

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

2023 **LEGISLATIVE
PLATFORM**



2023 Legislative Platform

County Board of Supervisors

December 6, 2022

Jasmine McGinty, Legislative Coordinator
Legislative Program Committee

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2022 Federal Outcomes (to date)

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- *FY 2022 Omnibus Appropriations Act* enacted in March.
 - Veterans Building and Lompoc Health Clinic projects.
- *Inflation Reduction Act* enacted in August.
 - Clean energy, prescription drug reform, and ACA subsidies.
- FY 2023 Appropriations Bills pending in Lame Duck Session.
 - County projects and funding priorities.
- *Violence Against Women Act* reauthorization enacted.
- 2022 Federal Funding to Santa Barbara County
 - \$4.9 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
 - \$2 million from the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Program.
 - \$2.2 million the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.
- Multiple issues in play in Lame Duck Session.

2023 Federal Outlook

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- Leadership Challenges.
- Budget Conflicts.
- Increased oversight of Biden Administration.
- *Inflation Reduction Act* and *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* implementation.
- Bipartisan legislation will be difficult but still possible.

2022 State Highlights

Cliff Berg, Governmental Advocates

- County secured a state of emergency from the State due to the impacts of the Alisal Fire
- CARE Court funding
- County had concerns about some of the provisions in AB 2201 (Bennett) groundwater sustainability and worked closely with his office on amendments to address issues with amendments
- County worked on securing funds appropriated per County request in state budget to clean up Venoco pipeline
- Advocated for 340B funding
- Additional bills of interest:
 - AB 32 (Aguiar-Curry)
 - AB 1737 (Holden)
 - AB 2538 (Rivas)
 - AB 2724 (Arambula)
 - SB 335 (Cortese)
 - SB 443 (Hertzberg)
 - SB 861 (Limon)
 - SB 867 (Laird)
 - SB 928 (Wieckowski)
 - SB 972 (Gonzalez)
 - SB1030 (Limon)
 - AB 2931 (Bloom)
 - SB 932 (Portantino)



Legislative Program Committee

- Advisory body established in 1991 and made a standing sub-committee of the Board of Supervisors in 2019
- Membership includes two supervisors
- Meets monthly and open to the public
- Committee briefed on pending legislation of interest to Santa Barbara and provided continuous status and updates on advocacy and efforts to advance County principles
- Committee reviews and recommends Draft Legislative Platform to Board of Supervisors

Legislative Principles

Job Growth and
Economic Vitality

Local Control

Efficient Service
Delivery and
Operations

Health and
Human Services

Fiscal Stability

Community
Sustainability and
Environmental
Protection

Interagency
Collaboration

Diversity, Equity,
and Inclusion

Legislative Platform Development Process



**August – September
2021**

Departments review and update legislative principles and planks; identify new planks for consideration



**October 2022
Legislative Program
Committee**

Review and provide feedback on first **draft** 2023 Legislative Platform; solicit public input by sending out eblast, post to website, press release



**November 2022
Legislative Program
Committee**

Review **final draft** 2023 Legislative Platform and recommend submittal to the full Board of Supervisors



**December 2022
Board of Supervisors**

Presentation and request for adoption of the 2023 Legislative Platform, effective January 1, 2023

2023 Legislative Platform

Highlights and Updates

Highlights

- Minor changes made by departments to Legislative Principles and prior year platform planks
- Recommendations from LPC
 - Modify Parks & Open Space Plank
 - Add Advancement of Women & Children's Plank
- Public feedback period
 - DRAFT 2023 Legislative Platform sent out via SBC E-Blast, press release, posted to website and social media
 - Minor changes in language to the Brown Act Plank

New Planks

- Cannabis Federal Coordination
- Broadband Infrastructure and Funding
- Inpatient Administrative Day Payment Structure
- IMD Exclusion
- CARE Court Implementation Efforts
- Emergency Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Resiliency

Recommended Actions

- Receive an update and annual report from State and Federal Legislative advocates
- Adopt the County's 2023 Legislative Platform
- Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a “project” within the meaning of CEQA