



RESOLUTION No. 21-085

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COUNTY OF NEVADA 2021 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors met in January 2021 during their Board Workshop and developed the 2021 Board Priorities for Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada has had opportunity to review developing legislation and collaborate with regional, state and national associations to identify major legislative priorities, actions and positions; and

WHEREAS, County Elected Officials and Senior Executives identified legislative positions and funding requests to ensure County financial stability and delivery of core services; and

WHEREAS, County Elected Officials and Senior Executives identified legislative positions and funding requests to support and promote the 2021 Legislative Priorities; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Office encourages jurisdictional partnerships to identify areas of synergy for collaborative advocacy efforts for the benefit of the County and local community; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Legislative Platform incorporates legislative positions and funding requests to help guide advocacy efforts and provide the County increased flexibility to quickly respond and proactively advocate for positions that promote the County's priorities and to address fiscal, programmatic or unfunded mandated threats to the County's core services and values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopts the attached 2021 Legislative Platform for guidance and use by all County staff and departments and legislative advocacy activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Executive Officer is directed to use the Legislative Platform for the implementation of the 2021/22 Fiscal Year Budget, the management of County operations, programs and services, the promotion of the 2021 Board Priorities; and to quickly respond and proactively advocate to address fiscal, programmatic or unfunded mandated threats to the County's core services and values.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to conduct legislative advocacy, including signing, and submitting Letters of Advocacy, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the 2021 Legislative Platform that includes the following:

1. For Letters of Advocacy on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, the County Executive Officer shall determine and provide recommendations to the Chair of the Board on positions captured in the 2021 Legislative Platform for the Chair's consideration, approval, and signature.

2. The Vice Chair shall be provided notice on advocacy recommendations.
3. All Board members shall be copied on all approved and submitted Letters of Advocacy.
4. Any Letter of Advocacy regarding an issue that is not captured in the 2021 Legislative Platform must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 23rd day of March, 2021, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan K. Hoek and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 



Dan Miller, Chair

3/23/2021 cc: CEO*
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Legislative Platform



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Introduction

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors, County Executive Office, and senior executives develop this Legislative Platform on an annual basis in order to prioritize and draw attention to legislative areas of interest to the County as a whole, as well as specific program or specific legislative efforts that affect the County's ability to deliver the best possible services to our residents.

The County Executive Office leads the effort to identify and assess the priorities, funding requests and initiatives described here by engaging the senior executive team, our contracted and organization-based legislative advocates, as well as the Board of Supervisors at their annual workshop, where the Board of Supervisors sets the Board Objectives for each year. Input is also solicited from the appointed and elected department heads regarding program specific issues as well as alignment with County planning documents such as the Capitol Facilities Plan, Health and Human Services Strategic Plan, etc.

This document is shared with our contracted legislative advocacy firm, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc. as well as the public on the County's website. It is used throughout the year by the Board of Supervisors, County Executive Office and Department Heads to assess legislative issues as they arise and determine if advocacy on a particular issue is in alignment with the County's Legislative Platform.

