agency/ Sheriff's Department/ Probation*	State/ Federal
P-26	**Unsanctioned Substance Use**	Monitor state and federal efforts to report and restrict the misuse of substances, including but not limited to nitrous oxide, ketamine, and esketamine, and support efforts to prevent their misuse.	*County Executive Office*	State/ Federal
P-27	**Victims' Rights**	Support victims' rights programs and services for victims of crimes.	*County Executive Office/District Attorney*	State

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CS-1	**Adult Services**	Increase resources and services such as day care and transportation for adults who are unable to live independently or are at risk of abuse and neglect, as well as the individuals who provide them with care.	*Social Services Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-2	**Adult Services Evaluations**	Support efforts to remove obstacles to the efficient and thorough assessment of allegations of abuse and neglect of adults who are unable to live independently or are at-risk of abuse/neglect.	*Social Services Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-3	**Animal Care Shelter**	Support funding for regional animal shelter facility maintenance and programs, and support feral cat trap, neuter, and release authority.	*OC Community Resources*	State
CS-4	**Animal Cruelty**	Support stronger penalties for those convicted of animal abuse.	*OC Community Resources*	State
CS-5	**Arts**	Support efforts to promote local art initiatives, including arts therapy, art programming, cultural and visual performing arts, theater arts, and museums.	*County Executive Office*	State/ Federal
CS-6	**Behavioral Health Funding**	Oppose reductions in funding for behavioral health services and efforts to redirect funding to other programs and services that may shift costs to counties and reduce funding flexibilities.	*Health Care Agency/OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
CS-7	**Behavioral Health Services**	Support proposals to increase accessibility and funding for quality substance use and/or mental health services for children and adults, including prevention and harm reduction, community outreach and education, and treatment and recovery services provided in the most appropriate setting.	*Health Care Agency/Social Services Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-8	**CARE Act Implementation**	As a Cohort One County, support legislation addressing the timelines for outreach and engagement of respondents, and ensuring the Public Defender receives regular, predictable funding to perform required activities. Ensure sufficient resources and flexibility to serve the gravely disabled population.	*Health Care Agency/Public Defender*	State
CS-9	**Caseload Growth & Funding for Services**	Secure equitable and consistent funding to sufficiently support caseload growth, regulatory changes, and other related administrative costs.	*Social Services Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-10	**Child Care**	Support measures that enhance the overall quality, affordability, capacity, accessibility, and safety of childcare and development programs.	*Social Services Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-11	**Child Support: Funding**	Support proposals to fully fund County child support collection program costs; increase funding for local child support service programming including the costs of administering mandated child support, paternity, and medical needs services; and ensure the equitable allocation of funding to Local Child Support Agencies and protect local control.	*Child Support Services*	State

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CS-12	**Child Support: Debt/Arrearages**	Support legislation that ameliorates the impact to low-income parents through efforts that include the reduction or elimination of child support debt to make child support arrearages more manageable and ease implementation of mandatory statewide child support guidelines.	*Child Support Services*	State
CS-13	**Child Support: Hold Harmless**	Support proposals that would hold counties harmless for any error or omission on the part of the State, including failure to meet collection standards.	*Child Support Services*	State
CS-14	**Child Support: Collections**	Support proposals that seek to enable local child support agencies to collect child support from non-traditional sources of income paid to parents who owe past-due child support.	*Child Support Services*	State
CS-15	**Child Welfare: Caregiver Resources & Services**	Support legislation that increases services and resources for caregivers of children and former foster youth who are victims of, or at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.	*Social Services Agency/ Probation*	State/ Federal
CS-16	**Child Welfare: Funding**	Support child welfare funding reform efforts that increase eligibility for federal and state funds under programs that include, but are not limited to Title IV-E.	*Social Services Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-17	**Child Welfare: Resources, Services & Placements**	Support legislation that increases and supports appropriate short and long-term placements, services, and resource options for children and former foster youth who are victims of, or at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.	*Social Services Agency/ Probation*	State/ Federal
CS-18	**Early Childhood Development**	Support efforts to secure funding for early childhood development, especially educational and awareness campaigns.	*OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
CS-19	**Educational & Interpretive Programming**	Support funding for the development and implementation of educational and interpretive programming on natural, cultural, and historical resources. Support funding to assist local school and youth organizations, including underserved populations, to participate in these and other supportive programs.	*OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
CS-20	**Emergency Medical Services**	Support legislation that strengthens local emergency medical services to improve system integration and oppose efforts that would enable system fragmentation or undermine public safety and the authority of local medical services agencies.	*Health Care Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-21	**Environmental & Public Health**	Support measures that increase funding, resources, and authority to promote and maintain environmental and public health efforts across the County that include regulatory compliance, enforcement, and response, to meet the needs of vulnerable populations.	*Health Care Agency*	State/ Federal

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CS-22	**Expanded Subsidized Employment**	Improve local control and efficacy by allowing counties flexibility to utilize funds for expanded subsidized employment.	*Social Services Agency*	State
CS-23	**General Assistance Funding**	Support ongoing state funding for general assistance programs.	*Social Services Agency*	State
CS-24	**Health Care Policy**	Support health care policy implementation and modernization efforts that do not have an adverse financial impact on the County.	*All*	State/ Federal
CS-25	**Health Equity & Population Health**	Support proposals that improve health equity and data sharing as appropriate, in collaboration with community partners, to ensure all population groups in the County have access to resources that promote and protect health, including LGBTQ+, reentry, individuals experiencing homelessness, and veterans among others.	*Health Care Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-26	**Homelessness Prevention**	Support efforts to prevent homelessness, including funding for rental assistance to prevent loss of tenancy, programs that address the diverse root causes of homelessness, and expanding the coordination of services and supports for families experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness.	*County Executive Office*	State/ Federal
CS-27	**Hospitalization Rates**	Support legislation that would cap hospitalization rates for County inmates at the federal government standard (Medicare and/or Medi-Cal rates).	*Health Care Agency*	State
CS-28	**Housing**	Support efforts to increase the availability of housing options including small-scale homes, permanent supportive housing and affordable housing. Promote the flexible use of funding and financing mechanisms to meet the needs of individuals and families, including additional funding for the Local Housing Trust Fund Program and expanded definitions of homelessness. Support additional options for the procurement of materials for affordable housing.	*County Executive Office/Health Care Agency/ OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
CS-29	**Immigration Reform**	Monitor state and federal efforts to reform the immigration system, and support expedited review of pending immigration cases.	*County Executive Office*	State/ Federal
CS-30	**In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)**	Support legislation that promotes the financial sustainability of the IHSS Program and its providers through programmatic changes and appropriate cost sharing mechanisms between the State and counties. Support flexibilities for IHSS Advisory Committees to improve community participation and increase the number of individuals eligible to serve.	*Social Services Agency*	State

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CS-31	**Independent Living**	Support measures that enable seniors and the adult disabled population to obtain affordable housing, including funding and approval of senior housing projects, and continue to maintain seniors as a priority group in the housing voucher program.	*OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
CS-32	**Inmate Medical/ Mental Health Care**	Support proposals, such as repealing the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy among others, to maximize reimbursement of health care for criminal justice involved individuals while in-custody and in the community.	*Health Care Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-33	**Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act**	Support reform of the LPS Act and related laws in a manner that would provide services and whole person care, protect patients' rights, promote patient engagement in their behavioral health treatment, and provide sufficient and ongoing funding for mandated services including additional resources for public guardians and conservators to manage and treat gravely disabled conservatees.	*Health Care Agency*	State
CS-34	**Library Access, Literacy & Expansion Funding**	Support proposals to increase public library access including: • Discounts for eligible public libraries on internet access and equipment. • Increased funding for capital improvement projects, including electric vehicle charging and solar panels, as well as maintenance, expansion, and new services development. • Training and resources to help provide literacy programs and services including education and social services. • Increased access to digital content for all Californians through expanded public library consortiums and networks.	*OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
CS-35	**Low & Moderate-Income Housing**	Support efforts to streamline funding, construction processes, and land use regulations, which expedite the development of low- and moderate-income housing units and allow local governments to adequately plan to meet the housing needs of all economic segments of the community.	*OC Community Resources/OC Public Works*	State/ Federal
CS-36	**Master Plan for Aging**	Support efforts to increase funding for the Older Californians Act and other programs included in the California and County Master Plan for Aging. Promote flexible laws and regulations to facilitate the creation, improvement, and maintenance of infrastructure and services for residents as they age.	*All*	State/ Federal

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CS-37	**Medi-Cal 1915(b) & 1115 Waivers (CalAIM)**	Support efforts to enhance the Medi-Cal program and support services, while maximizing local flexibility and available funding. Prioritize regulatory guidance that clarifies County and Medi-Cal managed care plan responsibilities to deliver equitable, enhanced health care management that reduces health disparities.	*Social Services Agency/Health Care Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-38	**OC Cares**	Support legislation and funding that advances the OC Cares initiative to effectively link systems of care across the County, provide full care coordination, and improve service delivery across the criminal justice system and health and social service agencies, among others.	*All*	State/ Federal
CS-39	**Public Health & Wellness**	Support measures that protect the public against disease and disability and promote health.	*Health Care Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-40	**Public Health Infrastructure & Emergency Response**	Support legislative and budgetary proposals to sustain and strengthen infrastructure and efforts to respond to, and recover from, public health emergencies and resulting economic impacts both during the emergency and long-term recovery period.	*All*	State/ Federal
CS-41	**Refugee Services & Supports**	Support proposals to increase services and resources for refugees and asylees that include employment services, health assessments, and referrals to health and mental health services; and ensure the ability of local governments to recover costs. Support efforts to secure funding for the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA).	*Health Care Agency/Social Services Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-42	**Self-Sufficiency**	Provide equitable and sufficient funding, services, and resources to help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency.	*Social Services Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-43	**Sober Living Homes**	Support measures that bring more accountability to sober living homes in order to balance the need of those who seek recovery with the residents of the communities where these facilities are or may be located.	*County Executive Office/District Attorney/Health Care Agency/ OC Public Works/ Sheriff's Department*	State/ Federal
CS-44	**Spay/Neuter**	Support funding for spay/neuter and microchipping education, vouchers, and clinics. Support feral cat trap, neuter, and release authority.	*OC Community Resources*	State
CS-45	**Stabilize Foster Care Insurance**	Support efforts to stabilize the insurance market for organizations assisting placements of children in the foster care system.	*Social Services Agency*	State
CS-46	**STI/HIV Management Services**	Support legislation and efforts to broaden STI/HIV management programs to include recommended vaccines for LGBTQ+, persons living with HIV, and at-risk individuals.	*Health Care Agency*	State/ Federal

