

2014 Legislative Platform & Advocacy Report

Santa Barbara County

Board of Supervisors

January 14, 2014

2014 Legislative Platform

- On 11/12/13, Board provided feedback on a DRAFT 2014 Legislative Platform in November
- Staff made all suggested changes suggested at the hearing; no additions
- On 12/2/13, LPC confirmed changes and recommends adoption by the Board of the SBC 2014 Legislative Platform

2014 Legislative Platform - Principles

- JOB GROWTH & ECONOMIC VITALITY
- EFFICIENT SERVICE DELIVERY/ OPERATIONS
- FISCAL STABILITY
- LOCAL CONTROL
- INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION
- HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

2014 Legislative Platform - Funding

- AGRICULTURE/WILLIAMSON ACT SUBVENTION
- COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES AND CAPITAL
- ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT/ REVENUE DIVERSIFICATION
- EXCLUSION AND EARLY PEST DETECTION PROGRAMS AGAINST HIGH RISK PESTS
- HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY
- HISTORIC SANTA BARBARA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
- HOLLISTER AVENUE CORRIDOR

2014 Legislative Platform - Funding

- HOMELESSNESS
- LAKE CACHUMA
- LOWER MISSION CREEK
- PARKS/OPEN SPACE
- PAVEMENT PRESERVATION
- RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT
- U.S. HIGHWAY 101
- VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDINGS
- WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

2014 Legislative Platform - Legislation

- FARM BILL & DISEASE MANAGEMENT
- BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES OF ADULT SERVICES
- BOATER SAFETY & ENFORCEMENT FINANCIAL AID
- DA: CALIFORNIA ARSON REGISTRY
- DA: SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS
- DRUG OVERDOSES
- REGIONAL SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

2014 Legislative Platform - Advocacy

- AIR QUALITY – MARINE VESSEL EMISSIONS
- BRIDGES
- REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT
- SAFETY NET PRESERVATION
- OLDER AMERICANS ACT REAUTHORIZATION
- IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES-FUNDING
- SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION
- TANF REAUTHORIZATION
- TRIBAL GAMING COMPACTS & LAND USE

Legislative Advocate Reports

- Introductions
 - Tom Walters, Thomas Walters & Associates
 - Monica Miller, Governmental Advocates

1st Session, 113th Congress Recap

- Reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act
- Series of Fiscal Crises:
 - Sequestration/FY 13 Continuing Resolution
 - Increase in Debt Limit
 - FY 14 Appropriations – Federal Shutdown
- Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013

Congressional Outlook – 2014

- FY 2015 Appropriations Process
- Continuing Action on:
 - The Farm Bill
 - Water Resources Development
 - Immigration Reform
 - Workforce Investment Act
 - Older Americans Act
- MAP-21 Reauthorization - Surface Transportation

2013 California Legislative Wrap-up

- Medi-Cal Expansion
- CEQA Reform
- Water Bond
- Prison Reform

Looking Ahead to 2014 in California

- Budget
- Affordable Care Act Implementation
- Water Bond
- CEQA Reform
- Other Issues

Next Steps

- Continuous monitoring of legislation
- August – Evaluate principles; Identify new planks
- September – Adopt principles; Evaluate 2014 planks
- October – Reviews draft 2015 Platform; Sends to Board
- November – Board direction on draft 2015 Platform
- December – LPC review of changes and considers recommendation to full Board
- January – Board hearing on 2015 Legislative Platform

Questions & Recommended Action

- Questions, Discussion and Direction
- Recommended Action:
 - Receive a report on issues and projects included as part of the County's 2014 Legislative Platform;
 - Adopt the County's 2014 Legislative Platform; and
 - Receive and file year-end federal advocacy report from Tom Walters and Associates Inc. and state advocacy report from Governmental Advocates