

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



**ITEM: 3.64
(ID # 29511)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, December 16, 2025

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Adoption of the Mid-Session Update to the 2025-26 Legislative Platform, [All Districts] [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the Mid-Session Update to the 2025-26 Legislative Platform.

ACTION:Policy

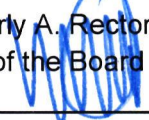
Carolina Salazar Herrero, Director of Legislative Advocacy

12/11/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Medina
Date: December 16, 2025
xc: EO

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

BACKGROUND:

Summary

As described in Board Policy A-27, the County's Annual Legislative Platform (Platform) serves as a guideline for the County's advocacy efforts led through the Executive Office in cooperation with County departments, legislative advocates, and community partners. The Platform serves as a tool for focusing on and achieving the County's primary advocacy goals, as well as a reference for evaluating legislation under consideration at the State and Federal levels.

The following process is used to develop the Platform:

- 1) The Executive Office works with departments to identify challenges and solutions that could involve legislative or regulatory advocacy.
- 2) The Executive Office reviews the collection of challenges and solutions, looks for common themes, and develops a draft document that captures those issues that will most improve County operations and our region.
- 3) The Executive Office presents the Platform to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and adoption.

On January 28, 2025, the Board adopted the 2025-26 Legislative Platform. As we enter the second year of the legislative session, the Executive Office has worked with the Board of Supervisors, and department heads to identify key policy initiatives the County wants to highlight and/or include in the updated Mid-Session 2025-26 Legislative Platform. These updates are outlined on page 7 of the Platform.

As the State and Federal legislative session continues, the Executive Office will work with the Board of Supervisors and department heads to develop a comprehensive list of bills that impact the County along with advocacy strategies for the year. Advocacy updates will be provided to the Board of Supervisors as part of the regular Legislative Updates.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. 2025-26 Legislative Platform Mid Session Update



2025-26 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM



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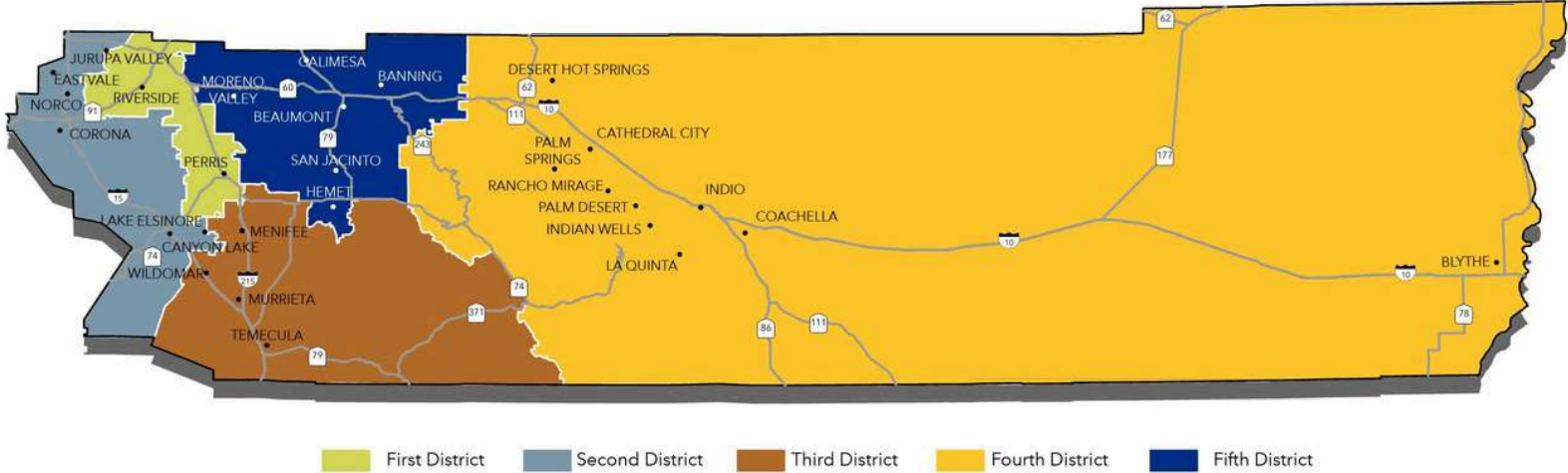
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County of Riverside, Board of Supervisors. *2025-26 Legislative Platform*
Approved January 28, 2025, Board Item 3.3 ID#27053