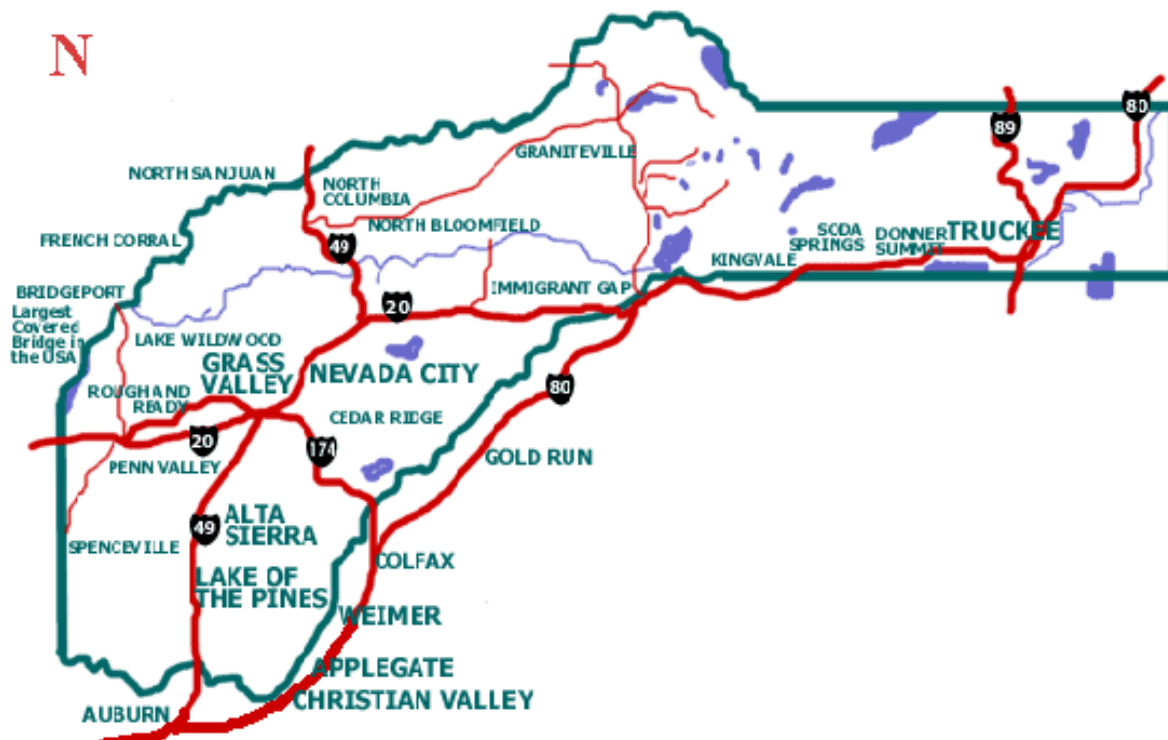


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2021 Board Objectives



Fiscal Stability and Core Services

Maintain the County's financial stability and core services.



Emergency Preparedness

Lead the community in all hazards planning, preparedness, response, and recovery with a focus on wildfire. Do this by focusing on improving countywide evacuation safety, continuing to strengthen early alert and warning systems; creating more defensible space around properties and roadways, engaging residents in emergency preparedness and fire-safe land stewardship, leading the community in recovery from Federally declared disasters and by mitigating the impact of Public Safety Power Shutoff Events.



Economic Development

Focus on a post-pandemic economic recovery strategy emphasizing resiliency and entrepreneurship; retaining and attracting high quality jobs; investing in major infrastructure projects; and working in partnership with our municipalities to support our small business and tourism sectors.



Broadband

Equitably expand broadband to support economic development, distance-learning, telework, telemedicine, and general quality of life for all residents by championing the implementation of Nevada County Broadband Strategy Plan policies and last-mile infrastructure projects.



Housing

Coordinate with local jurisdictions, developers and other partners to facilitate development of and access to affordable and workforce housing development.



Cannabis

Maintain and continue to improve the cannabis permitting and enforcement program to promote permitted cannabis activities while investigating options for additional license types related to larger cultivation area and micro-businesses.



Homelessness

In partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions, utilize Housing First principles and continue efforts to prevent homelessness, provide emergency shelter, expand supportive services, secure housing, and enhance coordination to address the needs of the homeless population and to mitigate impacts on the community.

