

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2022

2022 Legislative Platform County Board of Supervisors December 7, 2021

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2021 Federal Accomplishments & Updates

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- \$86.6 million allocated to the County of Santa Barbara through the State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund.
- \$27 million in Emergency Rental Assistance to Santa Barbara County.
- \$5.2 million for County of Santa Barbara Federally Qualified Health Centers for pandemic response.
- \$6.1 million from the Emergency Solutions Grant program for the County's COVID-19 homelessness response efforts.
- \$2.2 million in Continuum of Care awards for ongoing projects in the County serving the homeless.
- Housing and Urban Development funding to the County of \$7.3 million through programs such as Community Development Block Grants and the HOME Investment Partnership, including \$4.6 million provided for pandemic response.

2021 Federal Accomplishments & Updates (continued)

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- Payments in Lieu of Taxes funding to the County of \$2 million.
- Enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act to provide assistance to individuals and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through direct payments, SBA forgivable loans and enhanced unemployment benefits.
- Enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to provide \$1.2 trillion for transportation, broadband, affordable housing, and water projects.
- \$2.2 trillion investment in climate change mitigation and the social safety net in the Build Back Better Act (pending in the Senate).
- Community Project Funding for the Lompoc Health Clinic and the Santa Barbara Veterans Center in the pending House and Senate Appropriations bills.

2021 State Accomplishments & Updates

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• State Budget

- Santa Barbara County Pipeline Clean-Up
- Telehealth
- Broadband
- County Coroner's Budget Request
- 340B Program
- Criminal Justice Administrative Fees

• Delegation

- SB 47 (Limon)
- AB 941 (Bennett)

• Legislation

- AB 361 (Rivas)
- AB 842 (Aguiar-Curry)
- SB 943 (Bradford)
- Worker's Comp

2021 State Accomplishments & Updates (continued)

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A Look into 2022: Implementation of 2021-22 State Budget

- *Homelessness/Affordable Housing Programs*
- *Transportation* - The transportation funds in the 2021 Budget Act were contingent on an allocation schedule being set in legislation by October 10, 2021. While no agreement was reached regarding these allocations, further discussions are ongoing as to these funds and for the \$4.2 billion in bond funds that are specifically set aside for California's High Speed Rail project. Discussions surrounding the transportation package will continue and the Administration and Legislature expect to address them in early 2022.
- *Energy* - The \$735 million energy package included investments to accelerate progress on meeting the state's clean energy goals and better position California as a leader in

advancing clean technologies. The allocation of this package along with other policy changes and projects has been deferred to 2022.

- *340B Backfill*
- Pass-through of Federal Infrastructure Funding to State and Local Government
- Offshore Oil and Oil Pipeline Safety
- CalAIM/Healthcare/Telehealth Issues
- Natural Disaster and Fire Damage Recovery
- COVID/Public Health/Vaccination
- Climate Change/Sea Level Rise
- 2022-23 Budget Opportunities



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 2021 Legislative Program Committee

Review and comment on DRAFT 2022 Legislative Platform; recommend public input and reconsideration after ARPA BOS discussions



November 2021 Legislative Program Committee

Review DRAFT 2022 Legislative Platform and approve submittal to the full Board of Supervisors



December 2021 Board of Supervisors

Presentation and request for adoption of the 2022 Legislative Platform, effective January 1, 2022

2022 Legislative Platform

Highlights and Updates

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- Minor changes made by departments to Legislative Principles and prior year platform planks
- One new principle was added by the County Executive Office (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)
- Recommendations from LPC
 - Reassess planks after 10/19/21 ARPA Discussion at BOS meeting
 - Receive public input on draft 2022 Platform
- Actions:
 - Staff asked department heads to revise planks if needed after ARPA discussions
 - DRAFT 2022 Leg. Platform sent out via SBC E-Blast, posted to website and social media to receive public input



New Planks and Principles

- Cannabis State Licensing, Taxation, and Coordination (CEO)
- Brown Act and Public Access Flexibility (CEO)
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (*Principle*)

Recommended Actions

- Receive an update and annual report from State and Federal Legislative advocates
- Adopt the County's 2022 Legislative Platform
- Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a “project” within the meaning of CEQA