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CS-47	**System of Care Data Sharing Integration**	Support efforts that improve or expand data sharing among County agencies and partners to enhance care coordination and cross-sector collaboration, increase outreach to expand/expedite access to services and benefits offered by public agencies, and facilitate more efficient and effective service delivery while ensuring client privacy and confidentiality.	*All*	State/ Federal
CS-48	**Transitional Aged Youth Housing**	Support funding and approval of transitional aged youth housing projects, especially for those transitioning out of the foster care system and/or experiencing homelessness.	*County Executive Office/OC Community Resources/Social Services Agency*	State/ Federal
CS-49	**Veterans Services, Programs & Housing**	Support programs, services, and funding for our veterans, including: • Funding for the County veterans service offices (VSOs). • Funding and approval of veteran housing projects. • Maintaining veterans as a priority group in the housing voucher program. • Expedited training and certification for VSO claims officers, and increased access to the veterans' affairs database.	*OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
CS-50	**Veterans Cemetery**	Support efforts to fund and expedite development of the Southern California Veterans Cemetery at Gypsum Canyon in Anaheim Hills.	*County Executive Office/OC Public Works*	State/ Federal
CS-51	**Work Participation Credit**	Support efforts to provide states and localities administering the California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids program partial work participation credit for participants.	*Social Services Agency/OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
CS-52	**Work Participation Requirements**	Support efforts to protect the County from fiscal sanctions for non-compliance stemming from the discrepancies between federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and state California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) requirements.	*Social Services Agency*	State/ Federal

INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

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IN-1	**Airport Ground Transportation**	Support ground transportation-related measures that ensure passenger safety, protect the County's resources and property, and treat all ground transportation providers serving John Wayne Airport fairly and equitably.	*John Wayne Airport*	State
IN-2	**Alternative Project Delivery**	Support legislation that gives local governments and agencies greater flexibility to use alternative project delivery methods.	*OC Public Works*	State
IN-3	**Banning Specified Waste**	Support efforts to ban hazardous materials from landfill disposal, transformation/conversion technology, and organics/recycling facilities.	*OC Waste and Recycling*	State
IN-4	**Beach Preservation & Coastal Funding**	The County supports: • Funding and efforts for coastal resiliency research, planning, jurisdictional coordination, engineering, design, streamlined permitting, and implementation, beach and sand nourishment, coastal erosion control, and shoreline and beach preservation. • Dedicated and predictable funding for coastal flood risk and storm damage reduction projects. • Sharing of federal outer continental shelf revenues with coastal states to support conservation, coastal infrastructure resiliency and wildlife protection programs.	*OC Public Works/ OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
IN-5	**Beverage Container Recycling**	Support programs and funding to increase the availability of beverage container recycling (CRV) facilities.	*OC Waste and Recycling*	State
IN-6	**Broadband Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)**	Support ACP reauthorization and other efforts to provide and restore greater broadband access to underserved communities, veterans, and the elderly population.	*County Executive Office*	State/ Federal
IN-7	**California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Tariffs**	Support efforts to ensure that CPUC tariffs and their interpretation do not shift utility costs from utility owners to counties.	*OC Public Works*	State
IN-8	**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**	Promote revisions to modernize, simplify, and streamline CEQA requirements, including environmental clearance reciprocity and abuse of the review process.	*OC Public Works*	State
IN-9	**Capital Improvement & Infrastructure Funding**	Support legislation that provides increased and sustainable funding for capital improvements and infrastructure projects to address safety, security, accessibility, critical maintenance needs, and other important upgrades at County-owned facilities.	*All*	State/ Federal

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IN-10	**Clean Energy Infrastructure**	The County supports: • Programs and funding/loans for clean energy infrastructure, adoption of electric vehicle fleets, and technologies that meaningfully reduce air pollutants and Greenhouse Gas emissions. • Programs that bring resilient energy supply to County agencies to meet the growing demand for electric vehicle charging. • Responsibly zoned clean energy storage that does not place potential wildfire or residential areas at risk.	*OC Waste and Recycling/John Wayne Airport/ OC Public Works/ OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
IN-11	**Clean Water Act Rulemaking**	Support clarification and application of federal final rulemaking for Waters of the United States, to expressly exclude stormwater conveyance and collection infrastructure.	*OC Public Works*	Federal
IN-12	**Climate Goal Mandates & Initiatives**	Support proposals that assist the County with state and federal climate mandates, and the County's climate goal initiatives. Support environmental justice-related efforts to remediate hazardous materials.	*OC Waste & Recycling/OC Community Resources/OC Public Works/ John Wayne Airport*	State/ Federal
IN-13	**Coastal Rail Mobility & Resiliency**	Support emergency actions and necessary repairs including prioritizing sand placement, to protect the Los Angeles-San Luis Obispo-San Diego rail corridor and preserve impacted beaches from coastal erosion and storm-related damage. Support regional coordination between state and local governments, transit and planning agencies, and freight and railroad operators to implement long term actions that protect the rail line and preserve the impacted beaches.	*County Executive Office*	State/ Federal
IN-14	**Cogeneration & Central Utility Plant Facilities**	Maximize the capacity and efficiency of all County cogeneration and central utility plant facilities by providing its excess thermal and electric loads to County and other governmental agencies within the County's geographical boundaries.	*OC Public Works*	State
IN-15	**Compliance Fines/ Penalties**	Oppose efforts that would establish or increase fines and penalties to the County related to organics, recycling, and procurement targets.	*OC Waste and Recycling*	State
IN-16	**County Parks & Trails**	Support state and federal funding for recreation amenities and improvements in county parks, facilities, lands, and trails.	*OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
IN-17	**Dana Point Harbor**	Support efforts that encourage development at Dana Point Harbor to enhance public access opportunities, deliver quality recreational opportunities, update visitor serving commercial opportunities, provide water quality improvements, and promote coastal resource preservation.	*County Executive Office*	State/ Federal

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IN-18	**Diversion Credits**	Support incentives that allow 100% diversion credits for conversion technologies and for beneficial reuse of materials at landfills.	*OC Waste and Recycling*	State
IN-19	**Encroachment**	Protect John Wayne Airport and County landfills from liabilities associated with new and encroaching development and other non-compatible land uses.	*OC Waste and Recycling/John Wayne Airport*	State
IN-20	**Energy & Green Technology Incentives**	Support incentives for residents, builders, local governments, and businesses of Orange County regarding the adoption, use, and economic benefits of green technology, recycled products, and eco-friendly products where economically feasible.	*All*	State/ Federal
IN-21	**Extended Producer Responsibility**	Support extended producer responsibility, take-back, and recycling programs that place the financial responsibility on the producer of hazardous waste, pharmaceuticals, and explosive, flammable and non-biodegradable products.	*OC Waste and Recycling*	State/ Federal
IN-22	**Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**	Support efforts that increase transparency, local control, community engagement, and related funding in the FAA decision-making process when proposing changes to the National Airspace System affecting Orange County.	*John Wayne Airport*	Federal
IN-23	**Fire Protection**	Support enhanced funding for fire prevention and hazardous fuel removal projects in state responsibility area lands and ensure local agencies/landowners have access to these funds. Support funding for local agencies to better prepare park lands, and facilities for wildfire prevention, mitigation, and extinguishment and to assist local agencies in repairing and restoring fire-damaged property and recreational amenities.	*OC Community Resources*	State
IN-24	**Flood Control**	Support legislation that would provide clarity for local agencies in the reimbursement process with the State related to financial assistance received under the Department of Water Resources subvention program. Support expanded eligibility and additional funding for activities such as channel cleanups, enclosures of side channels, and other improvements to reduce litter entering the flood control system.	*County Executive Office*	State
IN-25	**Flood Control Maintenance**	Support measures that provide statutory exemptions on water use regulations to include critical flood control, water resource management and maintenance projects.	*OC Public Works*	State/ Federal

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IN-26	**Forever Chemicals**	Support measures that provide funding for the management, disposal, and cleanup of forever chemicals, including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and provide guidance and flexibility to comply with related requirements. Oppose measures that create liability for the federally mandated use of forever chemicals.	*John Wayne Airport/OC Public Works/OC Waste & Recycling*	State/ Federal
IN-27	**Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Targets**	Support efforts to allow municipal counties to reach GHG targets on a municipal countywide basis across their overall GHG inventory rather than sector specific.	*OC Waste & Recycling*	State
IN-28	**Habitat Mitigation**	Support legislation or administrative action which allows flexibility for County agencies to comply with long-term financial assurance requirements for habitat mitigation, standardization of land management requirements across regulatory agencies and County engagement and input in final mitigation requirements.	*OC Waste & Recycling/OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
IN-29	**Habitat Restoration**	Support state and federal funding for watershed and habitat restoration efforts.	*OC Community Resources/OC Public Works*	State/ Federal
IN-30	**Highway Users Tax Account**	Protect the Highway Users Tax Account from being diverted for purposes other than County transportation.	*OC Public Works*	State
IN-31	**Infrastructure**	Support efforts to obtain fair compensation for long-term use, cost of review, and preservation of the intended usage of vital County and Orange County Flood Control District infrastructure and property.	*County Executive Office/OC Public Works*	State/ Federal
IN-32	**Invasive Species**	Support efforts that will provide funding to limit the continued spread of or reduce, control, and/or eradicate invasive species.	*OC Community Resources/OC Public Works*	State/ Federal
IN-33	**Landfill Gas-to-Energy**	Support efforts that facilitate the viable generation of electricity and natural gas for beneficial uses through landfill gas-to-energy and conversion technology facilities utilizing public utility transmission and distribution grids/line and lowering the cost to connect to distribution grids/lines.	*OC Waste & Recycling*	State/ Federal
IN-34	**National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**	Promote revisions that modernize, simplify and streamline NEPA, including environmental reciprocity clearance.	*OC Public Works*	Federal
IN-35	**OC Fair & Event Center**	Support efforts that promote greater access for the public to fulfill their recreational, cultural and educational needs at state-managed facilities, specifically the OC Fair & Event Center.	*County Executive Office*	State
IN-36	**Organics Recycling**	Support funding/loan programs for infrastructure, education, and outreach for organics recycling and energy/gas products from the conversion of municipal solid waste.	*OC Waste & Recycling*	State/ Federal

