



SOLANO COUNTY

Legislative Committee Meeting

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1:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING via MICROSOFT TEAMS

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AGENDA

- i. **Introductions** (*Attendees*)
- ii. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda**
- iii. **Public Comment** (*Items not on the agenda*)
- iv. **Federal Legislative update** (*Paragon Government Relations*)
 - Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Update
 - COVID-19 Stimulus Talks
 - WRDA / Water Resources Bill
 - Cannabis Decriminalization Legislation
- v. **Update from Solano County Legislative Delegation** (*Representative and/or staff*)
- vi. **State Legislative Update** (*Karen Lange*)
 - Provide an update on upcoming events in the California State Legislature and bills of significance to Solano County
- vii. **Proposed 2021 Legislative Platforms** (*Nancy Huston and Matthew Davis*)
 - Proposed USDA COVID-19 Food Assistance Program proposal (Agriculture, Ed King)
 - Proposed Federal Agricultural Disaster Assistance proposal (Agriculture, Ed King)
 - Proposal to Restrict Website Publishing of Hemp Growers Info (Agriculture, Ed King)
 - Proposal to Establish a First 5 Center in Fairfield, CA (First 5, Michele Harris)
 - Proposal to Amend Existing List of Alternate Fuels (General Services, Megan Greve)
 - Proposed 2021 Federal Legislative Platform (Red Lined)
 - Proposed 2021 State Legislative Platform (Red Lined)
- viii. **Informational Items**
 - 2021 State Assembly Legislative Calendar
 - 2021 State Senate Legislative Calendar
- ix. **Scheduled Meetings:**
 - To Be Determined
- x. **Adjourn**

2021 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

Solano County, Agriculture

Title: U.S. Department of Agriculture Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)

Current (State and/or Federal) Law: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability Act (CARES Act) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act

Problem Statement: Solano County farmers and ranchers continue to face market disruptions and commodity price decreases due to COVID-19. USDA's second round of CFAP funding support known as CFAP 2 is currently set to expire December 11, 2020.

Proposed Solution: Support ongoing extensions to CFAP as long as COVID-19 continues to negatively impact local farm and ranch marketing channels and commodity prices. Specifically advocate for continued inclusion of specialty crops grown in Solano like almonds, walnuts, tomatoes and grapes.

Proposed Effective / Operative Date of Solution: January 1, 2021

Justification: Federal, State, and Local governments have declared agriculture an essential industry in response to the COVID-19 health crisis. CFAP assistance is helping growers offset COVID-19 related price declines and adapt to market changes as traditionally well-established marketing outlets are currently non-existent or are severely diminished from previous norms.

Implementation: Federal implementation.

Fiscal Impact:

County: None

State/Federal: Federal – CFAP 1 and CFAP 2 have totaled \$30B to date

2021 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

Solano County, Agriculture

Title: Federal Agricultural Disaster Assistance

Current (State and/or Federal) Law:

Problem Statement: Solano County farmers and ranchers suffered extensive crop and infrastructure losses in the LNU Lightning Complex fire and require assistance to mitigate hazards and rebuild agricultural operations.

Proposed Solution: Support funding allocations to the USDA Farm Services Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service to provide technical and financial disaster assistance for wildfire recovery efforts including extension of the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+) which provides direct payments to producers to offset losses.

Proposed Effective / Operative Date of Solution: Immediately

Justification: The LNU Lightning Complex fire damaged or destroyed farms and crops in Solano County in 2020 including:

- 1,300 beehives destroyed (\$340,000 value)
- \$2.25M in livestock forage damage
- \$1.59M in ag fencing damage
- \$325,000 in vineyard and orchard damage and crop losses
- \$1M in wine grape losses due to wildfire smoke taint

USDA Farm Services Agency disaster assistance programs may help agricultural produces offset 2020 crop losses and to rebuild ag infrastructure destroyed by wildfire. Natural Resources Conservation Service programs provide resource protection for burned areas and assistance to local governments to implement emergency mitigation and recovery work.

Implementation: Federal implementation.

Fiscal Impact:

County: None

State/Federal: Unknown

2021 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

Solano County, Agriculture

Title: Industrial Hemp Registrant Information

Current (State and/or Federal) Law:

California Food & Agricultural Code §81000 – 81015

Problem Statement: The California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) openly posts industrial hemp grower information on its website including location specific information where industrial hemp is cultivated. CDFA does not post crop location information as they do for hemp for any other agricultural commodity. Industrial hemp is a unique agricultural commodity with potential for theft. Actions of thieves and potential thieves, aided by their ability to readily ascertain the location of hemp fields on the CDFA website, pose risks growers and to communities neighboring hemp fields.

Proposed Solution: Restrict website posting of hemp grower contact information to mailing address only.

Proposed Effective / Operative Date of Solution: January 1, 2022

Justification: During the 2019 hemp harvest season the Solano County Sheriff received and responded to numerous reports of nuisance activities, and possible criminal activities, occurring near hemp fields. Removing direct access to industrial hemp growing locations on CDFAs website will reduce crop thefts, grower losses and use of law enforcement resources.

Implementation: N/A

Fiscal Impact:

County: No fiscal impact to the Agriculture Department. May result in law enforcement savings due to reduction in trespassing, theft and other criminal acts associated with hemp.

State/Federal: Possible costs increases to respond to public information requests seeking hemp field location information.

Other States: The Oregon Department of Agriculture only posts mailing addresses of industrial hemp growers on its website.

2021 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

Solano County, County Administrator's Office First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission

Title:

Establish a First 5 Center in Fairfield

Current (State and/or Federal) Law:

N/A

Problem Statement:

In Solano County, children who reside in the 94533 zip code in the City of Fairfield rank 3rd highest on the scale of risk factors by zip code for a child's well-being based on an analysis of indicators such as poverty, rates of child maltreatment, 3 and 4-year olds not in pre-school, and 3rd grade math and reading proficiencies.

Proposed Solution:

The First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission proposes a request for \$1.8 million in State funding to establish a Fairfield First 5 Center to be located in the 94533 zip code. The model for this Center is based upon the Vallejo First 5 Center which started delivering services in 2020 and is already demonstrating significant positive outcomes for both the families and the community. This Center in Fairfield will be located in a neighborhood with high poverty rates and will utilize an innovative place-based strategy to provide school readiness and early intervention programs for children; and, coordinated services and resources for parents and families. The Center will be open to all Solano and Fairfield residents with a focus on those with the most need, including the families who are affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) that impact their long-term health and well-being.

Parents and caregivers will find a safe and welcoming environment where they can receive information and holistic support to meet family needs and be connected to appropriate resources in the community. Center staff and community partners will:

- **Support parents:** First 5 Center workshops and classes will help parents raise healthy, happy, and resilient children by offering parent education, peer support, support groups and parent leadership opportunities to strengthen the community.
- **Lead educational classes for families:** Families will be able to choose from over 20 early learning classes each month, such as art, science, cooking/nutrition, ABC's and 123's, music, movement, baby sign language, preparing for kindergarten, and story time. Drop-in playtime, Saturday classes, monthly events, and opportunities to connect with other families in the community will also be offered.
- **Be child development experts:** The First 5 Center has a staff person dedicated to making sure that each child receives their age appropriate developmental screenings and, if needed, receives access to services at the earliest possible moment to ensure a healthy life trajectory.
- **Connect families to needed resources:** Center staff will connect families to helpful community resources. Common community resources and services will be co-located to

address basic needs supports, housing, employment services, food, health and dental services, child support services and others.

