

COUNTY OF ORANGE **LEGISLATIVE** **PLATFORM**

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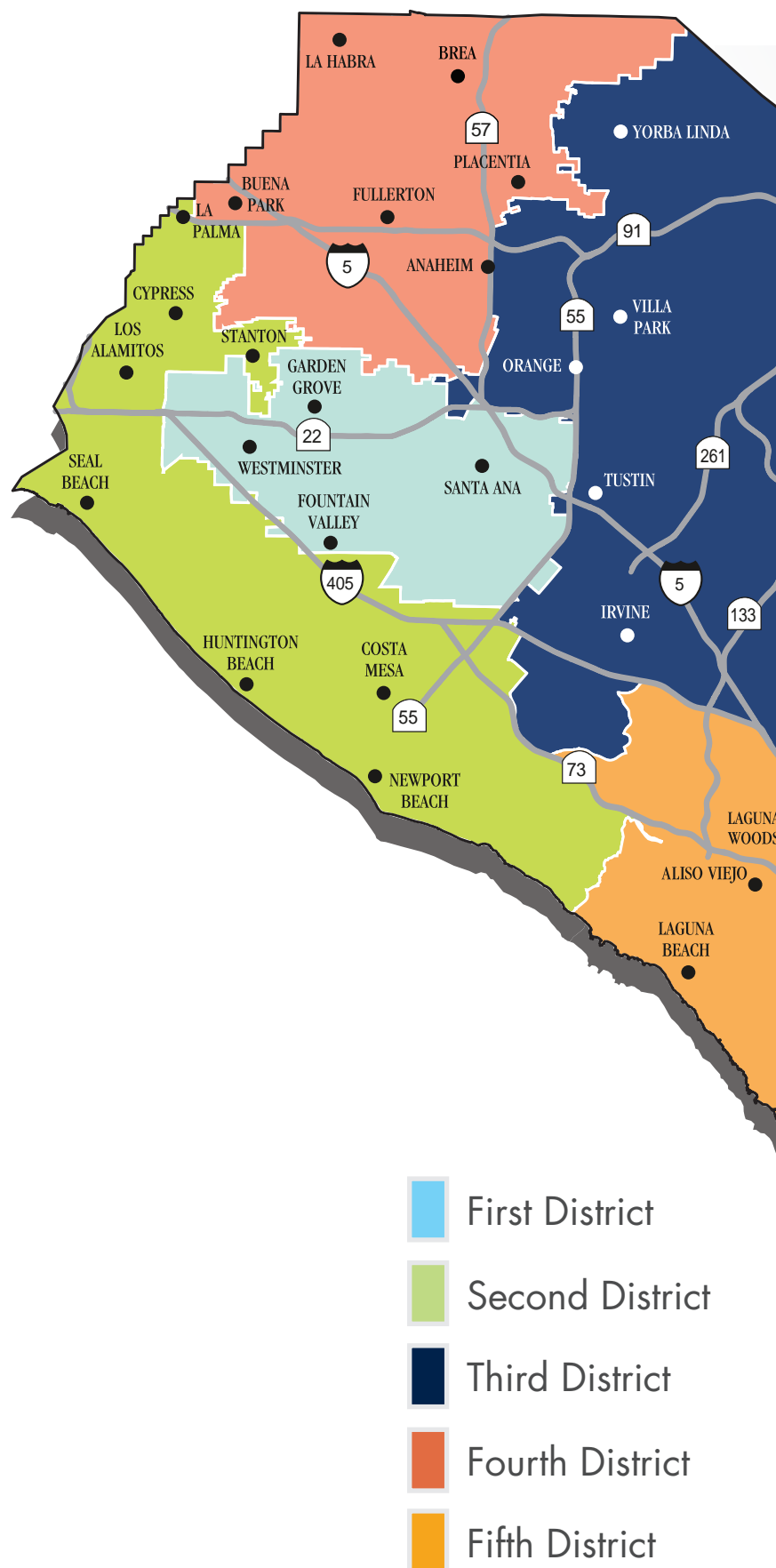
THE REAL ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Orange County is the third-most populous county in California and the sixth-most populous in the U.S. More people live here than reside in 21 states. The incorporation of our 34 cities spans from Anaheim's in 1870, when we were still part of Los Angeles County, to Aliso Viejo's in 2001. We are internationally renowned for our tourist attractions, world-class beaches and parks, and thriving biomedical and technology industries.

In many ways, Orange County is a microcosm of California. We are the second-most densely populated county in the state, behind San Francisco County. Our population is diverse demographically and by its myriad of needs. Providing services can be challenging. For example, basic housing costs are significantly higher here than elsewhere. However, we pride ourselves on providing services efficiently and effectively while facing funding that lags behind other counties. We are committed to working with the state and federal governments to collaborate on creative ways to improve core services and help those most in need.