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IN-37	**Port of Entry**	Support efforts to secure a Port of Entry designation from U.S. Customs and Border Protection at John Wayne Airport.	*John Wayne Airport*	Federal
IN-38	**Recreation, Preservation & Historic Collections**	Support funding to promote access to recreational opportunities, historic collections, and open space which include: the development, and/or improvement of recreation infrastructure, parkland, historic sites and landmarks, wilderness trails; maintenance of historical artifacts, park facilities, and habitat and wilderness areas; and restoration of encampment areas.	*OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal
IN-39	**Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)**	Support legislation that provides clarity, addresses inconsistencies, or provides flexibility in the RHNA process for a successful completion of the County's Housing Element.	*OC Public Works*	State
IN-40	**Regional Planning**	Protect local decision-making authority and encourage regional planning that ensures economic competitiveness, and balances quality of life, environment, and health in the development of the Regional Air Quality Master Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan-Sustainable Communities Strategy.	*John Wayne Airport*	State/ Federal
IN-41	**Spent Nuclear Fuel**	Support efforts to fully decommission the San Onofre site, and the timely removal and responsible management of spent nuclear fuel storage.	*County Executive Office/Sheriff's Department*	State/ Federal
IN-42	**Short-Lived Climate Pollutants**	Monitor regulations being promulgated by the California Air Resources Board to address short-lived climate pollutants, including proposed reductions in the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020, and a 75% reduction by 2025.	*OC Waste & Recycling*	State
IN-43	**State Flood Control Subvention Program**	Support additional funding for the program to assist with the completion of federally authorized flood protection infrastructure projects.	*OC Public Works*	State
IN-44	**Surplus Land Act**	Support efforts that facilitate modification to the Surplus Land Act that allow development of County property for County uses, including open space, parks and other agency uses.	*County Executive Office/OC Public Works*	State
IN-45	**Technology for Landfill Management & Compliance**	Support efforts that expand the use of new or existing technology advancements for landfill management and regulatory compliance.	*OC Waste & Recycling*	State/ Federal
IN-46	**Trails & Bikeways Systems**	Support state and federal funding for alternative transportation programs to expand and improve the County's regional trails and bikeways system.	*OC Community Resources/OC Public Works*	State/ Federal

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IN-47	**Transportation Funding**	Support provisions of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act, or other efforts, that maintain or provide increased funding for bridges, roads, and other infrastructure. Support efforts that direct state departments of transportation to consider the condition and effectiveness of local evacuation routes in high-risk areas when setting priorities for disbursement of highway funding.	*OC Public Works*	State/ Federal
IN-48	**Utility Lines/Wildfires**	Support efforts that seek to improve utility fire mitigation standards in at-risk communities, including the use of underground utility-related infrastructure. Oppose efforts to reduce accountability for wildfire liability.	*County Executive Office*	State
IN-49	**Waste Disposal Surcharge Fees**	Oppose state fee surcharges unless they are based on reasonable and related costs and do not promote illegal dumping or cause undue financial burden to local governments.	*OC Waste & Recycling*	State
IN-50	**Waste Management Operations**	Support proposals that streamline regulations and permitting, and provide funding for solid waste, organics recycling, and hazardous waste disposal. Support efforts to secure additional funding streams for smart landfill systems.	*OC Waste & Recycling*	State/ Federal
IN-51	**Water Quality**	Ensure that the implementation of the Clean Water Act, Water Resources Development Act, and the Porter-Cologne Act benefits County projects and programs.	*OC Public Works/ John Wayne Airport*	State/ Federal
IN-52	**Water Resources Infrastructure**	Support funding and completion of vital flood and water infrastructure projects, including local stormwater capture and use projects that can provide drought resiliency and other related environmental benefits.	*OC Public Works*	State/ Federal
IN-53	**Water Use Efficiency**	Support cost-effective water conservation programs and/or incentives that preserve water resources and the beneficial reuses of storm water. Support funding for conversion of existing or installation of new water delivery infrastructure for parks and facilities to upgraded and/or more efficient smart watering systems.	*OC Community Resources/John Wayne Airport/ OC Public Works*	State/ Federal
IN-54	**Zoological Operations & Care**	Support funding of the Orange County Zoo. Oppose efforts that would impose undue or cost prohibitive regulations or legislation on zoological operations and care.	*OC Community Resources*	State/ Federal

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Statement Number	Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/ Federal
GS-1	**2028 Olympics**	Ensure full funding for all County efforts in support of the 2028 Summer Olympics, and support access to and siting of events in the County.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-2	**Access & Equity**	Support efforts to increase and sustain funding to improve disability and language access, deliver age-friendly services, and provide equitable resources to all County residents.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-3	**Artificial Intelligence (AI)**	Monitor ongoing state and federal efforts to develop a framework for the use and administration of AI to improve program efficiency and service delivery and collaborate where appropriate, including on efforts to educate the community and local partners.	*County Executive Office*	State/ Federal
GS-4	**Bonds & Funding Measures**	Support equitable disbursements of state and federal funding, such as population-based formula funding, in all bond and funding measures affecting the County.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-5	**Brown Act Modernization**	Increase public participation, reduce travel barriers, and promote equity and inclusion by allowing continued access to remote meeting options. Ensure open access and robust public participation by allowing local agencies to constructively accomplish the people's business, maintain decorum and manage disruptive behavior during public meetings.	*All*	State
GS-6	**Burdensome Regulatory Requirements**	Support proposals that minimize burdensome requirements and legal obstacles, facilitate streamlined and efficient regulatory review and permitting for public agency/government projects, eliminate duplicative or contradictory regulations, and mitigate redundancy in reporting requirements.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-7	**County Revenue**	Support efforts to increase, protect and sustain local autonomy over local revenues, and ensure the County receives its fair share through the adoption of equitable funding mechanisms, such as population-based funding formulas.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-8	**Cybersecurity**	Support efforts to develop and implement state/ federal governance and planning frameworks that will assess local government information systems and capabilities for cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities. Support measures that provide funding to address cybersecurity risks and maintain cyber hygiene.	*County Executive Office*	State/ Federal
GS-9	**Economic Growth & Development**	Support efforts to promote job growth and economic development, including workforce development needs.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-10	**Employee/Labor**	Support full cost recovery for salary, benefits, and administration for all employee relationships, and protect or enhance flexibility and local control over employee and labor relations issues.	*County Executive Office*	State

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Statement Number	Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/ Federal
GS-11	**Funding Flexibility**	Support proposals to enhance funding flexibility and oppose efforts to eliminate or redirect local government revenues.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-12	**Gas Tax**	Oppose hidden gas taxes and other similar regulatory efforts.	*County Executive Office*	State
GS-13	**Grant Funding Restrictions**	Support efforts to ensure local governments are not restricted from applying for or receiving grant funding.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-14	**Local Governance Authority**	The County supports legislation and budget actions that preserve its local discretionary control and flexibility over its governance issues, including land use authority and service delivery.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-15	**Privacy/Security**	Support legislation and efforts to increase protections for personal identifiable information collected electronically by the County in compliance with state and federal laws.	*Treasurer Tax Collector/ Assessor/Clerk-Recorder*	State/ Federal
GS-16	**Program Efficiency**	Support efforts that promote the full funding and efficient administration of program services and benefits, and increase access and improve customer service. Identify opportunities to leverage AI to streamline government processes and the delivery of government services.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-17	**Property Tax Revenue & Funding Equity**	Protect local property tax revenues and rights afforded to the County. Support dependable, predictable, and equitable revenue streams, and adjust the State's outdated property tax allocation formula so that the County receives its fair share of property tax revenue.	*County Executive Office*	State
GS-18	**Public Pensions**	Support policy allowing local officials to manage pension systems that meet the needs of their workforce and demonstrate sound fiduciary management.	*County Executive Office*	State
GS-19	**Public Pension Waiver**	Seek waiver on IRS Rev. Rul. 2006-43 to allow County employees to elect alternative pension plans.	*County Executive Office*	Federal
GS-20	**Public-Private Partnership**	Support efforts to provide additional revenue generation opportunities on existing public property, such as public-private partnerships, to support and implement public programs or defer costs of new public buildings or infrastructure.	*County Executive Office*	State
GS-21	**Regulatory Review Processes**	Support efforts, including streamlining and simplification, that facilitate timely and efficient regulatory review and permitting for public agency/government projects, and increased coordination among federal and state agencies, while upholding environmental, health and safety, public protection and other important standards.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-22	**Prop 13 Protections**	Oppose efforts to harm Proposition 13.	*County Executive Office*	State

Statement Number	Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/ Federal
GS-23	**State & Federal Mandates**	Support full funding for state and federal mandates on the County, and pursue revisions to streamline the process for local government.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-24	**State/Federal Realignment & Cost-Shifts**	Oppose proposals to restructure, realign, or otherwise shift administrative, financial, or operational responsibility for programs to local government without commensurate compensation, including efforts to shift tax revenues and tax increment from the County to the State, other local entities, or special districts.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-25	**Technology**	Support funding, use of technology, technological integration, and technological advances to increase efficiency and expand/expedite access to services and benefits offered by County agencies and its agents; including monitoring developments and progress regarding AI.	*All*	State/ Federal
GS-26	**Tustin/El Toro Military Bases**	Support expedited resolution of remaining issues at the closed Tustin and El Toro military bases to facilitate conveyance of the land to the County, per the requirements of the Base Realignment and Closure Act.	*County Executive Office*	Federal
GS-27	**Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability**	Support legislation that requires full payment of unfunded actuarial accrued liability for active and retired employees enrolled in the Orange County Employees Retirement System if a public agency withdraws from Orange County Fire Authority.	*County Executive Office*	State
GS-28	**Voter Threshold**	Oppose efforts to reduce the voter threshold necessary to increase taxes or fees.	*County Executive Office*	State
GS-29	**Voting Systems & Access**	Support legislation that promotes and increases voter registration and access for as many eligible voters as possible, establishes consistent funding for the maintenance and replacement of voting systems equipment, and provides adequate funding for the administration of election services.	*Registrar of Voters*	State/ Federal

COUNTY BACKGROUND

Incorporated in 1889, the County of Orange spans nearly 800 square miles and includes 42 miles of coastline. There are 34 cities in the County and several unincorporated areas. Of the 58 counties in California, Orange County ranks third in population with more than 3 million people. It is also the fifth-most populous county in the United States.

A five-member Board of Supervisors, each elected to four-year terms in district nonpartisan elections, serves as the legislative body of the County, which functions under a Charter adopted in 2002. The Board governs the following:

All Assessment Districts, All Community Facilities Districts, All Reassessment Districts, Housing and Community Development Commission, Housing Successor Agency to the Orange County Development Agency, In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority, Industrial Development Authority For Orange County, Local Redevelopment Authority, Former Marine Corp Air Station (MCAS) El Toro, Orange County Financing Authority, Orange County Flood Control District, Orange County Housing Authority, Orange County Housing Authority Acting As the Housing Successor Agency, Orange County Public Financing Authority, Orange County Special Financing Authority, South Orange County Public Financing Authority, and the Successor Agency to the Orange County Development Agency.

The County is a regional service provider committed to maximizing resources and improving the quality of life for its residents. The County's primary goal is the effective and efficient delivery of services of its core business areas: Aviation, Environmental Protection, Public Assistance, Public Health, Public Safety, Regional Planning and Social Services. There are 23 agencies and departments including:

Assessor*, Auditor-Controller*, Board of Supervisors*, Child Support Services, Clerk of the Board, Clerk-Recorder*, County Counsel, County Executive Office, Ethics Commission, District Attorney – Public Administrator*, Health Care Agency – Public Guardian, Office of Independent Review, Internal Audit, John Wayne Airport, OC Community Resources, OC Public Works, OC Waste & Recycling, Probation, Public Defender, Registrar of Voters, Sheriff-Coroner*, Social Services Agency and Treasurer-Tax Collector*. (* indicates elected official departments)

The County Executive Officer is appointed by the Board and directs the County's day-to-day government operations. The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for presenting the Board with a Recommended Budget for consideration of adoption as the Final (Adopted) Budget, which serves as the foundation of the County's financial planning and control. The County employs approximately 18,500 permanent full-time employees and the Total Budget for FY 2024-25 is $9.5 Billion.