Proposed Effective / Operative Date of Solution:

07/01/2021

Justification:

A child's brain is 90% developed by age 5, providing a critical window of opportunity to support strong beginnings. Research shows that challenges children face early in life can lead to life-long negative outcomes and high-community cost, including school drop-out, incarceration, chronic health problems, and isolation within the community. The proposed Center will provide the programs and services that can change these outcomes. By taking a dual-generational approach to service delivery, the entire family will be strengthened, providing the best opportunity for success for young children throughout their lives.

In 2017, First 5 Solano analyzed 9 indicators of child well-being by zip code. First 5 Solano found that several communities in the county were at higher risk for negative outcomes for young children, based upon their zip code. First 5 Solano has made progress in addressing disparities in the 2 highest risk communities, Vallejo and Rio Vista, by starting a First 5 Center in Vallejo in the highest area of poverty in Vallejo, with census tracts of 69% and 78% childhood poverty; and investing in school readiness activities at the Family Resource Center in Rio Vista starting in 2018.

Even with the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, First 5 Solano has already seen significant engagement from this investment in the community. First 5 Solano wants to replicate this First 5 Center effort in Fairfield, which also has significant risk factors for childhood well-being. The 94533 zip code has approximately 19% of Solano County's 0-5 population which is over 6,200 young children. By providing this community-based hub, First 5 Solano intends to break the cycle of negative outcomes for a new generation of children and provide them with a strong start in life. Families visiting the Fairfield First 5 Center with their children will be equipped with the tools and resources to support their child's healthy development and school readiness. Center staff will help to remove barriers to service access, by bringing nonprofits and other county agencies onsite to deliver needed services at the center.

The requested state funding would be utilized to secure a site and make the necessary tenant improvements to create a First 5 Center. The ongoing cost to operate the center of approximately \$600,000 annually will be covered by the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission.

Implementation:

Should this \$1.8 million be allocated by the State, First 5 Solano will initiate a start-up plan which will include a business plan, site selection, tenant improvement plan, community engagement, budget and program planning, and other activities to prepare for an opening by July 2022.

Fiscal Impact:

First 5 Solano/Solano County: An ongoing commitment of \$600,000 annually to operate programs and services at the Fairfield First 5 Center will be provided by the First 5 Children and Families Commission.

State: \$1.8 million one-time investment

Other States: N/A

2021 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

Solano County, General Services, Fleet Management

Title: Alternative Fuels Definition Change and Addition of Renewable Fuels to Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Strategy

Current (State and/or Federal) Law: AB1074 (February 27, 2015) amendment, specifically Section 25142 of the Public Resources Code – “Alternative Fuel” and Section 25991 “alternative refueling structure”.

Problem Statement: The current definition of “Alternative Fuel” includes biodiesel, bio-alcohol (methanol, ethanol, and butanol), electricity, hydrogen, compressed fossil or non-fossil natural gas, liquefied fossil or non-fossil natural gas, vegetable oil, propane, and other biomass source; however, renewable gasoline and renewable diesel are not listed.

Proposed Solution: Amend the existing list of “Alternative Fuel(s)” to include renewable fuel sources (e.g. renewable gasoline, renewable diesel, and renewable jet fuel) and add these fuels to the alternative refueling infrastructure strategy.

Proposed Effective / Operative Date of Solution: January 2022

Justification: Renewable fuel, also called hydrotreated vegetable oil, is sustainable and can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 80%. Renewable fuels rely solely on renewable sources. They can be made from waste products such as animal fat, used cooking oil, various vegetable oil processing wastes and residues, fish fat, technical corn oil, and palm oil. Renewable fuels are differentiated from biofuels by the refining process, and chemical composition.

Renewable fuels do not have the most harmful component of fossil fuel, aromatics, and are made from renewable feedstocks instead of crude oil.

Implementation: Renewable fuels are created using a hydrotreating process, that creates a pure hydrocarbon fuel, with similar composition to fossil fuels; therefore, storage tanks, fueling station, pumps, and vehicles do not require any modification to store, pump, or consume renewable fuels. We are using renewable diesel now; however, the current state incentives will run out in 2030 and the price of renewable diesel is likely to surpass petroleum diesel. If renewable diesel were considered an alternative fuel, the demand will likely increase and the price would drop with economies of scale

Fiscal Impact: renewable fuels currently cost 20-25% more than fossil fuels

County: \$200,000 (est.) annually

State/Federal: \$84,000,000 (est.) annually

Other States:

Attach Proposed Bill Language (if available)

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Monticello Dam, Lake Berryessa, Solano County



FEDERAL Legislative Platform

Pending Solano County
Board of Supervisors approval
in January, 2021

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Here in Solano County, we take seriously our role in local government to create a bright and promising future for everyone who lives, learns, works and plays here – free of discrimination – by establishing and maintaining the social, economic and physical environments that promote good health while protecting vulnerable populations - giving everyone the chance to succeed. Our residents share in this promise, and, by working together, we endeavor to establish communities where people are safer, families are stronger and local economies thrive. By acknowledging the significant contributions of diverse groups of people – both present and in the past – we welcome a future that is bright and promising, while embracing a set of values that gives everyone the chance to be the best versions of themselves they can possibly be. To this end, all persons within Solano County are free and equal, and shall not be discriminated against based on their age, gender, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, primary language, citizenship, or immigration status.

PRIORITY ISSUES

The ability of the County to serve its residents and provide for a thriving and sustainable community requires support from all levels of government. Federal legislative policy and funding decisions affect the County's ability to deliver services. In order to fulfill the County's commitment to the community, Federal resources should be sought to support the County's mission to enrich the quality of life in the County. To this end, the County Board of Supervisors supports the priorities and the legislative principles set forth below.

Priority issues are those that have a significant impact on County business and on which County staff, including the County's Federal legislative advocates, will concentrate their legislative efforts during the [2018–2021 Legislative-congressional Session](#). The County's top priorities (Listed Alphabetically) include:

1. **Funding for Key Water Infrastructure Projects** - Support efforts to authorize and fund key water infrastructure projects in Solano County, including dredging, water reuse and recycling, and flood control projects.
2. **Health and Human Services** - Support increased federal funding for services and income support needed by parents seeking to reunify with children who are in foster care or at-risk of having their children removed. Support increased financial support for programs that assist foster youth in the transition to adulthood, including post-emancipation assistance such as secondary education, job training, and access to health care. Support retaining the entitlement nature of the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs and elimination of outdated rules that base the child's eligibility for funds on parental income and circumstances. Support federal funding to address the service needs of youth who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Support reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program with a particular emphasis on restoring state and county flexibility to tailor work and family stabilization activities to families' individual needs. Support ongoing Social Security benefits. Support federal Medicaid funding to be enhanced for individuals placed in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs). Support increased federal funding for the Older Americans Act and for programs and initiatives that enhance ~~sustenance of~~ independent living for disabled and senior adults. Support continuation of current eligibility requirements for families to obtain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.
3. **Housing, Economic Development, and Transportation Programs** - Support the highest possible funding level for key federal housing and economic development programs. Support efforts to restore and revitalize property impacted by prior realignment or closure of military installations. In the area of transportation, support efforts to protect the Highway Trust Fund and support programs that provide funding for local roads, bridges, transit initiatives, and aviation. Support enhanced federal funding to address issues of homelessness, including homelessness and imminent homelessness among disabled and senior adults, ~~in our country~~.