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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Supervisor Jose Medina

Cities: Perris, Riverside, and portions of Jurupa Valley
Unincorporated Communities: Good Hope, Highgrove, March Air Reserve Base, Mead Valley, and Meadowbrook

2



Supervisor Karen Spiegel

Cities: Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Lake Elsinore, Norco, and portions of Jurupa Valley
Unincorporated Communities: Canyon Ridge, Coronita, El Cariso, El Cerrito, Gavilan Hills, Home Gardens, Lake Hills, Lake Mathews, Lakeland Village, Rancho Capistrano, Rancho Carrillo, Temescal Valley, Victoria Grove, Warm Springs, and Woodcrest

3



Supervisor Chuck Washington

Cities: Menifee, Murrieta, Temecula, and Wildomar
Unincorporated Communities: Aguanga, Anza Valley, De Luz, East Hemet, French Valley, Green Acres, Homeland, La Cresta, Lake Riverside, Romoland, Sage, Tenaja, Winchester, and portions of Valle Vista.

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Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Cities: Blythe, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage
Unincorporated Communities: Bermuda Dunes, Cahuilla Hills, Carver Tract, Chiriaco Summit, Colorado River Communities, Desert Center/Lake Tamarisk, Desert Edge, Desert Palms, Eagle Mountain, Fern Valley, Garner Valley, Garnet, Idyllwild, Indio Hills, Mecca, Mesa Verde, Mountain Center, North Palm Springs, North Shore, Oasis, Pine Cove, Pinyon Pines, Ripley, Sky Valley, Snow Creek, Thermal, Thousand Palms, Vista Santa Rosa, Whitewater and Windy Point.

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Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez

Cities: Blythe, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage.
Cities: Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Hemet, Moreno Valley, and San Jacinto
Unincorporated Communities: Cabazon, Cherry Valley, Lakeview, Nuevo, Reche Canyon, and San Timoteo, and portions of Valle Vista.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE



Whether a Republican or a Democrat, progressive or conservative, serving a first term or the last, those representing the residents of Riverside County are driven by the singular desire to improve the quality of life for those we serve. This determination to deliver for a constituency that is shared between elected and appointed leaders in the county, cities, tribal nations, Sacramento and Washington D.C., is the why that inspires a common mission.

This platform, more than merely a declaration of initiatives, is meant to be a statement of principles to guide our mutual efforts to develop policies, improve processes, and build partnerships that seek to identify and implement solutions to the challenges our community faces. Only when we know what our goals are, can we ever hope to achieve them.

It is our intention that this collection of policy pillars and legislative priorities, taken in conjunction with the strategies we implement to realize them, will serve as a roadmap for our region.

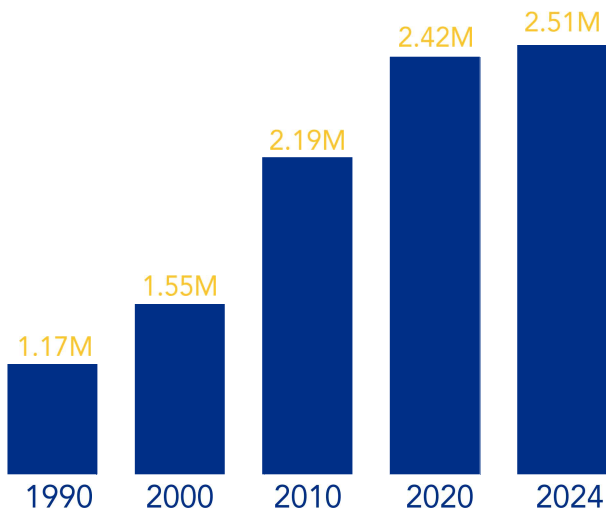
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Jeffrey A. Van Wagenen, Jr.
County Executive Officer

