

# ORANGE COUNTY



**LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**  
**2017-2018**





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## ◆ INTRODUCTION

As California's third largest county and the sixth largest in the nation, Orange County is a diverse and productive municipality dedicated to maximizing resources and improving the quality of life for its 3 million residents. To meet this goal, the Orange County Board of Supervisors, in consultation with its departments and agencies, is pleased to present the 2017-18 Legislative Platform.

From afar, Orange County is most known for its glitzy tourist attractions, world-class beaches and parks, cutting-edge tech industries and its entrepreneurial spirit. Yet the sidewalk view is far different for many here, leading to challenges as unique to Orange County as its opportunities. Despite a dynamic population experiencing the same urgent needs as other urban counties, Orange County remains dead last in the return of local property tax dollars desperately needed to fund essential services and programs.

Many Orange County residents count on the support they receive from County government, whose dollars already are stretched thin by multiple demands: One of every three residents receives some form of social-service assistance. One in five residents live in poverty. One of every six residents uses the services provided through the County's indigent medical system, CalOptima. Orange County's cost of living is 85% higher than the national average. Two-thirds of local jobs pay less than the minimum needed to rent a one-bedroom apartment.

The State and Federal governments have partnered with Orange County to fund a myriad of essential programs. Local dollars are leveraged where possible to increase funding and to supplement where no funding exists. The County needs more tools to pool resources and maximize funding, including allowing tax dollars generated locally to be put to work locally instead of exported elsewhere. The County needs flexibility to use all funds available in creative and productive ways, and to seek partnerships with the State and Federal governments, cities and the private sector to find more ways to say yes to innovative programs targeting those in need.

The Board works closely with its legislative and congressional delegations to achieve these goals. The Legislative Platform establishes priorities and policy statements to alert our legislative partners of the greatest needs of our residents and where we need additional help. It also provides general direction to County departments, legislative advocates, delegation members and the public on our positions of support or opposition to key policy initiatives that would impact the way the County does business. Finally, it also includes new bill requests for which legislators are sought to carry proposed legislation on the County's behalf.

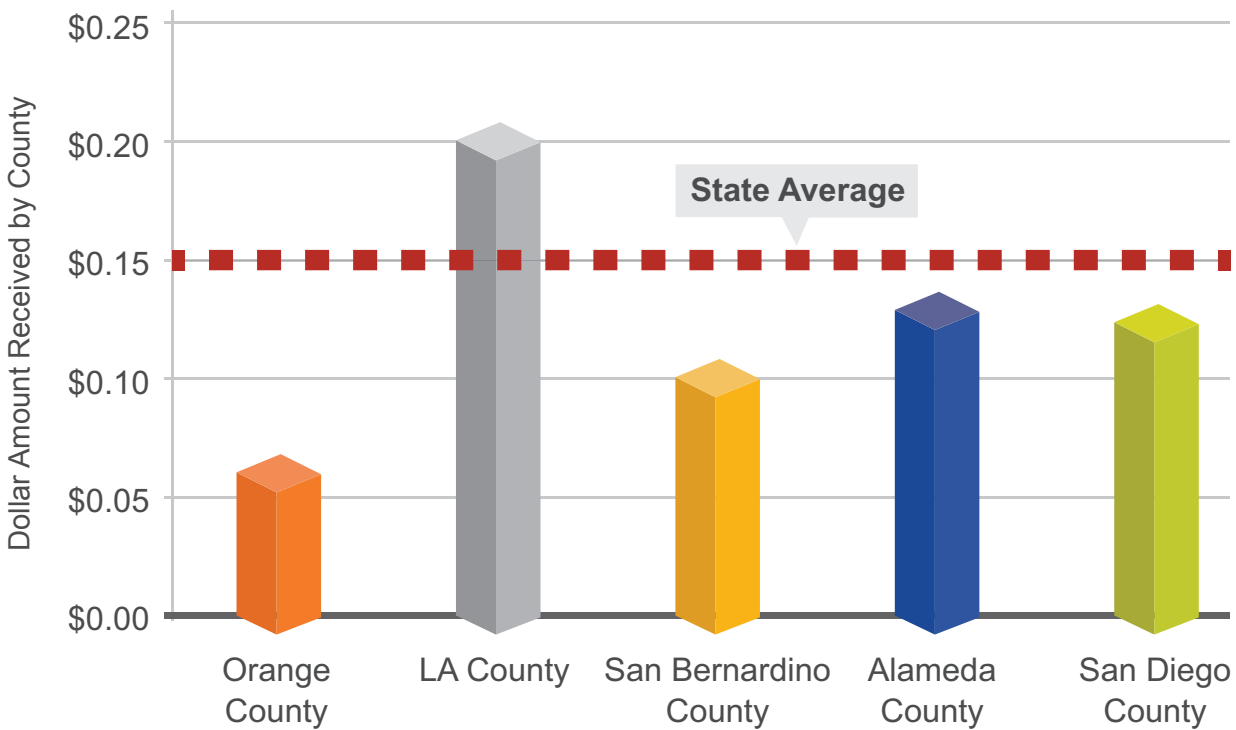
Because the Legislative Platform is approved prior to the beginning of each two-year State and Federal legislative session, it is not always possible to anticipate additional legislative, regulatory and/or budgetary issues that may arise at a later date. Thus, the Board will review and modify the Legislative Priorities and Legislative Proposals halfway through the two-year legislative session.



## PROPERTY TAX SHORTFALL

Property tax revenue is the County’s largest income source for covering the costs for essential but discretionary and mandated programs and is used to fund critical services to a diverse and dynamic population. Because the formula for distributing local property taxes has not changed since 1978, Orange County receives the lowest percentage of property tax revenue of any county in California – about six cents on the dollar.

### GENERAL PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR ALLOCATION



Source: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/legdiv/pdf/AppendixTablesGuide.pdf>

PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATED TO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS- COUNTY OF ORANGE COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE OF THE 15 LARGEST COUNTIES			
	Current Base	Current With VLF Swap	Benchmark Average
Orange County	6%	11%	13%
15 Largest Counties Average	17%	22%	22%
<b>Additional Annual Allocation Needed to Bring Orange to Average</b>			<b>\$440 million</b>

Source: Capital Matrix Consulting

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## ◆ GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Board's four guiding principles are reflected throughout the 2017-18 Legislative Platform:

### ■ Funding Equity

The County supports equitable, dependable and predictable revenue streams to local governments that address equity among counties based on specified metrics.

### ■ Local Government Funding/Cost Recovery

The County supports efforts to require the state or federal government to fully reimburse the County for all costs related to mandated programs. The County will oppose efforts to raise local taxes to pay for new state or federal programs, efforts to redirect existing revenue streams away from mandated programs administered by the County, or expansion of service provisions without commensurate funding.

### ■ Local Control

The County supports efforts that maintain local discretionary control over its governance issues and delivery of services. This includes having flexibility to administer federal, state or local funding and programs, as well as maintaining decision-making authority over local land use.

