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**Legislative
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**Monday, October 16, 2023
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

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MEETING AGENDA

(1) – INTRODUCTIONS *(Attendees)*

Supervisor Hannigan and Supervisor Brown

(2) – ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

(3) – PUBLIC COMMENT *(Items not on the agenda)*

(4) – UPDATE FROM SOLANO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

Representative and/or staff

(5) – FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Joe Krahn, Tom Joseph and Hasan Sarsour, Paragon Government Relations

- (1) FY 2024 Appropriations Update
 - a. Continuing Resolution through November 17, 2023
 - b. Continuing Resolution carries several program extensions
- (2) Race for Speaker of the House of Representatives
- (3) Laphonza Butler sworn into U.S. Senate
- (4) Senate Panel Approves Cannabis Banking Legislation (S. 2860)

(6) – STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Karen Lange, SYASL Partners, Inc.

- (1) Wrap-Up / Report-Out on Bills of Interest
- (2) Budget Condition, Update
- (3) 2024 Legislative Initiatives

(7) – ACTION ITEMS

Matthew A. Davis, Solano County Administrator’s Office and Staff

- (1) Review the proposed 2024 Federal Legislative Platform and consider making a recommendation
- (2) Review the proposed 2024 State Legislative Platform and consider making a recommendation

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(8) – FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETINGS

(1) No meetings scheduled for the remainder of calendar year 2023

(9) ADJOURN

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SOLANO COUNTY 2023-2024 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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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 2023-2024 congressional session. The County's top priorities (Listed Alphabetically) include:

- **Funding for Key Water Infrastructure Projects** - Support efforts to authorize and fund key water infrastructure projects and protections in Solano County, including small water system consolidation; water reuse and recycling; stormwater capture and groundwater recharge; water storage; dredging; and invasive aquatic species control. Support funding for projects aimed at building resilience to climate change and extreme weather events, including flood control and levee stability projects.
- **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 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 an 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 independent living for disabled and senior adults. Support continuation of current eligibility requirements for families to obtain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.
- **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.

- **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.
- **Public Safety, Emergency Preparedness and Resilience** - 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 building resilience to the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events, including wildfires and floods. Finally, support funding for programs that address disaster response and preparedness and homeland security-related needs, including efforts aimed at achieving communications interoperability.
- **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 resiliency; economic development; police or emergency response mandates; cultural, historical and environmental preservation; flood risk reduction and protection; levee stability; habitat conservation; recreation; water supply; water quality; water rights and efforts to combat against climate change impacts. Support governance structures that give local government a strong and equal voice with other stakeholders in setting Delta policy. Oppose efforts to provide federal funding – either through direct appropriations or indirect federal financing mechanisms – for the Delta Conveyance Project or similar non-local driven water diversion projects. Support funding County-wide integrated water resources planning, management, and development for multi-benefit solutions across water supply, wastewater, drainage and other water resources.

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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 fund and strengthen invasive pest and disease prevention and eradication programs and inspections that safeguard agricultural resources including actions to provide crop insurance and indemnification to growers who experience losses due to pest quarantines and regulatory restrictions.
2. Support legislation reducing redundant enforcement of aquatic herbicide/pesticide use under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Clean Water Act.
3. Support equitable cost-share funding for County-USDA Wildlife Services cooperative agreements.
4. Support efforts to enhance and protect the County's farm gate, including, but not limited to, resources for producers to adopt climate resilient agricultural practices and technologies, inclusion of agricultural and working lands in climate change policies and strategies, market expansion, development of local food systems and full mitigation of agricultural and other economic impacts associated with habitat restoration efforts.
5. Support funding for local mapping of flood hazard and sea level rise impact areas and advocate for the US Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies to protect the County from these hazards.
6. Support legislation allowing specialty crop growers to participate in crop insurance programs and expansion and affordability of crop insurance programs.