THE COUNTY IS CREATING NEW, INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS TO ENHANCE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING, FORGING NEW OPPORTUNITIES, PROJECTS, AND THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE. WITH GROWTH COMES OPPORTUNITY.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S RAPID GROWTH

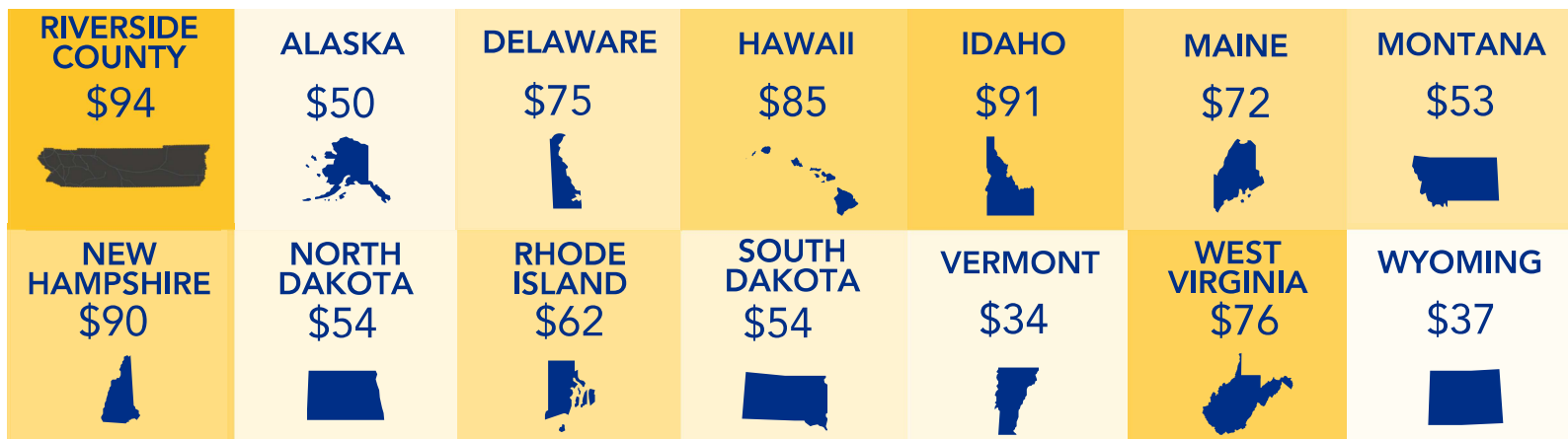
POPULATION 1990-2022



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Riverside County is experiencing rapid population growth; from the period of 1990-2020, the average growth in population per year was 41,592. The County of Riverside is the fourth most populous county in California and the tenth most populous county in the United States. Since 1990, the county's population has more than doubled.

GDP LARGER THAN 13 STATES



GDP IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS

POPULATION



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
U.S. Department of Commerce
Gross Domestic Product by State,
2022 Real Gross Domestic Product