4. **Military Presence** - Support efforts to protect Travis Air Force Base from budget reductions, downsizing, as well as advocate for new and/or alternative missions to be directed to the base. Support additional assets/missions such as C-17, KC-46 squadrons, modernization of existing aircraft, and gaining other aviation and non-aviation missions. Support infrastructure investments, including military construction projects and housing upgrades and enhance use of underutilized property on base. Support efforts to implement and maintain public-public/public-private partnerships with Travis Air Force Base and other community organizations/agencies. Support funding for the maintenance, operations, and upkeep of federal facilities and infrastructure following the close of a military installation.
5. **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness** - Support funding for programs that assist Solano County with efforts aimed at reducing crime and enhancing public safety through community partnerships and multi-jurisdictional efforts. In addition, support funding for programs that assist the County with disaster response and preparedness and homeland security-related needs, including efforts aimed at achieving communications interoperability.
6. **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh** - Support legislative and administrative efforts to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the County's interests relative to land use, agricultural stability, economic development, police or emergency response mandates, environmental preservation, flood protection, levee stability, habitat conservation, recreation, water supply, water quality, water rights, and dredging activities. Support governance structures that give local government a strong and equal voice with other stakeholders in setting Delta policy.

Furthermore, the Board of Supervisors adopts the following principles (Listed Alphabetically by Policy Area):

Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Water

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that protect and enhance the County's significant agricultural, water, and natural resources. The County opposes any efforts to cut funding streams for critically important federal resource programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support efforts to strengthen inspections at borders and ports of entry to safeguard against invasive pests and diseases.
2. Support funding for USDA's Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program and similar efforts to eradicate invasive pests; support increases for specialty crop support.
- ~~2. and the entitlement nature of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).~~
3. Support efforts to facilitate/expedite inspection of US Postal packages profiled by detector dogs to contain fruit or plant material.
4. Support legislation to indemnify growers for losses due to Plant Quarantine.
5. Support legislation reducing redundant enforcement of aquatic herbicide/pesticide use under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Clean Water Act.
6. Support a more equitable distribution of USDA funds for Wildlife Services provided to California counties.
7. Support efforts to protect the County's Farm Gate, including, but not limited to, full mitigation of agricultural and other economic impacts associated with habitat restoration efforts.
8. Support funding for local mapping of flood hazard areas and advocate for the US Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies to protect the County from these hazards.
9. Support legislation to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, ~~establish~~ provide funding for a the Delta National Heritage Area, and ~~to~~ protect and promote the economic vitality and cultural, historical, and natural assets of the region.
10. Oppose efforts to provide federal funding – either through direct appropriations or indirect federal financing ~~support~~ mechanisms – for the Delta Conveyance Project California WaterFix project or similar water diversion project.
11. Support ongoing extensions to US Department of Agriculture Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) as long as COVID-19 continues to negatively impact local farm and ranch marketing channels and commodity prices. Specifically advocate for continued inclusion of specialty crops grown in Solano like almonds, walnuts, tomatoes and grapes.
- ~~10-12.~~ Support funding allocations to the USDA Farm Services Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service to provide technical

[and financial disaster assistance for wildfire recovery efforts including extension of the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus \(WHIP+\) which provides direct payments to producers to offset losses.](#)

General Government

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that protect and enhance the general welfare and quality of life of the County's residents. The County opposes unfunded Federal mandates and Federal actions that would preempt local decision-making authority. Specific principles include:

1. Support efforts to realign government services with necessary funding in order to improve the delivery of services, including technology acquisitions, training, and upgrades.
2. Support efforts that protect and ~~for~~ enhance local governments' revenues, maximize the County's access to Federal funding sources, and ~~for~~ increases local funding flexibility.
3. Support legislation/[regulations](#) that provides tax and funding formulas ~~and regulations for the that promote the~~ equitable distribution of Federal monies ~~while opposing and oppose~~ attempts to decrease, restrict, or eliminate County revenue sources.
4. Support funding for domestic infrastructure, public safety, community development, and environmental programs.
5. Support any expansion, continuation, and/or increased flexibility in the bidding/procurement, delivery, and management of construction projects.
6. Support legislation that provides grants and funding programs for the preservation, rehabilitation, and maintenance of historically and/or architecturally significant buildings and structures.
7. Support [full](#) funding for the Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) program.
8. Support ~~legislation and legislative efforts led by~~ the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) ~~efforts that are designed to influence~~ reform ~~of the~~ U. S. Department of the Interior's fee-to-trust process.
9. ~~Support efforts to enact legislation and regulations to r~~Require the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to provide public notice to tribal, city and county governments whenever a tribe requests a restored lands determination or submits a fee-to-trust application.
10. Support funding and regulatory efforts to expand broadband services to all County residents.

Health and Human Services

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote the health and welfare of the County's most vulnerable residents, including children, the disabled and seniors. The County opposes any efforts to cut funding streams for critically important health and human services-related programs, such as Medicaid, Medicare, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and the State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind and Disabled (SSP), and opposes efforts to reduce local flexibility in the implementation of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support reauthorization of TANF with a primary focus on restoring state and county administrative flexibility.
2. Support increased funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF), the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Community Mental Health Services (CMHS), the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grants, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—Education (SNAP-Ed), and the Title IV-D Child Support program. Emphasis should be placed on the need to provide funding for streamlined and coordinated operations.
3. Support eliminating the Federal health benefits "inmate exception" for persons in County jails and detention centers who are in custody pending disposition of charges.
- ~~4. Support eliminating the cutoff of funding for health and assistance benefits for individuals that are incarcerated but not convicted, as the cost of medical care for these inmates' defaults to the County.~~
- ~~5.4.~~ Support efforts to ensure competitive equity for suburban areas (on par with urban and rural areas) for

Federal grant opportunities.

- ~~6-5.~~ Support funding for subsidized child care services and child development programs, including school readiness for all children.
- ~~7-6.~~ Support funding for programs and activities that support the special needs of elderly and persons with disabilities, including increases to Supplemental Security Income (SSI); support reauthorization of, and increased funding for, the Older Americans Act, with considerations given to caseload growth, cost-of-living adjustments and equitable distribution of funds to those areas with larger senior populations. Support legislation that would provide a comprehensive response to elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, including fully funded, mandated investigations of reports of elder abuse and neglect in facilities by Long-Term Care Ombudsmen.
- ~~8-7.~~ Support efforts to allow for utilizing billing codes for brief intervention services for alcohol and drugs and for two different services on the same day in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).
- ~~9-8.~~ Support legislation that increases taxes on combustible tobacco products, tobacco-based inhalation devices, and electronic cigarettes; ~~and uses~~ support directing the these tax revenues ~~for to~~ children and family programs, including smoking cessation programs.
- ~~10-9.~~ Support legislation that requires specific bills to undergo a health impact assessment of current and predicted effects, possibly completed by a nonpartisan body.
- ~~11-10.~~ Support all health outcomes and health equity efforts at various institutional and sectorial levels, and ensuring a broader equity strategy within institutions and sectors. Applying metrics to identify equity gaps and measuring gains in intervention areas is a key priority.
- ~~12-11.~~ Expand the current list of billable medical expenses to include valuable services (Promotoras, chronic disease self-management programs, healthy food purchasing, etc.) which are part of a broader menu of efforts to combat chronic disease.
- ~~13-12.~~ Support efforts to reduce intake of high fat, sugar, sodium foods and beverages which may contribute to higher risk for developing specific chronic diseases, and to regulate the distribution and sale of powdered alcohol.
- ~~14-13.~~ Support policy for evidenced-based home visiting services as a preventive service, therefore eligible for Medi-Cal reimbursement such as California's Medicaid 1115 Waiver.
- ~~15-14.~~ Support legislation and regulatory efforts ~~to that~~ promote and implement "whole person care" and ~~to that~~ address social determinants of health.
- ~~16-15.~~ Support legislation and efforts to solidify and expand healthcare coverage and insurance implemented with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Support federal funding to increase access to health care to address issues of worker shortage within the healthcare field. Support federal funding for administration of the Medi-Cal program.
- ~~17-16.~~ If repealed, support a comprehensive Affordable Care ActACA replacement that ensures market and delivery system stability and continued coverage for more than 14 million Californians.
- ~~18-17.~~ Support ~~legislation that supports~~ legislative efforts aimed at establishing and retaining ~~retaining and establishing~~ grocery stores, farmers' markets and other healthy food providers ~~often lacking~~ in impoverished communities and require these merchants to accept electronic benefit transfer (EBT).
- ~~19-18.~~ Support additional federal resources to establish and maintain robust outreach and enrollment programs for seniors eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Cal-Fresh). Additionally, support programs to supplement the food and nutrition needs of seniors who may not have the resources to access or prepare food due to lack of transportation, functional limitations, or health problems.
- ~~19.~~ Support legislation to add e-cigarettes, menthol and smokeless tobacco products containing nicotine to the list of tobacco related products to be regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
20. Support legislation that federal and state governments must work with counties and provide funding to ensure adequate planning, medical supplies, access to laboratory testing services, workforce and alternative care capacity to appropriately respond to any local, state, or global health emergency.