~~7. Support USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative and similar programs to aid the Ag industry in COVID-19 recovery efforts including market expansion, trade facilitation and regulatory compliance.~~

~~8-7. Support USDA programs that provide emergency assistance and relief to agricultural producers who have suffered crop and livestock losses due to natural disasters.~~

~~9-8. Support actions to resolve congestion at California ports to facilitate export and trade of agricultural products.~~

~~9. Support funding and incentives for water conservation and smart growth including sustainable development and green infrastructure, stormwater capture, groundwater recharge, recycled water reuse, drought management and other conservation measures.~~

~~10. Support funding for water system infrastructure improvements to include fire suppression for unincorporated areas and local communities.~~

~~10-11. Support efforts to protect Solano County water supplies including invasive aquatic species prevention programs, abandoned and derelict vessel removal, and other actions to protect water quality.~~

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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 enhance local governments' revenues, maximize the County's access to federal funding sources, and increase local funding flexibility.
3. Support legislation/regulations that provide tax and funding formulas that promote the equitable distribution of federal monies 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 legislative efforts that are designed to reform the U. S. Department of the Interior's fee-to-trust process.
9. 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 the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF) with a primary focus on restoring state and county administrative flexibility.
2. ~~Support increased funding for the Prevention-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) and 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. Programs in all health and human service funding streams.~~ Emphasis should be placed on the need to provide funding for streamlined and coordinated operations.

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3. Support eliminating the federal health benefits "inmate exception" with the Medicaid program for persons in County jails and detention centers who are in custody pending disposition of charges.
4. Support efforts to ensure competitive equity for suburban areas (on par with urban and rural areas) for federal grant opportunities.
5. Support funding for subsidized childcare services and child development programs, including school readiness for all children.
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.
7. Support efforts to allow for two different services to both be reimbursed on the same day in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).
8. Support legislation that increases taxes on combustible tobacco products, tobacco-based inhalation devices, and electronic cigarettes and support directing these tax revenues to children and family programs, including smoking cessation programs.
9. Support legislation that requires specific bills to undergo a health impact assessment of current and predicted effects, possibly completed by a nonpartisan body.
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. Apply metrics to identify equity gaps and measure gains in intervention areas.
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.
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.
13. Support policy for evidenced-based home visiting services as a preventive service, therefore eligible for Medi-Cal reimbursement.
14. Support legislation and regulatory efforts that promote and implement "whole person care" and that address social determinants of health.
15. Support federal funding to increase access to health care to address issues of worker shortages within the healthcare field. Support federal funding for administration of the Medi-Cal program.
16. Support legislative efforts aimed at establishing and retaining grocery stores, farmers' markets and other healthy food providers in impoverished communities and require these merchants to accept electronic benefit transfer (EBT).
17. Support additional federal resources to establish and maintain robust outreach and enrollment programs for seniors eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/CalFresh). 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.
18. Support increased federal funding and coordination between federal, state and county governments 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.
19. Support legislation and funding for prevention and case management services and maternal infant and early childhood home visitation programs.
20. Support federal legislation that integrates climate change impacts and actions into public health curricula and programs and includes public health agencies.

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); 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 ACA home and community-based services are effective.
4. Support efforts that establish funding mechanisms such as emergency homeless assistance grants; aid for tenants and landlords; eviction moratoria; and funding for affordable housing which can be instrumental in delivering immediate relief and longer-term recovery.
5. Support incorporation of housing into transportation programs. Transportation reauthorization provides a platform for improving the integration of housing into federal infrastructure investments. New legislation should increase planning for transit-oriented development and encourage coordination and prioritize access to housing and economic opportunity.
6. Support the creation of incentives for code and zoning reform. Federal programs can assist by supporting analysis, offering technical assistance and establishing incentives for action.
7. Oppose efforts to reduce U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds and support expanded eligibility and access to these funds.

Public Safety, Emergency Preparedness and Resilience (PGA)

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 climate resiliency and emergency disaster preparedness and response programs, such as FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program; Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG); the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI); and emergency disaster preparedness and infrastructure damage recovery programs, particularly as it pertains to areas where governmental and municipal buildings play a role in local emergency response. Oppose FEMA proposals that require local jurisdictions to purchase repetitive loss properties.
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 actions that seek to address the impact of gun violence, domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, human trafficking, elder abuse and child abuse.
- 3-5. Support actions to increase cross-agency and cross-system collaboration to serve victims/survivors and families of interpersonal violence, including one-stop integrated service delivery and multidisciplinary team reviews.
- 4-6. Support funding for the prevention and enforcement of financial exploitation of vulnerable populations.
- 5-7. Support legislation to provide federal offsets 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 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.
- 6-8. 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

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with mental illness.