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM MID-SESSION ADVOCACY

- **Access to Justice:** Full funding of judgeships, the continued operation of existing courthouses, and additional resources to support the implementation of criminal justice reforms and Proposition 36 (2024).
- **Animal Services:** Increased investment in community-based pet support services, workforce development, and collaborative partnerships to reduce shelter intake and enhance pet retention.
- **Ben Clark Training Center (BCTC):** Identify state and federal partners to participate in the development of our regional public safety training campus.
- **Electric Vehicle (EV) Mandates:** Support efforts to align new vehicle standards and implementation timelines with the operational realities of local governments, ensuring that mandates are achievable, affordable, and supported by available technology and infrastructure.
- **H.R. 1 One Big Beautiful Bill Act (2025) Implementation:** State and Federal provisions that benefit local communities while minimizing impacts to the County's General Fund.
- **Homelessness:** Consistent and flexible funding streams that support innovation and improve the delivery of homelessness services, especially as it relates to the Continuum of Care.
- **Housing Affordability:** Support reforms to Housing Element Law that would enable more timely and effective development in appropriate communities where progress has been limited, and pursue funding opportunities within the state's proposed housing bond.
- **Insurance Affordability:** Insurance reform to ensure that it remains accessible and available in high-risk areas where insurance availability and cost have become a significant barrier.
- **Integrated Service Delivery (RivCoONE):** Policy changes that eliminate barriers to constituent-centered service delivery, including the expansion of multi-disciplinary teams and increased funding for innovative service models.
- **Maximizing Veterans' Benefits:** Additional administrative funds for Veteran Serving Organizations (VSOs), in order to help veterans draw down their fair share of federal benefits.
- **Military Facilities:** Sustained investment in March Air Reserve Base and the Naval Surface Warfare Center, and support policies that strengthen and preserve the missions of these strategic military installations.
- **Prison Closure Economic Impacts:** Funding to support and revitalize communities affected by prison closures, including investments in critical institutions such as Palo Verde Valley Hospital, and the economic impacts in the communities of Blythe and Norco.
- **Traffic Safety (Truck Route Enforcement):** Dedicated funding to support local traffic enforcement in unincorporated communities, especially of AB 98 (2024) truck route requirements, ensuring safer roads.
- **Transform Service Delivery:** Legislative and regulatory frameworks that enable the thoughtful deployment of advanced technologies and provide counties with the flexibility to enhance operational efficiency, improve service delivery, and expand access for residents.
- **Vulnerable Children, Transitional Age Youth, and Adults:** Comprehensive solutions that address the complex needs of vulnerable populations, with a particular focus on those in foster care.

POLICY PILLARS

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

These policy pillars guide the County's commitment to improve the quality of life for all those who live, work, and enjoy life in Riverside County.



FAIR & EQUITABLE FUNDING

Advocate for full funding that meets the needs of Riverside County's growing and diverse communities.



LOCAL GOVERNANCE REQUIRES LOCAL SOLUTIONS

Advocate for policies and initiatives that enhance local discretion in delivering services and resources.



BREAKING BARRIERS & BUILDING BRIDGES

Advocate for removing barriers that limit the County's ability to innovate and focus on constituent-centered service delivery.

BETTER DATA • BETTER DISCUSSIONS • BETTER DECISIONS

The County of Riverside commits to continuous improvement and innovation. The County collects, evaluates, and uses data to make better decisions that are focused on uplifting community voices and delivering results.

ADVOCACY GOALS

DRIVE POLICY, IMPACT THE PROCESS, AND LEAD PARTNERSHIPS



Policy

- Provide a framework to analyze local, state, and federal policy proposals.
- Advance policy priorities locally, regionally, in Sacramento, and in Washington, D.C.
- Identify and aggressively seek funding opportunities and strategies that align with current and future needs.



Process

- Position County leaders as leading subject matter experts.
- Pursue state and federal funding appropriations and support regulatory guidelines that advance the goals and needs of the County of Riverside.



Partnerships

- Convene regional partners to identify and advance joint priorities.
- Work with cities, special districts, and community leaders to craft solutions and joint strategies that elevate the Inland Empire and Southern California regions.

ADVOCACY STRATEGY

LEGISLATION

- Monitor proposed legislation, regulatory rulemaking, and funding opportunities at the state and federal levels.
- In collaboration with legislative representatives, assist county departments and agencies in proposing legislation to advance countywide goals.
- Work with County leadership and lobbying teams to identify bills of interest to the County at the state and federal levels.
- During each legislative session, review bills of interest and propose positions and advocacy strategies for priority bills.
- Track professional association participation among department leaders and work collaboratively to advance County priorities.

REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FUNDING

- Monitor, review, and submit comments on regulatory rule-making proposals of interest.
- Seek funding allocations at the state and federal levels.
- Identify funding policies that negatively impact Riverside County and propose alternatives.
- Raise major regulatory issues to state and federal elected officials, identifying opportunities for proposed solutions.
- Prioritize, submit, and support congressionally directed spending proposals.

OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Conduct a gap analysis in partnership with County departments and develop a stakeholder engagement plan to address needs.
- Provide expertise on emerging issues through regular communication with state and federal agencies.
- Host meetings, tours, and provide briefings for elected officials and agencies.
- Provide regular updates to state, federal, and local elected officials and their staff members.
- Identify opportunities for the Board of Supervisors and department leaders to present or provide testimony on pertinent issues.
- Work with the Board of Supervisors and department leaders to prepare for advocacy days, and other opportunities to advance legislative priorities with leaders and stakeholders.