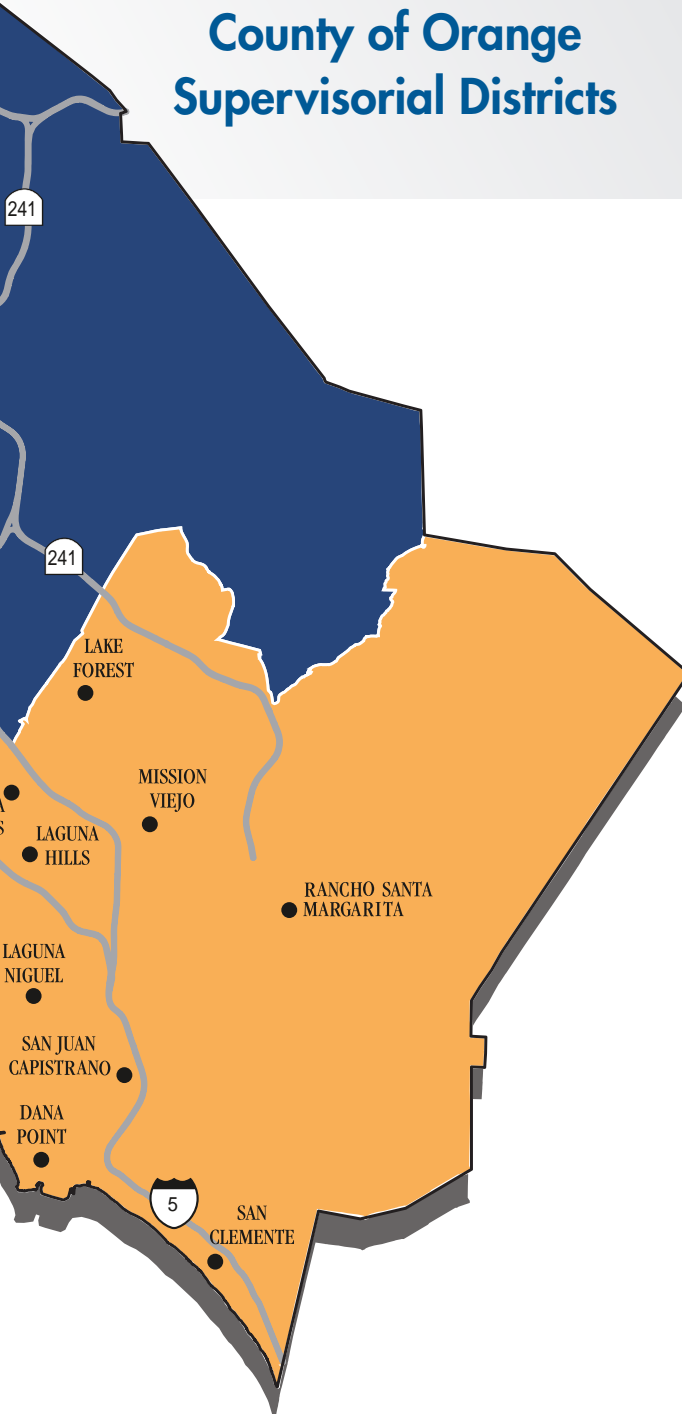
The Orange County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to protect its interests in Sacramento and Washington, DC. To be effective in this mission, the County reviews and establishes priorities and policy statements at the beginning of each legislative session to provide general direction to our departments, legislative advocates, delegation members and the public.

The Legislative Platform also contains statements of support for or opposition to key policy initiatives that would impact the way the County does business. This allows a more nimble and timely response to issues that arise in our capitols, particularly in the closing days of the legislative year. This Platform does not preclude consideration of additional legislative, regulatory and budgetary issues that might arise as bills and regulations advance.





County of Orange Supervisory Districts



The four primary guiding principles for the overall legislative platform, which cross department and agency lines, include the following:

■ Protect Local Government Funding

The state must provide alternative funding sources to counties in the event local revenue is jeopardized or reallocated, either through the budget or other allocation programs.

■ Funding Equity

The state should establish equitable, dependable and predictable revenue streams with distribution formulas for local revenues that address equity among counties based on identified metrics.

■ Cost Recovery

The federal and state governments should provide full-cost reimbursement for all mandated programs—at the time the programs are provided. Timely reimbursement for past-due amounts (SB 90) also must be provided by the state.

■ Operational Efficiency

Changes to state and federal law must not negatively impact the County's operational efficiency in providing quality public services, and they ideally will promote regulatory reform and measures that reduce burdensome and unnecessary regulations.



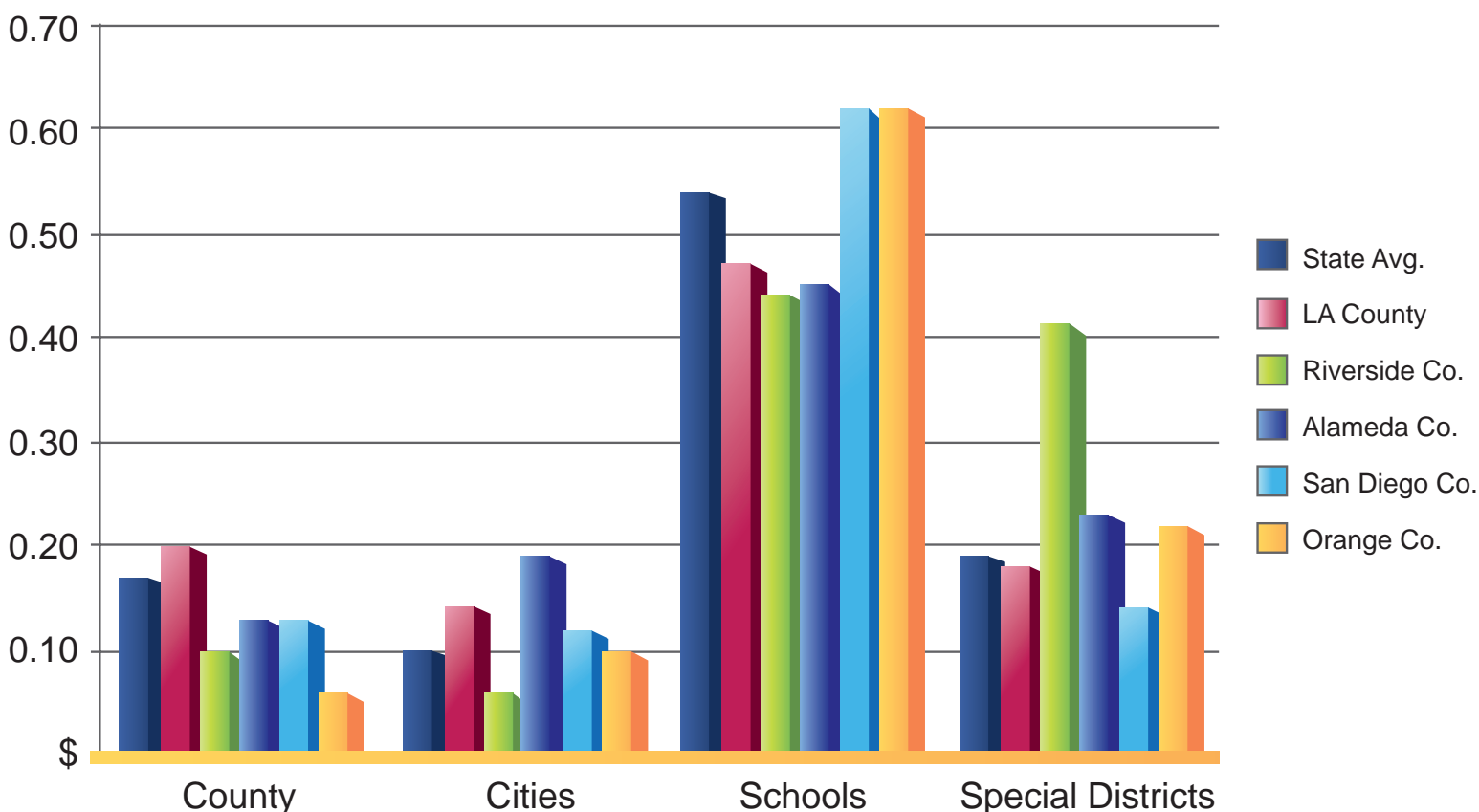
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FUNDING EQUITY FOR ORANGE COUNTY