[7-9](#). Support efforts to extend high urban threat areas delineation to include rural locations and sensitive areas adjacent to rail.

[8-10](#). Support legislation that improves the availability, affordability and coverage of natural disaster insurance.

[9-11](#). Support efforts to enhance capacity of local emergency responders to respond to potential emergency events resulting from hazardous materials releases.

[10-12](#). Support continued funding of staff, supply and resource costs to address the COVID-19 and other natural disasters.

[11-13](#). Support legislation and policy that streamlines local agency's recovery to disasters within the FEMA reimbursement process to allow rapid recovery efforts, sometimes while a large multi-county event is on-going.

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

1. Support measures that further the goals of the County's climate protection and sustainability efforts as referenced in the Board-adopted Climate Action Plan.
2. Support funding and incentives for smart growth and sustainable development, including emerging clean technologies and green infrastructure.
1. Support making climate change an integral part of transportation and infrastructure legislation and explore provisions to implement in rural areas.
2. Support legislation and funding to develop and implement federal, state and local resiliency plans and projects. Congress should fully fund resiliency and mitigation programs. Infrastructure resiliency standards should be established, and support provided for the data tools needed for effective climate planning.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Support legislation that reduces or simplifies reporting requirements for local Environmental Health programs to state and federal agencies.
6. Support funding that improves land use planning for major economic drivers and infrastructure projects for climate resiliency and flood risk reduction in the County.
7. Support legislation that fosters, establishes and expands regional purchasing capabilities and inter-jurisdictional infrastructure development to achieve local environmental and sustainability goals/requirements.
8. Support legislative efforts to keep National Conservation Lands, monuments, wildlife refuges, and other recreation lands open in the County and provide stationed and perpetual funding for operations, maintenance and management of such public lands.
9. Support legislation and funding to assist in abatement costs for removal of inoperative or abandoned boats and large vehicles, such as motor homes and travel trailers, from private and public property, including roads.

[9-10](#). Support legislation and funding to reduce costs for implementing beneficial reuse of dredged materials.

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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 transportation funding that promotes public transit that assists transit dependent riders.
2. Support efforts to protect and increase funding for transportation programs and projects within the County.
3. Support funding to allow incorporation of broadband planning and implementation within infrastructure legislation.

4. Support the continuation of federal transportation reauthorization measures that provides the highest possible funding level for key local transportation programs and transit priorities with particular consideration of enhanced funding for bridges.
5. Support consideration of an increase or the indexing of the federal gasoline tax and alternative sources of funding.
6. Support continued funding of the FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for airport capital improvement projects.
7. Support efforts to improve rail and rail car safety, including positive train control (PTC) technologies, for transportation of hazardous materials including crude oil.
8. Support implementation of the Federal Highway Administration's program allowing reciprocity between the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
9. 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 general welfare of veterans and active duty servicemembers 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 veteran's 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 construction of 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 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.
13. Support legislation and regulatory changes for active duty military, reservists, veterans, their spouses and immediate family members that supports reciprocity in terms of professional licenses and certificates that would allow them to seek employment in California in professions including, but not limited to the public school system.

Other Agencies Legislative Priorities

1. [Delta Counties Coalition](#) - Support the principles developed collectively by the Delta Counties Coalition.
2. [Solano Transportation Authority](#) – Support the [2023-2024](#) federal legislative priorities and programs as outlined and adopted by the Solano Transportation Authority.
3. [Solano County Water Agency](#) - Support the [2023-2024](#) federal legislative priorities and programs as outlined and adopted by the Solano County Water Agency.

4. Solano First 5 - Support the [2023-2024](#) legislative priorities and programs outlined and adopted by the Solano First 5.
5. Travis Community Consortium – Support the mission of all military organizations located within the County. Support the [2023-2024](#) federal legislative priorities adopted by the Travis Community Consortium.