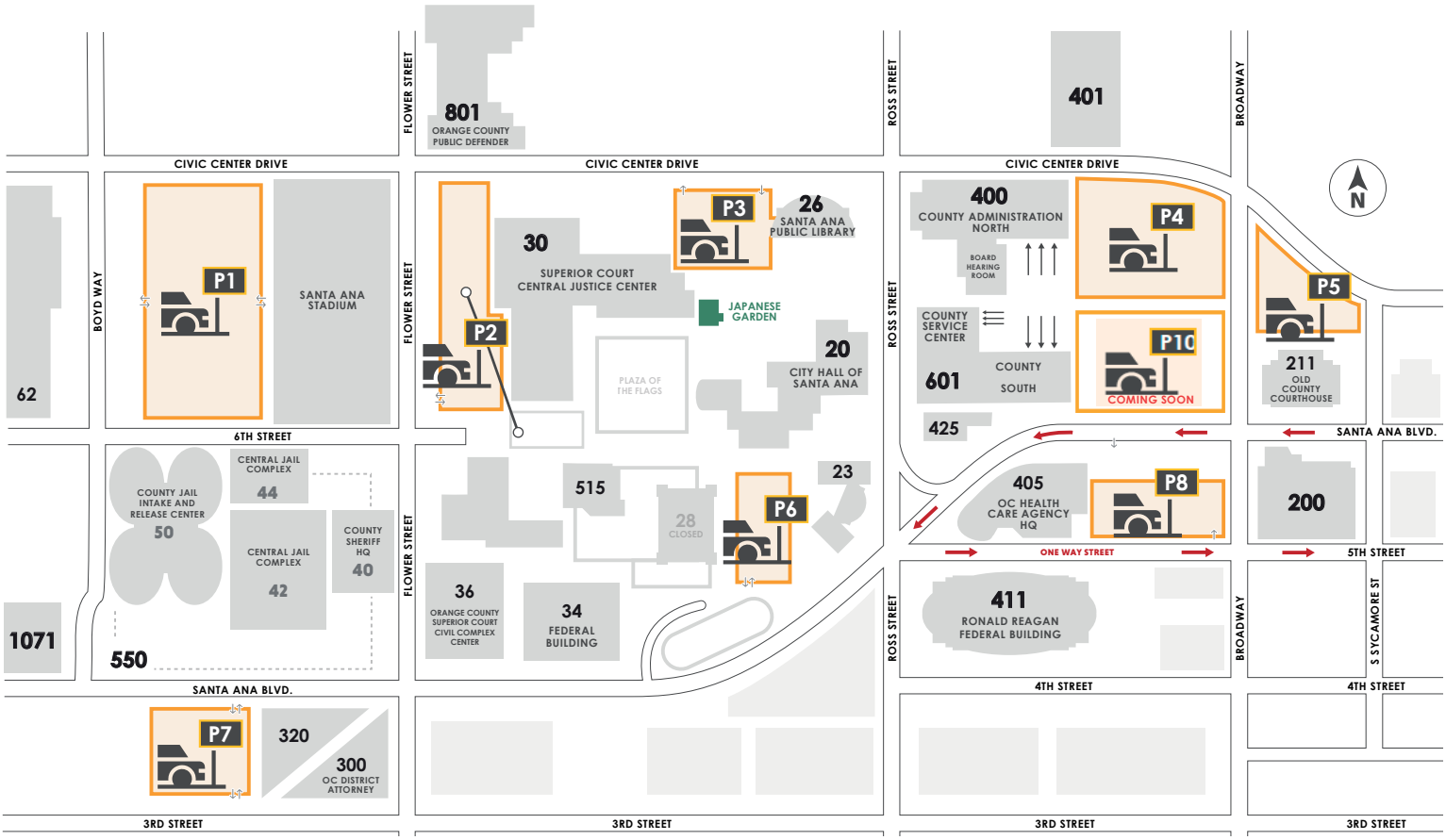
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1020 West Civic Center Drive

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Cashier on Duty: 24/7/365
- Credit cards accepted at all exit lanes.
- Pay-on-Foot/Cash Payment Machine 24/7/365

P2 Super Block
West 6th Street at N. Flower Street

Hours & Payments
Cashier on Duty:
Mon-Fri, 6:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
- Credit cards accepted at all exit lanes.

P3 Courthouse/Library Parking Structure
690 West Civic Center Drive

Hours & Payments
Cashier on Duty:
Mon-Fri, 5:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Credit cards accepted at all exit lanes.
- Closed weekends, major holidays.

P4 CAN Surface Parking Lot
630 North Broadway Street

Hours & Payments
- Mon-Fri, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Credit cards accepted at exit column.
- Pay-on-Foot/Cash and Credit Payment Machine
- Closed weekends, major holidays.

P5 Historic Courthouse Metered Surface Parking Lot
Civic Center Dr. at Broadway (Entry/Exit at Civic Center Dr.)

Hours & Payments
- Mon-Sat, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Pay by credit card or by coin at meter.
- 2-hour maximum limit per stay.

P6 Appellate Court Parking Structure
601 W. Santa Ana Blvd. (Automated Entry/Exit at Parton/Santa Ana Blvd.)

Hours & Payments
- Credit cards accepted at all exit lanes.
- Pay-on-Foot/Cash Payment Machine 24/7/35

P7 Twin Towers Parking Structure
1002 West Santa Ana Boulevard

Hours & Payments
Cashier on Duty: Mon-Fri 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Office: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Credit cards accepted at all exit lanes.
- Rolling gates open Mon-Fri 5 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Closed weekends, major holidays.

P8 Transit Tower Parking Structure
301 West 5th Street

Hours & Payments
Cashier on Duty: Mon-Fri, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Credit cards accepted at all exit lanes.
- Rolling gates open Mon-Fri 7 a.m. -7 p.m.
- Closed weekends, major holidays.

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  Administrative Services, Central Human Resource Services, Employee Benefits, Employee & Labor Relations, HRS Operations, Learning & Organizational Development
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  Finance & Budget, Procurement, Public Finance, Risk Management
- **Government & Community Relations**
  Administration & Special Projects, Communications, Legislative Affairs
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OC Health Care Agency

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601

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601 North Ross Street | (714) 667-8800

OC Clerk-Recorder

(714) 834-2500

- Document Recording Services
- Vital Records (Birth/Death/Marriage)
- Real Property Records
- Fictitious Business Name
- Notary Public/Oath Filing
- Environmental Impact Report
- Process Server
- Legal Document Assistance
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- Unlawful Detainer
- Passport Services

OC Community Resources

(714) 480-2788

OC Public Works

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- Building Permits
- Encroachment Permits
- Planning and Zoning
- Inspections
- Code Enforcement
- Permit Record Research
- Addressing
- Map and Parcel Record Research
- Flood Control

OC Waste & Recycling

(714) 834-4000

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- Drop-Off Tract Map
- Mobile Home Tax Clearance Certificate

Internal Audit

(714) 834-5475

425

County Conference Center

425 West Santa Ana Boulevard

Additional County Services

36

Orange County Superior Court Civil Complex Center

751 West Santa Ana Boulevard
(657) 622-6878

211

Old County Courthouse

211 West Santa Ana Boulevard
(714) 834-2500

- Marriage License, Civil Wedding Ceremonies, Archives
- Assessment Appeals Hearings
- Historical Commission

300

District Attorney

300 North Flower Street
(714) 834-3600

801

Orange County Public Defender

801 Civic Center Drive West, Suite 400
(657) 251-6090

OC Sheriff's Department

320

Professional Standards Div.

320 North Flower Street
(714) 834-5100

550

County Jail Intake and Release Center

550 North Flower Street

- OC Sheriff's Headquarters (40)
  (714) 647-7000
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- County Jail Intake and Release Center (50)
  (714) 647-4666

1071

Coroner Division

1071 W. Santa Ana Boulevard
(714) 647-7400

OC Health Care Agency

200

Office of Vital Records, Custodian of Records and California Children Services

200 West Santa Ana Boulevard
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401

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34 Civic Center Plaza

411 Ronald Reagan Federal Building and United States Courthouse
411 West 4th Street

801 Internal Revenue Service
801 Civic Center Drive W.

STATE

23 4th District Court of Appeal
601 West Santa Ana Blvd.

515 Orange County Public Law Library
515 North Flower Street

30 Superior Court Central Justice Center
700 Civic Center Drive W.
- Civil, Criminal, Traffic

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Board Actions

The Board of Supervisors will meet on September 29, 2026, at 9:30 am. Notable actions include the following:

Discussion Items

23. **County Executive Office -** Approve grant applications/awards submitted in 9/29/26 grant report and other actions as recommended - All Districts (Click for Files)
24. **County Executive Office -** Approve recommended positions on introduced or amended legislation and/or consider other legislative subject matters - All Districts (Click for Files)

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2026, at 9:30 am.

County Legislation Position

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. County Position Matrix: CEO-LA

The tables below list the bills the Board of Supervisors has taken positions on in the 2025-26 legislative session.

