

# Legislation and Advocacy

Intergovernmental and Public Affairs  
Unit

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# Why does the County engage in Legislation?



To secure legislation and funding that benefits the County and its residents.

# What does legislative engagement look like?

- Talking directly to State and Federal elected officials and staff
- Publicly testifying at official hearings and meetings
- Submitting written correspondence
- Participating in advocacy groups and coalitions





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## Legislative and Public Affairs

the County's legislative programs in...cludes developing the County's Legislative Session Program, initiating legislation and monitoring State and Federal legislation and budget issues that affect the County. In addition, special projects of an intergovernmental nature are staffed by the unit, including grants.

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## Legislative Delegations

U.S. Senate



# Resources

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California State Assembly



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Department of Finance



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## Legislative Programs

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County of San Mateo  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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JUN 04 2019

CLERK OF BOARD  
BY *Johanna P.* DEPUTY

Department: COUNTY MANAGER  
File #: 19-467

Board Meeting Date: 6/4/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None  
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
From: Michael P. Callagy, County Manager  
Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer  
Subject: Legislative Coordination and Advocacy Policy

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the following policy regarding the coordination and advocacy of legislative action for the County of San Mateo.

**BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of San Mateo County's Legislative Program is to: secure legislation that benefits the County and its residents, oppose/amend legislation that might adversely impact the County's delivery of services; shape public policy in priority areas that impact County government; and secure state and federal funding through the grant and/or appropriations process.

**DISCUSSION:**

Recognizing the need for consistency in conveying official Board positions on federal and state legislative matters and to provide an effective program of legislative representation, the County of San Mateo shall institute a coordinated process involving interaction between the Board of Supervisors, the County Manager's Office, County departments/agencies, and the County's legislative advocates in Sacramento, and Washington, D.C.

The following procedures are instituted in order to facilitate active participation by County departments/agencies, allow the County Manager's Office (Legislative Officer) to act as a centralized clearinghouse for legislative matters, and to ensure that all advocacy efforts are entirely consistent with Board-approved positions:

**PROCEDURE**

A. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The purpose of County's Annual Legislative Program is to identify and secure Board action on



# Step 1: Understand your issue

- Monitor legislation and policy discussions in your issue area
- Discuss with your staff liaison



# Step 2: Consult the County Legislative Program

- Ask yourself: Does your position on the issue align with the County's approved position on the issue?
- Discuss this with your staff liaison





## Step 3: Analyze the bill

- What does the bill do?
- Who supports or opposes it?
- How does it impact the County? Fiscal impacts? Operational impacts?
- Does this align with the County's Legislative Program?

# Step 4: Request an official County position through your staff liaison.



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# 2022 Legislative Session Program



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# The Main Rules of Legislative Engagement

1. Work with your staff liaison.
2. Do **not** take any action that would imply the County's support or opposition to any pending legislation unless it is consistent with Board-approved positions.
3. All legislative engagement must be coordinated through the IGPA Unit, through the staff liaison.
4. If you appear before a legislative body to express a personal opinion, you must state for the record that you are speaking as a private citizen, and not on behalf of the County or your Board or Commission.

**#1 Takeaway = Work with your staff  
liaison!**