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- **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.
- **Children, Youth, and Families** - Support legislation and budget efforts that support children, youth, and families, including restoring and expanding quality childcare 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 and other state federal child welfare initiatives.
- **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.
- **County Strategic Plan** - Support efforts that further the goals outlined in the County's Strategic Plan as follows:

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(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.

- **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 to conserve energy, and to preserve open space and agricultural viability and water conservation. Oppose any usurpation of local land use authority with respect to citing renewable energy or overhaul local protections for water rights.
- **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh** - Support legislative and administrative efforts to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and provide climate resilience, including the Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough area, and County’s interests relative to land use, agricultural resiliency, economic development, police or emergency response mandates, environmental preservation, flood risk reduction and protection, risk-based drought and flood planning, sustainable groundwater management, habitat conservation, recreation, water supply, water quality, and protection of the public trust doctrine protecting water rights and efforts to combat against sea level rise and impacts from climatic changes. 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. 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 including programs to eradicate invasive aquatic species, including weeds and harmful algae blooms throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and adjoining waterways.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

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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 and enhancements for regulatory programs under authority of the Agricultural Commissioner/ Sealer of Weights and Measures that serve to protect agricultural resources, prevent and manage invasive pests, provide for the safe and effective use of pesticides and promote consumer protection, and extend sunsets where applicable.
2. Support actions that sustain and enhance existing pest prevention programs for pests such Mediterranean fruit fly and glassy-winged sharpshooter and provide resources to effectively addresses emerging threats such as nutria, broomrape and spotted lanternfly, and provide indemnification relief and crop insurance coverage for producers affected by pest quarantines.

3. Support legislation that would improve funding for 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.
4. Support legislation or rulemaking to allow agricultural producers to take wild pigs without a depredation permit or validation when pigs are threatening or damaging livestock, crops or agricultural infrastructure.
5. Support efforts to enhance and protect the County's farm gate, including, but not limited to, resources for producers to adopt climate resilient agricultural practices and technologies, inclusion of agricultural and working lands in climate change policies and strategies, market expansion, development of local food systems, investments in broadband infrastructure for precision agriculture, and full mitigation of agricultural and other economic impacts associated with habitat restoration efforts.
6. Support actions that promote expansion and availability of agricultural incentive programs that improve soil health, increase irrigation efficiencies, provide alternative manure management solutions and other practices that sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
7. Support efforts to maintain local control/involvement in allocation of water resources, including optimizing efforts for water reuse, groundwater recharge, stormwater capture, drought management and green infrastructure. Promote aligning State programs, improving local agency coordination, and strategies and programs that address data gaps to help promote climate resiliency. Support funding for an alternate intake to the North Bay Aqueduct. Oppose legislation that would unnecessarily codify executive orders issued during a drought emergency.
8. 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.
9. Support legislation that would provide grants to increase local producers' competitiveness in specialty crops, including fresh fruits and vegetables.
10. Support legislation that would promote funded regulatory activities for apiary inspections, biologically sound beekeeping, and protection of pollinators and native honeybee health.
11. Support legislation that encourages conservation of agricultural land through funding or other economic incentive programs, transfer/purchase of development rights, or promotion of landowner safe harbor agreements/incidental take permits that allow continued farm operations to conserve wetland and grassland habitats on farms.
12. 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.
13. 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. Promote programs to incentivize new developments to incorporate green infrastructure and water reuse conservation measures.
14. Support funding for county-wide integrated water resources planning, management, and development for multi-benefit solutions across water supply, wastewater, and drainage sectors.
15. Support legislation to streamline permitting for capturing and storing surface water for groundwater recharge.
16. Support funding for water system infrastructure improvements to include fire suppression for unincorporated areas and local communities.
- 13-17. Support efforts and funding to protect water supplies including invasive aquatic species prevention programs, abandoned and derelict vessel removal, and other actions to protect water quality.
18. Closely monitor updates to stormwater rules that may have adverse effects on local communities.
19. Support legislation allowing local water agencies to determine how to achieve water conservation mandates and promotes green infrastructure including stormwater capture, groundwater recharge and recycled water use.
20. Support legislation and funding to evaluate and encourage innovation and streamlining/consolidation of rules toward water conservation and reuse, especially treated wastewater, and enhancement of groundwater recharge in unincorporated communities through stormwater capture, water reuse and recycling.
21. Support legislation that promotes regional consolidation of water systems in local communities and secures

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funding for local community and state small water systems that are at risk of failure due to infrastructure age, groundwater contamination, or other risks or that pose health and safety risks to customers.