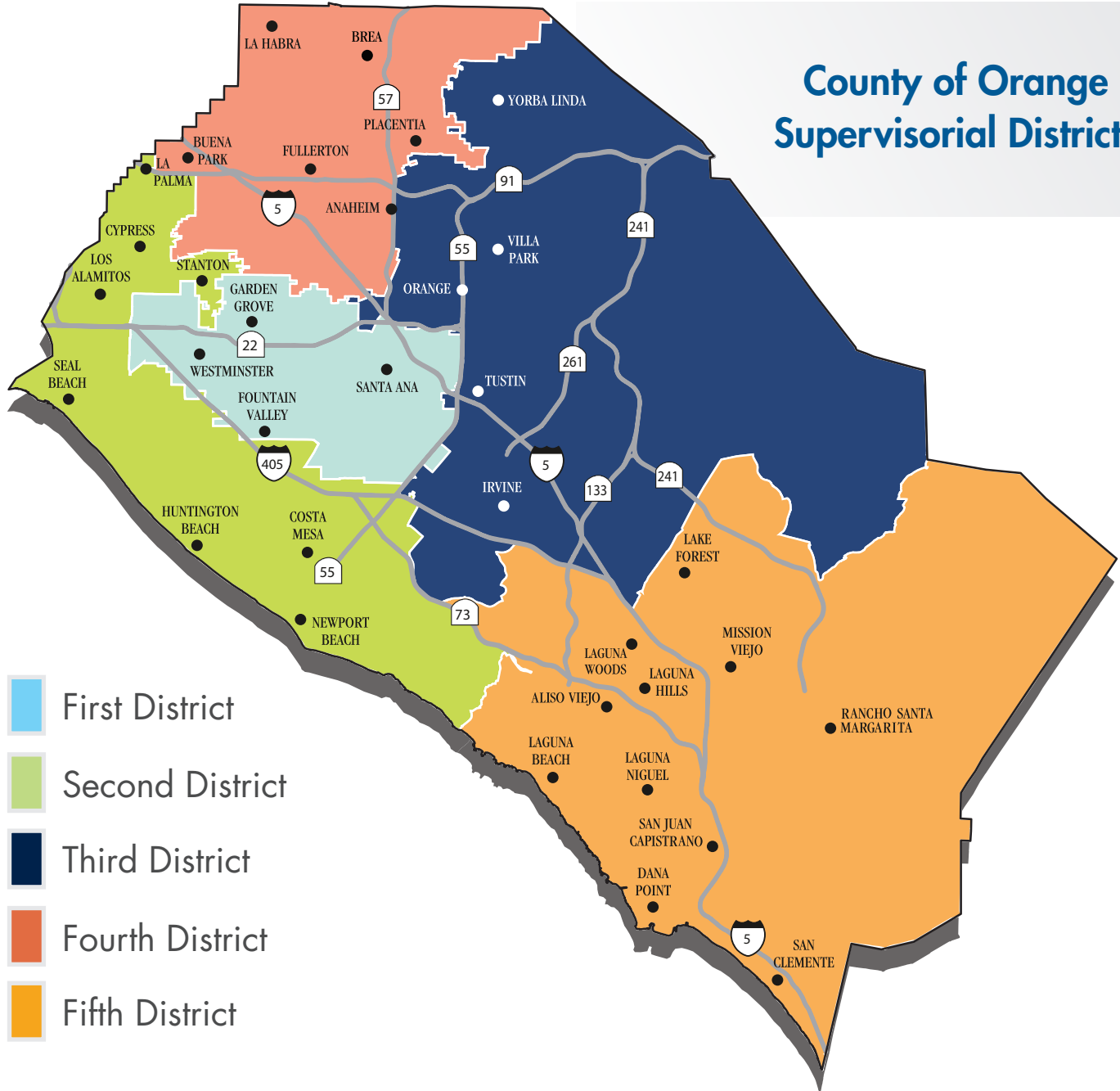
### ■ Operational Efficiency

The County supports proposals that encourage utilizing technology and innovation to streamline County Services. Furthermore, changes to state or federal law must not negatively impact the County's operational efficiency, and the County strongly supports efforts to eliminate unnecessary, redundant, or overlapping requirements or regulations for program eligibility, funding maintenance of efforts, monitoring, permitting or reporting.





ORANGE COUNTY MAP

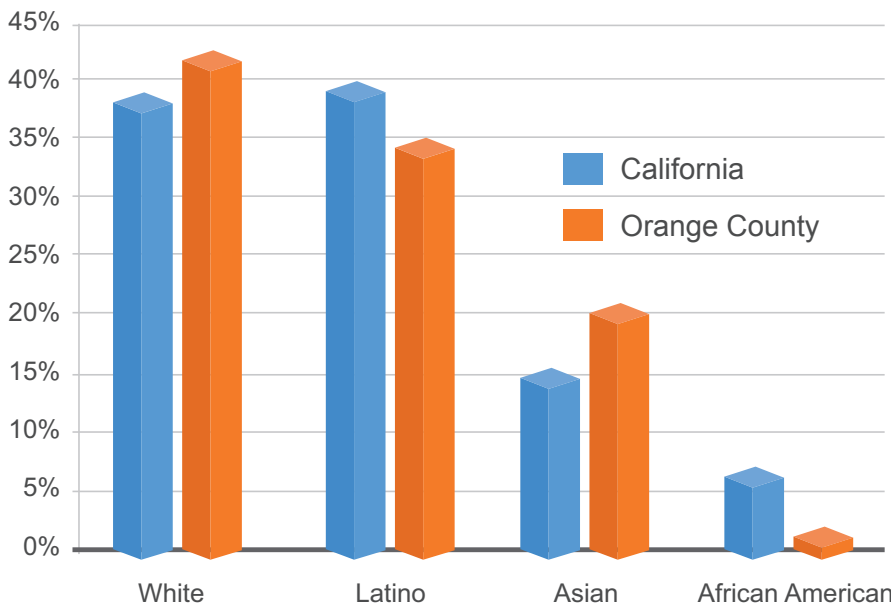


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## ❖ ORANGE COUNTY: BY THE NUMBERS

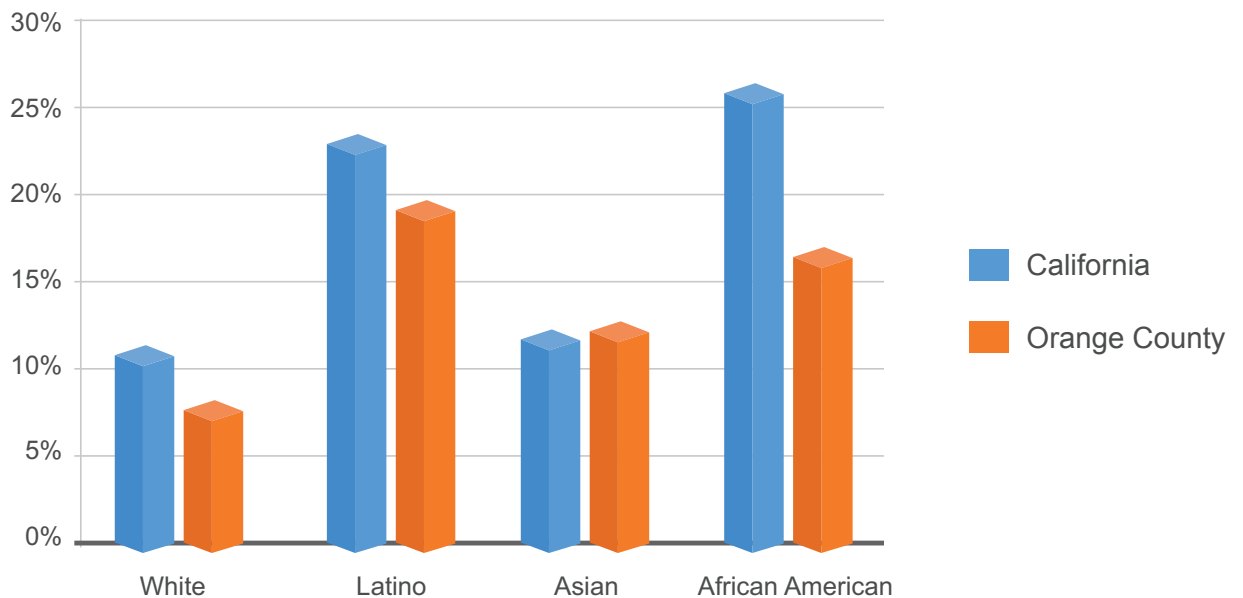
Orange County's culturally diverse population continues to thrive throughout years. Thirty percent of the County's population is foreign born, while 46% of all residents over the age of 5 speak a language other than English at home. Many reside in Orange County to achieve the ultimate Southern California lifestyle; however, Orange County's prosperous reputation comes with a higher cost of living and few options for affordable housing. As a result, poverty is a daily struggle for many of the County's residents.