Housing, Community and Economic Development, and Workforce Investment

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote local housing and community

development programs and activities, workforce development programs, and programs aimed at encouraging local job and business growth. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for these critically important programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support increased funding for existing [housing](#) programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), ~~and~~ Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8, permanent, transitional housing, and Rental Assistance Programs, and HUD Section 202 funding for supportive housing for the elderly.
2. Support legislation that enhances a public/private, performance-driven block grant program that provides investments in the nation's workforce, including the unemployed and those in need of skills training.
3. Support or seek federal grant funding opportunities that advance and improve housing, community and economic development, and workforce investment opportunities and legislative principles for disadvantaged individuals and families including the homeless, disabled and seniors. Support efforts to connect health care and housing options for elderly and persons with disabilities to ensure [Affordable Care Act](#) home and community based services are effective.
4. Oppose efforts to reduce U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds and support expanded eligibility and access to these funds.

Public Safety and Emergency Disaster Preparedness

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote funding for key justice, public safety, and emergency preparedness programs. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for such programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in program administration. Specific principles include:

1. Support funding for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), and Title IV-E Juvenile Probation Services funding.
2. Support funding for [resiliency and](#) emergency disaster preparedness programs, such as FEMA - Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG), the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), and emergency disaster preparedness and infrastructure damage recovery programs.
3. Support funding for prevention, intervention, victim support and services for families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, dating violence, stalking, elder abuse and human trafficking.
4. Support funding for the prevention and enforcement of financial exploitation of vulnerable populations.
5. Support legislation to provide Federal offset to recover outstanding restitution ordered to the victims of crimes and other delinquent court ordered fines, penalty assessments, and fees associated with criminal or juvenile justice proceedings. Support ~~new~~ legislation that would increase the collection term from three years to between 10 and 20 years, thereby avoiding having to seek civil judgments against clients.
6. Support funding to implement supervision strategies and evidence-based practices that consider the treatment and service needs of targeted probationers such as sexual offenders, domestic violence offenders, and/or those with mental illness.
7. Support funding for flood protection and flood response, particularly as it pertains to areas where governmental and municipal buildings play a role in local emergency response.
8. Support efforts to extend high urban threat areas delineation to include rural locations and sensitive areas adjacent to rail.
9. Support legislation that improves the availability, affordability and coverage for [wildfire](#), earthquake, ~~and~~ flood [and fire](#) insurance.
- ~~10.~~ [11. Support efforts to enhance capacity of local emergency responders to respond to potential emergency events resulting from hazardous materials releases from rail cars.](#)
- ~~10-11.~~ [Support continued funding of staff, supply and resource costs to address the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)

Resource Management, Environmental Health, and Sustainability

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote the environmental health and sustainability of the County, including funding for key programs. The County opposes efforts to cut funding-

such programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in program administration. Specific principles include:

1. Support Federal funding for green road maintenance and other enhancements to the transportation network that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Support funding and incentives for smart growth and sustainable development.
3. Support measures that further the goals of the County's climate protection and sustainability efforts as referenced in the Board-adopted Climate Action Plan.
4. Support legislation, actions and funding that improve environmental health regulatory program implementation, which improves the County's ability to provide a responsive, efficient and effective County Environmental Health program.
5. Support funding for County programs and projects that address sustainability issues, such as air quality improvement, energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy, fuel efficiency, energy adequacy, and security while balancing the reduction of emissions with impacts on business.
- ~~6. Support legislation that modifies existing law to improve implementation of environmental health regulatory programs.~~
- ~~7. Support funding for implementation of environmental health programs such as food protection, recreational health, solid waste, liquid waste, water supply and hazardous materials programs.~~
- ~~8.6.~~ Support legislation that reduces or simplifies reporting requirements for local environmental health programs to the state.
- ~~9.7.~~ Oppose FEMA proposals to require local jurisdictions to purchase repetitive loss properties.
- ~~10.8.~~ Support funding that improves land use planning for major economic drivers and infrastructure projects and flood risk reduction in the County.
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10. Support legislative efforts to keep National Conservation Lands, monuments, wildlife refuges, and other recreation lands open in the County.
11. Support funding to assist in abatement costs for removal of inoperative or abandoned vehicles, such as motor homes and travel trailers, from private and public property roads.
12. Support legislation and funding for the abatement of inoperative/abandoned boats on private and public property, including roads.

Transportation

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the transportation needs of our community. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for key transportation programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support efforts to protect and increase funding for transportation programs and projects within the County.
2. Support a robust Federal transportation reauthorization measure that provides the highest possible funding level for key local transportation programs and projects, including local roads, bridges, and transit priorities.
3. Support consideration of an increase or the indexing of the Federal gasoline tax and alternative sources of funding.
4. Support continued funding of the FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for airport capital improvement projects.
5. Support efforts to improve rail and rail car safety, including positive train control (PTC) technologies, for transportation of hazardous materials including crude oil.
6. Support implementation of Federal Highway Administration program allowing reciprocity between the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- ~~6.7.~~ Support funding to continually update airport land use compatibility plans.

Veterans and Veterans Affairs

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the health and
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general welfare of veterans in our community. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for key veterans programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support efforts that provide enhanced benefits for veterans and active duty, reserve and National Guard members that are cost-neutral to counties, including expanded mental health services.
2. Support efforts that would provide increased access for County Veterans Service Offices (CVSO) to VA information systems for use in developing and monitoring claims submitted on behalf of veterans, including but not limited to the federal Public Assistance and Reporting Information System (PARIS).
3. Support efforts to create a federal/state/local government partnership to reduce the VA veteran's claims backlog and expand outreach services to veterans.
4. Support legislation that would make it a criminal offense to intentionally misdirect or mislead a veteran, or anyone acting on the veterans behalf, concerning benefits or entitlements.
5. Support efforts to expand/increase VA responsibility to educate veterans on their entitlements.
6. Support legislation that would establish priority enrollment and registration for veterans in community colleges, state colleges, and universities.
7. Support legislation and funding to improve existing and construct new local veteran's facilities.
8. Oppose legislative efforts to reduce, cap or otherwise negatively impact veterans, active duty, reserve and National Guard members' pay and compensation packages.
9. Support legislation that would eliminate the ~~Means-means Test-test~~ (Income limits) for veterans to qualify for VA medical care.
10. Support legislation that would authorize VA pharmacies to honor prescriptions written by non-VA physicians.
11. Support legislation that would expand the eligibility criteria for VA Dental Services for veterans eligible for VA Healthcare.
12. Support legislation that would provide CVSO's to send veteran claims electronically to the Veteran's Administration using D to D technology and the County's Vet Pro platform.

