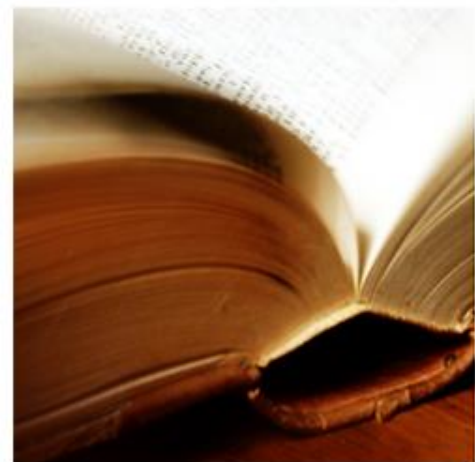


# 2021 Legislative Platform


COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


December 8, 2020



# Federal Accomplishments & Updates

- 
- Payments in Lieu of Taxes funding to the County of \$2 million.
  - HUD funding to the County of \$5.48 million through programs such as Community Development Block Grants, including \$2.9 million provided for pandemic response.
  - \$2 million in Continuum of Care awards for ongoing projects in the County serving the homeless.
  - \$1.5 million for County of Santa Barbara Federally Qualified Health Centers for pandemic response.
  - Legislation enacted to continue program authorizations for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and other safety net programs while Congress finishes up longer-term authorizations at the end of this year.
  - H.R. 4334, the Supporting Older Americans Act of 2020, enacted to expand programs that support social and nutrition services for seniors and their caregivers.
  - One-year reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program enacted.
  - Enactment of the CARES Act to assist individuals and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through direct payments, SBA forgivable loans and enhanced unemployment benefits.

# State Accomplishments & Updates

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- Secured CARES Act funding (\$45.7M Santa Barbara) and Realignment Backfill in Governor's Budget (\$6.5M Santa Barbara)
  - Restoration of 340B funding (\$52.5M) in May Revise
  - Successful support of electric vehicle charging infrastructure
  - AB 107 successfully supported to extend deadline for assessment appeals cases
  - AB 3214 (Limon) successfully supported to double financial penalties for specified oil discharge violations
  - AB 6 (Reyes) successfully opposed settlement agreement with opioid manufacturers
  - SB 217 (Portantino) successfully opposed requiring local health agencies to issue licenses to recreation camps
  - Successfully opposed AB 196 and AB 664 Workers' Compensation bills that would have increased cost and liabilities for the County

# 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 almost 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

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- **Job Growth and Economic Vitality**
  - **Efficient Service Delivery and Operations**
  - **Fiscal Stability**
  - **Inter-Agency Collaboration**
  - **Local Control**
  - **Health and Human Services**
  - **Workforce Development**
  - **Community Sustainability and Environmental Protection**

# Legislative Platform Development Process



**September -  
October**

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

**November LPC**

- Review and comment on Draft 2021 Legislative Platform; approve submittal to BoS

**December BoS**

- Presentation and request for adoption of 2021 Legislative Platform

# 2021 Legislative Platform

- **Minor administrative changes made by departments to Legislative Principles and prior year Platform Planks**
- **New Planks:**
  - **DJJ Realignment Backfill (Probation)**
  - **Pandemic Funding Relief for Local Governments (CEO)**
- **Amended Plank from LPC comments:**
  - **Parks, Recreation and Open Space**
    - **Reference added for Countywide Recreation Master Plan**

# Recommended Actions

- **Receive an update from the legislative advocates**
- **Adopt the County's 2021 Legislative Platform**
- **Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of CEQA**