14-22. Support legislation allowing local water agencies to determine how to achieve water conservation mandates and promotes green infrastructure including stormwater capture, groundwater recharge and recycled water use.

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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.
12. Support legislation and actions to protect Travis Air Force Base and other airports within Solano County by requiring that all projects comply with Solano County's Adopted General Plan and Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans.

12-13. Sponsor and support legislation to extend innovative, efficient, and effective Public Works contract procurement to all California Counties – specifically, Best Value project procurement under PCC 20155.

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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 or redirect funding streams for critically important health and human services-related programs, such as Medi-Cal, MHSA, and established grant programs, and opposes efforts to reduce local flexibility in the implementation of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support legislation and funding to address and promote health equity, including health in all policies initiatives.
2. Support legislation that focuses on the prevention ~~and early intervention~~ of injuries, including early intervention in the areas of chronic illnesses, abuse, neglect and diseases, especially issues addressing health inequities that lead to greater hospitalizations and death.
3. 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.
4. Support legislation that promotes streamlined and efficient enrollment processes for clients enrolling into government run food programs, including but not limited to free/reduced-cost school meals, WIC, Meals on Wheels, and CalFresh and other state mandated public assistance programs.

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5. Support legislation that focuses on improving oral health through prevention and education, especially toothbrushing, flossing, school-based and school-linked fluoride varnish and dental sealant services and increasing the rates of Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments.
6. Support legislation that provides tap water fluoridation to non-fluoridated communities.
7. Support enhanced funding for quality childcare services ~~(that also provide employment and education opportunities for County residents)~~, and for early learning opportunities.
8. Support efforts that assist foster youth in the transition to adulthood, including efforts to expand and modernize the Independent Living Program (ILP).
9. Support legislation and funding that would expand foster care placement options for children and youth with complex needs.
- ~~8-10.~~ Support enhanced state funding dedicated to child abuse prevention related initiatives and programming associated with the state Family First Preservation Services Act (FFPSA)
- 9-11. 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, including same-day services.
- 10-12. 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.
- 11-13. Support legislation that would provide a comprehensive response to disabled and elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.
- 12-14. 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).
- 13-15. (Paragon) 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. Oppose legislative or budget proposals that place restrictions on or diverts already- allocated funding.
- 14-16. Support full state funding and cost-of-living increases for state programs operated by the County.
- 15-17. Support legislation, budget or administrative action to fully fund the child support program.
- 16-18. Support legislation that provides adequate funding for local child support agencies to ensure a consistent level of service throughout the state.
- 17-19. Support legislation that would enable greater efficiency in the child support program.
- 18-20. Support expansion and funding of MediCal 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.
- 19-21. 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 called alternative payment methodology 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.
- 20-22. 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.
- 21-23. 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.
- 22-24. Support adequate realigned funding for realignment programs.
- 23-25. Support legislation to recruit and retain health care professionals to serve targeted high-risk populations.
- 24-26. Support the provision of resources for respite care for children and adults when needed.

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- ~~25-27~~. Support legislation that develops climate change, health, and equity training curriculum and educational materials for local health department staff and the general public.
- ~~26-28~~. Support legislation that integrates climate change impacts and actions into public health curricula and programs.
- ~~27-29~~. Support changes in legislation that facilitate treatment and provision of services to foster youth both in and transitioning out of placement.
- ~~28-30~~. Support changes in legislation to facilitate sharing of medical and/or treatment records of minors in the child welfare system.
- ~~29-31~~. 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.
- ~~30-32~~. Support legislation and funding for prevention and case management services for maternal, child, and adolescent populations.
- ~~31-33~~. Support legislation that opposes the establishment of any new state mandates that implement new programs and services without assured funding or by redirecting existing local funds.