Other Agency Legislative Priorities

1. Delta County Coalition - Support the principles developed collectively by the Delta Counties Coalition.
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Here in Solano County we take seriously our role in local government to create a bright and promising future for everyone who lives, learns, works and plays here – free of discrimination – by establishing and maintaining the social, economic and physical environments that promote good health while protecting vulnerable populations - giving everyone the chance to succeed. Our residents share in this promise, and, by working together, we endeavor to establish communities where people are safer, families are stronger and local economies thrive. By acknowledging the significant contributions of diverse groups of people – both present and in the past – we welcome a future that is bright and promising, while embracing a set of values that gives everyone the chance to be the best versions of themselves they can possibly be. To that end, all persons within Solano County are free and equal, and shall not be discriminated against based on their gender, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, primary language, citizenship, or immigration status.

PRIORITY ISSUES

The ability of Solano County to serve its residents and provide for a thriving and sustainable community requires support from all levels of government. The State of California's (State) actions continue to greatly impact the County's ability to provide vital services to the public. To fulfill the County's commitment to the community, additional State resources should be sought to support the County's mission to enrich the quality of life locally. To this end, the County Board of Supervisors supports the priorities and the legislative principles set forth below.

Priority issues are those that have a significant impact on County business and on which County staff, including the County's State legislative advocates, will concentrate their legislative efforts during the ~~2018-2021~~ Legislative Session. The County's top priorities (Listed Alphabetically) include:

1. **Continuation of Expanded Medical for Uninsured** – Support healthcare policy implementation efforts that do not have an adverse financial impact to the County. Examples of impacts may include unfunded or under-funded mandates, or reallocation of existing County funding that result in an increased General Fund obligation. Support ongoing and new efforts related to increasing the number of insured persons and to providing and expanding primary care services and public health prevention services and activities.
2. **Children, Youth, and Families** - Support legislation and budget efforts that support children, youth, and families, including restoring and expanding quality child care and preschool opportunities, increasing funding for homeless youth, promoting safety for all children, and supporting mental and developmental health prevention and early intervention activities. Advocate for dedicated funding streams for child abuse and youth violence prevention efforts. Collaborate with state regional offices, schools and health care systems to expand resources for parents with special needs children. Support increased funding for full implementation of the Continuum of Care initiative with the state.
3. **County Revenue Sources and Authority** - Oppose efforts to decrease, restrict, eliminate, seize, divert, supplant or otherwise restrict local autonomy, including local revenues. Oppose any efforts at the state level to eliminate, restrict, or redirect revenues currently dedicated to local government for state purposes to other agencies and/or districts. Advocate for timely, full state funding for state programs operated by the County, which include appropriate cost of living increases, as well as costs associated with increases in population and caseload growth.
4. **County Strategic Plan** - Support efforts that further the goals outlined in the County's Strategic Plan as follows: (a) improve the health and well-being of those who live and work here; (b) ensure responsible and sustainable land use; (c) maintain a safe community; and (d) invest in and for the future.
5. **Environmental and Open Space** – Encourage and seek legislation that protects the County's quality of life, its diverse natural resources, and preserves the essence and history of the County. Support funding and regulatory efforts conserve energy, and to preserve open space and agricultural viability.

6. **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh** - Support legislative and administrative efforts to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, including the Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough area, and County's interests relative to land use, agricultural viability, economic development, police or emergency response mandates, environmental preservation, flood protection, levee stability, habitat conservation, recreation, water supply, water quality, and water rights. Support governance structures that give local government a strong and equal voice with other stakeholders in setting Delta policy, and in project development and implementation.
7. **Seniors and the Disabled** – Support legislative, administrative and budgetary efforts that seek to maintain active and healthy independence for seniors and the disabled, including housing, funding and other support for those who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. Support services that focus on comprehensive, integrated assistance for the disabled and seniors, including personal in-home care services, food assistance, prevention and investigation of abuse and neglect, and assistance accessing relevant programs such as Medi-Cal, Medicare, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cal-Fresh and cash assistance programs.
8. **State Realignment & Cost-Shifts** - Oppose proposals to restructure, realign, or otherwise shift the cost of state programs to local government, without commensurate compensation and a legislative ability for counties to draw down available federal funding. Support efforts to distribute public safety realignment funds using an equitable formula based on population. Support efforts to improve the stability of current County revenue sources. Oppose any realignment initiatives, which fail to fully fund services shifted to the County.
9. **Voting and Election Efficiencies** - Support efforts to modernize election administration to increase voter turnout, reduce the local cost of elections, reduce waiting time at polling places, increase convenience for voters, and improve voting opportunity for overseas and military voters.

Furthermore, the Solano Board of Supervisors adopts the following legislative principles (Listed Alphabetically by Policy Area):

Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Water

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that protect and enhance the County's significant agricultural, water, and natural resources. The County opposes any efforts to cut funding streams for critically important state resource programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support funding via the regulatory authority of the Agricultural Commissioner/ Sealer of Weights and Measures, and extend sunsets where applicable.
2. Support legislation that would improve funding for USDA Wildlife Services management and education programs that aid the agricultural industry and the public in safely addressing interactions with wildlife such as coyotes, bobcats, mountain lions, nutria and feral pigs, which impact agriculture, public safety, the environment.
3. Support legislation or rulemaking to allow growers to take feral hogs without a depredation permit or hunting license when the hogs are damaging crops or agricultural infrastructure.
4. Support funding for an alternate intake to the North Bay Aqueduct.
5. Support efforts to protect the County's Farm Gate, including, but not limited to, full mitigation of agricultural and other economic impacts associated with habitat restoration efforts.
6. Support efforts to maintain local control/involvement in allocation of water resources.
7. Support legislation that would achieve the optimal level of funding for required regulatory activities, such as pest exclusion, detection and eradication, and improve coordination between federal, state and county programs.

8. Support legislation that would allow growers of specialty crops to participate in crop insurance programs, including legislation that would treat plant pest quarantines as disasters and provide eligibility for economic relief to growers of specialty crops in declared disaster areas.
9. Support legislation that would improve the funding and effectiveness of pesticide regulation activities to protect the safety of workers, the public and the environment. In addition, support legislation that promotes statewide consistency in the enforcement of pesticide laws and regulations and County Agricultural Commissioners and California Department of Pesticide Regulation primacy for pesticide use enforcement.
10. Support legislation that would provide grants to increase local producers' competitiveness in specialty crops, including fresh fruits and vegetables.
11. Support legislation that would promote funded regulatory activities for biologically sound beekeeping, improve the safety of people and animals, and improve the protection of pollinators and native honeybee health.
12. Support legislation that would encourage conservation of agricultural land by providing funding for conservation easements or the transfer/purchase of development rights and economic incentives for farmers to conserve wetland and grassland habitats on their farms. Also support legislation that promotes the establishment of landowner safe harbor agreements.
13. Support legislation that would improve customer protection during business transactions involving commercial weighing or measuring devices (scales, meters and scanners).
14. Support legislation that would assure the clear labeling and accuracy of the net quantity of packaged products to promote value comparison and consumer confidence.
15. Support legislation that would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency to provide funding to state and local agencies for projects aimed at advancing the goals and objectives of the comprehensive conservation and management plan for the San Francisco estuary.
16. Support changes to the California Constitution to expand the exemption from the majority property owner 2/3rds electorate vote requirement to include stormwater, flood protection/drainage fees, and permit "lifeline rates" for water and stormwater projects to benefit low-income residents.
17. Closely monitor updates to Stormwater rules that may have adverse effects on local communities.
18. Support actions and legislation that furthers collaborative and comprehensive planning in the Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Region, which promotes continued agricultural health and flood risk reduction measures with other state priorities.