The County of Orange hovers at the bottom of the list with Yolo County for receiving the lowest percentage of property taxes in California to support county services—about 6 cents on the dollar. The state average is about 17 cents. The formula for distributing local property taxes back to the counties where they were collected was set in 1978 and hasn't been updated since. This systematically disadvantages the County's ability to provide services to its diverse population.

The County's predicament doesn't have easy fixes. Shifting funding formulas would affect other counties receiving more of their share of taxes, as well as schools, which have constitutional protections for state funding. Orange County schools receive a larger share of local property taxes than in other counties, meaning county schools receive less from the state as it equalizes funding across all counties.

GENERAL PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR ALLOCATION, BY SELECTED COUNTIES



The answer to assuring funding equity for Orange County lies in increasing funding, programs and partnerships that specifically benefit County programs and services. It lies in assuring that when the state shifts or adds responsibilities at the county level, those requirements will include enough funding to ensure success.

Funding equity is more than a goal for Orange County—it's a necessity to assure that every resident receives the benefit of sufficient general government resources in an equitable manner compared to residents of other counties. We acknowledge that counties are structured differently with their mix of cities and special districts. However, the existing state funding structure leaves Orange County overly reliant on complex and often antiquated state funding formulas.

Our legislative agenda will continue to seek creative and substantive ways to assure our residents are provided their fair share of the taxes they pay to support the programs and services they need.



ORANGE COUNTY AND REALIGNMENT (AB 109)

SUCCESSSES

- Orange County's 2012 incarceration rate (jail population per 1,000 felony arrests) is 311, below the statewide average of 339.
- Orange County's jail population rate as a proportion of total population is 341, well below the state average of 521.
- Orange County accounts for 5.4% of the total prison population. Comparatively, Orange County's proportion of the state population is 8.1% with 7.4% of total felony filings.
- About 19% of Orange County's total felony sentences are to prison: the statewide total is about 24% (CJCSO Court Realignment data).
- Orange County is sentencing an average 60% of inmates to split sentences. Los Angeles County uses split sentences in only 3% of cases.
- Orange County is able to provide a comprehensive array of behavioral health services, including Full Service Partnerships, residential and outpatient substance use disorder treatment, medication assistance and sober living.
- Increased use of Alternatives to Incarceration.

“When Orange County is given a pill to swallow, even though some may see it as a bitter pill, they find a way to get it down. Orange County embraced Realignment, and the collaborative work around innovations in programs and sentencing have made it a leader in the state.”

Linda Penner, chair of the Board of State and Community Corrections

CHALLENGES

- Increased need to separate AB 109 inmates triggered by a 10% increase in discipline incidents. Need for more in-custody housing options and bed space.
- 30% of all incidents are attributed to 14% of the jail population (AB 109 inmates). Major violations have increased 48%, with criminal reports rising 26% in the past three years. Felons comprise 80% of jail population. Need for additional case management resources.
- Contraband is a problem. Narcotics smuggling is up 300%. Need for equipment to screen inmates at entry points.
- To date, there have been 89 AB 109 individuals hospitalized, with claims totaling an additional \$1.1 million. About 22% of specialty health clinic services are used for AB 109 inmates, which comprise 14% of the total jail population.
- Counties cannot use Medi-Cal funds or MHSA funds to deliver behavioral health services to inmates. One-third of inmates have open mental health cases. Need for more flexibility in funding for these vital programs.

- Medical and dental services are strained.
- District Attorney and Public Defender felony caseloads have increased substantially, with the need for additional court appearances. Lack of sentencing leverage has impacted case timetables. There is a need for additional incentives for speedier case resolution, including options such as work programs for pre-trial inmates.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Orange County is owed about \$50 million in deferred SB 90 claims. State funding to pay down the backlog would help with improving realignment program successes.
- Expansion of pre-trial justice services to reduce the number of pre-trial inmates held in custody. Currently, 52% of the Orange County jail population is pre-trial.
- Department of Justice monitoring since 2009 indicates jail conditions have improved in Orange County in the past five years.
- Emerging technologies for educational programming, GED, treatment and services (via electronic tablets).
- The state Department of Health Care Services has proposed the use of a federal demonstration waiver to improve the drug Medi-Cal treatment delivery system. This approach represents an opportunity to fill the gaps in treatment experienced at the County level and to address substance abuse and addiction issues more effectively in the correctional population.
- Options for MHSA Innovation funds to be used for mentally ill and recidivism programs.

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ADDITIONAL COUNTY INITIATIVES

Orange County's philosophy of government is simply put: We support programs that achieve improved outcomes while reducing the financial burden on taxpayers.

This objective is illustrated by our response to the state Public Safety Realignment (AB 109) and our continued call for property tax funding equity, as discussed on previous pages. While we generally support services being delivered closer to those receiving them, commensurate funding must be provided when programs are realigned. Without it, the County's historic inequitable share of property taxes further strains our ability to provide crucial services disproportionately to other counties.

Other priorities for the 2015-16 legislative sessions:

■ AFFORDABLE HOUSING REFORM:

The County supports incentives that will facilitate partnerships among jurisdictions to develop much-needed affordable housing, including sharing RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation) credits. Reform is necessary to address inequities and to promote regional allocations, particularly for urban counties that have few unincorporated areas.

