

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 2.1
(ID # 20281)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 01, 2022

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Receive and File the California Legislative Advocacy 2022 End of Session Report, [All Districts] [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and File the California Legislative Advocacy 2022 End of Session Report.

ACTION: Consent

Jeff Van Wagenen, County Executive Officer 10/25/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Hewitt, and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: November 1, 2022
xc: E.O.

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By:
Deputy

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

BACKGROUND:

Summary

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Moving forward, the Executive Office will provide an update on a monthly basis while the State legislature is in session.

ATTACHMENTS:

2022 End of Session Report


Carolina Salazar Herrera, Deputy Director of Legislative Advocacy 10/20/2022

California State Advocacy 2022 End of Session Report

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2022 Legislative Session

The California state legislative session ended on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. The Governor had until September 30, 2022, to sign or veto bills. During the 2021-22 session, over 5,100 bills were introduced. During 2022 the County weighed in on 10 bills.

Signed by Governor

The following bills were signed by the Governor. Unless otherwise noted, bills will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

- **AB 32 (Aguiar-Curry D) Telehealth for FQHCs.** Makes various changes to Medi-Cal telehealth policy, including permitting the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to allow under specified circumstances new patients to be established with providers using audio-only and other modalities.
- **AB 179 (Ting D) /SB 179 (Skinner D) Budget Act of 2022.** This budget bill included additional funding for MPX response.
Advocacy Strategy - RUHS Behavioral Health Director Kim Saruwatari testified at a joint legislative hearing to advocate on the County's role in infectious disease response.
- **AB 203 (Budget Committee) Public Resources Trailer Bill.** This trailer bill included language authorizing the extension of use of Prop 1E flood control funding.
Advocacy Strategy - The Board of Supervisors sent a letter of support (Attachment A).
- **AB 205 (Ting D)/SB 122 (Skinner D) Energy Reliability, Relief, and Clean Energy Investments Trailer Bills.**
Advocacy Strategy - The Board of Supervisors sent a letter of opposition (Attachment B).
- **AB 408 (Quirk-Silva D) Homeless children and youths: reporting.** Requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to establish homeless education program policies consistent with federal law, requires homeless education liaisons to offer training to specified school staff, and requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to develop a risk-based monitoring plan for homeless education requirements.

- **AB 738 (Nguyen R) Community mental health boards: veteran participation.** Requires that at least one member of a community based Mental Health Board (MHB) be a veteran or veteran advocate.

Impact - The County needs to have at least one member of the Behavioral Health Commission board be a veteran or veteran advocate.
- **AB 759 (McCarty D) Elections: Requires County district attorneys (DA) and sheriffs to be elected during presidential election years.** Requires elections for county sheriffs and district attorneys to be held during the presidential primary and specifically affirms that DAs and sheriffs elected in 2022 will serve six-year terms, with the next elections for those offices taking place at the 2028 presidential primary.

Impact - Other provisions in AB 759 also permit a board of supervisors to determine by ordinance whether elections for the selection of any other county officer (except the county superintendent of schools) should be held at the presidential primary.
- **AB 916 (Salas D) Zoning: bedroom addition.** Prohibits a city or county from requiring a public hearing as a condition of reconfiguring existing space to add up to two bedrooms within an existing residential dwelling unit.
- **AB 988 (Bauer-Kahan D) Mental health: 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.** Enacts the Miles Hall Lifeline and Suicide Prevention Act to establish 9-8-8 centers in California for the purpose of connecting individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis with suicide prevention and mental health services. This bill also provides a dedicated revenue source to fund a 9-8-8 system in California.
- **AB 1051 (Bennett D) Medi-Cal: specialty mental health services: foster children.** Requires a foster child or probation-supervised youth's county of original jurisdiction to retain responsibility to arrange and provide specialty mental health services if placed out of the county of original jurisdiction in a community treatment facility, group home, or short-term residential therapeutic program (STRTP) unless specified.
- **AB 1307 (Cervantes D) County of Riverside Citizens Redistricting Commission.**

Impact - This bill establishes the County of Riverside Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRCRC), which beginning in 2034 will be tasked with adjusting the boundary lines of the supervisorial districts of Riverside County.
- **AB 1426 (Mathis R) California Advanced Services Fund: Broadband Adoption Account.** This bill expressly includes nonprofit religious organizations as being within the nonprofit organizations that are eligible applicants for moneys from the Broadband Adoption Account.
- **AB 1654 (Rivas, Robert D) Low-income housing: insurance tax: income tax: credits: farmworker housing.** Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to commission a study of farmworker housing conditions, needs, and solutions. Requiring the department to develop a comprehensive strategy for meeting the housing needs of the state's farmworkers.
- **AB 1663 (Maienschein D) Protective proceedings.** Revises various procedures in the probate conservatorship process. Requires the petition for conservatorship to include alternatives to conservatorship considered by the petitioner or proposed conservator and reasons why those alternatives are not suitable.
- **AB 1686 (Bryan D) Child welfare agencies: enforcement.** Establishes a presumption that, when a child is in foster care, requiring the parent or guardian to pay child support for the child is likely to impose a barrier to the family's efforts to reunify.