### ■ OC DEMOGRAPHICS 2015



Source: QuickFacts data are derived from: Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, Current Population Survey, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Nonemployer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits.

### ■ OC POVERTY BY RACE AND ETHNICITY: LIVING BELOW POVERTY 2014



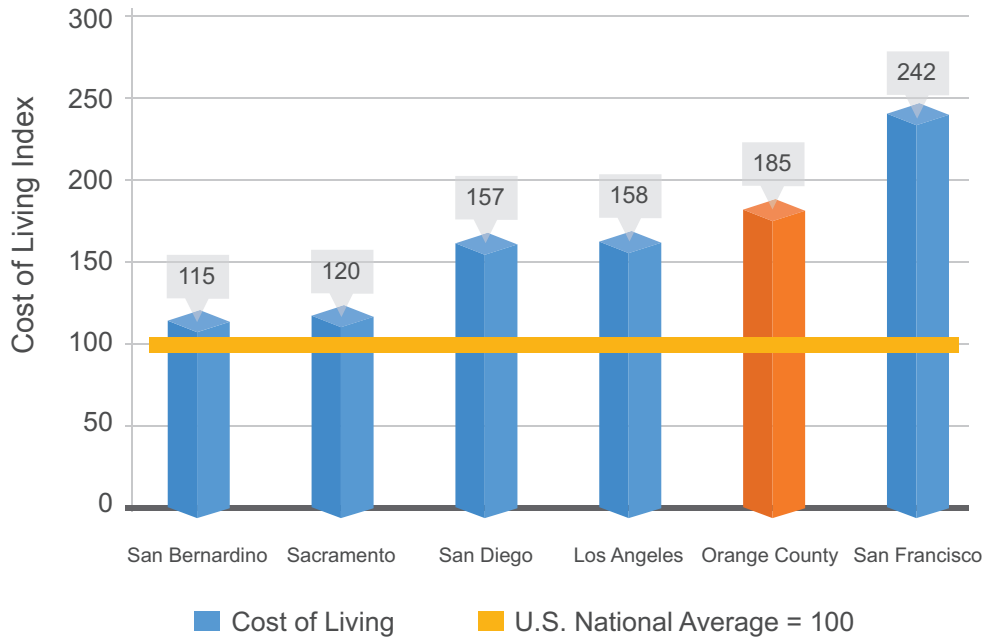
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimate





## COST OF LIVING INDEX COMPARED TO SURROUNDING COUNTIES 2014

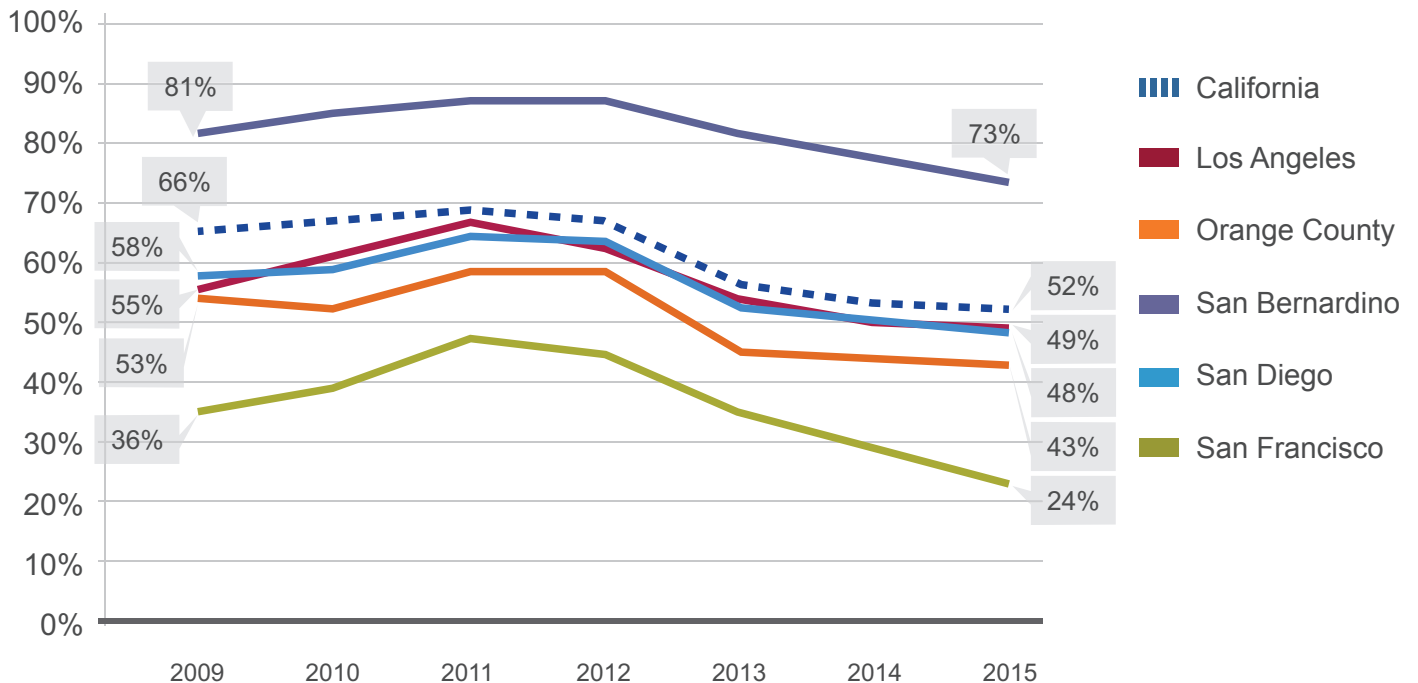
The below cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. Overall the cost of living in Orange County is 85% higher than the national average, making it the second highest when compared to its peers. Orange County's high cost of living is mainly driven by the cost of housing, which is estimated to be 347% higher than the national average.



Source: [http://www.bestplaces.net/cost\\_of\\_living/county/california/orange](http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/county/california/orange)

## AFFORDABILITY FOR FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS

The below chart displays the regional comparison of the percentage of first-time homebuyers able to afford an entry level single family home. In 2015, an estimated 43% of households in Orange County could afford an entry level home. This number has dropped by 10% since 2009, making Orange County less affordable than all our neighboring counties, except San Francisco.