■ PENSION REFORM:

On the federal level, the County continues to seek a waiver to the IRS Rev. Rul. 2006-43 that has stymied employees from being able to select alternative pension plans. On the state level, we support requiring entities that withdraw from a public agency to remain liable for their pro-rata share of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) within the agency's retirement system. We believe local officials should be allowed to manage pension systems to meet the needs of their workforce while demonstrating sound fiduciary management.

■ MILITARY BASE REUSE:

Orange County hosts two military bases that closed in 1999 and still await full conveyance of property. The County supports expedited resolution of the remaining issues at the closed El Toro and Tustin bases, including conveyances of land and structures under conditions acceptable to the County.

■ VICTIMS' RIGHTS:

Crime victims have suffered enough by the crimes perpetrated against them. The justice system should not inflict further harm by delaying justice or depriving victims of the support they need. The County supports essential resources for all components of the criminal justice system, including ensuring sentences are fully imposed and streamlining the appeals process in criminal cases.

■ WATERSHED MANAGEMENT:

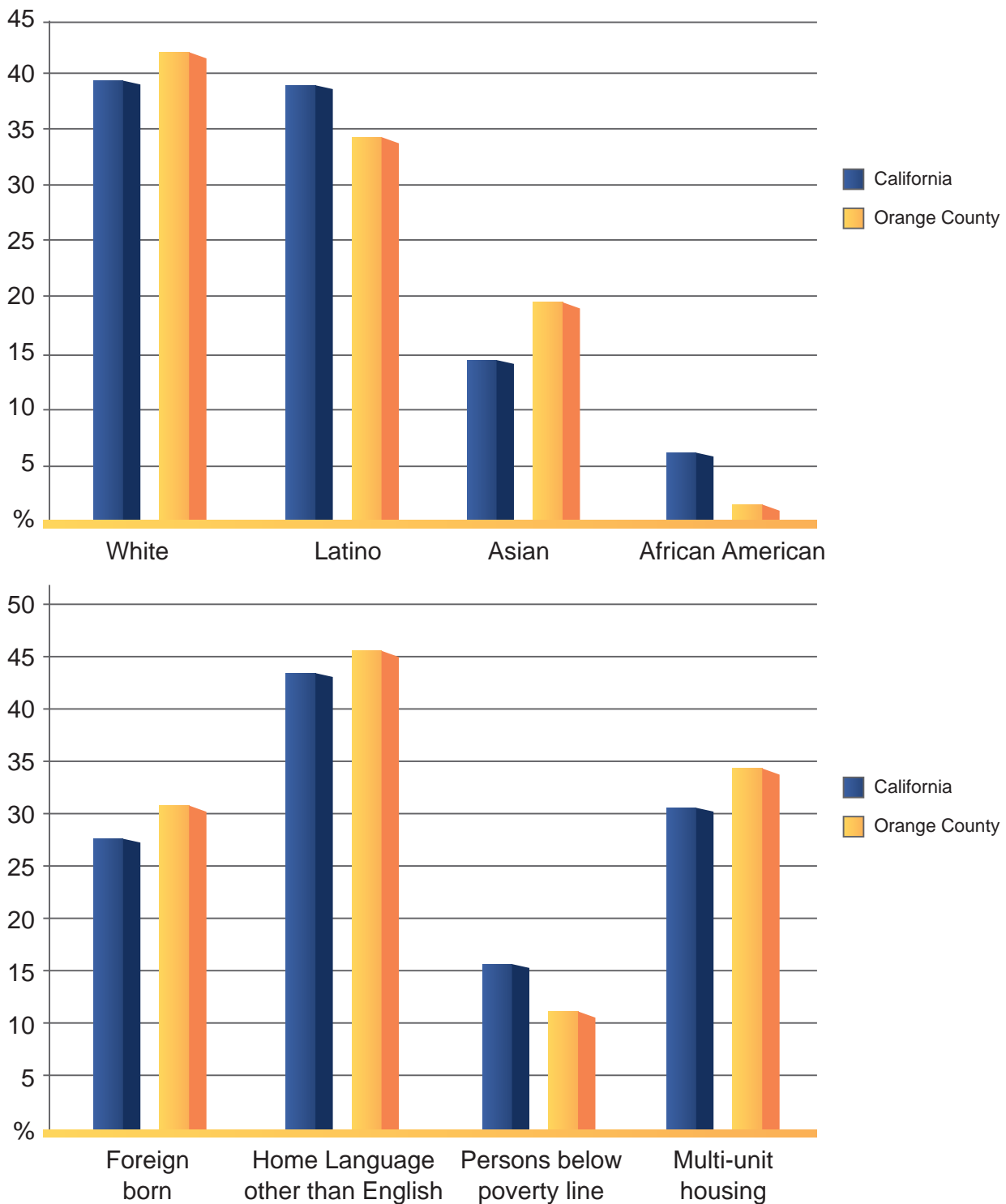
The County of Orange and the Orange County Flood Control District operate water quality programs pursuant to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, issued under a section of the federal Clean Water Act. Each cycle of permits has imposed stricter and more detailed requirements triggering the expenditure of greater resources. The County continues to invest in runoff reduction and treatment programs as well as watershed scale assessment and planning initiatives.



ORANGE COUNTY: BY THE NUMBERS

Orange County is diverse and dynamic, home to a thriving population of native-born residents and immigrants who moved here in their quest for the California dream. Despite its reputation as an enclave of wealth, the county has a large share of residents struggling to make ends meet, for whom government services are essential.