General Government

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that protect and enhance the general welfare and quality of life of the County's residents. The County opposes unfunded State mandates and State actions that would preempt local decision-making authority. Specific principles include:

1. Support funding for new technology to increase accountability and efficiency of local governments.
2. Support funding formulas for the equitable distribution of state funds while opposing attempts to decrease, restrict, or eliminate County revenue sources.
3. Support funding (based on objective criteria) for the preservation, rehabilitation, and maintenance of historically and/or architecturally significant buildings and structures.
4. Support the ongoing recognition of PACE bonds as assessments.
5. Support cost recovery for the County regarding services provided to other governmental entities.
6. Support legislation that encourages mutually respectful relationships between tribal and local governments including reform to both fee-to-trust process and off-reservation gaming provisions that ensure local government is reimbursed for potential social impacts and/or infrastructure changes and/or upgrades.
7. Support legislation or regulatory reform that allows flexibility in the County's pension plan formula to ensure the County remains a competitive employer in the current market.

8. Support equitable tax sharing agreements for annexation, incorporation, and development projects.
9. Support budgetary efforts for outstanding Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) funding that is owed to the County and support legislative and budgetary efforts to reinstate ongoing future PILT funding.
10. Support funding and regulatory efforts to expand broadband services to all County residents.
11. Support legislation that equally allocates grant funding to District Attorneys and Public Defenders for attorneys to staff their offices.

Health and Human Services

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote the health and welfare of the County's most vulnerable residents, including children, the disabled and seniors. The County opposes any efforts to cut funding streams for critically important health and human services-related programs, such as Medi-Cal, and opposes efforts to reduce local flexibility in the implementation of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support legislation relative to the client intake process and case maintenance process, to improve system performance and outcomes.
2. Support legislation for prevention, education, intervention, and treatment services for youth and adults, including the disabled and seniors, with substance use issues, including cannabis, powder alcohol, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
3. Support sufficient funding for local CalWORKS programs and support services.
4. Support legislation that promotes streamlined and efficient enrollment processes for clients enrolling into government run programs, including free/reduced-cost school lunch program, WIC, Meals on Wheels, and CalFresh.
5. Support enhanced funding for quality child care services (that also provide employment and education opportunities for County residents), and for early learning opportunities.
6. Support efforts that assist foster youth in the transition to adulthood.
7. Support new or increased funding for mental health programs. Specifically support efforts to allow for flexibility for all appropriately licensed individuals to bill for provided mental health services.
8. Support efforts that assist seniors and the disabled to maintain active and healthy independence. Support legislation that would promote the psychological, social, and physical wellbeing of seniors and the disabled through expansion of mental health services and health-related programs including nutrition, education, physical fitness, disease prevention and rehabilitation.
9. Support legislation that would provide a comprehensive response to disabled and elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.
10. Support legislative and budgetary efforts to address risk factors for chronic diseases and to optimize preparedness to respond to communicable diseases (including public health lab services).
11. Support legislation to add e-cigarettes, menthol and smokeless tobacco products containing nicotine to the list of tobacco related products to be regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
12. Support efforts to improve health and promote safety, economic well-being, and aging-in-place initiatives for seniors.
13. Support independent living services for foster youth and those transitioning out of foster care, including housing and educational support.
14. Support grants and funding for programs to address homelessness, imminent homelessness, and related issues. Work with cities and other community partners to assess and expand affordable housing for low income populations including seniors and the disabled, including those with mental illness and those recovering from substance abuse.
15. Support legislation that promotes prevention-focused policies and interventions for illness and injuries.
16. Support full state funding and cost-of-living increases for state programs operated by the County.
17. Support legislation, budget or administrative action to fully fund the child support program.
18. Support legislation that [increases the reliability of child support payments](#). [provides adequate funding for](#)

[local child support agencies to ensure a consistent level of service throughout the state.](#)

19. Support legislation ~~and funding to address needs of high-risk families, including perinatal services that would enable greater efficiency in the child support program.~~
20. Support legislation that ~~would require the state maximum State Supplementary Payment (SSP) grant for individuals to be readjusted and increased so that the state SSP and the federal Restore Social Security Income (SSI), when combined equal 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) supplements to previous levels adjusted for cost of living enacts the Federal requirements of the 2016 Final Rule: Flexibility, Efficiency and Modernization in Child Support Enforcement Programs.~~
21. Support expansion and funding of Medi-Cal services to increase reimbursement to providers and to fund dental, vision and other services for older adults. Support additional state and federal funding related to the administration of the Medi-Cal program including a realistic methodology to determine administrative burden to counties.
22. Support legislation and efforts to allow for billing two different services on the same day in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), and for implementation of prospective payment systems based on a capitation model (per-member, per-month) rather than an encounter-based financing model. Support funding and programs that address issues of shortages within the health care workforce to assure access to quality healthcare.
23. Support legislation and efforts to promote and implement “whole person care” and to address social determinants of health. Support flexibility in the funding of Health and Social Services to assure collaboration between programs and better overall interventions.
24. Support adequate funding for implementation of ABAWD regulations.
25. Advocate for legislation and budget action that would support and enable data integration and sharing between the State, counties, and local government agencies for the purpose of supporting seamless delivery of critical health and safety services to the public.
26. Support legislation and funding to address and promote health equity, including health in all policies initiatives.
27. Support adequate realigned funding for realignment programs.
28. Support legislation to continue to partner with community based organizations to provide health and social services to high risk populations.
29. Support legislation to recruit and retain health care professionals to serve targeted high-risk populations.
30. Support the provision of resources for respite care for children and adults when needed.
31. Support adequate state funding for behavioral health services, including state assistance to insure network adequacy of behavioral health providers.
32. Support legislation which limits access to e-cigarettes and vaping, particularly with the younger population.
33. Support legislation that simplifies the MediCal transfer process for foster youth and simplifies the resource family approval process for foster families.
34. Support changes in legislation that facilitate treatment and provision of services to foster youth both in and transitioning out of placement.
35. Support changes in legislation to facilitate sharing of medical and/or treatment records of minors in the child welfare system.
36. [Support legislation that federal and state governments must work with counties and provide funding to ensure adequate planning, medical supplies, access to laboratory testing services, workforce and alternative care capacity to appropriately respond to any local, state, or global health emergency.](#)

Housing, Community & Economic Development, & Workforce Development

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote local housing and community development programs and activities, workforce development programs, and programs aimed at encouraging local job and business growth. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for these critically important programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support Housing Element reform that provides a streamlined certification process, and encourage flexibility in Housing Element consistency review by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), for jurisdictions that have small housing allocation, limited urban services and city centered development policies.
2. Support housing opportunities for low-income individuals and families, including seniors and the disabled, such as permanent and transitional housing, and Rental Assistance Programs.
3. Support funding opportunities to assist cities in providing affordable housing for low-income and homeless individuals.
4. Encourage and seek legislation to facilitate orderly economic expansion and growth, and increase the opportunity for discretionary revenues, programmatic and financial flexibility for the County.
5. Support the federal/State/local delivery system for workforce development programs with State-level initiatives that complement local delivery efforts and add value for these business-led efforts.
6. Support efforts to increase employment opportunities and link training programs to local available employment, including efforts to increase summer employment opportunities for youth.
7. Support appropriate resources to support safe, accessible and affordable housing to targeted low-income seniors and disabled persons.

