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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BOARD AGENDA MEMO**

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**MEETING DATE:** January 10, 2023

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Resolution adopting the County of Nevada Legislative Platform.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** Each year, the Board adopts its annual Legislative Platform that is developed through input from senior executive staff and information from respective advocacy organizations, including the National Associations of Counties (NACo), California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC). In an effort to increase the County's advocacy coordination on issues of shared concern and value, County staff worked with jurisdictional partners and elected officers to better develop a more robust and exhaustive legislative platform. Furthermore, the Legislative Platform was developed in late 2022, instead of early spring to advance the County's advocacy at the very beginning of the legislative and calendar year. However, this means that the Legislative Platform may need to be amended after the Board's Annual Workshop in order to reflect the Board's 2023 Priority Objectives.

Included in the proposed Legislative Platform are the Board's current Priority Objectives and Federal/State budget priorities. The platform also identifies key priority issues that are anticipated to be elevated in 2023, as well as a list of priority projects for advocacy use. The Legislative Platform document includes a community description, applicable contacts, and policy positions organized into five (5) policy areas:

1. Administration of Justice (AOJ)
2. Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources (ANR)

3. Government Finance and Administration (GFA)
4. Health and Human Services (HHS)
5. Housing, Land Use and Transportation (HLUT)

Issues that include policy positions and funding request proposals represent specific legislative areas identified by County elected officials, senior executive staff, county-member associations, and jurisdictional partners. The Legislative Platform is used through-out the year by staff and legislative advocates, and when determining when Letters of Advocacy need to be approved by the Board for action.

The Board's Legislative Platform will be actively pursued and submitted to our legislative advocates, Shaw Yoder Schmelzer Antwih & Lange (SYASL) and Paragon Government Relations, Inc., in order to address the County's most critical needs.

Given the possibility that issues of heightened concern may arise throughout the year that are not addressed in this 2023 Legislative Platform, staff are prepared to address new priorities and bring them before the Board for consideration in a timely manner as the year progresses. Additionally, staff will bring before your Board an amended 2023 Legislative Platform following your annual Board Workshop.

Attached for your approval is the resolution adopting the Nevada County 2023 Legislative Platform.

**Item Initiated by:** Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Management Analyst

**Approved by:** Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer