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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution adopting the 2026 County of Nevada Legislative Platform

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Each year, the Board of Supervisors adopts the Nevada County Legislative Platform (Platform), which provides a framework to support legislative and regulatory advocacy to ensure the sustainable delivery of core public services, advance the Board's top priority objectives, and pursue funding for infrastructure needs, capital projects, and other programs that support 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 key 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 comprehensive and robust Platform, input was gathered from 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). Building on existing momentum and shared priorities, County staff convened stakeholders and partners in 2025 to discuss opportunities for regional coordination on the County's most pressing issues.

The Platform is used throughout the year by the Board of Supervisors, County Executive Office, and senior executives to evaluate legislative issues as they arise and determine whether advocacy on a particular issue aligns with the County's adopted positions. The Platform is also shared with the County's contracted legislative advocacy firms, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc. (SYASL) and Paragon Government Relations, Inc., and made publicly available on the County's website to promote transparency and engagement.

Recognizing that issues of heightened concern may emerge during the year that are not addressed in the 2026 Legislative Platform, staff remain prepared to evaluate new priorities and bring them forward to the Board for timely consideration as circumstances evolve.

Attached for approval is the resolution adopting the Nevada County 2026 Legislative Platform.

Item Initiated by: Carissa Cyr, Senior Management Analyst
Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer
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