PARTNERSHIPS

- Support regional partners through joint legislative language, letters of support, and strategic partnerships.
- Work collaboratively to align grant and other funding opportunities to bolster regional outcomes.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The County of Riverside will continue to do its part to meet California's housing needs, uplifting the region and our partners to better connect and serve current and future residents.

Along with the County's policy pillars, advocacy goals, and advocacy strategy, the legislative priorities in this document reflect the direction set forth by the Board of Supervisors, with expertise provided by department leaders, and will guide how the County engages in advocacy for the coming legislation session.

I Safe, Sustainable, and Healthy Neighborhoods

II Financially Stable and Results Oriented Service Delivery

III Thriving, Robust, and Diverse Economy

IV Paving the Way for Resilient, Ready, and Connected Communities

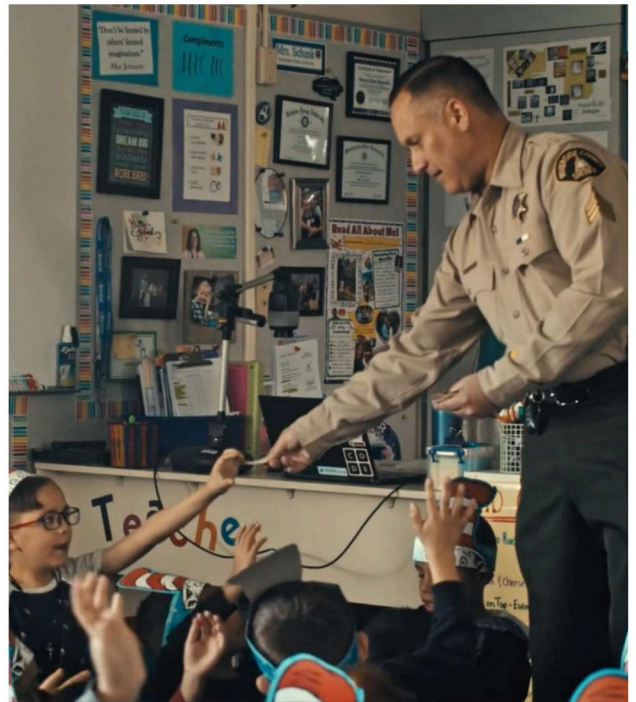


I Safe, Sustainable, and Healthy Neighborhoods

- Keeping Riverside County communities safe is of utmost importance.
- By supporting policies that expand local climate resiliency, emergency response, and preparedness, the County helps protect communities from the impacts of climate change.
- The County is committed to whole person health, and the innovation of social services to support families in an integrated and preventative manner, rather than department by department or program by program.
- The removal of barriers, transformation of service delivery, and results are some key measures of the County's success.
- The County supports initiatives that enhance funding for public health, public safety net, and behavioral health systems.
- The County will continue to advocate for legislation and outreach that helps address the fentanyl and opioid crisis.
- Building and serving the Riverside County of tomorrow is achieved by planning, investing, and innovating today.

Public Safety

- Advocate for increased funding of public safety.
- Support efforts to fund prevention and diversion programs, including new opportunities for justice system-involved individuals living with complex behavioral health needs.
- Support additional and ongoing funding to reduce violence and promote safer communities.
- The County will advocate for greater consistency in funding streams for homelessness that allow for innovation and improved service delivery across the continuum.
- The County will continue to identify state and federal partners to participate in the development of the regional public safety training campus, Ben Clark Training Center (BCTC).



Access to Justice

- Support efforts to fund local courts that better meet the judicial needs of County residents, including advocating for the creation of new judgeships and funding formulas that support current and future local needs.
- Support courthouse projects which help meet the needs of current and future residents.
- The County will advocate for state funding to assist and invest in communities impacted by prison closures.
- Support funding models to promote access to forensic examinations for cases of domestic violence, and child abuse.