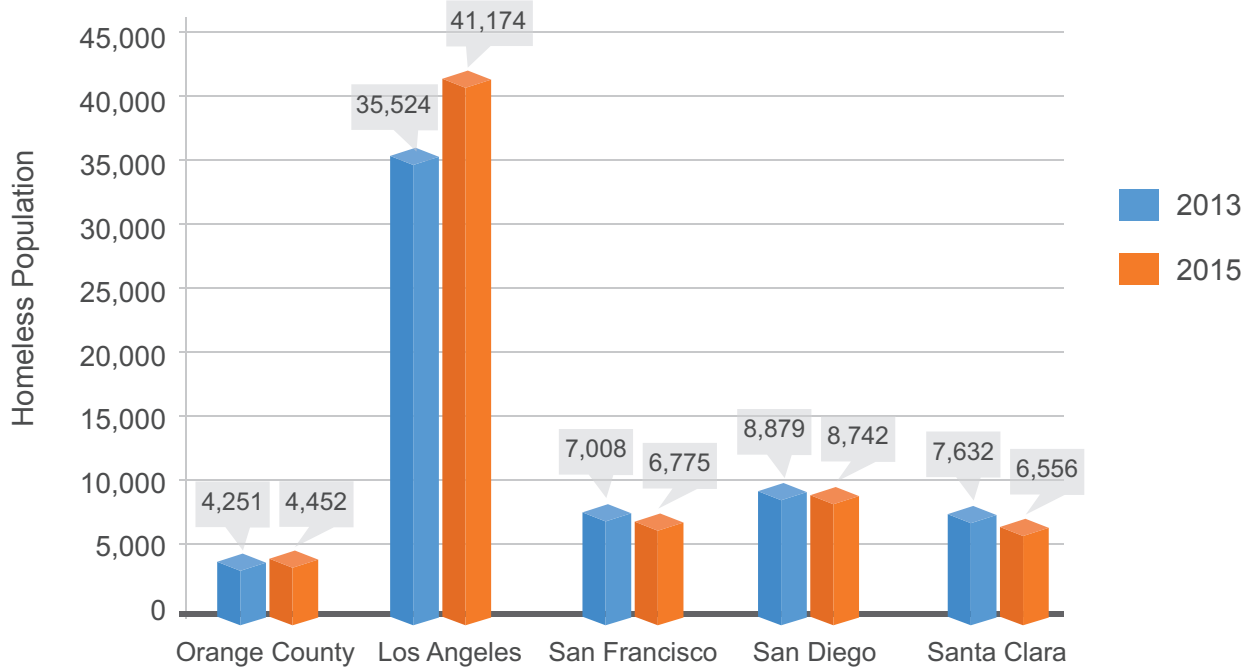


Source: <http://www.car.org/marketdata>

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## POINT IN TIME HOMELESS POPULATION BY COUNTY 2013-2015

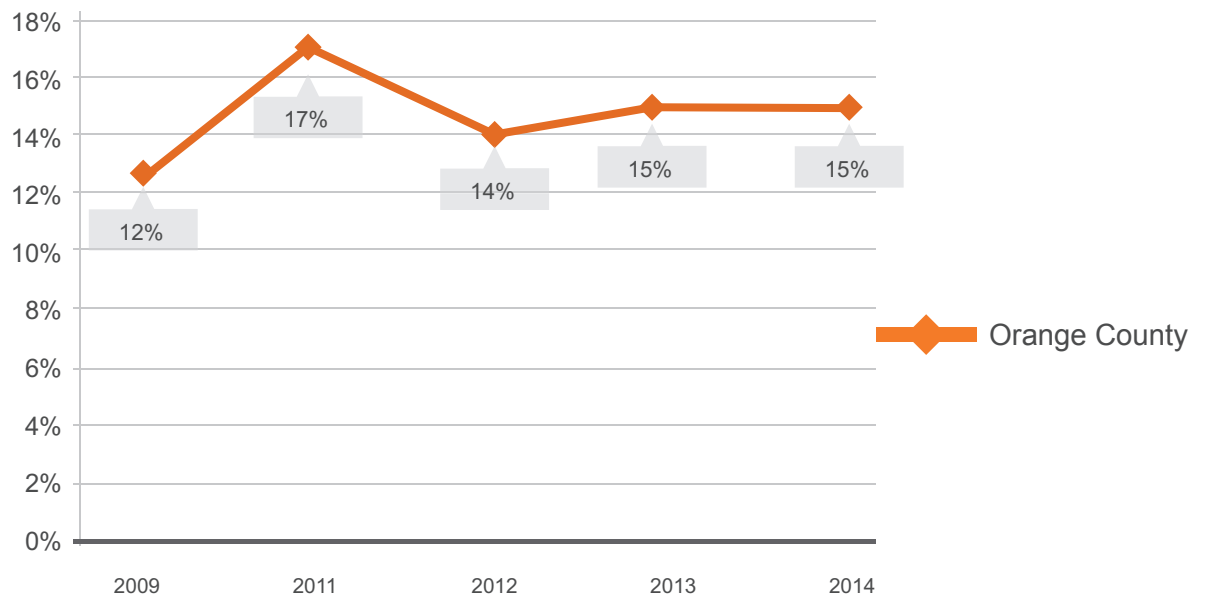
The Point in Time data for 2013 and 2015 includes both sheltered and unsheltered counts of the homeless. Based on the findings from the 2015 Point in Time data, approximately 4,452 individuals in Orange County are homeless on any given night. The Point in Time count is a biannual tally of people without a home on a particular night.



Source: <https://www.hudexchange.info>

## ADULTS WITH MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS 2009-2014

The California Health Interview survey shows an increase of adults who need care for mental health or substance abuse issues. More than half of adults who needed care said that they did not get it in the past year. Behavioral Health continues to be a priority for the County. Today, the Orange County Health Care Agency's Behavioral Health Services has over 200 programs including children and adult mental health, alcohol and drug, crisis, and prevention/early intervention services.

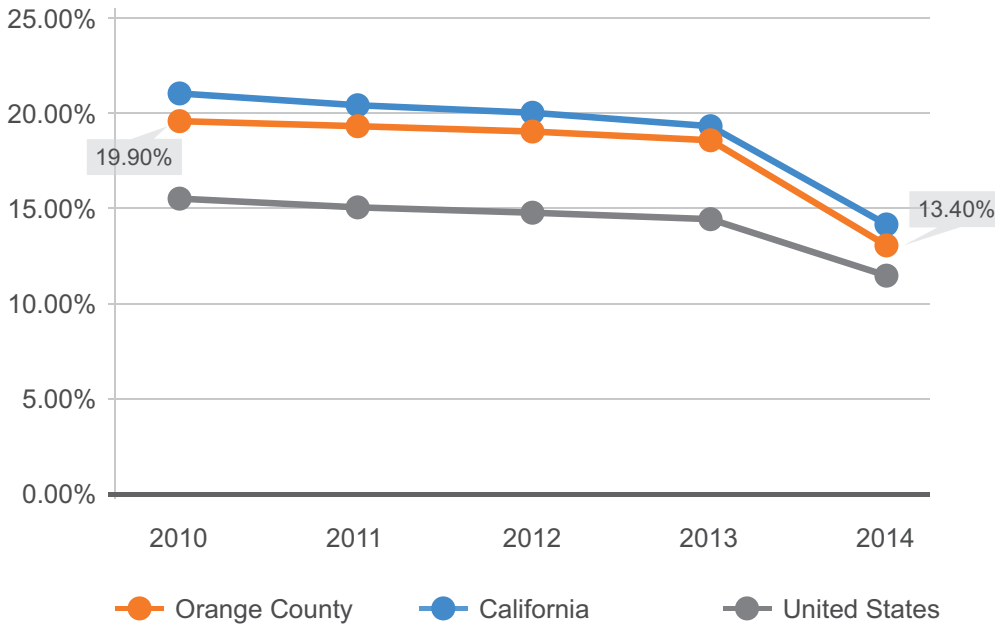


Source: <http://www.ochealthertogether.org>, California Health Interview Survey.