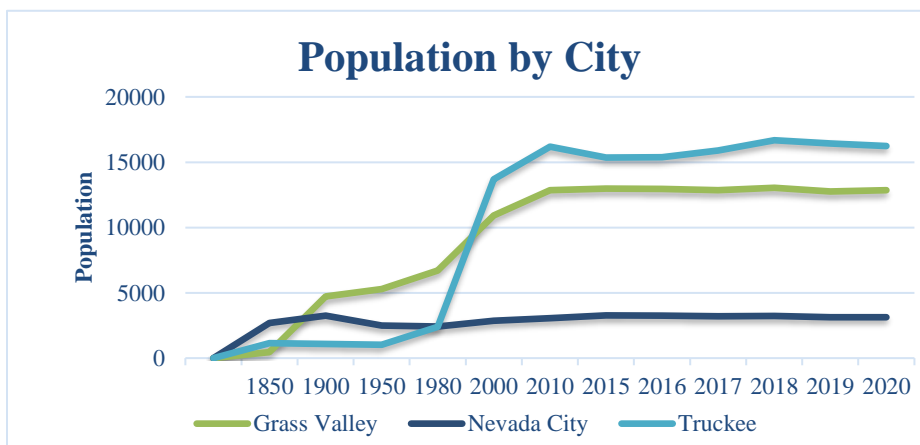
Community Description

Nevada County is a small rural county in Northern California. The County spans 958 square miles from the Sacramento Valley to the Sierra Mountains and borders the state of Nevada, near Reno. Nevada County is home to approximately 100,000 residents with three incorporated cities which include Grass Valley, Nevada City and the Town of Truckee. Generally, Nevada County residents are older, racially similar yet politically diverse, and well-educated. Nevada County’s rich gold rush history, active arts and culture scene, and access to recreational activities attract tourists, retirees, and new residents to the area.

Citizen priorities per the 2017 National Citizen Survey data:

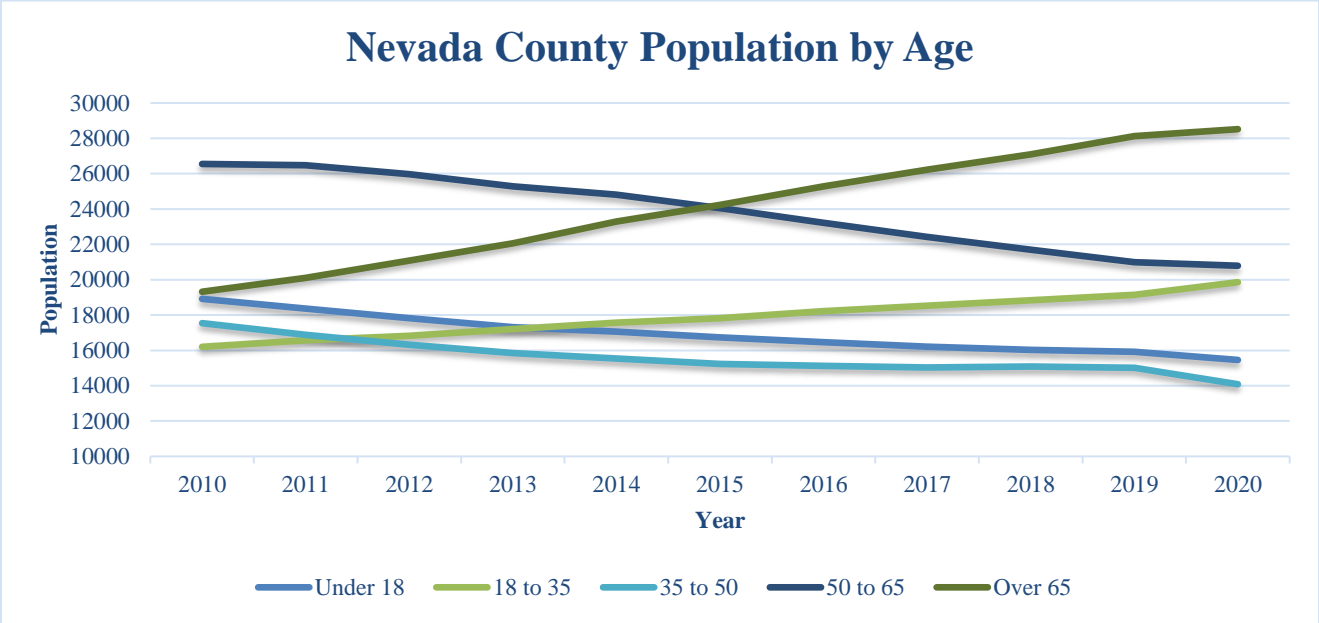


Nevada County is the 37th most populous county in California. The population grew from 92,053 in 2000 to 98,764 in 2010, and is estimated at 99,755 in 2019. Nevada County saw its highest growth between the 1950s and 1990s. The 2020 preliminary data indicates that the population will remain stable. In the last 20 years, the unincorporated portions of the County have seen the largest growth. The incorporated areas of the County are home to 33% of the population, with 17% in Truckee, 13% in Grass Valley, and 3% in Nevada City, while 67% live in outlying unincorporated areas.



Compared to its surrounding counties, Nevada County has the highest percentage of residents over 65 years of age. There are fewer residents under the age of 30 in Nevada County (28%) than statewide (41%). With the recent improvement in the County’s unemployment and economic status, the attractiveness of this area as a great place for

young families continues to increase.