State Legislation

As of Thursday, September 23, 2026

Measure	Author	Topic	Date of Board Action	Board Position	Status
AB 28	Schiavo	Solid waste landfills: subsurface temperatures.	06/24/2025	**Oppose**	09/20/2026 - Chaptered
AB 35	Alvarez	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria.	03/24/2026	**Support**	07/16/2026 - Chaptered
AB 283	Haney	In-Home Supportive Services Employer-Employee Relations Act.	08/26/2025	**Support if Amended**	08/31/2026 - Dead
AB 760	Ta	Income taxes: exclusions: 2026 Garden Grove chemical leak.	06/23/2026	**Support**	09/14/2026 - Assembly Enrolled
AB 762	Irwin	Disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device: prohibition and penalties.	04/22/2025	**Support**	09/03/2026 - Assembly Enrolled
AB 1088	Bains	Public health: kratom.	06/24/2025	**Support**	07/01/2026 - Dead
AB 1567	Ta	General plan: annual report: congregate and residential care for the elderly.	03/24/2026	**Support**	09/14/2026 - Assembly Enrolled
AB 1602	Rubio, Blanca	Foster youth: disaster aid assistance.	03/24/2026	**Support**	09/20/2026 - Vetoed
AB 1617	Alanis	Household hazardous waste: reporting.	08/11/2026	**Support**	09/14/2026 - Chaptered
AB 1619	Valencia	Public employees' retirement: administration.	05/19/2026	**Support**	08/25/2026 - Assembly Enrolled
AB 1638	Ta	County veterans service officers: additional resources.	04/14/2026	**Support**	05/14/2026 - Dead
AB 1830	Petrie-Norris	Ignition interlock devices.	03/24/2026	**Support**	08/31/2026 - Dead
AB 1893	Gallagher	Wildfire prevention: local assistance grant program: eligible activities.	04/28/2026	**Support**	05/14/2026 - Dead
AB 2002	Solache	Local government assistance: Regional Early Action Planning Fund.	04/28/2026	**Support**	08/14/2026 - Dead
AB 2051	Wicks	Public resources: coastal resources: Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group.	08/11/2026	**Support**	09/08/2026 - Assembly Enrolled
AB 2076	Lowenthal	The Parent's Accountability and Child Protection Act: online marketplaces: nitrous oxide.	03/24/2026	**Support**	08/31/2026 - Assembly Enrolled
AB 2194	Valencia	Medi-Cal: special commissions.	06/23/2026	**No Position**	09/09/2026 - Assembly Enrolled
AB 2309	Bains	CalFresh Protection Act.	04/14/2026	**Support**	08/31/2026 - Dead
AB 2320	Ta	Multifamily Housing Program: Homekey: adaptive reuse.	12/16/2025	**Sponsor**	09/15/2026 - Assembly Enrolled
AB 2373	Dixon	The California Coastal Act: local coastal program: sea level rise plan: neighborhood-scale adaptation approach.	04/14/2026	**Support**	05/14/2026 - Dead
AB 2513	Petrie-Norris	Wildfire: Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program: local assistance grant program: regional landscape grants.	03/24/2026	**Support**	09/15/2026 - Assembly Enrolled
AB 2562	Dixon	Alcohol or other drug recovery and treatment programs and facilities: suicide prevention.	04/14/2026	**Support**	09/10/2026 - Assembly Enrolled
AB 2614	Dixon	Public health: Body Brokering and Patient Referral Integrity Act.	04/14/2026	**Support**	04/23/2026 - Dead
SB 28	Umberg	Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) court program.	08/11/2026	**Oppose**	08/14/2026 - Dead
SB 296	Archuleta	Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners.	03/25/2025	**Support**	08/27/2026 - Senate Enrolled
SB 329	Blakespear	Alcohol and drug recovery: licensed treatment facilities and certified programs: investigations.	03/25/2025	**Support**	09/04/2026 - Senate Enrolled
SB 417	Limón	The Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026.	04/28/2026	**Support if Amended**	06/25/2026 - Chaptered
SB 577	Laird	Public entities.	08/25/2025	**Support**	09/08/2026 - Senate Enrolled
SB 758	Umberg	Public health: nitrous oxide.	01/13/2026	**Sponsor**	09/02/2026 -

					Senate Enrolled
SB 888	Seyarto	Property taxation: disabled veterans' exemption: household income.	03/24/2026	Support	08/31/2026 - Dead
SB 893	Seyarto	State parks: facilities pass: Gold Star Family members.	04/14/2026	Support	05/14/2026 - Dead
SB 907	Archuleta	Driving under the influence and other driving offenses: comprehensive reform.	03/24/2026	Support	09/09/2026 - Senate Enrolled
SB 936	Blakespear	Nitrous oxide: sales.	12/16/2025	Sponsor	09/18/2026 - Chaptered
SB 1040	Choi	Veterans Cemetery Maintenance-Endowment Match Act.	04/14/2026	Support	05/14/2026 - Dead
SB 1087	Cabaldon	Transportation planning: sustainable communities strategies: transportation funding programs.	08/25/2026	Oppose Unless Amended	09/10/2026 - Senate Enrolled
SB 1167	Blakespear	Vehicles: electric bicycles.	04/28/2026	Support	09/04/2026 - Senate Enrolled
SB 1310	Choi	Voter registration: prospective jurors.	12/16/2025	Sponsor	04/23/2026 - Dead
SB 1314	Menjivar	Cigarette or tobacco product retailers: new retail locations and sale of nitrous oxide.	03/24/2026	Support	08/14/2026 - Dead

Federal Legislation

As of Thursday, September 23, 2026

Measure	Author	Topic	Date of Board Action	Board Position	Status
H.R. 965	Sherman	Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act	05/20/2025	Support	Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
H.R. 1012	Levin	Spent Fuel Prioritization Act of 2025	05/20/2025	Support	House Committee on Energy and Commerce
H.R. 2483	Guthrie	SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025	06/24/2025	Support	Became Law
H.R. 5462	Goldman	The Michelle Alyssa Go Act	03/24/2026	Support	House Committee on Energy and Commerce
H.R. 8023	Sanchez	The Child Care Supply Tax Credit Act.	05/19/2026	Support	House Committee on Ways and Means
S. 1462	Curtis	Fix Our Forests Act	09/23/2025	Support	Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
S. 2212	Padilla	Visible Identification Standards for Immigration-Based Law Enforcement (VISIBLE) Act of 2025	08/26/2025	Support	Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Highlighted sections symbolize a status change.

Sacramento Update

Prepared by Precision Advocacy

This report summarizes three recent state actions with direct implications for Orange County: the statewide emergency proclamation for the developing 2026-27 El Niño, a 13-bill election package, and seven new laws governing data-center development and operation.

The most immediate County priorities are to identify winter-preparedness projects that may require expedited state approvals; coordinate election implementation across the Registrar of Voters, County Counsel, and law-enforcement agencies; and prepare permitting, licensing, and cost-recovery procedures for the new data-center disclosure and water-planning requirements. Key implementation details will depend on additional state guidance, including the administration's October 16 permitting recommendations and forthcoming direction from the Secretary of State and Public Utilities Commission.

Governor Issues Statewide Emergency Proclamation for 2026-27 El Niño

Governor Gavin Newsom issued a statewide emergency proclamation on September 21 in response to the developing 2026-27 El Niño and the risk of atmospheric rivers, flooding, debris flows, and other damage from potentially substantial winter precipitation. The proclamation applies throughout California, including Orange County, and is intended to allow state agencies to begin preparations before storms occur rather than waiting for individual disasters.

The action responds in part to two separate requests submitted to the governor. One letter from Orange County requested a statewide state-of-emergency proclamation to support advance preparation for the coming winter storm season. A separate statewide coalition letter requested an emergency executive order providing specific regulatory and operational relief for flood-control, drainage, and emergency-maintenance work. The September 21 proclamation addresses portions of both requests but does not grant all of the relief sought in the emergency-maintenance letter.

The proclamation directs state agencies to begin coordinated planning and outreach with local governments in anticipation of potentially significant winter storms. Among its principal provisions, it:

- Streamlines state contracting requirements for agencies obtaining materials, goods, and services needed for disaster preparedness and response.
- Directs state agencies to prioritize environmental permit applications for flood-preparedness projects.

- Directs the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and California Natural Resources Agency to evaluate potential suspensions of environmental permitting requirements and submit recommendations by October 16.
- Directs state agencies to coordinate with local, federal, and tribal governments and other entities on preparedness, response, and recovery activities.
- Initiates statewide preparation for the possibility of atmospheric rivers, flooding, debris flows, and substantial precipitation associated with the developing El Niño.

Because the proclamation covers the entire state, Orange County does not need to obtain a separate county-specific state declaration to benefit from these statewide directives. A later local emergency proclamation could nevertheless be necessary if actual storms cause damage and the County needs to activate additional emergency authorities or pursue disaster reimbursement.

The proclamation substantially addresses the request for early statewide emergency action. It recognizes the developing risk, applies statewide, activates state coordination, and provides contracting flexibility for state agencies. It therefore represents an important advance-preparation measure rather than a declaration issued only after a particular storm or local disaster.

It only partially addresses the separate request for an emergency-maintenance executive order. The coalition sought more immediate and specific relief to allow counties, cities, flood-control agencies, and other local entities to complete time-sensitive maintenance and flood-prevention projects before winter storms arrive.

Most significantly, the proclamation directs agencies to prioritize environmental permit applications, but it does not presently suspend environmental permitting requirements for flood-preparedness projects, as the coalition requested and as the state previously authorized in 2023. Instead, CalEPA and the Natural Resources Agency must recommend by October 16 whether particular requirements should be suspended.

The proclamation also does not yet provide the requested permitting relief for post-flood emergency recovery projects or fully authorize the capture of high winter flows for groundwater recharge. Additional executive action would therefore be needed to satisfy those portions of the statewide emergency-maintenance request.

CSAC Assessment and Continuing Advocacy. CSAC described the proclamation as an important initial step but emphasized that substantially more work remains. Its principal outstanding priorities are:

- Formal suspension of environmental permitting requirements for qualifying flood-preparedness projects.
- Streamlined permitting for projects needed following a flood or other winter-storm emergency.
- Additional authority and regulatory flexibility to capture high winter flows for groundwater recharge.

CSAC is continuing to work with the governor's office on these requests. The October 16 agency recommendations will be an important next point for determining whether the administration will provide broader permit suspensions or other operational relief before the winter storm season.

For Orange County, the proclamation provides an immediate statewide framework for coordination with state agencies and may expedite state review of flood-control, drainage, debris-removal, and other preparedness projects. It should also improve state readiness to obtain supplies and services needed for disaster response.

The practical benefit will depend, however, on how agencies implement the direction to prioritize permits and whether the administration subsequently suspends specific environmental requirements. Prioritization may accelerate review, but it does not eliminate the underlying permit process or guarantee that time-sensitive maintenance projects can be completed before severe weather arrives.

County departments and flood-control agencies should continue identifying projects that may require state environmental approvals, document any permitting or contracting barriers, and communicate urgent needs to the administration. The County should also monitor the recommendations and any subsequent executive orders to determine whether broader permitting, maintenance, groundwater-recharge, or post-disaster recovery authorities are granted.

Governor Signs Election Protection and Voting Access Package

On September 19, Governor Newsom signed a 13-bill legislative package designed to safeguard election systems, bolster voting access, and counter deceptive political communications across California. Driven in part by concerns over potential federal interference in the upcoming November 2026 election and following the high-profile seizure of election records in Riverside County earlier this year, the legislation introduces new operational mandates for local election officials and law enforcement agencies. For Orange County, the primary impacts center on stricter criminal penalties for tampering with election materials, a strict one-day state reporting mandate for law enforcement actions, enhanced polling place safeguards, expanded language assistance, and modified voting protocols.

To support local implementation of these new mandates, the 2026-27 state budget includes targeted funding for county elections offices. This includes $29 million for county staffing, technology, and equipment to accelerate ballot counting capacity, $5 million for county-level voter outreach, $5 million for statewide voter education through the Secretary of State, and $750,000 dedicated to addressing election misinformation and potential federal interference.