## UNINSURED (BELOW 65) IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AND UNITED STATES 2010-2014

The number of uninsured residents under the age of 65 significantly dropped between 2013 and 2014, from 18.8% to 13.4%. While the number of uninsured residents continue to decline, the number of Medi-Cal enrollment has increased by 72% in the last two years.



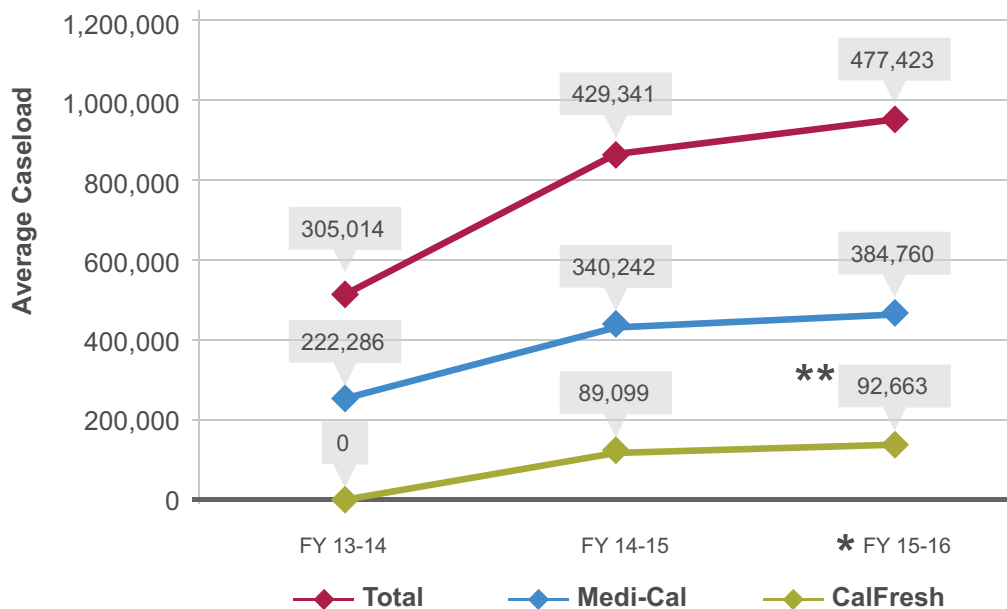
Source: <http://factfinder.census.gov> and CalOptima

## ORANGE COUNTY MEDI-CAL AND CALFRESH CASELOADS FISCAL YEAR 2013-2016

The number of ongoing Medi-Cal and CalFresh only cases, and as such the client pool has grown significantly since 2013.

\*Data through April 2016 \*\*Estimated; CalFresh caseload counts are still being verified

NOTE: Actual number of persons receiving Medi-Cal and CalFresh are not reflected in this data; there is an average of more than two persons per case.



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## OC HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Since 2004, the OC Human Trafficking Task Force has assisted over 450 human trafficking victims from 36 countries. In 2014, the OC Human Trafficking Task Force assisted 145 victims, including 35 minors.

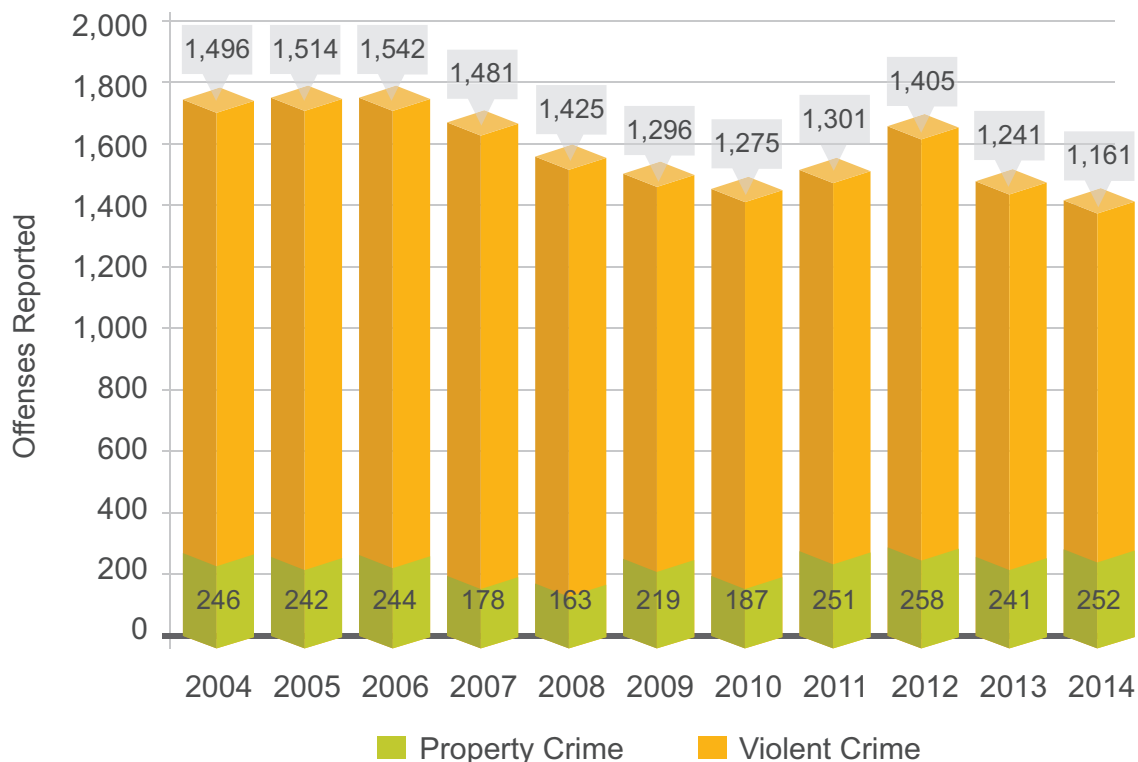
	Labor Trafficking	Sex Trafficking	Labors & Sex Trafficking	Unknown	Total
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	10	0	2	0	12
Female	24	104	3	1	132
Transgender	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Age</b>					
Adult	33	71	5	1	110
Minor	1	34	0	0	35
<b>Total 2014 Victims Assisted</b>					<b>145</b>

Source: <http://www.egovlink.com/ochumantrafficking/>

## PROPERTY AND VIOLENT CRIMES REPORTED-ORANGE COUNTY 2004-2015

Violent crime data includes murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Property crime includes burglary, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft.

The data shown in this table do not reflect county totals but are the number of offenses reported by the Sheriff's Department.