Nevada County is a small, rural population and sits well below the overall California population density of 254 people per square mile. The assessed value of Nevada County real estate increased from \$4.2 billion in 1997 to a high of \$19.6 billion in 2019. Both assessed value per capita and average home value have increased since the last recession, reflecting the rebound in the real estate market. State law allows for temporary property tax reductions (Prop 8) when values decline. These reductions spiked to a peak of 31% of all properties in the County in 2010. An estimated 60% of all housing is in the unincorporated area of the County. According to Counting California Report (2000), 14% of housing units in Nevada County were second homes at that time, which continues to contribute to a lack of housing availability today. Second home ownership is especially prevalent in Truckee, a popular resort community in the Tahoe region. Total housing units is the number of single- and multiple-family dwellings, mobile homes, and other dwelling units situated within a given jurisdiction. The total number of housing units in Nevada County was 53,989 units in 2020, with a median sales price of \$455,000 placing Nevada County in the higher value range among comparison counties.

Assessed Secured Property Values and Taxes					
Year	Total Assessed Value (\$Bill.)	Assessed Value per Capita \$	Property Tax Per Capita \$	% Parcels in Prop 8 Status	Avg. Assessed Value of Home
2013	14.8	152,744	1,801	26%	293,636
2014	14.9	153,833	1,871	23%	309,783
2015	15.7	160,103	1,940	23%	335,416
2016	16.6	168,735	2,049	20%	275,381
2017	17.3	175,480	2,131	18%	292,423
2018	15.7	157,659	2,124	13%	287,556
2019	19.6	196,053	2,411	14%	334,576

Source: Nevada County CAFR/Nevada County Assessor

Industry	# Employed	% Employed
Education and Health Services	5,050	17%
Retail Trade	3,890	13%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,870	16%
Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction	2,750	9%
Professional and Business Services	2,370	8%
Manufacturing	1,190	4%
Financial Activities	1,310	4%
Other Services	1,780	6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	480	2%
Wholesale Trade	420	1%
Information	210	1%
Farming	100	0.3%
Government	5,890	19%
Total	30,310	100%

Source: CA EDD, Labor Market Information Division, Jan. 2021

Employment by sector paints a picture of economic health by industry in the County overall. The Service-Providing sector leads in the number of people employed (67%), followed by Government (19%), and Goods Producing (13%) sectors. Average weekly wages range from \$458 in Leisure and Hospitality to \$1,341 in Federal Government. This year, the number of jobs in the County increased from 32,840 to 32,630. However, with outbreak of the coronavirus, unemployment has dramatically risen across state and local levels. As of the date of this writing, estimates show approximate unemployment rates could be 9 percent across the state and 6.8% in Nevada County.

Nevada County's vibrant community, abundant natural beauty, location and natural resources provide a competitive advantage for employee attraction. Nevada County's top businesses include technology, ski-resort and other lodgings, grocery stores, schools, and other service providers.

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Legislative Priorities







Policy Area: Administration of Justice (AOJ)

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Animal Control	Support legislation that increases flexibility for local animal control officers to administer vaccinations to prevent the spread of communicable disease by expanding exemptions of licensure and specified requirements on licensees when engaging in specified acts of veterinary care.	Sheriff's Office		State
County Jail Operations	Support funding for construction, modernization and staffing of adult criminal justice facilities that will meet the needs created by realignment and address long term sentences in county jails.	Sheriff's Office		State
Court Discretion	Support legislation that provides increased discretion of prosecutors and courts in prosecuting crimes related to theft of firearms based on all the facts and circumstances surrounding the offense.	District Attorney; Public Defender		State
Excessive Force Whistle Blower Protections	Support legislation that provides requirements and protection for whistleblowers reporting excessive force used by law enforcement officers.	Public Defender; Sheriff's Office		State
Juvenile Rehabilitation	Oppose legislation to amend Proposition 57 to allow the court to restrict juvenile rehabilitation treatment, while under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, for the purpose of transferring a juvenile to criminal court.	Sheriff's Office; Probation; Behavioral Health		State