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 funding opportunities to assist cities in providing affordable housing for low-income and homeless individuals.
3. Support efforts that establish funding mechanisms such as emergency homeless assistance grants; aid for tenants and landlords; eviction moratoria; and funding for affordable housing which can be instrumental in delivering immediate relief and longer-term recovery.
4. Support funding opportunities and legislation to build upon efforts started in SB 280, Jackson, for: 1) new construction to be built for fall prevention and to meet or exceed safe aging in place design standards; and/or 2) home modifications to allow safe aging in place and senior falls prevention.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Support efforts to increase employment opportunities and link training programs to local available employment, including efforts to increase summer employment opportunities for youth.
8. Support appropriate resources to support safe, accessible and affordable housing to targeted low-income seniors and disabled persons, including permanent and transitional housing and Rental Assistance Programs.
9. Support County's rights to determine land use and zoning regulations to maintain and preserve the agricultural and rural character as supported in the General Plan.
10. Support legislation and policies that create incentives for code and zoning reform funding or programs to provide analysis, technical assistance and incentives for action.
11. Support efforts to create affordable housing for farm workers, consistent with data trends in more permanent farm workers, and consistent with maintaining agriculture as supported in the General Plan.
12. Support Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) policies that reduce fees, eliminate discretionary processes, enable conversions of detached buildings and allow ADUs on residential properties that support workforce and lower income populations.
13. Support policies that expand accessibility without creating additional cost barriers to create high quality,

flexible living spaces for extended families, combat the housing shortage without inflating rental costs, create opportunities for intergenerational wealth and offer homeowners more freedoms in how they choose to live and invest in their properties.

Public Safety and Emergency Disaster Preparedness and Response

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 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.
10. 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.
11. Support actions that seek to address the impact of gun violence, domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, human trafficking, elder abuse and child abuse.
- 10-12. Support actions to increase cross-agency and cross-system collaboration to serve victims/survivors and families of interpersonal violence, including one-stop integrated service delivery and multidisciplinary team reviews
- 11-13. Preserve and enhance funding for critical Probation programs for adult and juveniles to include AB 109, SB 678, Juvenile Probation Camps Funding (JPCF), Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG), and SB 823.
- 12-14. Support legislation and initiatives that protect funds that support Public Safety efforts to include programs and services operated by Probation Departments.
- 13-15. Support funding for flood protection of buildings that play a role in local emergency response and to combat against sea level rise and provide climate resiliency.
- 14-16. Support funding for community gardens as part of an emergency preparedness strategy self-sustainment of residents during disasters (especially pertinent due to supply chain challenges experienced during COVID-19).
- 15-17. 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.
- 16-18. Support legislation and administrative actions to expand the availability and affordability of natural disaster coverage including earthquake, wildfire, public health emergency, and flood insurance.
- 17-19. Support legislation or budget to provide funding offset of County staff time and supply/resource costs to respond to on-going COVID-19 pandemic. County provided services related to COVID-19.
- 18-20. Support legislation and funding to evaluate delivery of fire protection services in unincorporated areas prone to wildfire.