Ballots, Election Records, and Voting Systems

AB 282 (Pellerin) Seizure of Election Materials, makes it a felony to seize, cause, or assist in the seizure of ballots, election records, or certified voting technology before election results have been certified by the elections official. It also applies to a person with authority who directs someone under that person's supervision or control to conduct such a seizure.

The measure is intended to protect the chain of custody and prevent election materials from being removed while canvassing and certification remain underway. It appears broad enough to reach unauthorized seizures by state, local, or federal personnel, although application in a particular case would depend on the legislation's exceptions and the underlying legal authority for the action.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Office opposed the bill, arguing that its categorical felony provisions could prevent officers from executing a judicially authorized search warrant and securing evidence of an election-related crime. Supporters maintained that the legislation was necessary to prevent disruption of election administration and preserve the chain of custody before certification.

AB 1664 (Jackson) Notice of Election-Related Investigations, requires a local agency, political subdivision, or elections official to notify the Secretary of State and California attorney general immediately, and no later than one calendar day, after learning of a warrant, subpoena, or active law-enforcement investigation involving the search, seizure, or retention of election records or certified voting technology.

For Orange County, this creates a rapid-notification obligation that will require coordination among the Registrar of Voters, County Counsel, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney, and any other department that receives or becomes aware of an election-related warrant or subpoena.

Attorney General Rob Bonta and supporters of the election-protection package argued that immediate notice would allow the state's chief elections and law-enforcement officials to protect election systems, preserve chain of custody, and respond to potentially improper searches or seizures.

The California State Sheriffs' Association opposed the measure. It argued that requiring notice to the attorney general could allow the executive branch to interfere with a judicially authorized investigation and asserted that the attorney general's supervisory authority over sheriffs and district attorneys does not extend to the judiciary.

SB 1418 (Cervantes) Custody and Preservation of Election Materials, expands existing law prohibiting the removal of voted ballots from an elections official's custody. The new law makes it a crime to take protected election records, documents, certified voting technology, electronic data, or other materials and equipment necessary to conduct an election from the custody of an elections official. It also expands the categories of election materials that must be preserved when an election contest or criminal proceeding remains pending.

Attorney General Rob Bonta sponsored SB 1418. The attorney general argued that existing protections for voted ballots should extend to electronic records, certified voting systems, data, and other equipment necessary to conduct an election.

AB 282 and SB 1418 overlap but address different circumstances. AB 282 concentrates on seizures before certification, including orders issued by supervising officials. SB 1418 more broadly protects the custody of election materials and strengthens preservation requirements when litigation or criminal proceedings are underway.

Vote-by-Mail and In-Person Voting

SB 259 (Wahab) Interference with Vote-by-Mail Ballots, makes it a felony for a person with authority to direct someone under that person's supervision to interfere with the delivery or return of a vote-by-mail ballot. The felony is punishable by up to four years in prison. It also makes it a misdemeanor for a person who has charge of a vote-by-mail ballot to interfere with its delivery to the voter.

The bill applies to both stages of the vote-by-mail process – delivery of a ballot to the voter and return of a completed ballot to the local elections official. County election procedures and training materials should reflect the expanded criminal protections.

SB 884 (Umberg) Polling Places and Ballot Drop-Off Locations, extends the hours during which vote-by-mail ballot drop-off locations must be available and modifies the activities prohibited near polling places, for elections held or proclaimed in 2026 through 2029.

The bill also generally prohibits law-enforcement officers from making arrests within 200 feet of a polling place on Election Day. Exceptions apply to arrests for crimes against a person or property and crimes involving the disruption of voting. This will require clear advance coordination between the Registrar of Voters and law-enforcement agencies so officers understand the geographic restriction, its duration, and the circumstances in which enforcement activity remains permitted.

Opposition included the California Police Chiefs Association and California State Sheriffs' Association. They argued that the 200-foot arrest restriction could create uncertainty during fast-moving public-safety incidents, require officers to delay lawful enforcement activity, and place local agencies between state election rules and federal law-enforcement operations.

SB 1420 (Richardson) Voting a Vote-by-Mail Ballot at a Polling Place, requires the Secretary of State to adopt uniform procedures allowing a voter to cast a vote-by-mail ballot at a polling place without presenting the ballot's identification envelope. It also requires the state voter information guide to include information about early in-person voting opportunities.

The County will need to implement the Secretary of State's regulations after they are issued, update poll-worker training, and ensure the procedures protect against duplicate voting while allowing an eligible voter to use a vote-by-mail ballot that is no longer accompanied by its original return envelope.

Voting Rights and Language Access

SB 1164 (Cervantes) California Voting Rights Act, revises and expands the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 to provide additional protections against voter suppression and vote dilution. The legislation is intended in part to preserve state-level protections in response to uncertainty surrounding enforcement of the federal Voting Rights Act.

The measure may increase litigation and compliance exposure for counties, cities, school districts, and other political subdivisions. Counties and local agencies should review election procedures and districting practices for potential discriminatory effects, not only intentional discrimination.

SB 1360 (Cervantes) Translated Election Materials, expands language-access services and the types of election-related materials that must be translated. The measure will require county elections officials to review state language determinations, translated-material requirements, public-notice procedures, staffing, and quality-control practices.

For Orange County, implementation could involve additional translation, printing, outreach, website, signage, and poll-worker training costs. The practical effect will depend on the languages and materials covered by the final requirements and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials opposed the bill unless amended. Its concerns included the reliability of precinct-based language determinations, the absence of a clear threshold for the petition process, difficulties planning for languages triggered by small precinct populations, and the cost of translating ballots and voter guides and recruiting bilingual election workers. The Association requested a direct budget appropriation rather than requiring counties to seek reimbursement after incurring costs.

Campaign Communications and Deceptive Content

AB 502 (Pellerin) Materially Deceptive Election Communications, modifies existing restrictions on knowingly distributing campaign advertisements or other election communications containing materially deceptive content. The law addresses the circumstances in which altered content must carry a disclosure and the remedies available when deceptive material is distributed with malice.

The First Amendment Coalition opposed the measure based on concerns that restrictions on digitally altered campaign communications could affect constitutionally protected political expression. The bill's application will likely depend on the statutory definitions of material deception, malice, disclosure, satire, and parody.

AB 686 (Berman) Election Deepfakes, extends from January 1, 2027, to January 1, 2031, the prohibition on distributing materially deceptive audio or visual media with actual malice and with the intent to injure a candidate's reputation or deceive voters into voting for or against a candidate, unless the content includes the required disclosure that it has been manipulated.

Unlike AB 502, which modifies the underlying restrictions, AB 686 principally extends the operation of California's existing election-deepfake law.

AB 1130 (Berman) Paid Online Political Content, authorizes administrative, civil, or criminal penalties against a person paid by a campaign committee to publish online political content supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure when the person fails to disclose that the content is sponsored.

The bill expands enforcement options for existing paid-content disclosure requirements and is particularly relevant to compensated social-media influencers and other individuals who may not publish conventional campaign advertisements.

The Fair Political Practices Commission supported the bill, which strengthens its ability to enforce disclaimer requirements against paid online influencers and the campaign committees that compensate them.

Cybersecurity and Civic Engagement

AB 2281 (Berman) Election Cybersecurity Resources, requires the Secretary of State to determine whether additional state resources are needed to replace election-cybersecurity assistance previously provided by the federal

government. It also authorizes the Office of Elections Cybersecurity to consult with academic researchers in developing best practices for protecting election systems.

Although the immediate duties rest with the Secretary of State, the assessment could affect the cybersecurity tools, technical assistance, threat intelligence, and funding available to county elections offices.

AB 2103 (Irwin) Engaged California Program, establishes the Engaged California Program within the Office of Data and Innovation in the Government Operations Agency. The program is intended to create additional opportunities for residents to participate in state policy development and civic engagement.

This measure has fewer direct county election-administration implications than the other bills in the package, although its public-engagement work may involve coordination with local governments and community organizations.

Governor Signs Comprehensive Data Center Legislative Package

Governor Newsom signed seven bills establishing new requirements for the development and operation of data centers in California. The package responds to concerns regarding data centers' substantial electricity and water demands, infrastructure needs, utility costs, and effects on surrounding communities.

Collectively, the measures require greater disclosure of anticipated resource use, establish new protections against shifting project-related electricity costs to existing customers, and provide local governments and utility providers with additional information when evaluating proposed projects.

Data Center Legislation

AB 1577 (Bauer-Kahan) Data Center Reporting, requires data centers with at least 10 megawatts of electrical capacity to report operational information to the California Energy Commission, including maximum electrical load, energy consumption, power-use efficiency, onsite generation, fuel consumption, energy storage, refrigerants, and participation in demand-response programs. Beginning with the 2029 Integrated Energy Policy Report, the Commission must assess data-center load trends and recommend measures addressing their effects on grid capacity, reliability, and greenhouse-gas emissions.

When applying for a discretionary local permit or entitlement, a data center must also provide the permitting city or county with its expected annual energy consumption, onsite generation, and average and maximum operational noise levels. Local agencies may use this information for land-use, infrastructure, energy-supply, and environmental planning.

Local-government and public-agency supporters included Cal Cities, cities of Monterey Park and Gilroy, and Santa Clara Valley Water District.

AB 2383 (Zbur) Electricity Rates and Generation Costs, requires the California Public Utilities Commission to establish specialized transmission, distribution, and generation tariffs for data centers. The tariffs must ensure participating data centers contribute toward wildfire mitigation and liability, electrification and reliability programs, and other costs generally paid by utility customers. Data centers must cover the incremental generation costs associated with their demand through mechanisms lasting at least 10 years, including collateral or prepayment requirements, minimum payments based on projected load, and fees when a project is canceled or terminates service early. Community choice aggregators and electric service providers must establish comparable generation tariffs by January 1, 2028. The Commission may set the applicable demand threshold below, but not above, 25 megawatts.

AB 2469 (Papan) Water and Workforce Information During Permitting, prohibits a city or county from approving a ministerial or discretionary permit for a new data center, or an expansion that increases peak water use, unless the applicant provides a water-supply assessment, projected water use, proposed efficiency measures, and, beginning January 1, 2028, a water-scarcity plan. The plan must address progressively severe drought conditions through measures such as reduced withdrawals, water reuse, curtailment of nonessential uses, thermal-load reductions, and temporary load shedding.

Applicants must also disclose anticipated workforce composition, job classifications, employment duration, wages and benefits, and the proportion of workers expected to reside within the county and California. The developer must pay the full cost of water conveyance, treatment, storage, and distribution improvements that the applicable water supplier determines are necessary.

CSAC, RCRC, and Cal Cities opposed the bill unless amended. Their principal concerns involved the state-mandated conditions placed on local approvals, application of the requirements to ministerial permits, additional processing and verification duties for cities and counties, and the absence of direct state reimbursement. The final legislation allows local agencies to charge fees sufficient to cover their administrative costs.