Public Safety and Emergency Disaster Preparedness

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote funding for key justice, public safety, and emergency preparedness programs. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for such programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in program administration. Specific principles include:

1. Support continued and protected funding for all 2011 Public Safety Realignment programs.
2. Preserve Title IVE funding and obtain fiscal support from the State to implement the requirements imposed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).
3. Support actions to mitigate liabilities of longer-term inmates as a result of realignment in areas such as health, mental health, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other areas of concern; also efforts to mitigate the impacts of long-term confinement in county jails and redirects inmates with sentences in excess of three years to state prisons.
4. Support legislation that provides funding to comply with the additional financial burden of the Prison Rape Elimination Act.
5. Support maximizing reimbursement for inmate medical care from federal Affordable Care Act (ACA).
6. Protect funding for local public safety programs, including COPS, Juvenile Justice Programs, Cal-MMET, Rural Sheriffs, Booking Fees, Vertical Prosecution, and other critical programs.
7. Support efforts to secure appropriate funding for gang-related issues.
8. Support legislation that establishes a presumptive limit for driving under the influence of marijuana.
9. Support continued and protected funding for adult probation services, to include but not limited to drug testing, reports, and supervision fees.
10. Support a state offset to recover outstanding restitution ordered to the victims of crimes and other delinquent court ordered fines, penalty assessments, and fees associated with criminal or juvenile justice proceedings; specifically allow the collection term from 3 years to between 10 and 20 years.
11. Support increased funding for prevention, intervention, and victim services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, dating violence, stalking, elder abuse and human trafficking.
12. Support funding for flood protection of buildings that play a role in local emergency response.
13. Support efforts to improve safety of hazardous materials transported by rail, including crude by rail and enhance capacity of local emergency responders to appropriately respond to potential emergency events resulting from derailment or releases.
14. Support legislation for the availability and affordability of earthquake and flood insurance.
15. Support funding and legislation to assess and mitigate potential impacts on local communities due to climate change and sea level rise.

16. Support funding to recoup costs incurred by the District Attorney and Public Defender in the implementation of SB 1437 (Skinner), an act to amend the penal code relating to murder, which was approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State in 2018.

17. [Support legislation or budget to provide funding offset of County staff time and supply/resource costs to respond to on-going COVID-19 pandemic.](#)

16-18. [Support legislation and funding to evaluate delivery of fire protection services in unincorporated areas prone to wildfire.](#)

Resource Management, Environmental Health, and Sustainability

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote the environmental health and sustainability of the County, including funding for key programs. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for such programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in program administration. Specific principles include:

1. Support legislation and administrative action that further the goals of the County's climate protection efforts, including the ability for a local agency to obtain greenhouse gas reduction credits and funding for energy conservation/alternative energy projects.
2. Support funding to sustain operations, maintenance and repair of dated infrastructure in County and local park agencies. Support legislative efforts to keep State Parks open in the County.
3. Minimize proposed changes to Building Codes made by the legislative process. Focus code changes on established procedures through the Building Standards Commission.
4. Support repeal of the \$150 per building fee applicable to rural State Responsibility areas and/or return of some of fee revenues to local fire districts.
5. Oppose CalEMA's proposals to require local jurisdictions to purchase repetitive loss properties.
6. Support reinstatement of the Williamson Act program, which was defunded in FY2011/12.
7. Oppose legislation and other ecosystem enhancing actions that diminish the County's ability to require mitigation of the conversion of agricultural lands, including mitigation to enhance existing agricultural lands.
8. Support sensible and meaningful CEQA reform that both streamlines processes and serves to reduce meaningless litigation, while maintaining strong analytic and mitigation requirements for large projects that clearly have significant environmental consequences at a regional or statewide level.
9. Support actions for a responsive, efficient, and effective County environmental health program.
10. Support any legislation that simplifies reporting for local environmental health programs to the state, including revisions to Chapter 6.95 to streamline hazardous materials program reporting.
11. Support legislation allowing local water agencies to determine how to achieve water conservation mandates.
12. Support legislation to improve access to healthy foods via community gardens, school gardens, etc.
13. Support legislation that provides funding opportunities to sustain and expand a countywide parks system.
14. Support legislation that fosters regional purchasing capabilities and inter-jurisdictional infrastructure development to achieve local environmental and sustainability goals/requirements. Support actions for source reduction, recycling and composting, including legislation and grants to support extended producer responsibility.
15. Oppose legislation and rule-making that would diminish local authority to regulate cannabis activities.
- ~~16.~~ [Oppose legislation that allows sale through internet or directly to consumers of potentially hazardous foods cooked at home kitchens unless local planning approval and local licenses and permits are obtained.](#)
- ~~17-16.~~ Support legislation that streamlines the permitting of organic waste processing, composting and recycling infrastructure to achieve State mandated recycling mandates, while preserving local requirements that allow such use with reasonable public health and the environmental protections, such as wet weather restrictions, setbacks to residences, and other specific requirements, [such as those](#) based on the type of biosolids and location for biosolids land applications, [for example](#).
- ~~18-17.~~ Support legislation that allows collaboration between the groundwater sustainability agencies and the

local environmental health departments in regards to monitoring and permitting of wells.

~~19-18.~~ Support legislation that consolidates and streamlines rules and requirements to enhance groundwater recharge through reuse and recycling.

~~20-19.~~ Support funding to assess and encourage innovation toward water conservation and reuse, especially treated waste water, and enhancement of groundwater recharge in unincorporated communities.

~~21-20.~~ Support legislation that promotes regional consolidation of water systems in local communities and secures funding for local community and state small water systems that are at risk of failure due to infrastructure age or that pose health and safety risks to customers.

~~22-21.~~ Support legislation and administrative actions that provide funding for local agencies and property owners to destroy abandoned water wells that pose safety or water quality impact risks.

~~23-22.~~ Support legislation, administrative actions and funding for local agencies to modernize light and heavy equipment fleet vehicles, including transition from diesel-fueled vehicles to cleaner-fueled vehicles.

~~24-23.~~ Support legislation that promotes extended producer liability on household items such as appliances and furniture items, and that allow local programs for registration of local waste haulers to prevent illegal dumping.

~~25-24.~~ Support funding opportunities to support illegal dumping prevention and enforcement activities.

~~26.~~ Support legislation for the Building Official to enforce code requirements on Accessory Dwelling Units within a reasonable time frame based on the threat to fire, life and safety, with imminent threats requiring immediate correction.

25. Support funding to provide for removal of inoperative or abandoned large vehicles, such as motor homes and travel trailers, from private and public property.

26. Support legislation and funding for removal of abandoned or inoperative boats from private and public property.

27. Support legislation or administrative actions that place mandatory inspection frequencies for regulated businesses in abeyance during declared emergencies that impact business operations or government staffing.