Public Defender Funding	Support legislation or administrative action to fully fund optimal workloads for public defenders, that address historical funding imbalances, and that provide grants to improve the provision of indigent defense services in rural counties.	Public Defender		State
Public Safety Realignment	Support continued and protected funding for Public Safety Realignment.	Sheriff's Office; Probation Department; Health and Human Services		State
Reform Legal Definition of Petty Theft	Support legislation that reclassifies the crime of petty theft in the 2nd degree as all other petty theft.	Public Defender; District Attorney		State
Reform Peremptory Challenges	Support legislation that reforms the use of peremptory challenges with effective procedures for eliminating the use of unfair exclusion of potential jurors.	Public Defender; District Attorney		State

Policy Area: Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources (ANR)







Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Bridgeport Bridge Restoration Project	Support the restoration and continued preservation of this historic landmark.	Board of Supervisors		State
Cannabis Banking	Support efforts to reform federal banking regulations that restrict banking services to a legitimate cannabis or hemp-related business.	Board of Supervisors; Treasurer Tax Collector; Auditor-Controller		Federal



Cannabis Regulation	Support legislative efforts to clarify consistent state regulation, protect local control of cannabis allowable activities and fund enforcement and public health activities.	Community Development Agency; Sheriff's Office; Public Health		State
Cap and Trade Funds/SRA Fees for Rural Communities	Advocate for dedication of cap and trade revenue to rural communities, including revising the definition of "disadvantaged communities".	Community Development Agency		State
Code Compliance Officer Safety	Support legislation that provides increased protection for Code Compliance Officer safety including prohibiting the disclosure of officer personal contact information and funding for increased safety training and resources.	Code Compliance		State
Disaster Access to Farmlands (Agricultural Pass Program)	Support legislation that would allow a commercial agricultural producer access to the producer's farm or ranch property during or following a flood, storm, fire, earthquake, or other disaster.	Agricultural Commissioner		State
Emergency Preparedness	Support fair and equitable funding to local health departments and emergency services for emergency preparedness programs.	Office of Emergency Services; Public Health		State/ Federal
Federal Emergency Management Agency Funding	Advocate for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and other FEMA Grant Funds and for timely award notification and fund distributions.	Office of Emergency Services		Federal



Invasive Species Program	Protect existing revenue sources and support additional funding to manage and prevent the potential spread of invasive pests in Nevada County and or California.	Agricultural Commissioner		State/ Federal
Open Space Recreation	Advocate for Federal and State resources for outdoor recreation and trails.	Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; Planning		State
Payments-in Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Funding	Support efforts to secure Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT)and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Funding and oppose efforts to decrease or defund PILT and/or SRS.	County Executive Office; Treasurer Tax Collector; Auditor-Controller		State/Federal
Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)	Support PSPS event legislation and rulemaking that ensures maximum communication between local Office of Emergency Services and Public Health Departments, notification to all impacted residents, special provisions for access and functional needs individuals, back-up generation to critical infrastructure and incorporated jurisdictions , and necessary reimbursement funding for PSPS related costs.	Office of Emergency Services; Public Health, Adult Protective Services; Child Protective Services; County Executive Office		State
Residential and Commercial Wildfire Insurance	Support legislation that provides greater consumer protection, access to, and transparent and consistent risk modeling related to residential and commercial wildfire insurance.	Board of Supervisors; Office of Emergency Services		State/ Federal





South Yuba River	Advocate for state and federal resources for the development and on-going maintenance necessary for public restroom facilities and parking enhancements at river crossings.	Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office; Public Works; Sheriff's Office	State/Federal
South Yuba River State Park	Advocate for increasing resources dedicated to the South Yuba River State Park, Bureau of Land Management, and United States Forest Service - Tahoe National Forest for public safety and environmental protection.	Board of Supervisors	 State/ Federal
Tree Mortality and Fire Protection	Support proposals to secure funding and dedicate resources to address tree mortality on local, state, federal and private lands to reduce fire hazard and promote forest and watershed health.	Office of Emergency Services	 State/ Federal
Vegetation Management	Support easing of environmental review criteria for vegetation removal along public roads and other critical and water infrastructure.	Public Works	 State/ Federal
Wildfire Mitigation	Advocate for ongoing sustainable funding for wildfire mitigation projects and programs including direct funding allocations to the County, local jurisdictions and community partners.	Office of Emergency Services;	 State
Williamson Act	Support legislation or budget proposals to fund the Williamson Act Subvention Programs to counties.	Community Development Agency; Assessor	State