Source: <http://www.ucrdatatool.gov/>



❖ **GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

Policy Statements

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
<b>Access For Voters</b>	Promote and increase voter registration and access to the ballot for as many eligible voters as possible.	Registrar of Voters	State
<b>Bonds &amp; Funding Measures</b>	Support an equitable disbursement of state and federal funding in all bond and funding measures affecting the County.	All	State/Federal
<b>Burdensome Regulatory Requirements</b>	Support rulemaking that minimizes burdensome requirements and legal obstacles, takes into consideration the various environments of the state and minimizes duplication of regulations by multiple agencies.	All	State/Federal
<b>Business Tax</b>	Support legislation that allows unsecured business taxes to be treated similar to sales tax when businesses are sold.	Treasurer-Tax Collector	State
<b>County Revenue</b>	Oppose efforts to decrease, restrict, eliminate, divert, supplant or otherwise restrict local autonomy of local revenues.	All	State/Federal
<b>Drones</b>	Support legislation that gives counties the right to reasonably regulate drone flights within their jurisdictions.	CEO	State/Federal
<b>Economic Growth and Development</b>	Support efforts of job growth and economic development.	CEO	State/Federal
<b>Election Services</b>	Provide adequate funding to administer election services.	Registrar of Voters	State
<b>Employee/Labor</b>	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.	CEO/HRS	State
<b>Funding Flexibility</b>	Support efforts that enhance funding flexibility and oppose efforts to eliminate or redirect revenues currently dedicated to local government for state purposes.	All	State/Federal
<b>Gas Tax</b>	Oppose hidden gas taxes and other similar regulatory schemes.	CEO	State
<b>Local Control</b>	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.	All	State/Federal
<b>New Voting System</b>	Support legislation that establishes avenues and consistent funding mechanisms for the creation and/or acquisition of new voting systems.	Registrar of Voters	State/Federal
<b>Privacy/Security</b>	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.	Treasurer-Tax Collector/Assessor	State/Federal

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## GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES Continued

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
<b>Program Efficiency</b>	Support efforts that promote the efficient administration of program services and benefits, as well as increase access and improve customer service.	All	State/Federal
<b>Property Tax Funding Equity</b>	Support a more equitable reallocation of property tax revenue to County government that provides funding for countywide public services reflecting an allocation that is in line with similarly urbanized counties.	CEO	State
<b>Property Tax Revenue</b>	Protect local property tax revenues and oppose any measure aimed at reducing the protections afforded to the County under Proposition 1A.	CEO	State
<b>Proposition 172</b>	Protect the County's Proposition 172 funding allocation.	CEO	State
<b>Public Pensions</b>	Support efforts for local officials to manage pension systems that meet the needs of their workforce and demonstrate sound fiduciary management.	CEO	State
<b>Public Pension Waiver</b>	Seek waiver on IRS Rev. Rul. 2006-43 to allow County employees to elect alternative pension plans.	CEO	Federal
<b>Reallocation of Tax Revenue</b>	Oppose the shifting of tax revenues and tax increment from the County to the state or other local entities or special districts.	CEO	State
<b>Reciprocity</b>	Support efforts to establish intercept tax program in partnership with local governments.	Treasurer-Tax Collector	State/Federal
<b>Regulatory Review Processes</b>	Support streamlining and simplification of regulatory review processes, permitting and oversight at state and federal levels and increased coordination among state and federal agencies.	All	State/Federal
<b>Split-Roll Prop 13</b>	Oppose split-roll and other efforts to harm Proposition 13.	CEO	State
<b>State &amp; Federal Mandates</b>	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.	All	State/Federal
<b>State Realignment &amp; Cost-Shifts</b>	Oppose proposals to restructure, realign or otherwise shift the cost of state programs to local government, without commensurate compensation.	All	State
<b>Tustin Blimp Hangar</b>	Support conveyance of Tustin North Blimp Hangar, and the surrounding property, in a condition acceptable to the County.	CEO/Real Estate	Federal



**GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES** Continued

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
<b>Tustin/EI Toro Military Bases</b>	Support expedited resolution of remaining issues at the closed Tustin and EI Toro military bases to facilitate conveyance of land to the County, per the requirements of the Base Realignment and Closure Act.	CEO/Real Estate	Federal
<b>Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability</b>	Support legislation that requires full payment of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability for active and retired employees enrolled in the Orange County Employee Retirement System if a public agency withdraws from Orange County Fire Authority.	CEO	State
<b>Voter Threshold</b>	Oppose efforts to reduce the voter threshold necessary to increase taxes and fees.	CEO	State

**PUBLIC PROTECTION**

Policy Statements

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
<b>Aging Juvenile Facilities</b>	Support efforts to improve existing juvenile facilities and provide for infrastructure changes required by legislative mandates.	Probation	State
<b>Appeals Process</b>	Support reforms to streamline the appeals process in criminal cases, including those cases involving special circumstances.	District Attorney	State
<b>Court Appointed Dependency Counsel Funding</b>	Support legislation or administrative action to fully fund optimal caseloads for dependency attorneys.	Public Defender	State
<b>Court Services</b>	Support measures that increase accessibility to court-related services for vulnerable adults and at-risk youth.	Social Services Agency	State
<b>Criminal Justice Sentencing</b>	Support restoration of accountability to the criminal justice system by ensuring sentences are fully carried out and sufficiently addresses the significance of each crime.	Sheriff's Department/ CEO	State
<b>Custody Operations</b>	Support funding for construction, modernization and staffing of adult criminal justice facilities that will meet needs created by realignment and address long-term sentences in county jails.	Sheriff's Department	State
<b>Driving Under the Influence of Drugs</b>	Support efforts to increase penalties for Driving Under the Influence and resources for programs, which will assist in Driving Under the Influence of Drugs prevention efforts.	CEO	State

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## PUBLIC PROTECTION Continued

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
<b>Fusion Centers</b>	Support increased federal and state funding for fusion centers.	Sheriff's Department	State/Federal
<b>Homeland Security</b>	Support increased coordination on Homeland Security and emergency response efforts among federal, state, and local governments with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for each.	Sheriff's Department	State/Federal
<b>Human Trafficking</b>	Support efforts to prevent sexual assault, human trafficking and related crimes.	CEO	State/Federal
<b>Marijuana Regulation Enforcement</b>	Support adequate resources to address enforcement issues related to marijuana.	Sheriff's Department	State/Federal
<b>Marsy's Law</b>	Seek funding for Marsy's Law victim services.	CEO	State
<b>Opioid Epidemic</b>	Support efforts to address the illicit use of opioids and hold accountable those who illegally sell and distribute them.	Sheriff's Department	State
<b>Pre-Placement Funding</b>	Support legislation that would establish regular Title IV-E type funding mechanisms to ensure ongoing resources for juvenile operations.	Probation	Federal
<b>Public Administrator</b>	Support legislation or administrative action, which would reaffirm existing authority under Probate code Section 2900-2903, authorizing the Public Administrator to access vital information from financial institutions allowing the deputies to properly administer their cases.	District Attorney	State
<b>Public Administrator Judicial Responsibilities</b>	Support legislation or administrative action which would emphasize the importance of the Public Administrator's judicial responsibilities under Probate Code section 7600-7604, authorizing deputies to perform duties to protect individuals and potential victims.	District Attorney	State
<b>Public Safety</b>	Support a public safety system that promotes local law enforcement services, crime prevention, prosecution of crime, confinement of high-risk adults and evidence-based programs aimed at rehabilitation and lowering the recidivism rate.	CEO	State
<b>Public Safety Realignment</b>	Support continued and protected funding for AB 109 Public Safety Realignment.	CEO	State
<b>Recidivism</b>	Seek funding to support both in-custody programming and facilities in order to enhance the County's rehabilitation and treatment programs for inmates.	Sheriff's Department	State
<b>Sexually Violent Predator State Funding</b>	Support restoration of full funding and pursue options to retain Sexually Violent Predator State funding through reimbursement to counties.	Public Defender/ Sheriff's Department/ District Attorney/ CEO	State





