



2025 State Legislative Priorities



County Budget: Federal/State Funding Stability

Protect the safety net program funds for the County's most vulnerable residents to minimize impacts of any federal and state delays. Minimize disruptions to County administration of critical programs supporting families, children, seniors, and immigrant communities. Provide assurance about the stability of alternative funding sources, such as grants, one-time allocations, and bond distributions, to reduce volatility in County service delivery. Request parity of property tax revenue received in Orange County in comparison to San Diego and Los Angeles counties.

County Budget: Liability Exposure Mitigation

Seek legislative action that responsibly addresses fiscal liabilities related to statute of limitations claims filed against the County that balances accountability and fair compensation for past harm with the need to protect local resources for the ongoing provision of county services.

Project Homekey/ Homeless Housing Assistance & Prevention (HHAP) Funding

Maintain consistent Project Homekey, Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) and other program funding streams to support the provision of services to the unhoused. Expedite and expand the provision of funding for affordable housing construction to support priority populations, such as veterans, those with behavioral health needs, and those experiencing homelessness.

Workforce & Affordable Housing

Seek legislative actions to increase Orange County's ability to meet its housing planning obligations, including flexibility for meeting RHNA requirements. Request regional disbursement of LA fire housing recovery funds to include Orange County, along with critical regulatory reforms, to expedite rebuilding and construction of new workforce housing.

Fire Insurance Availability

Advocate for increased funding to strengthen the County's wildfire resiliency programs and secure financial reimbursement for costs incurred from past wildfires incidents, such as the Airport Fire. Seek legislative actions that review & update building hardening measures for property-level and community-wide wildfire mitigation. Advocate for modernizing the framework insurance companies use to evaluate community hardening and fire resilience and reduces the cost of fire insurance. Seek legislative actions that increase California FAIR Plan liquidity & claims-paying capacity.



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Proposition 4 Climate Bond Funding for County Sustainability Initiatives

Advocate for County sustainability programs that will align with initial Proposition 4 Climate Bond allocations, including County parks and open space, and wetlands & watershed restoration.

Orange County Veterans Cemetery

Support Assembly Bill 571 (Quirk-Silva) to exempt Gypsum Canyon property from redundant CEQA requirements. Expedite CalVet's acquisition of land in Gypsum Canyon to start the design and construction of the Southern California Veterans Cemetery. Authorize the transfer of \$50 million of state and local funds into the Southern California Veterans Cemetery Master Development Fund.

Opioid & Narcotics Epidemic

Support efforts to address the illicit use of narcotics, including opioids, such as fentanyl, by holding drug traffickers accountable, stopping the flow of narcotics across the border, and disrupting the use of social platforms for illegal sale and distribution. Support ongoing funding for naloxone distribution projects.

California Children's Services (CCS) Orange County Allocation Deficit

Seek regulatory action from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to restore Orange County's full funding allocation.

Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) Insurance Availability

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