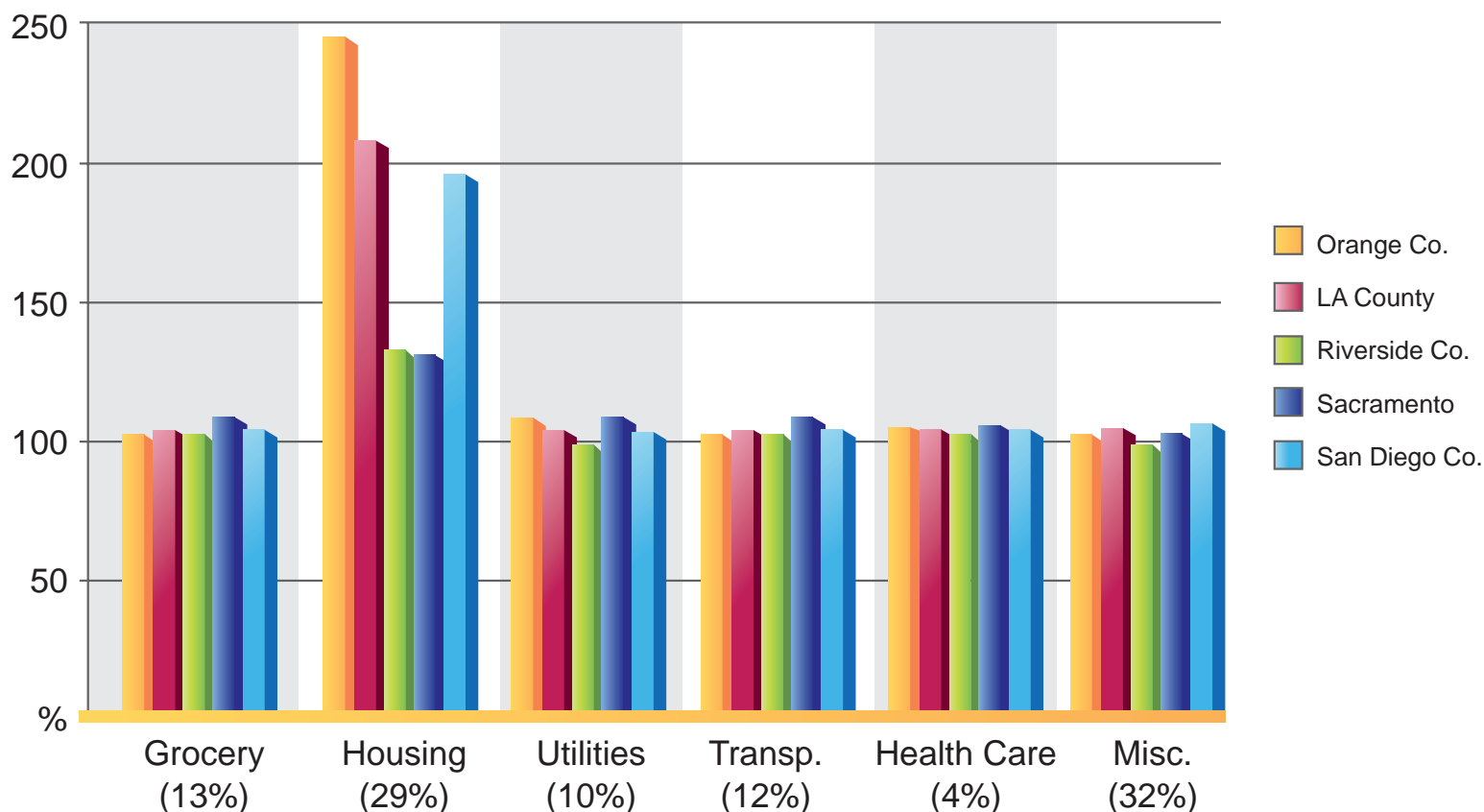
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Source U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts. Data derived from Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, State and County Housing Unit Estimates.

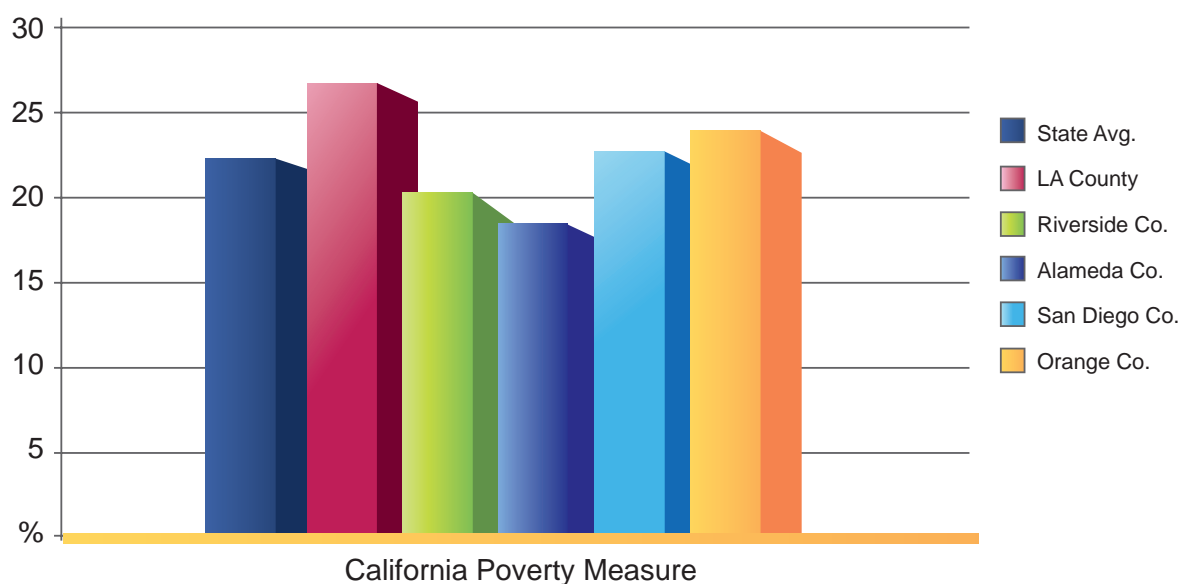
ORANGE COUNTY: BY THE NUMBERS Continued

■ U.S. CENSUS: COST OF LIVING INDEX—SELECTED URBAN AREAS, ANNUAL AVERAGE: 2010



Data are for a selected urban area within the larger metropolitan area shown. Measures relative price levels for consumer goods and services in participating areas for a mid-management standard of living. The nationwide average equals 100 and each index is read as a percent of the national average.