I Safe, Sustainable, and Healthy Neighborhoods

Disaster Preparedness, Management, and Response

- Support efforts to protect critical infrastructure and communications.
- Promote policies which invest in preparedness and rapid recovery of emergency disasters.
- Advocate for the state to take immediate regulatory and legislative action to strengthen and stabilize California's marketplace for homeowners' insurance and commercial property insurance.
- Support maximum reimbursement of costs and damages associated with wildfires, floods, extreme weather, pandemics or other natural disasters for the County and residents.
- Rebuild housing and communities impacted by disaster and support revolving loan fund models which quickly deploy housing-related disaster assistance.
- Support climate resilience grants seeking to fortify existing homes and reduce the vulnerabilities of new homes, especially for seniors and low income residents.
- Support policies and programs which provide increased access to social services for residents following emergency disasters, including reimbursing the cost to the County.
- Support funding opportunities for counties to prepare and fund cybersecurity.
- Support efforts to enshrine in legislation reinforcement of the public health infrastructure built out during the COVID-19 pandemic to bolster future responses.
- The County will be focused on ensuring that California's Proposition 4 (2024) is distributed as the voters intended.



Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

- Support legislative, regulatory, and funding measures that maintain or strengthen the authority and governing role of the County and its Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) to plan, implement and evaluate all aspects of the EMS system.
- Support measures that improve the quality, operational efficiency and systems based approach to EMS.
- Promote initiatives that encourage the equitable participation, funding and support of EMS system providers and hospitals.

Prevention, Intervention, and Access Save Lives



- Support policies and legislation that expand access to health coverage, and that streamline Medicaid (Medi-Cal) enrollment and retention.
- Support increases in Medicaid reimbursements in California, which has one of the lowest rates of reimbursement in the country.
- Advocate for sufficient resources at the federal and state level to be provided to respond to changes in the healthcare landscape.
- Support Medi-Cal reimbursement for medical and behavioral health services provided to incarcerated individuals so that those patients do not lose coverage upon intake into jails or while in the care of the correctional system.
- Support efforts to reduce health disparities, improve quality outcomes, and drive delivery system transformation through value-based initiatives, modernization of systems and payment reforms.
- Support initiatives aimed at prevention, integration, and improvements in care management and coordination of behavioral health, dental, substance use treatment, primary care, housing, nutrition, and other social services, with the goal of creating better patient outcomes.
- Support efforts to strengthen and sustain informatic capabilities within public, behavioral, and healthcare infrastructure to provide efficient services and improve community health.
- Support financing programs and payment structures for innovative technologies such as telehealth, so that payment rates are uniform across in-person, telephonic, and video calls with health care providers.

Behavioral Health and Wellness

- Support efforts to fund and improve access to behavioral health services, from early screenings to ongoing treatment.
- Support proposals that fund, promote, and expand access to behavioral health integration, including through incentives and easing of regulatory barriers, especially in hard-to-reach and vulnerable populations.
- Advocate for increased funding for care coordination, behavioral health counseling, and wellness programs for older adults, persons with disabilities, foster youth, and veterans.
- Support increased and flexible state and federal funding to build the capacity of local public health systems and related infrastructure, including the County's Wellness Village model.



II Financially Stable & Results Oriented Service Delivery

- Financial responsibility is a cornerstone of all the County's efforts. As stewards of taxpayer dollars, the County will advocate to bring a fair share of state and federal resources to the County.
- The County advocates for funding that considers the unique needs of Riverside County communities, environment, geography, and future growth.
- The County continuously pushes to fix outdated funding formulas that do not consider recent and future population growth.
- Delivering results is the focus, not simply delivering services. The County will work to fix the fractured funding streams and legislative barriers that prevent the County from streamlining services.
- Aggressive pursuit of external funding opportunities is key, and the County will advocate for changes when necessary, including ensuring there is fair competition and regional funding opportunities when appropriate.
- The County supports expanding its ability to fund community, public-private partnerships.