- **AB 1743 (McKinnor D) General plan: annual report.** Requires the planning agency to include in the annual report whether each housing development application is subject to a ministerial or discretionary approval process.
- **AB 1932 (Daly D) Public contracts: construction manager at risk construction contracts.** Extends, until January 1, 2029, the existing sunset date of January 1, 2023, in existing law authorizing counties to enter into construction manager at-risk (CMAR) contracts for specified public works projects, excluding roads, but including buildings, flood control, underground utilities, and bridges.
- **AB 2011 (Wicks D) Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022.** Creates a streamlined approval process for 100% affordable housing projects in commercial zones and for mixed-income housing projects along commercial corridors. Mixed income rental projects must include 15% of the units affordable for lower-income households or 8% of units affordable for very low-income households, while owner-occupied housing is eligible if 30% of the units are affordable to moderate-income households. AB 2011 is limited to urbanized areas. It also imposes specified labor standards on qualifying projects, including requirements that contractors pay prevailing wages, participate in apprenticeship programs, and make specified healthcare expenditures.
- **AB 2242 (Santiago D) Mental health services.** Requires individuals who have been involuntarily detained for purposes of evaluation and treatment, and placed under a conservatorship, to receive a care coordination plan developed by specified entities. Requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to convene a stakeholder group to create a model care coordination plan to be followed when discharging those held under temporary holds or a conservatorship. Permits county mental health plans to pay for the provision of services for individuals placed under involuntary detentions and conservatorship using specified funds, including Mental Health Services Act funds.
- **AB 2234 (Rivas D) Planning and zoning: housing: post entitlement phase permits.** Requires large cities and counties to accept "post-entitlement" permits for housing projects via an internet-based permitting system and create timeframes for review and approval. The measure was amended to provide a two-year extension for online permitting requirements, require local agencies to provide written comments on application deficiencies, and make other clarifying changes.
- **AB 2317 (Ramos D) Children's psychiatric residential treatment facilities.** Requires DHCS to license and establish regulations for psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs). The bill is aimed at addressing a critical component missing in the continuum of specialty mental health services for children and youth in California - children's crisis residential services. AB 2317 adds a new licensing category in state statute, the PRTF, consistent with Medi-Cal EPSDT Specialty Mental Health Services program standards. The PRTF is a federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare designation.
- **AB 2440 (Irwin D) Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022.** Requires every retailer, as defined, to have in place a system for the acceptance and collection of used rechargeable batteries for reuse, recycling, or proper disposal.
- **AB 2449 (Rubio D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.** Allows, until January 1, 2026, members of a legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing without identifying each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting, and without making each teleconference location accessible to the public.
- **AB 2463 (Lee D) Public Works: exemption.** Extends the sunset date on the exemption to pay prevailing wage on public works projects for volunteers, volunteer coordinators, and members of the California Conservation Corps.

- **AB 2582 (Bennett D) Recall Elections: local offices.** Requires a recall election for a local officer to include only the question of whether the officer sought to be recalled shall be removed from office. If a local officer is removed from office in a recall election, the bill would provide that the office is vacant until it is filled according to law.
- **AB 2644 (Holden D) Custodial interrogation of a minor.** Commencing January 1, 2024, prohibits law enforcement officers from employing threats, physical harm, deception, or psychologically manipulative interrogation tactics, during a custodial interrogation of a person 17 years of age or younger.
- **AB 2647 (Levine D) Brown Act: Codifies online posting as Brown Act Compliant.** Allows writings that have been distributed to members of a legislative body of a local agency less than 72 hours before an open, regular meeting to be exempt from specified requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) if the agency meets certain requirements.
- **SB 6 (Caballero D) Local planning: housing: commercial zones.** Which enacts, until January 1, 2033, the Middle Class Housing Act of 2022. The bill establishes housing as an allowable use on parcels zoned for office or retail uses within an urbanized area. SB 6 also: (1) includes requirements that projects include 15% of units affordable to lower-income households and that contractors use a skilled and trained workforce, (2) allows projects that meet the site requirements of SB 35 (Wiener, 2017), but are located on a commercial zone not allowing residential uses, to use the SB 35 approval process.
- **SB 156 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Communications: broadband.** Creates a structure and framework for the construction of state-owned open-access Middle Mile Broadband infrastructure and Broadband Last Mile Support. Amends the existing Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account program to allocate \$2 billion for last mile expenditures.
- **SB 483 (Allen D) Sentencing: resentencing to remove sentencing enhancements.** Requires the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the county correctional administrator of each county to identify persons in their custody who are serving a sentence that includes certain enhancements and provide this information to the sentencing court.
- **SB 855 (Newman D) Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Program.** Requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish the Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Program (CDDCP). Requiring CDPH to collaborate with at least five but no more than 10 county child death review teams (CDRTs) and directs CDPH to primarily solicit counties with historically high drowning rates among children one to four years of age. There will then be a report of findings to the legislature, developing a Water Safety Action Plan for Children, and developing a standardized electronic form for counties to use in reporting drowning statistics.
- **SB 872 (Dodd D) Pharmacies: mobile units.** The measure authorizes a county or a city and county to operate a licensed mobile unit to provide prescription medication to individuals within the county's jurisdiction and specifies certain criteria that a mobile unit must meet.
- **SB 897 (Wieckowski D) Accessory dwelling units: junior accessory dwelling units.** Makes numerous changes to the laws governing accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units, including increasing the minimum ADU height limit that a local agency may impose, clarifying that a permitting agency must approve or deny an application within 60 days, and adding that if a permitting agency denies an application for an ADU or JADU, they must return in writing a full set of comments to the applicant with a list of items that are defective or deficient and a description of how the application can be remedied by the applicant.