■ CALIFORNIA POVERTY MEASURE: 2011



The California Poverty Measure was established by the Stanford Center on Poverty & Inequality in cooperation with the Public Policy Institute of California. This chart of selected counties was pulled from their joint report, "A Portrait of Poverty within California Counties and Demographic Groups."



GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Legislative Priorities & Policy Statements

Legislative Priorities			
Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
Funding Equity	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
AB 109	Protect/Increase AB 109 funding based on the County's service levels and population, reducing the burden on the General Fund.	CEO	State
FPPC	Seek legislation to authorize the California Fair Political Practices Commission to be the civil prosecutor of the Orange County Campaign Reform Ordinance, as approved by voters on November 4, 2014, while continuing the discussion locally about ethics, including, but not limited to, local ethics oversight.	CEO	State
UAAL	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
Flood Control	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
Business Tax	Support legislation that allows unsecured business taxes to be treated similar to sales tax when businesses are sold.	Treasurer Tax Collector	State
Franchise Tax Board	Support legislation that allows counties to enter into reciprocal agreements with the Franchise Tax Board.	Treasurer Tax Collector	State
New Voting System	Support legislation that establishes avenues and consistent funding mechanisms for the creation and/or acquisition of new voting systems.	Registrar of Voters	State/Federal
Public Pensions	Seek waiver on IRS Rev. Rul. 2006-43 to allow County employees to elect alternative pension plans.	CEO	Federal
Tustin Blimp Hangars	Support conveyance of Tustin North Blimp Hangar, and the surrounding property, in a condition acceptable to the County.	CEO / Real Estate	Federal
Tustin/El Toro Military Bases	Support expedited resolution of remaining issues at the closed Tustin and El 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

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT Continued

Policy Statements			
Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
Split-Roll Prop 13	Oppose split-roll and other efforts to harm Proposition 13.	CEO	State
Gas Tax	Oppose hidden gas taxes and other similar regulatory schemes.	CEO	State
Voter Threshold	Oppose efforts to reduce the voter threshold necessary to increase taxes and fees.	CEO	State
Property Tax Revenue	Protect local property tax revenues and oppose any measure aimed at reducing the protections afforded to the County under Prop. 1A.	CEO	State
State Mandates	Pursue revisions to the current Commission on State Mandates to streamline the process for local government.	CEO	State
Reallocation of Tax Revenue	Oppose the shifting of tax revenues and tax increment from the County to the State or other local entities or special districts.	CEO	State
Public Pensions	Supports efforts for local officials to manage pension systems that meet the needs of their workforce and demonstrate sound fiduciary management.	CEO	State
Employee/Labor	Protect local control over County employee recruitment, salary and benefits.	CEO / HRS	State
Employee/Labor	Support full cost recovery for salary, benefits and administration for all employee relationships.	CEO / HRS	State
Employee/Labor	Protect and enhance flexibility and local control over employee and labor relations issues.	CEO / HRS	State
Unfunded Mandates/ Elections	Oppose unfunded election mandates and provide adequate funding to administer election services.	Registrar of Voters	State
Access For Voters	Promote and increase voter registration and access to the ballot for as many eligible voters as possible.	Registrar of Voters	State
Prop. 10	Protect local decision-making and accountability for County Proposition 10 Commissions.	Prop. 10 Commission	State
Social Innovation	Support social innovation financing, pay-for-success contracts, and social impact partnerships to improve outcomes or lower costs for social service programs.	Prop. 10 Commission	State
Administrative Costs	Support efforts to limit administrative costs imposed by the State Board of Equalization to collect and enforce the tobacco taxes in California.	Prop. 10 Commission	State



GENERAL GOVERNMENT Continued

Policy Statements			
Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
Economic Growth and Development	Promote the attraction of new and retention of existing businesses in Orange County.	CEO	State/Federal
Economic Growth and Development	Support tourism and its role in creating jobs and economic benefits in Orange County.	CEO	State/Federal
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Implementation	Support increased coordination between the ACA exchanges and the Medicare exchange.	CEO / HRS	Federal
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Implementation	Oppose the excise tax placed on County health plans in 2018.	CEO / HRS	Federal

PUBLIC PROTECTION:

Legislative Priorities & Policy Statements

Legislative Priorities			
Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
Public Administrator	Support legislation or administrative action which would emphasize the importance of the Public Guardian's and Public Administrator's judicial responsibilities under Probate Code section 7600-7604, which authorizes deputies to perform duties to protect individuals and potential victims.	District Attorney / Health Care Agency	State
Public Administrator	Support legislation or administrative action which would reaffirm existing authority under Probate code Section 2900-2903, that authorizes the Public Guardian and Public Administrator to access vital information from financial institutions allowing the deputies to properly administer their cases.	District Attorney / Health Care Agency	State
Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) State Funding	Support restoration of full funding and pursue options to retain Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) State funding through reimbursement to counties.	Public Defender / Sheriff's Department / District Attorney / CEO	State
Pre-Placement Funding	Support legislation that would establish regular Title IV-E type funding mechanisms to ensure ongoing resources for juvenile operations.	Probation	Federal

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PUBLIC PROTECTION Continued

Policy Statements			
Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
Caseload	Support efforts to enhance funding for services and caseload growth.	DA / Public Defender	State
Appeals Process	Support reforms to streamline the appeals process in criminal cases, including those cases involving special circumstances.	District Attorney	State
Treatment Capacity	Support opportunities to enhance Non-Governmental Organization / Community Based Organization relationships for recidivism reduction efforts in both the adult and juvenile offender arena.	Probation	State
Aging Juvenile Facilities	Support efforts to enhance existing juvenile facilities and provide for infrastructure changes required by legislative mandates.	Probation	State
Marsy's Law	Seek funding for Marsy's Law victim services.	Public Protection	State
Victims' Rights	Support victims' rights programs and services for victims of crimes.	Public Protection	State
Recidivism	Oppose efforts to redefine recidivism and other terms in a manner that would alter crime statistics.	Public Protection	State
Criminal Sentencing	Support efforts to ensure criminal sentences are fully carried out.	Public Protection	State
DUID	Support efforts to increase penalties for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and resources for programs which will assist in Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) prevention efforts.	Public Protection	State
Public Safety	Support a public safety system that promotes local law enforcement services, crime prevention, prosecution of crime, and confinement of high-risk adults, Evidence-Based practice programs aimed at rehabilitation and lowering the recidivism rate.	Public Protection	State
Jail Staffing	Seek funding to support future jail staffing needs. The County is in the process of constructing two new state funded jail facilities with a total number of 896 jail beds.	Sheriff's Department	State
Recidivism	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
Homeland Security	Support increased coordination on Homeland Security and emergency response efforts among the federal, state, and local governments with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for each.	Sheriff's Department	State/Federal
Homeland Security	Support continued funding to enhance and maintain local Homeland Security infrastructure.	Sheriff's Department	State/Federal



COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Legislative Priorities & Policy Statements

Legislative Priorities			
Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
Hospitalization Rates	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
Affordable Housing	Support incentives that facilitate multi-jurisdictional partnerships in affordable housing development and sharing of RHNA credits.	OC Community Services / OC Public Works	State
Affordable Housing	Support policies and legislation which requires RHNA to achieve fair distribution of housing requirements and provide for the transfer of housing allocations when annexations or incorporations occur.	OC Community Services / OC Public Works	State
Affordable Housing	Support RHNA reform to address inequities or barriers or to promote regional allocations in particular for Urban Counties.	OC Community Services/OC Public Works	State
Broadband Access	Support legislation or administrative changes that maintain affordable information and telecommunications services and increase broadband Internet access for California libraries.	OC Public Libraries	State
Resource Sharing	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
CalWORKs	Support legislation that safeguards the Single Allocation formula for CalWORKs and maintains the State's responsibility for Federal Maintenance of Effort requirements.	Social Services Agency	State
Caseload Standards	Support legislation that updates the current Proposed County Administrative Budget (PCAB) caseload standards, which are used by CDSS to calculate budget allocations, from 1984 values.	Social Services Agency	State
Adult Protective Services	Oppose legislation that would mandate the involvement of Adult Protective Services in civil court cases by requiring workers to complete activities such as investigating allegations, preparing reports, and providing testimony in civil court.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
Medi-Cal Eligibility Verification	Support legislation that aligns the eligibility requirements and verification processes of traditional Medi-Cal, the ACA expansion, and CalFresh in order to reduce administrative costs and increase program efficiencies.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal

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COMMUNITY SERVICES Continued

Legislative Priorities			
Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
Alignment of CalWORKs & TANF Requirements	Support efforts to align State CalWORKs requirements with the provisions of the Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 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
Medicaid Inmate Exception Rule	Support Medicaid "MediCal" reimbursement for eligible pre-adjudicated inmates.	Health Care Agency	Federal
Substance Use Disorder	Eliminate the Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) exclusion from community based programs.	Health Care Agency	Federal
Local Control / Housing Assistance	Support the removal of barriers to local flexibility in the administration and allocation of federal homeless assistance funding.	OC Community Services	Federal
Housing Assistance	Support legislation and funding that require full Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) renewal funding of all existing Housing Vouchers.	Orange County Housing Authority	Federal
Foster Care Funding	Support legislation to increase the number of foster youth eligible for federal funds by reforming Title IV-E eligibility standards from the outdated 1996 AFDC regulations.	Social Services Agency	Federal
Policy Statements			
Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
Prop 63	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
Animal Care Shelter	Support funding for new regional animal shelter facility.	OC Animal Care	State
Spay/Neuter	Support funding for spay/neuter education, vouchers, and clinics.	OC Animal Care	State
Claims Process	Support increased access to Veterans Affairs databases to retrieve claim award information.	OC Community Services	State
Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA)	Support efforts that maintain local control over the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) and support State efforts to promote/incentivize regional planning, service delivery, and administrative efficiencies.	OC Community Services / Social Services Agency	State
Restoration of Funding	Support additional funding for Older Californians Act and other programs that assist older adults and caregivers.	OC Community Services / Social Services Agency	State



COMMUNITY SERVICES Continued

Policy Statements			
Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
Service Demand	Support increased operating funding for County veterans service officers and reduce the federal veteran's claims backlog by creating more efficient federal, state, and local government coordination for veteran's claims development.	OC Community Services / Veterans Service Office	State
Trails and Bikeways System	Support full-funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) 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	State
Fire Protection	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
Literacy	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.	OC Public Libraries	State
General Relief	Support state funding for general assistance programs as mandated in WIC 17000.	Social Services Agency	State
Claiming Protocols	Support establishment of claiming protocols for inmate acute inpatient Medi-Cal reimbursement for eligible individuals.	Health Care Agency	State/Federal
Health and Wellness	Support measures that protect the public against disease and disability, and promote health.	Health Care Agency	State/Federal
Homeless Prevention	Support efforts to develop affordable housing and year-round emergency homeless shelter/multi-service centers.	OC Community Services	State/Federal
Trails and Bikeways System	Support State and Federal funding and alternative transportation programs to expand and improve the County's regional trails and bikeways system. Priority projects include 1) completing the Orange County Bicycle Loop and 2) trail and bridge construction at Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park.	OC Parks / OC Public Works	State/Federal
Beach Preservation	Support State and Federal funding for beach nourishment and erosion control for all Orange County shoreline with priority given to projects that enhance County recreation facilities.	OC Parks	State/Federal
Habitat Restoration	Support State and Federal funding for watershed and creek habitat restoration efforts.	OC Parks	State/Federal
Water Conservation	Support cost effective water conservation programs and incentives.	OC Parks	State/Federal