General Governance

- Support reform efforts that improve the County's ability to more efficiently administer and be reimbursed for the costs of administering current and proposed programs.
- Pursue funds to support County priorities to help non-revenue generating agencies provide adequate service levels.
- Support legislation which resolves antiquated funding formulas that are inequitable and do not consider the current and future population growth of the County.
- Support initiatives which allow the County to make the best use of its bonding and financing authority.
- Support funding for the County to assist the administration of essential and mandated services.
- Support regulatory changes to add local data to the state electronic reporting system for specific or unique populations.

II Financially Stable & Results Oriented Service Delivery



Results Oriented Service Delivery

- Advocate for and support legislative, administrative, and budgetary efforts to revise the funding allocation methodologies for County social service agencies to ensure that the County receives proper funding which reflects the current and future population growth of the County.
- Support efforts that allow for expanded sharing of information through local agency collaboration and automated data exchanges between agencies and across programs.
- Provide flexible funding for supportive services and multi-disciplinary teams.
- Support efforts to streamline and modernize the systems by which County specific data is administered and reported to the state and federal government.
- Support efforts that help meet the needs of the families the County serves, increasing compliance with court orders while removing unnecessary burdens and obstacles.
- Support a dedicated funding stream to fund preventive health and welfare services or activities that improve community health and economic outcomes.
- Support efforts to improve quality outcomes and drive delivery system transformation through value-based initiatives, modernization of systems, and payment reform.
- Support legislation that increases funding of veteran service organizations (VSOs) and provides increased access to Department of Veteran Affairs information systems.

III Thriving, Robust, and Diverse Economy

- The County is focused on spurring economic opportunities for businesses to grow and thrive.
- Dedication and devotion to reducing poverty, addressing homelessness, improving economic conditions, and systemic equity are key focus areas.
- While established industries of agriculture, tourism, warehousing, and distribution continue to develop in the region, Riverside County is excited to welcome new opportunities and diversify key sectors as we strive to further economic growth and innovation.
- Support state and federal efforts for regional economic development to include industry cluster strategy.
- Support efforts for inclusive economic development to elevate the County, focusing on growth, sustainability, equity, and competitiveness.
- Support efforts to incentivize business growth and relocation which will promote work-life balance.
- The County focuses on increasing high-quality childcare, as it is integral to creating opportunities for current and future workforce.



Improving Economic Conditions for All

- Support efforts to decrease food insecurity and advance policy, systems, and environmental changes that improve systemic resiliency.
- Create regional poverty thresholds that accurately reflect the cost of food, clothing, shelter, and other living expenses.
- The County will advocate for solutions that address the complex needs of vulnerable children and adults, particularly those in foster care.
- Improve eligibility and increase benefits and pension for military retirees.
- Decrease or eliminate interest on child support arrears from the current ten percent per annum.

III Thriving, Robust, and Diverse Economy

Agriculture

- Oppose any reductions in funding and services, or increased costs to agricultural businesses.
- Promote and protect the agricultural industry of the County and its environment, ensuring the health and safety of the County's citizens, and fostering confidence and equity in the marketplace.
- Support efforts to prevent the introduction and potential spread of invasive pests and diseases harmful to agriculture, including strengthening inspections at borders.



Educational Attainment & Workforce Development

- Support development and retention of a skilled and diverse workforce through both state and federal advocacy efforts.
- Support funding to work in partnership with K-12 institutions in our County to create economic opportunities, partnerships, and workforce pipelines that increase access to high demand and quality jobs in our County.
- Support federal and state efforts to increase cybersecurity, education and early childcare, health care, public safety, social worker, and veterinary service workforce pathways.
- Support policies that encourage businesses to participate in the County's Veteran-Friendly Business programs.
- Support the economic growth of our military facilities, advocating for the continued investment in March Air Reserve Base and the Naval Surface Warfare Center, advancing policies that support the mission of the bases.
- Riverside County promotes clean technology and encourages investments in the renewable energy economy such as solar, wind, and other green sources such as hydrogen.
- Support efforts to grow the biotech and healthcare sector, including medical device and equipment manufacturing, genomics, and biotechnology.
- Support advancements in agricultural technology, in partnership with our institutions of higher education.
- In partnership with neighboring Imperial County, the County will support the advancement of economic opportunities in Lithium Valley in the Salton Sea.