AB 2619 (Papan) Water-Use Disclosures and Drought Planning, requires that before seeking an initial city or county business license or equivalent permit, a data center operator must provide the water supplier and local government with a good-faith estimate of expected water use, the anticipated water source, and projected demand for the maximum day, maximum month, and average year. At license renewal, the operator must report actual water use during the preceding year, including onsite use by source and the facility's cooling-system type.

The reporting requirements apply across three classes of data centers, ranging from facilities using less than two megawatts to hyperscale facilities using more than 25 megawatts or operating more than 10,000 servers. Urban water suppliers must also account expressly for data-center demand when preparing annual water-supply and drought assessments.

Santa Clara Valley Water District and the City of Gilroy supported the measure, along with the California Coastkeeper Alliance, California Initiative for Technology & Democracy, Planning and Conservation League, CleanEarth4Kids, and other environmental and water-conservation organizations. CSAC, RCRC, and Cal Cities did not have a position on AB 2619.

SB 886 (Padilla) Grid Interconnection and Ratepayer Protection, requires the Public Utilities Commission, by January 1, 2028, to establish or update tariffs governing data-center interconnection and electric service. For data centers connecting directly at the transmission level, the tariff must assign responsibility for transmission upgrades and grid use to the data center, require disclosure of duplicate interconnection applications filed in other jurisdictions, and impose an early-termination fee if a facility leaves the system or fails to achieve its projected load within 10 years. Refunds of initial interconnection contributions will be tied to the facility's actual load and the utility revenues it generates. Utilities must also publish maps identifying locations where large facilities can connect without significant transmission upgrades.

SB 887 (Padilla) CEQA Review and Judicial Streamlining, prevents data-center projects from relying on categorical exemptions under the California Environmental Quality Act, subject to exceptions for certain publicly funded, public-safety, national-security, publicly owned, utility, and higher-education research facilities.

Data centers may qualify for judicial streamlining as environmental leadership development projects, but only if they satisfy extensive conditions. These include paying grid-interconnection and generation costs; avoiding increased in-state fossil-fuel consumption; providing four hours of zero-carbon energy storage sufficient to meet forecast peak demand; using recycled water or water-efficient cooling; transitioning within five years to hourly service from 100 percent zero-carbon electricity; and entering into an enforceable community-benefits agreement developed with affected communities.

Local-government and public-agency supporters included the cities of Imperial, Buena Park, Monterey Park, and Gilroy; County of San Diego; and Heber Public Utility District. Other supporters included The Utility Reform Network, Net-Zero California, Audubon California, electrical-worker organizations, California Nurses Association, Climate Action California, several regional climate organizations, the Brawley Chamber of Commerce, and Comité de Acción del Valle.

SB 1168 (McNerney) Data Center Rate Structures, directs the Public Utilities Commission to assess rate structures that would require data centers to pay a reasonable share of transmission and distribution costs, as well as their

proportionate share of load growth and the energy procurement necessary to serve them reliably. The Commission must also consider how those rate structures could alleviate cost pressures on residential customers, including customers enrolled in the CARE and Family Electric Rate Assistance programs.

Unlike AB 2383 and SB 886, which prescribe tariff requirements, SB 1168 principally establishes broader policy direction for the Commission's consideration of future rates.

Implications for Orange County. AB 1577, AB 2469, and AB 2619 will have the most direct effect on local permitting, licensing, and resource planning in Orange County. Together, the measures provide the County, affected cities, and local water suppliers with more information about electricity demand, operational noise, water sources and consumption, drought response, infrastructure requirements, and anticipated employment before or during the approval of a data-center project.

The clearest local-government concern involves AB 2469. CSAC, RCRC, and Cal Cities opposed its state-mandated permitting conditions and associated local workload, particularly its application to ministerial permits. Orange County and affected cities will need to determine which departments are responsible for receiving and reviewing the required information, coordinate with water suppliers, update application and approval procedures, and establish appropriate cost-recovery fees. Although the legislation authorizes fees sufficient to cover local administrative costs, it does not provide direct state reimbursement.

AB 2619 will also require coordination among local business-licensing programs, planning departments, and water suppliers. Because the bill requires information both at the initial licensing stage and during renewals, local agencies may need systems for receiving annual reports and transmitting or comparing information with the applicable water supplier. Urban water suppliers will separately need to incorporate data-center demand into their annual water-supply and drought assessments.

The package nevertheless preserves some important local authority. AB 2469 establishes information and planning requirements but does not compel a city or county to approve a project that satisfies them. SB 887 similarly preserves environmental review while offering judicial streamlining only to projects that meet specified energy, water, workforce, and community-benefit standards. Local governments therefore retain the ability to evaluate whether a proposed facility is appropriate for its location and whether its employment and economic benefits justify its demands on land, water, infrastructure, electricity, and surrounding communities.

The electricity measures primarily operate through the Public Utilities Commission and electricity providers but remain important to Orange County residents and businesses. AB 2383, SB 886, and SB 1168 seek to ensure that data centers pay for the generation, transmission, distribution, and grid improvements needed to serve their substantial loads rather than shifting those costs, or the stranded costs of canceled or underperforming projects, to existing customers.

Overall, the package gives local governments and water suppliers substantially more information and creates stronger developer responsibility for project-related infrastructure and resource demands. The principal next step will be implementing the new disclosure and approval requirements in coordination with affected cities and water suppliers while ensuring that authorized local fees fully account for the additional administrative workload.

Governor's Press Releases

Below is a list of the governor's press releases beginning September 16.

September 23: Governor Newsom announces world-leading experts to deliver on his AI executive order, including advancing creation of a "kill switch"

September 22: Governor Newsom announces key step forward in California plan to link carbon markets with Washington State

September 22: As Trump undermines America's alliances and energy security, Governor Newsom builds lasting global partnerships at Climate Week NYC

September 22: National leaders and lawmakers celebrate Governor Newsom's signature on the most comprehensive data center laws in the nation

September 22: Governor Newsom delivers $886 million in utility bill relief, with millions of households receiving an average of $75 this summer

September 21: What they are saying: Strong support for California's new laws to expand EV access, consumer choice, and cut dependence on oil

September 21: Ahead of Climate Week NYC, Governor Newsom announces California cut climate pollution again as economy keeps growing

September 21: Governor Newsom proclaims state of emergency to bolster statewide El Nino preparedness, protect California

September 21: Governor Newsom signs most comprehensive data center laws in the nation, providing communities more control on water, electricity, and land use

September 20: Governor Newsom issues legislative update 9.20.2026

September 20: California establishes Dolly Parton Day

September 20: Governor Newsom signs bills as Los Angeles readies for 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

September 20: Governor Gavin Newsom signs legislation to accelerate California's EV future, expand consumer choice, and strengthen energy independence

September 19: What they are saying: California leaders praise Governor Newsom's democracy defending action ahead of November elections

September 19: Governor Newsom signs bill expanding fuel options to help Californians save at the pump, amid Donald Trump's gas price crisis

September 19: Governor Newsom expands film and TV tax credits with new legislation, creates tax credit to support post-production jobs

September 19: Governor Newsom signs new laws to protect California elections from Trump interference

September 19: Governor Newsom signs bill to protect California's sovereignty and guard against unauthorized military deployments

September 18: Governor Newsom issues legislative update 9.18.26

September 18: Governor Newsom announces appointments 9.18.2026

- Ian Vargas Polo, of Oceanside, has been appointed to the California Community Colleges, Board of Governors
- Katie Porter, of Irvine, has been appointed to the California Community Colleges, Board of Governors.
- Rachel Rosner, of Encino, has been appointed to the California Housing Partnership Corporation.
- Michael Duarte, of Kingsburg, has been appointed to the California Housing Partnership.
- Douglas McCauley, of Sacramento, has been appointed to the California Earthquake Authority Advisory Panel
- Dave Rand, of Agoura Hills, has been reappointed to the California Housing Finance Agency Board of Directors

September 18: Governor Newsom announces Judicial Appointments 9.18.2026

- Governor Gavin Newsom announced his nomination of five Court of Appeal Justices:
- Brian Goldman to the First District Court of Appeal, Division Two;
- Adam Hofmann to the First District Court of Appeal, Division Four;
- Judge Alexander Giza to the Second District Court of Appeal, Division Three;
- Judge Cindy Pánuco to the Second District Court of Appeal, Division Three;
- Judge Maria Daghlian Hernandez, to the Fourth District Court of Appeal, Division Three
- Thomas Nocella, of Orange County, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Orange County Superior Court
- Chhaya Malik, of Alameda County, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the Santa Clara County Superior Court

September 18: Governor Newsom proclaims California POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 18: Governor Newsom issues executive order to accelerate independent oversight and advance the creation of an AI kill switch

September 17: Governor Newsom announces appointments 9.17.2026

- Holly Pearson, of Sacramento, has been appointed Chief Counsel at the California Department of Technology
- Aubrie Fong, of Sacramento, has been appointed Community Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs Officer at the California Health and Human Services Agency
- Steven Carnevale, of San Francisco, has been reappointed to the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
- Alfred Rowlett, of Sacramento, has been reappointed to the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
- Keyondria Bunch, of Encino, has been reappointed to the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
- Rayshell Chambers, of Los Angeles, has been reappointed to the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
- Esther Rivera, of Sacramento, has been appointed to the Employment Training Panel
- Ricky Smiles, of Vista, has been reappointed to the Employment Training Panel
- Rebecca Bettencourt, of Modesto, has been reappointed to the Employment Training Panel

September 17: Governor Newsom proclaims Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

September 17: Governor Newsom delivers on pledge to provide new financing options for Eaton and Palisades survivors

September 17: Trump wants to send a check? Pay Americans back the $108 billion his Iran War cost them at the pump first

September 16: Governor Newsom announces appointments 9.16.2026

- Patrick Brown, of West Sacramento, has been appointed Chief Deputy Director at the Housing Development and Finance Committee
- Kevin Hixon, of Springville, has been appointed Deputy Director for Facility Support of the Division of Adult Institutions
- Rohit Chopra, of Sacramento, has been appointed to the Governor's Military Council
- Andrea Rosales, of Vacaville, has been appointed to the Commission on Correctional Peace Officer Standards and Training

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY

Senate Remains in DC, Advances College Athletics Bill, Potential Permitting Deal Emerges

The Senate was in session this week after the House cancelled votes to allow members more time to campaign ahead of the midterm elections. Work continued towards passing S 4668, the Protect College Sports Act of 2026 alongside confirming more of the President's nominees.

Behind the scenes, work continued towards a bipartisan deal on reforming federal permitting and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) after the President indicated he would cease using permitting delays to inhibit previously approved offshore wind development projects. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chair and Ranking Member have been negotiating a deal since last December, when the House passed HR 4776, the SPEED Act, on a bipartisan basis.

Importantly, the SPEED Act and other proposals may allow local governments in states like California, with a more stringent environmental permitting process than NEPA to use their state reviews in place of NEPA. This could create functional equivalency between NEPA and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reviews, saving infrastructure projects significant resources and time.

