

2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



PANDEMIC RESPONSE

- ✓ The County supports funding, programs and regulatory changes to assist in the public health response to COVID-19, including staffing; disease monitoring and contact tracing; laboratory and other medical equipment; testing; health care system surge capacity; public education and communication; measures to address equity issues; strengthening partnerships and response among the local health care delivery system; and more.
- ✓ The County supports funding, programs and regulatory changes necessary to protect the health, safety and well-being of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, including additional unemployment benefits and wage replacement; protective equipment and testing necessary to continue essential community operations such as medical offices, schools, community-based services, essential businesses and more; eviction protections; housing and shelter for vulnerable populations; and other measures.
- ✓ The County supports funding, programs and regulatory changes intended to preserve government operations during the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath, including financial support to protect and continue local programs and services necessary for the community.

CZU FIRE RECOVERY

- ✓ The County supports funding, programs and regulatory changes to support fire survivors, including debris removal and cleanup; post-fire insurance navigation; rebuilding and reconstruction; short, intermediate and long-term housing needs; environmental and watershed restoration and recovery; and more.
- ✓ The County supports funding, programs and regulatory actions to support community resiliency to wildfires and other natural disasters, including support for emergency and public safety response; community preparedness; disaster sheltering; availability, affordability and scope of insurance coverage; resiliency of public infrastructure and utilities; and more.

STATE AND FEDERAL

- ✓ The County continues to support funding to address the opioid crisis, including for Drug Medical services and access to substance use disorder services, as well as Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) and Withdrawal Management.
- ✓ The County continues to support policies and actions to limit enrollment at University of California-Santa Cruz to match community resources and to fully mitigate the community impacts of any future growth, including providing infrastructure needed to support that growth.
- ✓ The County supports continued funding for the Pajaro Valley Flood Risk Management Project.