- **SB 929 (Eggman D) Community mental health services: data collection.** Expands DHCS' existing responsibility to collect and publish information about involuntary detentions under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act to include additional information, such as clinical outcomes, services provided, and availability of treatment beds, and requires DHCS to convene a stakeholder group with specified membership to make recommendations on the methods to be used for efficiently providing the department with this information.
- **SB 932 (Portantino D) General plans: circulation element: bicycle and pedestrian and traffic calming plans.** Requires cities and counties to incorporate, in the circulation element, the principles of the Federal Highway Administration's Safe System Approach and Develop bicycle plans, pedestrian plans, and traffic calming plans, into general plans and set goals for initiation and completion of all actions identified in the plans within 25 years of the date of adoption.
- **SB 948 (Becker D) Housing finance programs: allows HCD to make best use of funds.** Allows the Department of Housing and Community Development to create a pooled transition reserve fund for affordable housing projects, prohibiting requirements for project-specific reserves.
- **SB 966 (Limón D) Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and rural health clinics: visits.** Authorizes FQHCs and rural health clinics (RHCs) to include face-to-face service provided by an associate clinical social worker (ACSW) or associate marriage and family therapist (AMFT) in the definition of a "visit," and prohibits the DHCS from requiring an FQHC or RHC to process the addition of services by an ACSW or AMFT as a change in scope of service.
- **SB 989 (Hertzberg D) Property taxation: taxable value transfers: disclosure and deferment.** Requires, except as provided, payment of property taxes for a property to be deferred, without penalty or interest, if the property owner has claimed property tax relief but the county assessor has not completed its determination of the property's eligibility for that relief, and the person requests deferment with the county assessor within one calendar year, but before January 1, 2024, of receiving the first tax bill for the property.
- **SB 1035 (Eggman D) Mental health services: assisted outpatient treatment.** Amends Laura's Law, authorizing the court to conduct status hearings with the person and the treatment team to receive information regarding progress related to treatment listed in the treatment plan and authorize the court to inquire about medication adherence.
- **SB 1054 (Ochoa Bogh R) Public Social Services: records: confidentiality: multidisciplinary personnel teams.** Specifies that confidentiality provisions relating to applications and records concerning any form of public social services includes protective services provided through public social services agencies. This bill also authorizes employees of a county's adult protective services agency (APS) or a county's child welfare agency to disclose information with each other for the purpose of multidisciplinary teamwork in the prevention, intervention, management, or treatment of child abuse or neglect or the abuse or neglect of an elder or dependent adult.

Advocacy Strategy - This bill was originated by County staff. The Board of Supervisor's sent letters of support (Attachment C and D).
- **SB 1090 (Hurtado D) Family Urgent Response System.** Expands the definition of "current or former foster youth" for purposes of accessing the Family Urgent Response System (FURS) to include youth who have exited foster care for any reason.
- **SB 1100 (Cortese D) Open meetings: orderly conduct.** Amends the Brown Act to clarify in statute, that a person who is disrupting a public meeting can be removed from that public meeting.

- **SB 1106 (Wiener D) Criminal resentencing: restitution.** Prohibits a petition for relief, whether statutorily authorized or in the court's discretion, from being denied due to an unfulfilled order of restitution or restitution fine.
- **SB 1121 (Gonzalez D) State and local transportation system needs assessment.** Requires the California Transportation Commission (CTC), in consultation with the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) and the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), to prepare a needs assessment of the cost to operate, maintain, and provide for the necessary future growth of the state and local transportation system for the next 10 years. The needs assessment will include a forecast of the expected revenue, including federal, state, and local revenues, to pay for the cost identified in the needs assessment, any shortfall in revenue to cover the cost, and recommendations on how any shortfall should be addressed. SB 1121 will require an interim needs assessment on or before January 1, 2024, and a completed needs assessment on or before January 1, 2025, and every 5 years thereafter.
- **SB 1131 (Newman D) Address confidentiality: public entity employees and contractors.** Establishes an address confidentiality program for public entity employees and contractors, and includes additional protections for election workers and reproductive health care providers. SB 1131 contains an urgency clause, so it takes effect immediately.
Advocacy Strategy - Reached out to our legislative delegation to urge support of the bill.
- **SB 1186 (Wiener D) Medical Cannabis Patients' Bill of Rights.** Prohibits local jurisdictions from prohibiting the retail sale by delivery of medical cannabis.
- **SB 1215 (Newman D) Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003: covered battery-embedded products.** Expands the Electronic Waste Recycling Act (EWRA) to include battery-embedded products.
- **SB 1227 (Eggman D) Involuntary commitment: intensive treatment.** Authorizes the professional person in charge of the facility providing intensive treatment to the person to file a petition in the superior court for the county in which the facility is located, seeking approval for up to an additional 30 days of intensive treatment.
- **SB 1338 (Umberg D) Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program.** Creates the CARE Act. CARE is intended to provide an opportunity in a civil court setting to develop an individualized care plan for persons with qualifying mental health conditions.
Impact - Riverside County will be in the first cohort of counties implementing the program starting October 1, 2023, the remaining counties will commence no later than December 1, 2024.
- **SB 1340 (Hertzberg D) Property taxation: active solar energy systems: extension.** Extends the new construction exclusion for active solar energy systems from the 2023-24 fiscal year through the 2025-26 fiscal year, and its sunset date from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2027.
- **SB 1342 (Bates D) Aging multidisciplinary personnel teams.** Allows a county or Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to establish an aging multidisciplinary team (MDT) with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of older adults to services, and allows provider agencies and members of the MDT to share confidential information for the purposes of coordinating services.
- **SB 1394 (Eggman D) Conservatorships: gravely disabled persons.** Modifies the maximum amount of time by which a temporary 30-day conservatorship may be extended, pending the resolution of a petition for a conservatorship under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act when the potential conservatee has requested a court or jury trial on the question

of whether they are “gravely disabled” for purposes of establishing a full LPS conservatorship, from six months to 180 days.

- **SB 1439 (Glazer D) Campaign contributions: agency officers.** Extends the prohibition on contributions to elected officers from 3 to 12 months following the date a final decision is rendered. The bill would permit an officer who does not willfully and knowingly accept, solicit, or direct a prohibited contribution to rectify the violation by returning it.

Vetoed

- **AB 240 (Rodriguez D) Local health department workforce assessment.** Would have required the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to contract with an appropriate and qualified entity to conduct an evaluation of the adequacy of the local health department infrastructure, and to make recommendations for future staffing, workforce needs, and resources, to fund local public health accurately and adequately.