Policy Area: Government Finance and Administration (GFA)

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Animal Care Shelter	Support funding for regional animal shelter facility and programs.	Sheriff's Office		State
Bonds & Funding Measures	Support an equitable disbursement of state and federal funding in all bond and funding measures affecting the County.	County Executive Office		State/ Federal
Burdensome Regulatory Requirements	Support rulemaking that minimizes burdensome requirements and legal obstacles and minimizes duplication of regulations by multiple agencies or jurisdictions.	All Departments		State/ Federal
CalPERS & Unfunded Liability	Oppose legislation that would increase County unfunded liability related to CalPERS Employee Retirement benefits including changes to disallowed benefits.	County Executive Office; Auditor-Controller; Human Resources		State
CalPERS/Courts/County Separation	Advocate for the administrative separation of county and court CalPERS employee pension program(s).	Auditor-Controller		State
County Revenue	Oppose efforts to decrease, restrict, eliminate, or otherwise restrict local autonomy of local revenues.	County Executive Office		State/ Federal

COVID-19 Cost Recovery	Advocate for funding related to COVID-19 cost recovery that includes direct funding allocations and provides maximum flexibility on spending discretion.	County Executive Office; Board of Supervisors; Auditor-Controller; HHS		State/ Federal
Cyber Security and Open Data	Advocate for County Information Technology Directors' review and input on all proposed bills related to cyber security and open data to identify the possible unique impacts on rural counties and threats to critical and water infrastructure.	Information and General Services		State
Elections & PSPS Events	Support legislation and advocate for increased coordination between Elections Officials and Investor Owned Utilities to ensure the continuation of operations during PSPS events and to secure necessary operation funding.	Elections; Office of Emergency Services		State
Employee/ Labor	Support full cost recovery for salary, benefits and administration for all employee relationships and protect and enhance flexibility and local control over employee and labor relations issues.	County Executive Office; Human Resources Department		State




Health Realignment	Advocate for maintaining sufficient health realignment funding to ensure adequate resources match County obligations and fulfill statutory public health, behavioral health, and indigent health care mandates.	Public Health; Behavioral Health		State
Preserve Local Control	Oppose legislation that does not recognize California’s diversity and the need for local government’s autonomy in addressing the problems and services of our residents.	Board of Supervisors		State/ Federal
Privacy/Security	Support efforts to protect non-public information that is collected electronically by the County in compliance with various state and federal laws and local ordinances.	All Departments		State/ Federal
Property Tax Refunds	Oppose legislation that would provide property tax refunds to owners of commercial properties by making available mid-year property assessment reductions based on disaster relief for economic losses absent physical damage.	Assessor's Office; Treasurer Tax Collector; Clerk of the Board; County Executive Office		State



Public Records Retention of Electronic Mail	Oppose legislation to increase retention period requirements of public records that includes electronic mail unless adequate funding is included.	Clerk of the Board; Information general Services Agency; County Counsel		State
Reform Proposition 19	Support legislation that clarifies and addresses gaps identified in Proposition 19 that allows homeowners to pay property taxes at a factored base year value of their previous home, amongst other things, for uniform implementation across the state.	Assessor		State
Special Elections	Advocate for State Funding of Elections for special elections including Recall Elections.	Elections		State
State & Federal Mandates	Support full funding to ensure that state and federal mandates are cost-neutral to the County and pursue revisions to streamline the process for local government.	County Executive Office		State/ Federal
State Realignment & Cost Shifts	Oppose proposals to restructure, realign or otherwise shift the cost of state programs to local government without commensurate compensation.	County Executive Office		State

State Supplementation for County Assessors' Program (SSCAP)	Advocate for the extension and continuation of sustainable funding through the State Supplementation for County Assessors' Program (SSCAP) for activities such as digitization of records and other programs.	Assessor	State	
Tele-communication Legislation	Advocate to protect the rights of local government to control location and permitting process of telecommunications infrastructure.	Information and General Services		State/ Federal
Uncoverable Property Tax Administrative Costs	Support legislation that provides funding equity between the state and county for uncoverable property tax administrative costs.	Assessor; Auditor-Controller; Treasurer Tax Collector		State
Weights & Measures	Support legislation that preserves and enhances funding resources for weights and measures programs at the state (California Department of Food and Agriculture-Dept. of Measurement Standards) and local (County Sealer) level for consumer protection.	Ag Commissioner; County Executive Office; CDA Administration		State