IV Paving the Way for Resilient, Ready, and Connected Communities

- The County supports meaningful investments that aid transportation and infrastructure in a manner that accounts for the region's growing population, traffic congestion, and safety, as well as environmental and health impacts.
- Water conservation is not enough, which is why the County will advocate for more storage, improved conveyance, new supply, and regulatory certainty.
- Commitment to an equitable expansion of broadband, wifi, zero emission vehicle, and transportation infrastructure that focuses on access and meaningful investments, especially in hard to reach communities, is critical to the County's future.
- The County supports grid and energy affordability and resiliency for current and future growth needs.
- Riverside County is a desirable place to live, and the County is dedicated to preserving and expanding housing affordability for all.
- Expansion opportunities to fund parks, open space, trails, and habitat conservation are vital for the quality of life of Riverside County residents.
- The County celebrates the rich history of the Native American tribal nations that have called this land home for generations, seeks to build on our cooperative relationships, and supports joint priorities that advance our region.



Transportation

- Pursue legislation and funding to increase safety on local roads and highways.
- Support federal efforts to develop both the French Valley and the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airports.
- Support development of a multimodal transit system that promotes equitable access, choice, and environmental sustainability, while maximizing competitiveness for state and federal funding.
- Support integration of public transportation systems in southern California.
- Support efforts to reduce project delivery timelines while maintaining important environmental protections.
- Oppose legislative proposals or implementation measures that hinder a just transition to multimodal transportation systems in Riverside County.
- Advocate for policies that are sensitive to our region's unique needs and avoid "one size fits all" assumptions.

IV Paving the Way for Resilient, Ready, and Connected Communities



Housing for All

- Support initiatives that make sustainable investments in infrastructure development.
- Ensure existing funding programs distribute funding throughout the State and allow funding to be earmarked for new and innovative approaches.
- Support initiatives that increase the amount of funding to develop affordable housing, with an emphasis on housing earmarked for homeless households.
- Support policies that allow older adults and persons with disabilities to live independently in their homes and communities.
- The County will advocate for the continued funding of the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP), the Encampment Resolution Funding Program (ERF) and other funding programs to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief and a one-time experience in the County of Riverside.
- Support broad policy efforts to focus on prevention of homelessness, such as expanded rental and housing options for all very low-income Californians and those with behavioral health needs.
- Provide funding to expand the number of permanent supportive housing units statewide.
- Support programs that assist mobile home park residents.
- Advocate for increased funding of low-income senior housing with specialized housing case management services to support seniors as they transition into permanent housing.
- Support legislation that expands rental subsidy programs such as the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.

IV Paving the Way for Resilient, Ready, and Connected Communities

Sustainability

- Support funding opportunities for the County to transition to more sustainable models of energy, fuel, and water use.
- Conserving water, while vital, is not enough to guarantee Riverside County's future water supply, which is why the County will advocate for policies and meaningful investments in storage capacity, improved conveyance, new supply, and regulatory certainty of water supply.
- Support legislation that encourages the development of conversion technologies by eliminating legislative and regulatory obstacles and granting diversion credits to jurisdictions that utilize these technologies.
- Support legislation that encourages the development of and/or removes barriers to compost facilities.
- Advocate for equitable investment of access to zero emission and electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure throughout the County.



Connecting with Nature

- Support incentives for counties to preserve farmland, open space, trails, habitats, and expanded recreation, including increased funding.
- Monitor proposed federal land policies to ensure that the interests of County agencies are reflected in the policy making process.
- Support incentives and secure funding to expand access to public lands through development of multi-use trails.
- Secure funding for the County to purchase properties identified as suitable Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) facilities to establish legal, County-owned public OHV riding.

Equitable Access to Broadband

- Support policies that ensure all residents have equal opportunity access to broadband internet and wifi service, especially in hard-to-reach communities.
- Support funding aimed at addressing the digital divide and improving access to technology as it impacts equitable access to health care and education.
- Expand broadband and wifi infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities within the County.
- Make broadband access more affordable by informing and assisting residents in connecting to the lowest cost internet services in their neighborhood.
- Encourage broadband adoption and use by advocating for funding to provide digital skills training and assistance to County residents.