Advocacy Strategy - The Board of Supervisors sent letters of support as well as a letter requesting the Governor's signature (Attachment E).
- **AB 339 (Lee D) Local government: open and public meetings.** Would have required, until December 31, 2023, that city councils and boards of supervisors in jurisdictions with populations over 250,000 provide both in person and teleconference options for the public to attend their meetings.
- **AB 503 (Stone D) Wards: probation.** Would have presumptively limited juvenile probation terms to six months, although courts would have been given the option to extend the term under specified circumstances.
- **AB 552 (Quirk-Silva D) Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Programs.** Would have authorized local educational agencies and county behavioral health agencies to enter into an Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnership Program to provide school-based behavioral health and substance abuse disorder services on school sites.
- **AB 731 (Bauer-Kahan D) County jails: recidivism: reports.** Would have required county sheriffs to collect and submit extensive data to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) about educational and rehabilitative programs in county jail and their impacts on recidivism rates.
- **AB 1717 (Aguiar-Curry D) Public Works: definition.** Would have expanded the definition of "public works" for the purpose of the payment of prevailing wages, beginning on January 1, 2024, to also include fuel reduction work paid partially or entirely by public funds performed as part of a fire mitigation project.
- **AB 1926 (Choi D) Voluntary declaration of parentage.** Would have allowed a properly executed voluntary declaration of parentage (VDOP) to be completed and submitted electronically. While the Governor stated he agrees that an electronic VDOP option could be beneficial, he signaled that legislation is not necessary and the process could be completed administratively.

Advocacy Strategy - The Board of Supervisors sent letters of support, encouraging the Governor's signature (Attachment F).
- **AB 1951 (Grayson D) Sales and use tax: exemptions: manufacturing.** Would have eliminated the local share of sales tax related to the purchasing of manufacturing equipment.
- **AB 2438 (Friedman D) Transportation funding: guidelines and plans.** Would have required multimodal transportation competitive grant programs to incorporate strategies from the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) into program guidelines. While Governor Newsom indicated he shares in the author's goals to address climate change impacts from the transportation sector, the bill is unnecessary as the California State Transportation Agency, California Department of Transportation, and the California Transportation Commission are already incorporating CAPTI into transportation programs.

Advocacy Strategy - The Board of Supervisors sent letter of opposition (Attachment G).

- **AB 2632 (Holden D) Limiting use of segregated confinement.** Would have - for all public and private detention facilities (state and local) - defined "segregated confinement," set maximum time limits for its use, and fully prohibited its use for special populations.
- **AB 2677 (Gabriel D) Information Practices Act of 1977.** Would have made several changes to the Information Practices Act of 1977 (IPA), including expanding the definition of personal information (PI) to include information that is reasonably capable of identifying an individual, prohibiting an agency from using records containing PI for any purposes other than those for it was collected. An earlier version of the bill would have applied the IPA to local agencies.
- **SB 222 (Dodd D) Water Rate Assistance Program.** Would have required the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to develop and administer a statewide Water Rate Assistance Program to provide rate assistance to low-income residential ratepayers of a community water system or wastewater system.
- **SB 1143 (Roth D) Acute Care Psychiatric Hospital Loan Fund.** Would have established the California Acute Care Psychiatric Hospital Loan Fund to provide zero-interest loans to qualifying county applicants for the purpose of constructing or renovating acute care psychiatric hospitals or psychiatric health facilities, or renovating or expanding general acute care hospitals in order to add or expand an inpatient psychiatric unit. As he did for many of this year's veto messages, the Governor cited the cost pressures on the state budget associated with the bill and noted the softening economic outlook.
Advocacy Strategy - This bill was originated by County staff. The Board of Supervisors sent letters of support (Attachment H and I).
- **SB 1238 (Eggman D) Behavioral health services: existing and projected needs.** Would have required DHCS, beginning January 1, 2024, and at least every five years thereafter, in consultation with local governments, to conduct a review of, and prepare a report regarding current and projected behavioral health (BH) care infrastructure and service needs, including barriers to meeting projected future needs and suggestions to alleviate bottlenecks in the continuum in each region.
- **SB 1449 (Caballero D) Unincorporated Area Annexation Incentive Program.** Would have required the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to establish, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Unincorporated Area Annexation Incentive Program.

Failed Passage

- [AB 650](#) (Muratsuchi D) Employer-provided benefits: health care workers: COVID-19: hazard pay retention bonuses.
- [AB 695](#) (Arambula D) Expansion of Home Safe Program for Elder and dependent adults.'
- [AB 942](#) (Wood D) California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal initiative.
- [AB 1105](#) (Rodriguez D) Hospital workers: COVID-19 testing.
- [AB 1372](#) (Muratsuchi D) Right to temporary shelter.
- [AB 1608](#) (Gipson D) County officers: consolidation of offices.
- [AB 1778](#) (Garcia, Cristina D) State transportation funding: freeway projects: poverty and pollution: Department of Transportation.
- [AB 1911](#) (Gabriel D) Income taxes: credits: low-income housing.
- [AB 1944](#) (Lee D) Local government: open and public meetings.
- [AB 1945](#) (Aguiar-Curry D) Affordable Disaster Housing Revolving Development and Acquisition Program.
- [AB 1972](#) (Ward D) Grand jury wages.
- [AB 2080](#) (Wood D) Health Care Consolidation and Contracting Fairness Act of 2022.
- [AB 2141](#) (Garcia, Eduardo D) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: community projects: funding.
- [AB 2237](#) (Friedman D) Transportation planning: regional transportation improvement plan: sustainable communities' strategies: alternative planning strategy: state transportation funding.
 - **Advocacy Strategy** - The Board of Supervisors sent letter of opposition (Attachment J).
- [AB 2381](#) (Daly D) Address confidentiality.
- [AB 2493](#) (Chen R) County employees' retirement: disallowed compensation
- [AB 2840](#) (Reyes D) Qualifying logistics use projects.
- [AB 2851](#) (Garcia, Eduardo D) Salton Sea geothermal resource area: Lithium Valley Office of Development.
- [SB 965](#) (Eggman D) Conservatorships: medical record: hearsay rule.
- [SB 970](#) (Eggman D) Mental Health Services Act
- [SB 986](#) (Umberg D) Vehicles: catalytic converters.
- [SB 1014](#) (Hertzberg D) Enhanced Clinically Integrated Program for Federally Qualified Health Centers.
- [SB 1154](#) (Eggman D) Facilities for mental health or substance use disorder crisis: database.
- [SB 1199](#) (Roth D) University of California, Riverside, School of Medicine: teaching hospital.
- [SB 1416](#) (Eggman D) Mental health services: gravely disabled persons.