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Policy Statements			
Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/Federal
State & Federal Mandates	Support full funding to ensure that State and Federal mandates are cost-neutral to the County.	Social Services Agency / Health Care Agency / OC Community Services	State/Federal
Consolidation & Reduction of Paperwork	Promote the efficient administration of program services and benefits and improve customer service by reducing the volume of documents required from clients.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
Funding for Services & Caseload Growth	Secure equitable and consistent funding to sufficiently support caseload growth and 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
Foster Care Placements	Support measures that allow for flexibility and local control over the protection and care of youth in foster care.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
Self-Sufficiency	Provide equitable and consistent funding to promote employment opportunities and self-sufficiency.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
Emergency Response Funding	Support measures that ensure adequate funding for all expenditures related to natural disasters and response efforts associated with nuclear facilities.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
Emergency Response Preparation	Strengthen intergovernmental planning and preparation coordination for emergency response and drills.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
In-Home Supportive Services	Increase the resources available to Adult Protective Services clients who are unable to live independently.	Social Services Agency	State/Federal
Emergency Response Funding	Provide adequate funding for the CDC's Cities Readiness Initiative, which requires the County to respond to a large-scale bioterrorist event by dispensing antibiotics to the entire population of the County within 48 hours.	Health Care Agency / Social Services Agency	Federal
Service Demand	Support measures that enable seniors and the adult disabled population to stay in their own homes.	OC Community Services	Federal
Local Control / Housing Assistance	Support expansion of opportunities for Public Housing Agencies to evaluate and consider the benefits to implement, and if feasible locally, apply to be considered for the Moving to Work Program.	Orange County Housing Authority	Federal
Work Participation Credit	Provide states and localities administering the CalWORKs (TANF) program partial work participation credit for participants.	Social Services Agency / OC Community Services	Federal



INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES:

Legislative Priorities & Policy Statements

Legislative Priorities			
Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/ Federal
Alternative Project Delivery	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
CA Public Utilities Commission Tariffs	Support efforts to ensure that CPUC tariffs and their interpretation do not shift utility costs from utility owners to counties.	OC Public Works	State
Water Resources Infrastructure	Support funding and completion of vital flood and water infrastructure projects such as the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project (including Prado Dam), Westminster-East Garden Grove, Aliso Creek Mainstem, and Aliso Creek (Section 5158).	OC Public Works	State/ Federal
Infrastructure Funding	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
Transportation Reauthorization	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
Port of Entry	Support John Wayne Airport's request to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for designation as a "Port of Entry."	JWA	Federal
Clean Water Act	Support clarifications of and oppose expansions to the definition of "Waters of the US"; Remove routine maintenance of public flood protection facilities from the Section 404 permit process when no endangered species habitat are present.	OC Public Works	Federal
Coastal Funding	Support federal funding for beach nourishment and erosion control for all Orange County shoreline from the mouth of the San Gabriel River to San Mateo Creek. Support sharing of federal Outer Continental Shelf revenues with coastal states to support conservation and wildlife protection programs.	OC Public Works / OC Parks	Federal

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Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/ Federal
Transportation Financial Liability	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
Highway Users Tax Account	Protect the Highway Users Tax Account, also referred to as the "Gas Tax," from being diverted to the State General Fund or for purposes other than County transportation.	OC Public Works	State
CEQA	Promote revisions to CEQA that seek to modernize, simplify and streamline the Act and support statutory exemptions under CEQA for routine flood protection maintenance activities.	OC Public Works	State
Mitigation Banking	Support development of a simplified habitat or water quality banking process for local governments to perform advance mitigation and receive credit for its sole use.	OC Public Works	State
Cogeneration and Central Utility Plant Facilities	Maximize the capacity and efficiency of all County Cogeneration (Cogen) 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
Encroachment	Protect John Wayne Airport and existing landfills from liabilities associated with new and encroaching development and other non-compatible land uses.	OC Waste & Recycling / JWA	State
Banning Specified Waste	Oppose banning materials from the landfill disposal or transformation/conversion technology facilities.	OC Waste & Recycling	State
Reduced Diversion Credits	Support incentives that allow 100% diversion credits for conversion technologies.	OC Waste & Recycling	State
Surcharge Fees	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 government.	OC Waste & Recycling	State
Regional Planning	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
Toll Road Expansion/ AQMD	Support extension of the 241 Toll Road, as it affects all transportation decisions as well as the Air Quality Management District's measurements for the County.	OC Public Works	State/ Federal
Bonds & Funding Measures	Support an equitable disbursement of State and Federal Funding in all bond and funding measures affecting the County.	OC Public Works	State/ Federal

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Policy Statements			
Issue	Summary/Action Item	Department	State/ Federal
Regulatory Development	Seek and support flexibility in the development of regulations by state and federal agencies to reduce the impacts to construction and maintenance of public infrastructure when affected by protected habitat or species.	OC Public Works	State/ Federal
Energy & Green Technology	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
Water Resources	Ensure that the implementation of the Clean Water Act, Water Resources Development Act and the Porter-Cologne Act benefits County projects and programs.	OC Public Works	State/ Federal
Regulatory Review Processes	Support streamlining and simplification of regulatory review processes, permitting and oversight at State and Federal levels and increased coordination among state and federal agencies.	OC Public Works	State/ Federal
Caltrans Review Processes	Support streamlining and simplification of the Caltrans review process for federally-funded projects while ensuring environmental safeguards.	OC Public Works	State/ Federal
Infrastructure Funding	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 & Recycling	State/ Federal
Landfill Gas-to-Energy (LFGTE)	Support efforts that facilitate the County serving its own electricity and natural gas needs through LFGTE and conversion technology facilities utilizing the transmission and distribution grids/lines.	OC Waste & Recycling	State/ Federal
Burdensome Regulatory Requirements	Support rulemaking that promotes renewable energy and alternative technology projects by minimizing burdensome requirements and legal obstacles and takes into consideration the various environments of the state.	OC Waste & Recycling	State/ Federal
Cap and Trade	Support efforts recognizing that solid waste facilities are an essential part of the infrastructure for public health and safety and do not belong in the Cap and Trade system.	OC Waste & Recycling	State/ Federal
Household Hazardous Waste	Oppose mandates for door-to-door/curbside pickup of household hazardous waste which poses a risk for public health and safety.	OC Waste & Recycling	State/ Federal
Renewable Energy Barriers	Eliminate barriers for energy recovery from municipal solid waste including Renewable Portfolio Standards, interconnection fees and local air district requirements.	OC Waste & Recycling	State/ Federal
Airport Exit Lanes	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
Transportation Funding MAP-21	Support implementation of the provisions of MAP-21 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

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