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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 resiliency efforts, including the ability for a local agency to obtain greenhouse gas reduction credits and funding for energy conservation/alternative energy projects.
2. Support legislation that provides funding for emerging clean technologies and green infrastructure.
3. Support advancing State and local resiliency plans and projects for effective climate planning and forecasting.
4. Support funding to sustain operations, maintenance and repair of dated infrastructure in County and local park agencies. Support legislative efforts and funding to keep State Parks open in the County and to evaluate the development and long-term implementation of a regional park system.
5. Minimize proposed changes to Building Codes made by the legislative process. Focus code changes on established procedures through the Building Standards Commission.
6. Oppose CalEMA's proposals to require local jurisdictions to purchase repetitive loss properties.
7. Support reinstatement of the Williamson Act program, which was defunded in FY2011/12.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Support any legislation and actions that provides responsive, efficient and effective environmental health programs, including those that simplify reporting to state agencies.
- ~~11. Support legislation allowing local water agencies to determine how to achieve water conservation mandates and promotes green infrastructure including stormwater capture, groundwater recharge and recycled water use.~~
- ~~12-11.~~ Support legislation to improve access to healthy foods via community gardens, school gardens, etc.
- ~~13-12.~~ Support legislation that fosters regional purchasing capabilities and inter-jurisdictional infrastructure development to achieve local environmental and sustainability goals/requirements.
- ~~14-13.~~ Support actions for source reduction, recycling and composting, including legislation and grants to support extended producer responsibility and liability for manufactured goods including problematic household waste items like appliances and furniture.
- ~~15-14.~~ Oppose legislation and rule-making that would diminish local authority to regulate cannabis activities.
- ~~16-15.~~ Support legislation and actions 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.
- ~~17-16.~~ Support legislation and actions that allows collaboration between the groundwater sustainability agencies and the local Environmental Health Departments regarding monitoring and permitting of wells and administrative actions that provide funding for local agencies and property owners to destroy abandoned water wells that pose risks to public safety or water quality impacts.
- ~~18-17.~~ Oppose legislation that undermines the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) process that local agencies are currently following.
- ~~19. Support legislation and funding to evaluate and encourage innovation and streamlining/consolidation of rules toward water conservation and reuse, especially treated wastewater, and enhancement of groundwater recharge in unincorporated communities through stormwater capture, water reuse and recycling.~~
- ~~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.~~
- ~~21-18.~~ Support legislation, administrative actions and funding for local agencies to modernize light and heavy

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equipment fleet vehicles, including transition from diesel-fueled vehicles to cleaner-fueled vehicles.

[22-19](#). Support legislation that allows local programs to establish registration of local waste haulers to prevent illegal dumping and seek funding opportunities to prevent and enforce illegal dumping activities.

[23-20](#). Support funding to provide for removal of inoperative or abandoned boats and large vehicles, such as motor homes and travel trailers, from private and public property.

[24-21](#). Support permanent funding and programs to promote stationed public access to conservation lands in the County.

[25-22](#). 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.

[26-23](#). Support legislation that incorporates and encourages climate and health considerations into intersectoral collaborations amongst resource management, environmental and public health, emergency preparedness, and community partners for planning and implementation of resilience and prevention plans.

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. Seek enhanced funding and regulatory efficiencies for bridges and bridge projects.
4. Support the incorporation of broadband planning and implementation within infrastructure legislation.
5. Oppose legislation that restricts the County's ability to deliver construction projects using specialized consultant, non-profit, or other contract services.
6. Support efforts to improve rail and rail car safety, including positive train control (PTC) technologies, for transportation of hazardous materials including crude oil.
7. 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.
8. Support funding and increased access to transportation for those who are low income, lack access to reliable transportation or transit dependent, and which stop at grocery stores and to basic quality of life locations.
9. Support legislation that facilitates funding and improvements to the Highway 37 corridor.
10. Support funding that provides the opportunity for continued review and updates to Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans. 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.
11. Support funding to study impacts to local airports from proposed habitat conservation or improvement projects located within 5 miles of a public airport or 10 miles from a military airport and that have a potential to increase bird populations that may increase bird strikes.

Veterans and Veterans Affairs

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the health and general welfare of veterans and active duty servicemembers 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.
8. Support legislation and regulatory changes for active duty military, reservists, veterans, their spouses and immediate family members that supports reciprocity in terms of professional licenses and certificates that would allow them to seek employment in California in professions including, but not limited to the public school system.

Other Agencies Legislative Priorities

1. Delta Counties Coalition - Support the principles developed collectively by the Delta Counties Coalition.
2. Solano LAFCo – Support the [2023-2024](#) legislative priorities and programs outlined and adopted by Solano LAFCo.
3. Solano First 5 - Support the [2023-2024](#) legislative priorities and programs outlined and adopted by the Solano First 5 Commission.
4. Solano Transportation Authority – Support the [2023-2024](#) legislative state priorities and programs as outlined and adopted by the Solano Transportation Authority.
5. Travis Community Consortium – Support the mission of all military organizations located within the County. Support the 2023 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.
6. California State Association of Counties (CSAC). Support the [2023-2024](#) legislative state priorities and programs as outlined and adopted by CSAC.