Attachment A

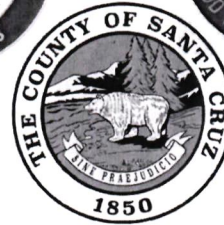


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May 25, 2022

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The Honorable Bob Wieckowski
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The Honorable Richard Bloom
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Re: Budget Trailer Bill - State Flood Control Subventions - Proposition 1E Funding Deadline Extension

Dear pro Tem Atkins, Speaker Rendon, and Chairs Skinner, Ting, Wieckowski, and Bloom:

On behalf of the undersigned coalition of flood protection entities, we write in support of the Governor's budget trailer bill proposal (RN 22 13569, attached) to extend the liquidation deadline for Proposition 1E funding for the State Flood Control Subventions Program (Program). Extending this deadline will continue to make available bond funding approved by the voters for projects that provides flood protection for communities across California, including disadvantaged communities which are often located in flood-prone areas with lower housing costs.

The State Flood Control Subventions Program was enacted nearly 75 years ago, and it serves to reimburse local agencies for the state's cost-share for certain public benefits for flood protection projects approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In recent decades bond measures, Proposition 1E and Proposition 84, have been the funding sources for this critically important purpose. Proposition 84 funds will soon be fully expended and Proposition 1E has \$172 million that remains appropriated, encumbered, but not liquidated. Of that, \$149 million would be lost due to a deadline enacted by the Budget Act of 2015, which requires Prop 1E funds to be liquidated by June 30, 2023. The Governor's

Attachment A

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proposed budget trailer bill would extend the deadline to liquidate the funds by five years, until June 30, 2028, providing the Program 5 more years to expend funds for critical flood protection and sea level rise projects.

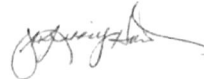
The State Flood Control Subventions program is currently set to reimburse 13 projects with an estimated total state cost-share of \$473 million. While the existing funding will not cover all expected expenditures, allowing \$149 million of Proposition 1E to expire would add to the state's cost-share liabilities. If the funding is lost, the Program must secure funding through the General Fund in the future, competing with other important state priorities. As communities continue to experience more intensified storms, sea level rise, and flooding, this Program helps local agencies address the increasing need to enhance flood protection.

Given the critical importance of protecting communities throughout the state from climate change impacts, we strongly urge your support for the Governor's budget trailer bill to extend the deadline for the liquidation of Proposition 1E flood subvention funds. Thank you for your attention to this important climate resilience issue.

Sincerely,



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Attachment A

State Legislative Leaders & Budget Committee Chairs

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May 25, 2022



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June 28, 2022

Senator Nancy Skinner, Chair
Senate Budget Committee

Assemblymember Phil Ting, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee

Re: AB 205/ SB 122 Energy Reliability, Relief, and Clean Energy Investments Trailer Bills- As Amended June 26, 2022 – **OPPOSE**

Dear Budget Committee Leadership:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write in opposition to AB 205/SB 122, the Energy Trailer Bills. These bills would allow for a shift of local authority for siting of solar, wind, and certain battery backup projects to the California Energy Commission (CEC) and would, under the auspices of a Strategic Energy Reserve, delegate to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) blanket authority to bypass local permitting, including through the Coastal Act of 1976. These facilities can have enormous impacts on our communities, even when the benefits are spread to other parts of the state.

Riverside County has a demonstrated history of supporting the development of solar renewal energy projects. We have worked with the solar industry in the permitting of projects that are adding over 2,100 MW in power generation to date, with more in the pipeline, while being able to address community concerns and properly mitigate project impacts. The environmental review and permitting of solar projects is best conducted at the local level, where the needs of the solar industry and all stakeholders can be readily considered. As such, we would support efforts to assist counties in expediting permitting but transitioning authority to the CEC and DWR is not the solution.

The CEC permitting process for renewable energy and manufacturing contained in these bills misses the mark, is overly broad, usurps local control, excludes local governments from meaningful involvement in major development projects within their jurisdictions, and could result in even more litigation.

While the state must improve energy reliability both at the local level and for the larger grid, many of our communities have suffered a dramatic decline in energy reliability over the last several years. We understand that the CEC permitting process is just one component of the trailer bill, however, its impact will be sweeping and long-lasting. AB 205/SB 122 bypasses the traditional local permitting process designed to ensure a project’s impacts on local communities and residents will be minimized. AB 205/SB 122 also removes all local permitting for facilities cited through the Department of Water Resources for strategic energy reserves and exempts these projects from the California Coastal Act.

In conclusion, AB 205/SB 122 were crafted without the input, and over the objections of, local governments that are best positioned to balance competing interests. **For these reasons, Riverside County opposes this over-reach of state permitting and urgently requests your “No” vote on AB 205/SB 122.**

Attachment B



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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Hewitt
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
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Riverside County Delegation

Attachment C



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April 8, 2022

Senator Tom Umberg
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 6730
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1054 (OCHOA BOGH) AS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 15, 2022 — CO-SPONSOR

Dear Senator Umberg:

The County of Riverside is proud to co-sponsor SB 1054 by Senator Ochoa Bogh. This bill allows multidisciplinary teams (MDT's) from Adult Protective Services (APS) and Child Welfare Services (CWS) to share relevant information across programs during investigations into abuse and neglect.

Many counties, including Riverside County, have established MDT's, or have ongoing meetings that are multidisciplinary in scope, both for APS and CWS investigations. Governed by state law, MDTs bring together the expertise of multiple individuals from different fields, all of whom are trained in the identification and treatment of abuse and neglect, including but not limited to: psychiatrists/psychologists, county mental health and social workers, law enforcement and educators. Currently, MDTs are not explicitly allowed to share information between APS and CWS, even when households may be identified by both programs and where sharing of information would be valuable to enhance services and protect those at risk of abuse and neglect.