**PUBLIC PROTECTION** Continued

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
Treatment Capacity	Support opportunities to enhance Non-Governmental Organizations/Community Based Organization relationships for recidivism reduction efforts in adult and juvenile offenders.	Probation	State
Victims' Rights	Support victims' rights programs and services for victims of crimes.	CEO	State

❖ **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Policy Statements

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
Adult Services	Support efforts to increase resources available to adult services clients who are unable to live independently and the individuals who provide them with care.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
Affordable Care Act	Support healthcare policy implementation efforts that do not have an adverse financial impact to the County.	CEO/HRS	Federal
Animal Care Shelter	Support funding for regional animal shelter facility and programs.	OC Animal Care	State
Broadband Access	Support legislation or administrative changes that maintain affordable information and discounted telecommunications rates for California libraries.	OC Public Libraries	State
Caseload Growth and Funding for Services	Secure equitable and consistent funding to sufficiently support caseload growth, regulatory changes and other related administrative costs.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
Child Care	Support measures that enhance the overall quality, affordability, capacity, accessibility and safety of child care and development programs.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
Child Support Services	Support legislation, budget or administrative action to adequately fund child support service programming.	Child Support Services	State
Child Welfare	Support legislation that increases services and home-based placement resources to children who are victims of or at risk of: abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and provide support to caregivers of these victims.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
Child Welfare Funding	Support child welfare funding reform efforts that increase eligibility for federal funds under programs that include, but are not limited to Title IV-E.	Social Services Agency	Federal

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES Continued

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
<b>Claiming Protocols</b>	Support establishment of claiming protocols for inmate acute inpatient Medi-Cal reimbursement for eligible individuals.	Health Care Agency	State/Federal
<b>Disaster Response</b>	Support measures that increase resources for disaster response initiatives requiring county involvement.	Health Care Agency/ Social Services Agency/Sheriff's Department	State/Federal
<b>Expanded Subsidized Employment</b>	Improve local control and efficacy by allowing counties the flexibility to utilize funds for Expanded Subsidized Employment in conjunction with the CalWORKs Single Allocation for the Subsidized Employment program.	Social Services Agency	State
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	Support measures that protect the public against disease and disability and promote health.	Health Care Agency	State/Federal
<b>Homeless Prevention</b>	Support efforts to develop affordable housing and year-round emergency homeless shelter/ multi-service centers.	OC Community Services	State/Federal
<b>Hospitalization Rates</b>	Support legislation that would cap hospitalization rates for county inmates at the Federal Government standard (Medicare and/or Medi-Cal rates).	Health Care Agency	State/Federal
<b>Independent Living</b>	Support measures that enable seniors and the adult disabled population to stay in their own homes.	OC Community Services	State/Federal
<b>Inmate Medical/ Mental Health Care</b>	Continue efforts to maximize opportunities for reimbursement of inmate medical care. Mitigate liabilities in areas such as health, mental health, ADA, and other areas of legal concern.	Health Care Agency	State/Federal
<b>Library Funding</b>	Support the efforts of the California State Library to provide state funding to libraries for their role in enhancing the effectiveness of the California education system.	OC Public Libraries	State
<b>Library Literacy Program</b>	Support efforts to ensure that training and resources are available to help libraries provide literacy programs and services to youth and adults in Orange County, including the continued funding of Career Online High School.	OC Public Libraries	State
<b>Low and Moderate Income Housing</b>	Support efforts to improve funding and construction and land use regulations, which enhance the development of low and moderate income housing units and allow local governments to adequately plan to meet the housing needs of all economic segments of the community and reduce barriers to job retention and creation.	OC Community Services	State/Federal



**COMMUNITY SERVICES** Continued

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Summary/Action Item</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>State/Federal</b>
<b>Maintenance of Effort</b>	Support legislation that maintains the state's responsibility for Maintenance of Effort requirements.	Social Services Agency	State
<b>Prop 63</b>	Protect Proposition 63 funds from the state or others seeking to appropriate these funds to backfill or subsidize programs not currently allowed.	Health Care Agency/ OC Community Services	State
<b>Resource Sharing</b>	Support legislation that seeks to expand public library consortiums and networks to improve the availability of services and increase access to digital content for all California citizens.	OC Public Libraries	State
<b>Restoration of Funding</b>	Support additional funding for the Older Californians Act and other programs that assist older adults and caregivers.	OC Community Services/Social Services Agency	State
<b>Self-Sufficiency</b>	Provide equitable and sufficient funding to reduce housing insecurity and promote employment opportunities to help clients achieve self-sufficiency.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
<b>Sober Living Homes</b>	Support measures that bring more accountability to Sober Living Homes in order to balance the needs of those who seek recovery with the residents of the communities where these facilities are or may be located.	CEO	State/Federal
<b>Spay/Neuter</b>	Support funding for spay/neuter education, vouchers, and clinics.	OC Animal Care	State
<b>Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services</b>	Support measures that increase accessibility and funding for quality substance abuse and mental health services for vulnerable and at-risk children, adults and families.	Health Care Agency/ Social Services Agency	State/Federal
<b>Veterans</b>	Support programs and funding that benefits veterans.	OC Community Services	State/Federal
<b>Veterans Claims Process</b>	Support increased access to Veterans Affairs databases to retrieve claim award information.	OC Community Services	State/Federal
<b>Veteran Services</b>	Support efforts to increase operating funding for County veterans service officers and reduce the federal veterans' claims backlog by creating a more efficient federal, state, and local government coordination for veterans' claims development.	OC Community Services	State/Federal
<b>Welfare and Institutions Code 17000 Funding</b>	Support state funding for general assistance programs as mandated in Welfare and Institutions Code 17000 Funding.	Social Services Agency	State

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES Continued

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
<b>Work Participation Credit</b>	Support efforts to provide states and localities administering the CalWORKs Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program partial work participation credit for participants.	Social Services Agency/OC Community Services	Federal
<b>Work Participation Requirements</b>	Support efforts to align state CalWORKs requirements with the provisions of the Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and protect the County from fiscal sanctions for non-compliance stemming from the discrepancies between Federal and State requirements.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
<b>Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act</b>	Support efforts that maintain local control over the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act and support State efforts to promote/incentivize regional planning, service delivery and administrative efficiencies.	OC Community Services/Social Services Agency	State

## ❖ INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

### Policy Statements

Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
<b>Airport Exit Lanes</b>	Oppose any transfer of administrative, financial and/or operational responsibility for exit lane screening from the Transportation Security Administration to John Wayne Airport.	JWA	Federal
<b>Airport Ground Transportation</b>	Support ground transportation-related measures that ensure passenger safety, protect the County's resources and property and treat all ground transportation providers serving John Wayne Airport fairly and equitably.	JWA	State
<b>Alternative Project Delivery</b>	Support legislation that gives local governments and agencies greater flexibility to use alternative project delivery methods such as Construction Manager-at-Risk, Design-Build and Job Order Contracting.	OC Public Works	State
<b>Banning Specified Waste</b>	Oppose banning materials from landfill disposal or transformation/conversion technology facilities.	OC Waste and Recycling	State
<b>Beach Preservation and Coastal Funding</b>	Support state and federal funding for beach nourishment, erosion control and beach preservation for all Orange County shorelines. Additionally, support sharing of federal Outer Continental Shelf revenues with coastal states to support conservation and wildlife protection programs.	OC Public Works/OC Parks	State/Federal
<b>Bridge Funding</b>	Support proposals that maintain the same level of funding for bridges as in previous years and oppose any formula that would provide an inequitable funding share for urban counties.	OC Public Works	State/Federal