If a final deal is struck with at least 60 Senators in favor of advancing it, the Senate could remain in session for an additional week to allow time for amendments and eventually a final vote on the floor.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Holds Hearing on Nuclear Waste Policy

On September 23, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) held a hearing on updating America's Nuclear Waste Policy. EPW Chair Shelly Moore Capito emphasized her support for expanding the use of nuclear power alongside amending the 1982 Nuclear Waste Policy Act to support responsible waste management.

Chair Capito and Democrats discussed the Administration's efforts to bolster Nuclear Lifecycle Innovation Campuses (NLICs), which co-locate fuel manufacturing, enriching, and disposal facilities. The Department of Energy announced agreements with six states to create NLICs, which will likely take multiple years to construct.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY

HUD Reopens Continuum of Care Application After Federal Court Stay

On September 16, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) won a stay in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals allowing them to proceed with the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The NOFO was reopened on September 18, with a September 30 deadline.

Since 2025, HUD has sought to lower the percentage of CoC funding dedicated to Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)/Tier 1, which funds Permanent Supportive Housing on a long-term basis for certain recipients. Historically, 90% of the funding has been dedicated to ARD. HUD received an allowance in the annual appropriations process last fiscal year to reduce that amount to 60%, and make other changes to the annual NOFO, including priorities in the competitive subset of funding.

Orange County Delegation Press Releases

- Lou Correa – September 17, 2026: CORREA, JOYCE PROVIDING EMOTIONAL ASSISTANCE WITH RELIEF AND LOVE ACT PASSES HOUSE
- Young Kim – September 17, 2026: Rep. Young Kim Leads the Stop Congressional Self-Enrichment Resolution to Keep Congress Focused on the American People
- Derek Tran – September 22, 2026: Representative Tran Co-sponsors Tipped Income Protection Legislation in Support of Local Service Workers
- Dave Min – September 21, 2026: Reps. Min and Ansari Demand Law School Admission Council Reverse Improper Discrimination Against Iranian Americans
- Dave Min – September 18, 2026: Rep. Min Leads 31 Colleagues in Demanding Answers on University Research Funding Cuts
- Dave Min – September 17, 2026: STATEMENT: Rep. Min on His Vote for the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia Act of 2026
- Linda Sánchez – September 17, 2026: CHANGE Act to improve Alzheimer's assessment, diagnosis advances out of committee
- Alex Padilla – September 22, 2026: Padilla, Murphy Introduce Bill to Protect Students from Physical Abuse, End Dangerous Corporal Punishment Practices in Schools
- Alex Padilla – September 21, 2026: Padilla, Schiff to AG Bonta: Investigate Shocking Whistleblower Disclosure Alleging Alarming DHS Activities in California
- Alex Padilla – September 18, 2026: Following Bombshell Whistleblower Disclosure, Padilla, Schumer, Senators to Demand Investigation into DHS Voter Data Misconduct
- Alex Padilla – September 17, 2026: Padilla, Curtis, Merkley, Sheehy, Dexter Announce Bipartisan Legislation to Protect Federal Wildland Firefighters
- Alex Padilla – September 17, 2026: Padilla Joins Schatz, Pocan in Introducing Legislation to Make College More Affordable
- Adam Schiff – September 22, 2026: NEWS: Sen. Schiff Demands Health Net Restore Coverage for Thousands in CA Depending on Assisted Living Care, Warns of Health Implications
- Adam Schiff – September 21, 2026: NEWS: Schiff, Padilla to AG Bonta: Investigate Shocking Whistleblower Disclosure Alleging Alarming DHS Activities in California
- Adam Schiff – September 18, 2026: NEWS: Schiff Joins Slotkin and Senate Democrats in Demanding Answers from Hegseth on Cost of Iran War
- Adam Schiff – September 18, 2026: NEWS: Sen. Schiff Unveils Legislative Package to Expand Access to Affordable Meals for College Students, Address Food Insecurity on College Campuses
- Adam Schiff – September 17, 2026: WATCH: Sen. Schiff Calls Out Trump's Obsession with Kennedy Center, Disregard for Addressing High Costs
- Adam Schiff – September 17, 2026: NEWS: Senate Agriculture Committee Advances Schiff-Curtis Bill to Create First-Ever Respiratory Protection Requirements for Federal Firefighters
- Adam Schiff – September 17, 2026: NEWS: Sens. Schiff, Wyden Press Flock CEO for Answers on Troubling Abuse of Technology Amid Surveillance Network Concerns, Push to Protect American's Privacy
- Adam Schiff – September 17, 2026: NEWS: Schiff Joins Markey and Budd to Introduce Bipartisan Resolution Condemning China's Wrongful Detention of American Academics

Legislation Introduced by the Orange County Delegation

Bill Number	Bill Title	Introduction Date	Sponsor	Bill Description	Latest Major Action
S.5439	No Short Title Available.	09/17/26	Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA)	A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to improve safety standards for wildland firefighters.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry., 09/17/26
S.5429	Hot Meals for College Students Act	09/17/26	Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA)	A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program to be used to purchase on-campus meals.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry., 09/17/26
S.5432	Food for Thought Act	09/17/26	Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA)	A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to certain institutions of higher education to provide free meals to low-income students, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry., 09/17/26
S.5433	Wildland Firefighter Health and Safety Act	09/17/26	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)	A bill to authorize the Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing Program, a comprehensive initiative to improve the health of Federal wildland firefighters, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs., 09/17/26
H.RES.1563	No Short Title Available.	09/17/26	Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-40)	A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives with respect to the certification requirement in the case of a congressional	Submitted in House, 09/17/26

				earmark or limited tax or tariff benefit.	

Weekly Clips

Thursday 09/24/2026

Bay Area cities shut the door to new data centers -- Up and down the state, city councils and boards of supervisors have used emergency moratoriums to temporarily ban new data centers from being built in their communities, with even more eager to follow suit. **Megan Fan Munce** in the San Francisco Chronicle -- 9/24/26

L.A. approves $466 million in affordable housing spending, the largest pool ever -- Los Angeles is set to go on an affordable housing spending spree. **Jack Flemming** in the Los Angeles Times -- 9/24/26

Cities often squabble over homelessness. A new California law forces one community to try something different -- New legislation forces the city and county of Sacramento to collaborate on homelessness. Stakeholders say it could have repercussions California-wide. **Marisa Kendall** Calmatters -- 9/24/26

Wednesday 09/23/2026

Planners want to make high-speed rail a gateway to Yosemite. Central Valley residents aren't happy -- Plans to make high-speed rail the new gateway to Yosemite National Park have met resistance from community organizers in the Central Valley, who last week sent a cease-and-desist letter to the California High-Speed Rail. It's the first salvo in what could be a long legal battle to preserve the original plans for the railway, which include a station in downtown Merced. **Rachel Swan** in the San Francisco Chronicle -- 9/23/26

California files another lawsuit against Trump administration over offshore wind -- California Attorney General Rob Bonta and the California Energy Commission filed a 54-page lawsuit in federal court Tuesday, disputing what they claim was an unlawful buyout that took a major offshore floating wind project in Morro Bay off the table. **Rob Nikolewski** in the San Diego Union Tribune -- 9/23/26

Tuesday 09/22/2026

The California Surf Spot With Epic Waves—and Rusty Metal Spikes -- Beach erosion has uncovered century-old hazards at the Wedge in Newport Beach, but wave riders can't get enough of epic swells. **Paul Kiernan** in the Wall Street Journal -- 9/22/26

Why L.A. developers aren't building more apartments, despite epic housing shortage -- Los Angeles is desperate for housing, yet multifamily values have plunged nearly 30%. Developers say building new apartments no longer pencils out as higher interest rates, expensive fees and L.A.'s "mansion tax" erase profits. **Jack Flemming** in the Los Angeles Times -- 9/22/26

A 'super' El Niño is about to crash into California: 9 essential ways to prepare -- With California virtually certain to see a "super" El Niño, residents and business owners are being asked to brace for a wet and potentially punishing winter later this year. **Iris Kwok** in the Los Angeles Times -- 9/22/26

California establishes Dolly Parton Day on Sept. 25 in honor of late country legend -- Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation Sunday that establishes Sept. 25 as Dolly Parton Day. The date's significance may be obvious to fans of the late country legend: 9-2-5 references Parton's hit single "9 to 5" from the soundtrack of the 1980 comedy film of the same name that starred Parton, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin. **Deborah Day** in the Los Angeles Times -- 9/22/26

Monday 09/21/2026

California declares statewide emergency ahead of epic El Niño storms -- Gov. Newsom has declared a statewide emergency for California in anticipation of this winter's El Niño-fueled storms, a new sign of growing worry about costal flooding and high waves expected in the coming months. **Joseph Serna** in the Los Angeles Times -- 9/21/26

Paramount Settles States' Antitrust Suit, Clearing Way for Warner Megadeal -- Paramount has reached a settlement with state attorneys general, clearing the way for its $81 billion merger with Warner Bros. Discovery. A dozen states led by California's attorney general sued in July to block the deal, arguing it would create too much market concentration. Under the agreement, Paramount will avoid having to sell cable channels. **Jessica Toonkel** in the Wall Street Journal **Benjamin Mullin, David McCabe, Shawn Hubler** and **Laurel Rosenhall** in the New York Times -- 9/21/26

U.S. proposes AI incident alert system in talks with China -- The United States and China are considering a "notification mechanism" to monitor national security incidents involving artificial intelligence, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Sunday night. **Riley Beggin** in the Washington Post -- 9/21/26

Weekend 09/19-09/20/2026

California's biggest reservoir project in decades clears major obstacle -- The developers of a new, massive Northern California reservoir say they'll have enough water to pursue their $6 billion venture, laying to rest their previous concerns that the project 70 miles northwest of Sacramento might not be viable. **Kurtis Alexander** in the San Francisco Chronicle -- 9/19/26

LA County issues temporary ban on mega data centers, with ordinance in the works -- Los Angeles County is moving forward with an ordinance that would permanently ban AI hyperscale data centers in unincorporated areas, according to county officials on Friday. **Steve Scauzillo** in the Los Angeles Times -- 9/19/26

Here's when and where California could get the most rain this winter as powerful El Niño builds -- Along parts of the California coast, federal forecasters now put the odds of a top-third precipitation season as high as 50% to 60%. One of Europe's leading seasonal models goes considerably further, projecting January rainfall around 4 inches above normal in San Francisco and more than 6 inches above in Santa Rosa. **Greg Porter** in the San Francisco Chronicle -- 9/19/26

California home insurance is about to see a major overhaul -- Two new laws signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom could make California the first state to regulate how contamination must be identified and removed from homes after wildfires, and when insurance companies must pay for it. **Megan Fan Munce, Susie Neilson** in the San Francisco Chronicle -- 9/20/26

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