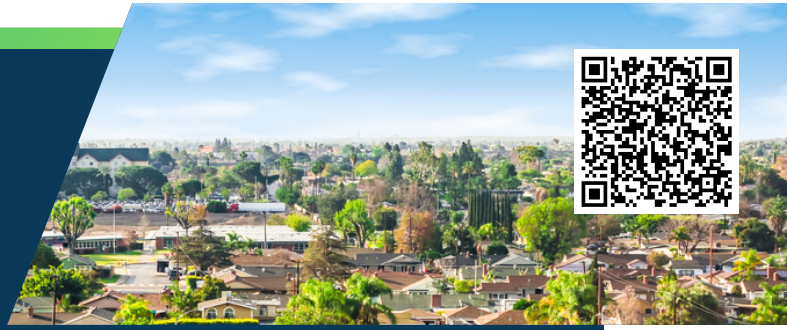




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## Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

Maintain federal funding for Community Mental Health Services Block Grant, Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Block Grant and other behavioral health programs.

Pursue innovation pilot opportunities to offset anticipated behavioral health program cuts resulting from passage of the Behavioral Health Services Act (Proposition 1.) Streamline Family First Prevention Services Act guidance to empower local approaches and expedite federal funding for a broad spectrum of services.



## Climate Change & Sustainability, Disaster Preparedness & Recovery

Support Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) grant funding for clean energy, climate resiliency and environmental projects including coastal restoration, water contamination cleanup, green technology workforce development and access improvements to green spaces.

Support green and sustainable programs and infrastructure projects that promote equitable environmental outcomes for all County residents. Increase local wildfire hazard mitigation, raise emergency preparedness funding, and harden energy and transportation infrastructure against wildfires, coastal erosion and other disasters.



## Elections

Increase funding for voting accessibility, and for cybersecurity and physical security protections to maintain election integrity and administer secure and accurate elections. Enhance penalties for offenses related to threatening, harassing or intimidating election officials or election workers in the performance of their duty.



## Housing Assistance

Increase funding to close the \$14 million gap due to cost-of-living increases for Housing Choice Vouchers, Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grants and other flexible housing assistance programs for at-risk populations, seniors, veterans and youth.

Provide ongoing funding for comprehensive services and care coordination that promote equity and equitable outcomes. Reduce regulatory barriers to maximize housing access and system capacity, including navigation or treatment services.

Seek authorization to provide up to six months of transitional rent services to CalAIM-eligible individuals who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.



## Infrastructure

Fully fund Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) programs and other funding to successfully implement Santa Ana River Mainstem and Westminster-East Garden Grove Flood Management projects, John Wayne Airport modernization, and County-owned road, bridge, harbor and transportation improvements. Restore Federal Communications Commission "Affordable Connectivity Program" (ACP) funding for greater broadband access to disadvantaged communities.



## San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Nuclear Fuel Storage

Advocate for federal actions that provide offsite storage and/or permanent disposal solutions for the spent nuclear fuel at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS).



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## OC CARES - Justice Involved Reform

Amend the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP) to ensure pretrial adults have uninterrupted access to federal health benefits, and immediate reinstatement of health care benefits upon community reentry.

Maintain or increase funding for the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP), juvenile justice programs, and other initiatives to ensure high-quality mental health service delivery to the justice-involved population, especially Transitional Age Youth (TAY).

Maintain or increase funding for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant program for gun buyback programs, crime lab investigative resources, and early intervention practices.



## Southern California Veterans Cemetery

Advocate for federal "Veterans Cemetery Grants Program" designation by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Southern California Veterans Cemetery in Orange County.



## WRDA Requests

SARM Prado Dam Project:

- Division-Level Appraisal & Settlement Authority
- Reimbursement for Incurred Costs

WEGG:

- Project Partnership Agreement with United States Army Corps of Engineers
- Cost-Share Adjustment for Federal Sponsor

## County Earmarks

<u>Project Name &amp; Location</u>	<u>Request</u>
<b>Justice-Involved Workforce Reentry Center Construction</b> <i>Orange, CA</i>	\$2,000,000
<b>Los Patrones Parkway Safety Improvements</b> <i>Rancho Mission Viejo, CA</i>	\$4,610,000
<b>Westminster East Garden Grove Wintersberg Channel (WEGG): Tide Gates Removal</b> <i>Huntington Beach, CA</i>	\$20,000,000
<b>Westminster East Garden Grove Wintersberg Channel (WEGG): Bolsa Bay Outlet</b> <i>Huntington Beach, CA</i>	\$32,700,000
<b>Dana Point Harbor Rockfall Mitigation Project</b> <i>Dana Point, CA</i>	\$3,600,000
<b>Senior Affordable Housing Construction</b> <i>Irvine, CA</i>	\$3,000,000
<b>Veteran's Center Construction</b> <i>Irvine, CA</i>	\$5,000,000
<b>OC CARES: Reentry Client Case Management Mobile App</b> <i>Orange, CA</i>	\$1,000,000
<b>William Mason Reginal Park Stormwater Capture Project</b> <i>Irvine, CA</i>	\$8,600,000
<b>Capistrano Operations Yard Stormwater Capture Project</b> <i>Dana Point, CA</i>	\$5,800,000
<b>Laguna Canyon Road Improvements</b> <i>Laguna Beach, CA</i>	\$1,124,000