Policy Area: Health and Human Services (HHS)





Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Affordable Care Act	Support continuation of the Affordable Care Act for the 1 in 5 Nevada County residents currently enrolled.	Social Services		State/ Federal
Affordable Child Care	Advocate for increased funding for and access to affordable child care.	HHS; Social Services		State/Federal
Child Custody and Visitation	Support legislation to allow child support workers to assist families with child custody and visitation orders.	Child Support Services		State
Criminal Justice Reform Unfunded Mandates	Support legislation that provides state funding for public defender offices to implement criminal system reform measures.	Public Defenders		State
Dental Services for Low Income Californians	Increase funding to expand access to dental health treatment and prevention services for low-income Californians through increasing Denti-Cal reimbursement levels to qualified dentists and expanding public education and awareness.	Health and Human Services		State
Emergency Medical Services	Support legislation and funding that will enhance emergency and/or trauma services, including operations, equipment, infrastructure, ancillary services, public health interventions, and physician reimbursements.	Office of Emergency Services; Public Health		State/ Federal


Health in our Community	Support legislation and funding for individual and community health programs delivered by counties through public health, behavioral health and social services Further support legislation that encourages coordination of physical and mental health services to patients as well as innovative practices to improve the health and wellbeing of Californians.	Health and Human Services		State/ Federal
Homelessness Program Funding	Support proposals to increase funding including ongoing and non-competitive funding, for shelter, housing and services for individuals experiencing homelessness in rural communities.	Health and Human Services		State/ Federal
Involuntary Treatment	Ensure that any efforts to expand the definitions of gravely disabled or other conditions that may qualify someone for involuntary treatment also include resources needed to treat these individuals.	HHS; Behavioral Health; Social Services		State
Mental Health Services	Support legislation that shifts the payment structure of mental health services away from “per minute” to a method that supports efficient and effective care End the IMD exclusion for Medi-Cal billing.	Behavioral Health		State/ Federal
Mental Health Services for Foster Youth	Support clean-up legislation for AB1299 such that children and youth placed at Short Term Residential Treatment Programs are exempt from being transferred to their placement county for mental health care provision.	Behavioral Health		State

Realignment Funding	Advocate for State General Fund back-fill of loss revenues from 1991 Realignment and 2011 Realignment to ensure the provision of core services.	HHSA; Behavioral Health; Social Services; Sheriff's Office; County Executive Office		State
Rehabilitation and Treatment for Inmates	Seek funding to support both in-custody programming and facilities in order to enhance the County's rehabilitation and treatment programs for inmates with mental health and substance use disorders.	Behavioral Health; Sheriff's Office		State
Social Service Workers and Public Defenders	Support legislation or administrative action to mandate social workers in public defender offices coupled with sustainable funding for the same.	Public Defenders; Social Services; Behavioral Health		State
Workforce Training	Enhance and expand employment and training programs to non-custodial parents.	Child Support Services; Social Services		State
Youth Mental Health Services	Support legislation to make mental health services more accessible to youth, including advocating for private insurance and Medi-Cal managed care plans to partner with counties where appropriate to create a consistent system of care for all youth regardless of insurance status.	HHSA; Behavioral Health		State/ Federal

Policy Area: Housing, Land Use and Transportation (HLUT)

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	Board Object.	Target
Affordable Housing	Support legislative efforts to encourage affordable/workforce/senior housing developments in rural communities.	Community Development Agency; Health and Human Services		
Amend Streets and Highway Code to allow for Emergency Access	Support legislation to amend Streets and Highway Code that provide clarification allowing the issuance of encroachment permits on any State highway or freeway for emergency access where access is limited in moderate, high and very high Fire Severity Zones (as determined by CAL FIRE).	Public Works; Sheriff		State
Board of Forestry Fire Safety Regulations	Support reasonable legislation and regulatory actions that provide fire safety regulations and home hardening requirements that mitigate wildfire but oppose legislation or regulatory actions that threaten local control over land use and development in rural counties.	Community Development Agency; Public Works; Planning; Building; Code Compliance; Office of Emergency Services		State
Bridges	Advocate for continuing funding of HBP funds to replace aging bridges throughout the County.	Public Works		Federal