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Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
<b>California Public Utilities Commission Tariffs</b>	Support efforts to ensure that California Public Utilities Commission tariffs and their interpretation do not shift utility costs from utility owners to counties.	OC Public Works	State
<b>California State Route 241 Expansion</b>	Support extension of the 241 Toll Road.	OC Public Works	State/Federal
<b>Cap and Trade</b>	Oppose efforts to expand the scope of Cap and Trade and the shifting of program costs on to local governments.	CEO	State/Federal
<b>California Environmental Quality Act</b>	Promote revisions to the California Environmental Quality Act that modernize, simplify and streamline the Act.	OC Public Works	State
<b>Clean Water Act</b>	Support clarifications of and oppose expansions to the definition of "Waters of the US."	OC Public Works	Federal
<b>Cogeneration and Central Utility Plant Facilities</b>	Maximize the capacity and efficiency of all County Cogeneration and Central Utility Plant facilities by providing its excess thermal and electric loads to other governmental agencies within the Santa Ana Civic Center and/or to County and other governmental agencies within the County's geographical boundaries.	OC Public Works	State
<b>Dana Point Harbor</b>	Support efforts that encourage development at Dana Point Harbor to enhance public access opportunities, deliver quality recreational opportunities, update visitor serving commercial opportunities, provide water quality improvements and promote coastal resource preservation.	CEO	State/Federal
<b>Diversion Credits</b>	Support incentives that allow 100% diversion credits for conversion technologies and for beneficial reuse of materials at landfills.	OC Waste and Recycling	State
<b>Encroachment</b>	Protect John Wayne Airport and County landfills from liabilities associated with new and encroaching development and other non-compatible land uses.	OC Waste and Recycling/JWA	State
<b>Energy &amp; Green Technology</b>	Promote incentives for residents, builders and businesses of Orange County regarding the adoption, use, and economic benefits of green technology, recycled products and eco-friendly products where economically feasible.	OC Public Works/OC Community Services	State/Federal
<b>Fire Protection</b>	Support enhanced funding for CAL FIRE fire prevention and hazardous fuel removal projects in State Responsibility Area lands, and ensure local agencies/landowners have access to these funds.	OC Parks	State
<b>Flood Control</b>	Support legislation that would provide clarity for local agencies in the reimbursement process with the state related to financial assistance received under the Department of Water Resources Subvention Program.	CEO/Real Estate	State
<b>Flood Control Maintenance</b>	Support measures that provide statutory exemptions on water use regulations to include critical flood control and water resource management and maintenance projects.	OC Public Works	State/Federal

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<b>Habitat Mitigation</b>	Support legislation or administrative action which allows flexibility for county agencies to comply with long-term financial assurance requirements for habitat mitigation.	OC Waste and Recycling/ OC Parks	State/Federal
<b>Habitat Restoration</b>	Support state and federal funding for watershed and creek habitat restoration efforts.	OC Parks	State/Federal
<b>Highway Users Tax Account</b>	Protect the Highway Users Tax Account from being diverted for purposes other than County transportation.	OC Public Works	State
<b>Household Hazardous Waste and Pharmaceuticals</b>	Support extended producer responsibility and take-back programs and oppose unfunded mandates extending jurisdictions' responsibility for collection/disposal of household hazardous waste and pharmaceuticals.	OC Waste and Recycling	State/Federal
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Support efforts to preserve the intended usage of vital infrastructure.	CEO	State/Federal
<b>Invasive Species</b>	Support efforts that will provide funding to limit the continued spread of invasive shot hole borers and other invasive species.	OC Parks	State/Federal
<b>Organics Recycling</b>	Support funding/loan programs for infrastructure in regards to organics recycling/repurpose and energy/gas products from the conversion of municipal solid waste.	OC Waste and Recycling	State/Federal
<b>Land and Water Conservation Fund</b>	Support full-funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance Program, which provides matching grants for funding trail projects on the Santa Ana River, Aliso Creek, and other recreation amenities throughout the regional park system, consistent with the National Recreation and Park Association platform.	OC Parks	Federal
<b>Landfill Gas-to-Energy</b>	Support efforts that facilitate the viable generation of electricity and natural gas for beneficial uses through Landfill Gas-to-Energy and conversion technology facilities utilizing public utility transmission and distribution grids/line, and lowering the cost to connect to distribution grids/lines.	OC Waste and Recycling	State/Federal
<b>Port of Entry</b>	Support John Wayne Airport, Orange County's request to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for designation as a "Port of Entry."	JWA	Federal
<b>Recreation and Preservation</b>	Support state and federal funding to meet the recreation needs of Orange County's growing and diverse population while balancing preservation of habitat and wilderness areas.	OC Parks	State/Federal
<b>Regional Planning</b>	Protect local decision-making authority and encourage regional planning that ensures economic competitiveness, balances quality of life, environment and health in the development of the regional Air Quality Master Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan-Sustainable Communities Strategy.	JWA	State/Federal



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<b>Issue</b>	<b>Summary/Action Item</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>State/Federal</b>
<b>San Onofre Nuclear Generating System</b>	Support efforts to fully decommission the San Onofre site and the timely removal and responsible management of spent nuclear fuel storage.	CEO	State/Federal
<b>Short lived Climate Pollutants</b>	Monitor regulations being promulgated by the California Air Resources Control Board, to address short-lived climate pollutants particularly as they relate to proposed reductions in the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025.	OC Waste and Recycling	State
<b>Trails and Bikeways Systems</b>	Support state and federal funding for alternative transportation programs to expand and improve the County's regional trails and bikeways system.	OC Parks/OC Public Works	State/Federal
<b>Transportation Funding FAST Act</b>	Support the reauthorization of a surface transportation act. Support implementation of the provisions of FAST Act in an equitable manner that promotes equitable funding levels, programming roles, and local discretion in allocation decisions, and support the reauthorization of a surface transportation act.	OC Public Works	Federal
<b>Transportation/Infrastructure Funding</b>	Support more transportation and infrastructure funding without new taxes.	OC Public Works	State
<b>Transportation Reauthorization</b>	Support efforts within the surface transportation reauthorization legislation, or other appropriate legislation, that direct state departments of transportation to give consideration to the condition and effectiveness of local evacuation routes in high risk areas when setting priorities for disbursement of highway funding.	OC Public Works	State/Federal
<b>Utility Lines/Wildfires</b>	Support efforts that seek to improve utility fire mitigation standards in at-risk communities, including, but not limited, to the use of underground utility-related infrastructure.	CEO	State
<b>Waste Disposal Surcharge Fees</b>	Oppose state fee surcharges unless they are based on reasonable and related costs and do not promote illegal dumping or cause undue financial burden to local governments.	OC Waste and Recycling	State
<b>Water Conservation/Recycling</b>	Support cost effective water conservation programs and incentives that preserve water resources.	OC Parks	State/Federal
<b>Water Quality</b>	Ensure that the implementation of the Clean Water Act, Water Resources Development Act and the Porter-Cologne Act benefits County of Orange projects and programs.	OC Public Works	State/Federal
<b>Water Resources Infrastructure</b>	Support funding and completion of vital flood and water infrastructure projects.	OC Public Works	State/Federal

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