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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution adopting the 2025 County of Nevada Legislative Platform

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Annually, the Board adopts its Legislative Platform that provides a framework to support legislative and regulatory advocacy to ensure sustainable delivery of core public services, advance the Board's top priority objectives, as well as solicit funding for infrastructure needs, capital projects, and other services and programs that support and promote the well-being of Nevada County residents and communities. The Platform includes legislative contact information, key legislative positions for the year ahead, a list of important projects, and policy positions organized into five policy areas:

1. Administration of Justice (AOJ)
2. Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources (AENR)
3. Government Finance and Administration (GFA)
4. Health and Human Services (HHS)
5. Housing, Land Use and Transportation (HLT)

To develop a robust and exhaustive Platform, input was gathered from the County senior executives, elected officers, and the County's contracted and organization-based legislative advocates including the National Association of Counties (NACo), California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC). To increase the County's advocacy coordination on issues of shared concern and value, in 2024 County staff also convened stakeholders and partners to discuss regional coordination opportunities on the most pressing issues in the county.

The Platform is used throughout the year by the Board of Supervisors, County Executive Office, and senior executives to assess legislative issues as they arise and determine if advocacy on a particular issue is aligned with the County's positions. The Platform is also shared with our contracted legislative advocacy firms, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc. (SYASL) and Paragon Government Relations, Inc. as well as with the public on the County's website.

Given the possibility that issues of heightened concern may arise throughout the year that are not addressed in the amended 2025 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.

Attached for approval is the resolution adopting the Nevada County 2025 Legislative Platform.

Item Initiated by: Jeffrey Thorsby, Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Board
Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer
Submittal Date: January 27, 2025