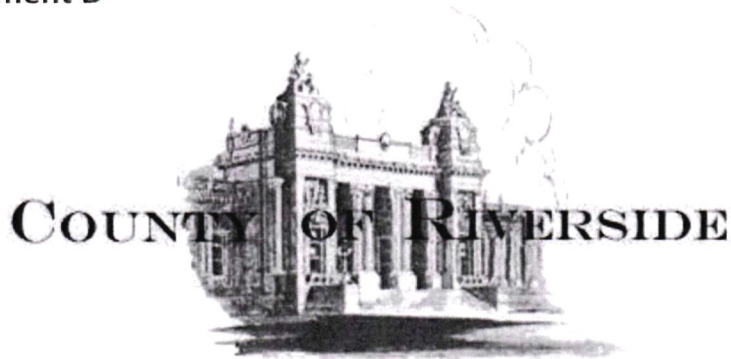
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Thank you very much for your support and leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hewitt
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Riverside County Legislative Delegation



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August 24, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1054 (OCHOA BOGH) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The County of Riverside respectfully requests your signature on SB 1054 by Senator Ochoa-Bogh. This bill would allow multidisciplinary teams (MDT's) from Adult Protective Services (APS) and Child Welfare Services (CWS) to share relevant information across programs during investigations into abuse and neglect.

Many counties, including Riverside County, have established MDT's, or have ongoing meetings that are multidisciplinary in scope, both for APS and CWS investigations. Governed by state law, MDTs bring together the expertise of multiple individuals from different fields, all of whom are trained in the identification and treatment of abuse and neglect, including but not limited to: psychiatrists/psychologists, county mental health and social workers, law enforcement and educators. Currently, MDTs are not explicitly allowed to share information between APS and CWS, even when households may be identified by both programs and where sharing of information would be valuable to enhance services and protect those at risk of abuse and neglect.

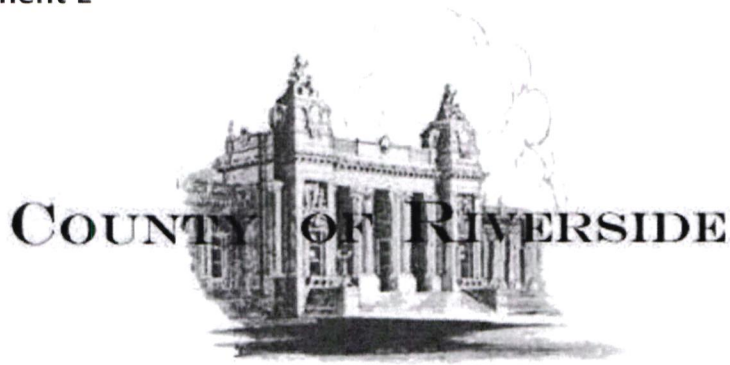
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Thank you very much for your support and leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hewitt
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

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August 29, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 240 (Rodriguez): Local health department workforce assessment
Enrolled August 24, 2022 – **REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors I write to respectfully urge you to sign into law AB 240 by Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez. This bill would require the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to conduct an evaluation of the adequacy of local health department infrastructure, including an assessment of future staffing, workforce, and resource needs.

Local health departments such as ours play a critical role in protecting and promoting the health and well-being of the residents of our jurisdiction. The role and importance of local public health has been most evidently displayed amid the emergency of the MPX outbreak and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as well as other disasters and emergencies faced by our jurisdiction.

The proclamation of a state of emergency, necessitates the urgent need to evaluate the adequacy of local health department infrastructure and workforce needs to perform daily activities to provide services to our diverse communities and to effectively prevent and respond to public health threats.

Unfortunately, local health departments throughout the state, including Riverside County's Public Health Department face significant challenges in recruiting and retaining well-qualified employees. These local health department infrastructure and workforce challenges may hamper critical public health protection and promotion activities in our communities and can limit our ability to adequately prepare for and respond to public health emergencies and pandemics.

AB 240 would provide an opportunity for state and local governments in California to better understand the adequacy of local health department infrastructure, including needs related to



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local health department staffing, workforce, and resources. Findings and recommendations produced by this assessment will serve as a useful roadmap in better supporting the development and retention of a skilled and diverse public health workforce necessary to deliver the vital services we provide to our jurisdiction.

As evidenced by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the MPX outbreak, the role and function of local health departments in California are critical in ensuring the health and safety of California's 40 million residents. Riverside County is committed to developing and retaining a skilled and diverse public health workforce, and it is for these reasons we respectfully urge your approval and signature to AB 240.

This bill is supported by CHEAC, HOAC, SEIU California, CSAC, UCC, RCRC, and Public Health Advocates. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Riverside County Executive Officer, Jeff Van Wagenen, at (951) 955-1100 or JVanWagnen@rivco.org.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

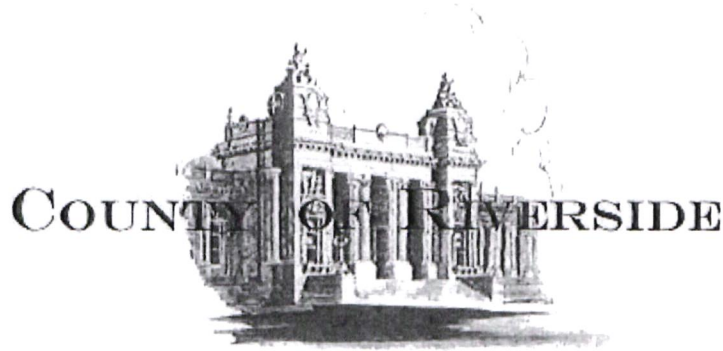
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Jeff Hewitt
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: Riverside County Legislative Delegation

Attachment F



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August 30, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 1926 (Choi): Voluntary Declaration of Parentage (VDOP) Form
As amended 8/23/22 – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 1926 (Choi). This bill is sponsored by the Child Support Directors Association to improve the child support program and facilitate the State's efforts to address California's child poverty crisis.

AB 1926 would allow California's paper Voluntary Declaration of Parentage (VDOP) form to be completed and transmitted to the State electronically. Establishing legal parentage is the first step in the process of establishing a child support order and ensuring the payment of needed child support for children. The current process for processing paper VDOP forms that have been signed by both parents is time consuming and cumbersome and delays the establishment of legal parentage. In addition, minor mistakes that are made as part of the signature process can lead to even more delays which impacts the ability of local child support agencies to establish parentage and begin the process of establishing a child support order.

By streamlining the processing of executed VDOP forms and building-in automated accuracy checks to catch errors up front in an electronic VDOP form will ensure that parentage is established faster. Additionally electronic forms will facilitate the establishment of child support orders and the payment of desperately needed child support to families. Child support is a key part of California's efforts to address our state's child poverty crisis. Facilitating the faster establishment of legal parentage and the more-timely payment of support helps our efforts to address that crisis. For these reasons, Riverside County respectfully requests your signature on AB 1926 when it arrives on your desk. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Riverside County Executive Officer, Jeff Van Wagenen, at (951) 955-1100 or JVanWagnen@rivco.org

Sincerely,

Jeff Hewitt
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: Honorable Assemblymember Steven Choi, Ph.D.
Tam Ma, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom
David Kilgore, Director, Department of Child Support Services



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June 21, 2022

The Honorable Lena A. Gonzalez, Chair
Senate Transportation Committee
State Capitol, Room 405
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Opposition to AB 2438 (Friedman)

Dear Senator Gonzalez:

On behalf of the County of Riverside, we write to oppose AB 2438 (Friedman) unless amended. As written, AB 2438 would require specified funding program guidelines to align with the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), the California Transportation Plan (CTP), and greenhouse gas emissions reduction standards.

The County of Riverside recognizes the State's intention to secure an equitable and climate-resilient future, including for residents in Riverside County. However, AB 2438 appears to conflict with promises the State made in the voter-affirmed SB 1, despite CAPTI affirming its intent to not change program guidelines beyond current code.

Furthermore, AB 2438 fails to recognize the staggering investments the State must make—not just in coastal urban centers, but also in more inland regions—*before* a comprehensive rewrite of critical funding programs can be considered. To place the cart before the horse as AB 2438 does would deny under-resourced regions and their disadvantaged communities of a *just transition* to a climate-resilient future because many communities do not have the funding, infrastructure, or necessary rights-of-way to immediately transition away from roadway usage.

If it were not for voter-approved transportation plans and local sales tax measures in Riverside County, we would struggle to keep people and goods moving safely because of the limited state resources available to our region. As a result of historically limited state and federal funding, we have areas where transportation infrastructure and transit options are decades behind where we want them to be. With the dramatic growth of population and goods movement in our region, we may never catch up without overwhelming state investment.

The County of Riverside appreciates Assemblymember Friedman's recognition of the need for the CTP to consider available resources before providing recommendations for the allocation of funds. Such an analysis that may be objectively compared to regional plans and priorities is long overdue, but we see this, along with substantial state investment in the development of multimodal systems in inland regions with new funds, as a prerequisite before a comprehensive rewrite of existing funding programs and directives for how local governments allocate funds may even be considered.

The County of Riverside is interested in turning the page toward innovative, sustainable transportation solutions that are accessible, equitable, and inclusive. But inequities look different from community to community and from region to region. We must work together if the state's climate goals are going to be achieved.

Attachment G



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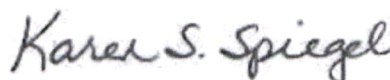
AB 2438 does not provide our communities with the investments and flexibility required to build the capacity of our multimodal transit systems, therefore threatening to leave our region and others behind. For these reasons, the County of Riverside opposes AB 2438. If you have any questions regarding AB 2438 and how it would impact our region, please contact Anne Mayer, Executive Director for the Riverside County Transportation Commission, at (951) 787-7141.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

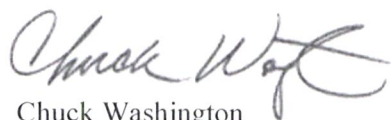
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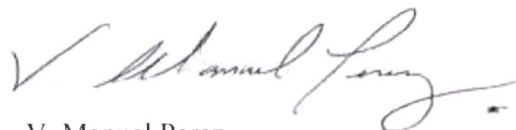
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March 29, 2022

The Honorable Richard Pan, Chair
Senate Health Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 7320
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **SB 1143 (Roth): Acute Psychiatric Hospital Loan Fund**
As amended 3/16/22 – SUPPORT
Set for hearing 4/6/22 – Senate Health Committee

Dear Senator Pan:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our strong support for Senate Bill 1143, Senator Richard Roth's measure that would establish the California Acute Care Psychiatric Hospital Revolving Loan Fund. The Fund would serve to provide zero-interest loans to assist in financing acute care psychiatric hospital projects repayable over a 30-year period. Given the significant needs of our communities, Riverside County has prioritized investments in our behavioral health infrastructure; in fact, we are actively planning for the replacement of our existing facility with a modern, 100-bed facility that will better integrate mental health, substance use, and physical health services to achieve the best outcomes for our patients. SB 1143 offers a significant opportunity to move this critical project forward to increase our capacity as a safety-net hospital and to provide timely, high quality, and patient-centered care that more fully meets the needs of our population.

Riverside County is the fourth largest county in California and the tenth largest in the country. Over the past 30 years, the County has experienced dramatic population growth, and with it, demands for county services have increased similarly. According to the Healthy Places Index, the County has a disproportionately large share of underserved individuals and an already large and growing unmet demand for behavioral health services generally. These factors, coupled with a well-documented statewide and local shortage of acute care behavioral health beds, have resulted in an overwhelming burden on hospitals in our region.

Riverside County's existing 1980's Emergency Treatment Services/Inpatient Treatment Facility is outdated and, despite considerable renovations over the past four years, fails to adequately meet current state and federal guidelines. Some examples of the building's shortfalls include:

- Access to building does not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.
- Lack of pediatric inpatient psychiatric services (services for this population do not currently exist in Riverside County).
- Inadequate emergency treatment area to allow for effective management of patient volume.
- Lack of private patient rooms and restrooms.