Broadband Infrastructure Development	Seek funding to support the expansion of rural broadband infrastructure development, and implementation of the Dig Once Policy.	Public Works; Information General Services; Board of Supervisors; County Executive Office		Federal/ State
Caltrans Specifications & Standards	Support efforts to require third-party outside review or revised road standards.	Public Works		State
CSBG/CDBG/ Housing Choice Programs	Advocate for continuing funding of CSBG/CDBG/HC programs which are vital to local government for infrastructure, development and housing programs.	Health and Human Services		State/ Federal
Federal Lands Public Roads	Advocate and support legislation for ongoing sustainable funding for road maintenance on Federal Lands.	Public Works		Federal
Forest Fire Prevention Exemption	Support legislation that extends the operation of the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption.			State
Fund/Reform CASF Broadband Infrastructure Development Program	Advocate for the continuation and expansion of the California Advanced Services Fund's rural broadband specific funding allocation and for the CPUC to reform the grant application, challenge and approval processes that includes the ability for local jurisdictions to apply.	Information and General Services		State
Hwy 49 Safety Improvements	Advocate for planning, funding and implementation of safety improvements to the Hwy 49 corridor between Grass Valley and Auburn.	Board of Supervisors		State

Impact and Development Fees	Oppose legislation that caps, removes or alters Impact and Development fees without local control or summarily creates an unfunded mandate through deferral or other development incentive programs.	Public Works; Planning; Building; Community Development Agency		State
Land Use: Housing Element Flexibility for Rural Counties	Advocate for proposals that provide for flexibility in how rural counties designate parcels for specific zoning in order to meet housing development requirements.	Planning Department		State
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHV) Recreation & Funding	Support legislation and efforts that clarify Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHV) compatible use(s) that balance reactional needs and nuisance concerns and support sustainable funding for OHV Grant Programs on Federal and State lands.	Public Works; Sheriff's Office		State/ Federal
Organic Waste and Recycling	Support efforts to increase and reform recycling redemption programs and advocate for flexible rule making that factors economies of scales for organic waste diversion and processing infrastructure capacity.	Public Works; Solid Waste		State
Protect Rule 20A	Oppose legislation that threatens Rule 20A for overhead/underground conversion project funding.	Public Works		State

Public Roadway Funding: Maintenance of Effort Adjustments

Support legislation that adjusts the Maintenance of Efforts (MOE) calculations that cities and counties are required to meet to receive local street and road funds to account for decreases in local sales tax revenue caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public Works



State

Reform CA Transportation Development Act

Support legislation to reform the California Transportation Development Act (TDA) that a) eliminates the financial penalty for transit agencies not in compliance with their farebox recovery requirements, without requiring an entirely new system for all operators; b) modify guidelines and procedures that negatively impact rural counties; and c) provide funding relief efforts due to COVID-19.

Public Works;
Transit



State

Reform NEPA for broader exclusions of public safety and increase local control

Support legislation and regulatory rules that support a) the broader use of categorical exclusions (CE) under NEPA to address threats to communities or watersheds, reduce the risk of catastrophic events and ensure the timely construction and maintenance of critical transportation and water infrastructure, and b) revising NEPA in order to strengthen the involvement of local governments in the federal decision-making process, including clarifying the cooperating agency definition, and to expedite project analyses that deliver final decisions in a more timely and effective manner.

Public Works;
Planning

Federal

Roads Funding	Support proposals to increase and back-fill lost revenues for transportation funding and repay existing transportation fund loans.	Public Works		State
Subdivision Map Act	Oppose legislation to reform the California Subdivisions Map Act that removes or decreases local control and conditional use requirement.	Public Works; Planning		State
Treated Wood Waste	Support legislative efforts to allow treated wood waste (TWW) to be hauled and transported to proper disposal facilities.	Public Works		State/Federal
Vegetation Management along Public Roadways	Seek sustainable funding for vegetation management along public roadways and programs that support efforts to for vegetation management along private roadways.	Public Works; Office of Emergency Services		State/ Federal