Transportation

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the transportation needs of our community. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for key transportation programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support legislation and budget actions which provide additional and continuing funding for local infrastructure, including local roads, bridges, and transit priorities, as well as continued funding of the California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) for capital projects. Ensure that existing transportation funding streams are retained. Seek to reverse the diversion of Off Highway vehicle funding.
2. Seek funding from the Cap and Trade measure to pay for road maintenance including green roads and other enhancements to the transportation network that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
3. Oppose legislation and measures that seek to diminish or rescind the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.
4. Oppose legislation that restricts the County's ability to deliver construction projects using specialized consultant, non-profit, or other contract services.
5. Support efforts to improve rail and rail car safety, including positive train control (PTC) technologies, for transportation of hazardous materials including crude oil.
6. Encourage the replenishment of State funding of the Aeronautics Program for Capital Improvement Grant Funding through the California Transportation Commission (CTC); and restore State Aeronautics funding reliability for future project planning.
7. Support Funding and increased access to transportation for those who are low income and lack access to reliable transportation.

8. Support legislation that facilitates funding and improvements to the Highway 37 corridor.

—Support funding that provides the opportunity for continued review and updates to Airport Land Use

[Compatibility Plans.](#)

8.9. ~~Support~~ [Support amending the existing list of “Alternative Fuel\(s\)” to include renewable fuel sources \(e.g. renewable gasoline, renewable diesel, and renewable jet fuel\) and add these fuels to the alternative refueling infrastructure strategy.](#)

Veterans and Veterans Affairs

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the health and general welfare of veterans in our community. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for key veterans’ programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support efforts that provide enhanced benefits for veterans and active duty, reserve and National Guard members that are cost-neutral to counties, including expanded mental health services.
2. Support legislative, regulatory or policy changes that would create a federal/state/local government partnership to reduce the VA veteran’s claims backlog and expand outreach services to veterans.
3. Support legislation and funding to improve existing and construct new local veteran’s facilities.
4. Support state legislation to permit the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to collect data on incarcerated veterans and to give that data to the Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) for purposes of connecting those incarcerated veterans and their families with the benefits they are still entitled to while incarcerated, as well as upon release from incarceration.
5. Support legislation that would make it a criminal offense to intentionally misdirect or mislead a veteran, or anyone acting on the veteran’s behalf, concerning benefits or entitlements.
6. Support legislation that would establish priority enrollment and registration for veterans in community colleges, state colleges, and universities.
7. Support legislation that would provide state income tax relief to retirement pay of military retirees. Support making permanent the recent increase in funding to California Veteran Service Officers.

Other Agency Legislative Priorities

1. [Delta County Coalition](#) - Support the principles developed collectively by the Delta Counties Coalition.
2. [Solano LAFCo](#) – Support the [2020-2021](#) legislative priorities and programs outlined and adopted by Solano LAFCo.
3. [Solano Transportation Authority](#) – Support the [2020-2021](#) legislative state priorities and programs as outlined and adopted by the Solano Transportation Authority.
4. [Travis Community Consortium](#) – Support the mission of all military organizations located within the County. Support the [2020-2021](#) state legislative priorities adopted by the Travis Community Consortium. Furthermore, encourage the State to adopt proactive measures regarding the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and convene an office at the State level to work with each community that has a military installation or defense contractors to protect California's interest with the decline in defense spending and the probable realignment of missions and closure of bases.
5. California State Association of Counties (CSAC). Support the [2019-2021](#) legislative state priorities and programs as outlined and adopted by CSAC.

2021 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

COMPILED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY CHIEF CLERK AND THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Revised 11-17-20

DEADLINES

JANUARY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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Wk. 1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Wk. 2	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Wk. 3	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Wk. 4	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Wk. 1	31						

- Jan. 1** Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- Jan. 4** Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(1)).
- Jan. 10** Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).
- Jan. 18** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Jan. 22** Last day to submit **bill requests** to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

FEBRUARY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1		1	2	3	4	5	6
Wk. 2	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Wk. 3	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Wk. 4	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Wk. 1	28						

- Feb. 15** Presidents' Day.
- Feb. 19** Last day for bills to be **introduced** (J.R. 61(a)(1), J.R. 54(a)).

MARCH							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1		1	2	3	4	5	6
Wk. 2	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Wk. 3	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Wk. 4	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Spring Recess	28	29	30	31			

- Mar. 25** **Spring Recess** begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(2)).
- Mar. 31** Cesar Chavez Day observed.

APRIL							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Spring Recess					1	2	3
Wk. 1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wk. 2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Wk. 3	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Wk. 4	25	26	27	28	29	30	

- Apr. 5** Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess (J.R. 51(a)(2)).
- Apr. 30** Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report to fiscal committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(2)).

MAY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 4							1
Wk. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Wk. 2	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Wk. 3	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Wk. 4	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
No Hrgs.	30	31					

- May 7** Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report to the floor **non-fiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(3)).
- May 14** Last day for **policy committees** to meet prior to June 7 (J.R. 61(a)(4)).
- May 21** Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet and report to the floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(5)).
Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet prior to June 7 (J.R. 61(a)(6)).
- May 31** Memorial Day.

*Holiday schedule subject to final approval by Rules Committee.

JUNE							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
No Hrgs.			1	2	3	4	5
Wk. 1	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Wk. 2	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Wk. 3	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Wk. 4	27	28	29	30			

June 1-4 **Floor session only.** No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to A.R. 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(7)).

June 4 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(a)(8)).

June 7 Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(a)(9)).

June 15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).

JULY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 4					1	2	3
Wk. 1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wk. 2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Summer Recess	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Summer Recess	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

July 2 Independence Day observed.

July 14 Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(11)).

July 16 **Summer Recess** begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(a)(3)).

AUGUST							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Summer Recess	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Summer Recess	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Wk. 3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Wk. 4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
No. Hrgs.	29	30	31				

Aug. 16 Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(a)(3)).

Aug. 27 Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(12)).

Aug. 30-Sept. 10 **Floor session only.** No committees may meet for any purpose, except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to A.R. 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(13)).

SEPTEMBER							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
No Hrgs.				1	2	3	4
No Hrgs.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Interim Recess	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Interim Recess	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Interim Recess	26	27	28	29	30		

Sept. 3 Last day to **amend** bills on the floor (J.R. 61(a)(14)).

Sept. 6 Labor Day.

Sept. 10 Last day for any bill to be passed (J.R. 61(a)(15)). **Interim Recess** begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(4)).

IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING INTERIM RECESS

2021

Oct. 10 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before Sept. 10 and in the Governor's possession after Sept. 10 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(1)).

2022

Jan. 1 Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

Jan. 3 Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).

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 11-18-2020

DEADLINES

JANUARY						
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MARCH						
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- [Jan. 18](#) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- [Jan. 22](#) Last day to submit **bill requests** to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

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- [Feb. 19](#) Last day for bills to be **introduced** (J.R. 61(a)(1)), (J.R. 54(a)).

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JUNE						
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13	14	<u>15</u>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

June 1-4 Floor Session Only. No committee, other than Conference or Rules, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(7)).

June 4 Last day for bills to be **passed out of the house of origin** (J.R. 61(a)(8)).

June 7 Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(a)(9)).

June 15 Budget bill must be passed by **midnight** (Art. IV, Sec. 12 (c)(3)).

JULY						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

July 2 Independence Day observed.

July 14 Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(10)).

July 16 Summer Recess begins upon adjournment of this day's session, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(a)(3)).

AUGUST						
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22	23	24	25	26	<u>27</u>	28
29	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>				

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Aug. 30-Sept. 10 Floor Session only. No committees, other than conference committees and Rules Committee, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(12)).

SEPTEMBER						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Sept. 3 Last day to **amend** bills on the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(13)).

Sept. 6 Labor Day.

Sept. 10 Last day for **each house to pass bills** (J.R. 61(a)(14)). **Interim Study Recess** begins at end of this day's session (J.R. 51(a)(4)).

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