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The County plans to replace this outdated facility with a modern, expanded facility on our existing Medical Center campus in Moreno Valley that includes an additional 180,000 square feet of space, housing 100 inpatient acute behavioral health beds, emergency treatment services, and space for support staff, as follows:

- Adult inpatient units: 4 units with 18 beds each
- Adolescent inpatient unit: 12-16 beds
- Pediatric inpatient unit: 12 beds (including potentially 6 combined pediatric behavioral health/medical beds)
- Emergency treatment services: Pediatric, adolescent, and adult patients will be served in separate, but adjacent spaces, and adjacent to the current Medical Center emergency room, as direct access to physical emergency medical services will not only improve efficiencies in care and service but will reduce costs.

We anticipate the total cost of such a facility to be \$300-\$400 million.

We greatly appreciate the state's current and proposed investment in the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) to provide additional resources to invest in treatment facilities across the state. To be clear, Riverside County is ready to apply for those grant funds and put them to good use, should they be awarded. However, in Riverside alone, our behavioral health infrastructure needs eclipse the entire statewide allocation of funds. Much more must be done in order to appropriately address behavioral health needs, particularly in underserved parts of the state. SB 1143 provides a critically needed opportunity for the state to help facilitate an investment in infrastructure that serves to improve patient outcomes for the betterment of us all.

To that end, we strongly support SB 1143 and respectfully urge your support when it comes before your committee. Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can offer additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Hewitt
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Health Committee
County of Riverside Legislative Delegation
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August 30, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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1021 O Street, Suite 9000
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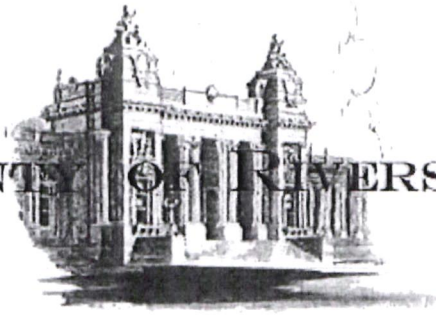
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We greatly appreciate the state's investment in the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) to provide additional resources to invest in treatment facilities across the state and are gratified for having been successfully awarded some funding from the program. However, in Riverside alone, our behavioral health infrastructure needs eclipse the entire statewide allocation of funds. Much more must be done in order to appropriately address behavioral health needs, particularly in underserved parts of the state and particularly in light of counties' responsibilities associated with CARE Court. SB 1143 provides a critically needed opportunity for the state to help facilitate an investment in infrastructure that serves to improve patient outcomes for the betterment of us all.

To that end, we respectfully urge your most positive consideration of SB 1143 when it arrives on your desk. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Riverside County Executive Officer, Jeff Van Wagenen, at (951) 955-1100 or JVanWagnen@rivco.org.

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June 21, 2022

The Honorable Lena A. Gonzalez, Chair
Senate Transportation Committee
State Capitol, Room 405
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Opposition to AB 2237 (Freidman), as Amended on April 18, 2022

Dear Senator Gonzalez:

On behalf of the County of Riverside, we write to oppose AB 2237 (Friedman) unless amended. The County of Riverside recognizes the state’s intention to secure an equitable and climate-resilient future, including for residents in Riverside County. For decades, our county as a member of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) has supported local investments in all modes of transportation to reduce traffic congestion and offer mobility choices—and has done so in a manner that preserves the region’s natural habitat via the Riverside County Integrated Project. Actions like these can be accomplished because we have the flexibility to be responsive to our community’s needs while also achieving regional transportation and environmental goals.

The County of Riverside takes exception to two significant issues in this bill:

1. Constraints placed on voter-approved transportation sales tax measures; and
2. Prohibiting projects inconsistent with the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) from being funded.

AB 2237 fails to recognize the depth of funding self-help counties, like Riverside County, have already invested in all modes of transportation despite the State’s historical lack of funding resources until the implementation of Senate Bill 1. The County of Riverside supports improving air quality and providing safe and efficient walking, biking, and transit access in our region. Riverside County residents approved in 1988 and again in 2002 Measure A, that funds improvements for all transportation modes, including highways, commuter rail, public transit, rideshare programs, complete streets, and even habitat conservation.

Projects funded with Measure A not only provide operational improvements to the state highway system and multi-modal transit alternatives, but also funds local transportation projects that provides substantial benefits to our communities. While it has taken decades to deliver some of these projects due to insufficient state and federal funding. Their need in our communities has not changed, even as the State’s policies have. As a member of RCTC, we committed to our residents, based on their vote to support this Measure, to get the job done.

AB 2237 would reduce the local voice on mobility improvements by requiring new oversight by the California Air Resources Board and the California Transportation Commission on regional transportation plans. This action could eliminate local officials’ ability to respond to the needs of its communities. Regionally significant projects, like the ones included in voter-approved transportation sales tax measures, are already taken into account in regional transportation plans (RTP) and sustainable communities’ strategies (SCS). The SCS is designed to



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facilitate the delivery of a suite of projects that meet the varying mobility needs of each community and provide balance to the types of projects that are delivered.

The County of Riverside disagrees with the bill's requirement that projects found to be inconsistent with CAPTI, SCS, and other climate and air quality goals, should not be funded. While CAPTI will influence the modes of projects RCTC can deliver for our communities in the future, it should not be used to eliminate planned projects. The State should allow local transportation agencies the flexibility to adjust according to the needs of its residents to ensure a just transition to an even more robust multimodal transportation system.

The County of Riverside is interested in innovative, sustainable transportation solutions that are accessible, equitable, and inclusive. But inequities look different from community to community and from region to region. We must work together if the state's climate goals are going to be achieved. Still, the State must provide its own funding for regions like Riverside County — not just in coastal urban centers that are already built out — before a comprehensive review of pipeline projects can be considered. AB 2237 would deny under-resourced regions and their disadvantaged communities of a just transition to a climate-resilient future because many communities do not have the funding, infrastructure, or available space to eliminate roadway usage on command.

For these reasons, the County of Riverside opposes AB 2237. If you have any questions regarding AB 2237 and how it would impact our region, please contact Anne Mayer, Executive Director for the Riverside County Transportation Commission, at (951) 787-7141. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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