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# 2021 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PROSPECTUS

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The County of Santa Cruz monitors legislative activity related to the values and priorities of the Santa Cruz County community. The following list represents the collective work of staff to identify potential areas of interest or concern. It was compiled by the County Administrative Office.

These items are related to the objectives of the County's Strategic Plan, include references to specific bills and general topic areas, and provide legislative guidance to our legislative delegation and advocates. They do not represent the legislative positions of the Board of Supervisors.

# COVID-19 Pandemic Response

*The novel coronavirus has led to widespread impacts to the community and threats to community stability, including health impacts and strains in the health care delivery system, job and wage losses, intensification of longstanding racial and ethnic disparities, reductions in housing stability, small business losses and closures, loss of revenues to support government and community programs and priorities, declines in K-12 academic performance and participation, and more. The widespread implementation of vaccine is still up to a year away.*

## **COVID-19 Pandemic Response**

- The County supports additional coronavirus relief programs, funding and regulatory actions to help protect the health and safety of the community, preserve government operations and support a variety of pandemic response activities including, but not limited to, Public Health activities, economic support including wage replacement for residents, housing and shelter to protect vulnerable community members and encourage isolation and quarantine as needed, vaccine distribution, and more.

***Strategic Plan elements: : 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 2A (Affordable Housing), 2D (Homelessness), 3D (Public Transit), 5A (Regional Workforce), 5B (Community Vitality), 5C (Local Businesses), 5C (Educational Opportunity), 6A (Customer Experience), 6A (Customer Experience), 6B (County Workforce), 6C (County Infrastructure)***

# Environment, Water and Agriculture

*Santa Cruz County has a long tradition of environmental protection and leadership on environmental issues, from banning fracking and offshore oil drilling to protection of riparian corridors and endangered species. Situated on the northern end of Monterey Bay and with an economy heavily dependent on tourism and agriculture, environmental protection remains a top priority. As a self-reliant County when it comes to water resources, the County has also been a leader in water conservation and protecting water resources.*

## **Parks and Open Spaces**

- Incentives for collaborative efforts between counties, cities, schools, businesses and nonprofits to expand recreational opportunities for youth, families and seniors, including new parks and increased utilization of existing facilities.  
**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 4A (Outdoor Experience), 4C (Local Conservation), 5D (Educational Opportunity)
- Funding for social equity in parks, including encouraging and engaging all communities to participate in outdoor recreation and activities.  
**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 4A (Outdoor Experience), 4C (Local Conservation), 5D (Educational Opportunity)
- AB 1111, establishing the Office of Outdoor Recreation to help recruit responsible tourism and manage outdoor recreation and visitors, as well as advocating for diversity in tourism. **Strategic Plan elements:** 4A (Outdoor Experience), 4B (Natural Resources), 4C (Local Conservation), 5D (Educational Opportunity)

## **Natural Resources**

- Permanent State funding for Resource Conservation Districts with local management. **Strategic Plan elements:** 4A (Outdoor Experience), 4B (Natural Resources), 4C (Local Conservation), 4D (Climate Change), 6C (County Infrastructure)
- The use of cap-and-trade funds to support goals for diverting all organic waste from landfills to help combat climate change.  
**Strategic Plan elements:** 4C (Local Conservation), 4D (Climate Change), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)
- Legislation establishing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs for batteries, solar panels, electronic waste, electronic smoking devices and other items that cannot be easily recycled and should not be deposited in landfills.  
**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 4C (Local Conservation), 4D (Climate Change)
- Customer choice options for retail power providers or programs, including community choice aggregation.  
**Strategic Plan elements:** 4C (Local Conservation), 4D (Climate Change), 5C (Local Business)

## **Wildfires and Fire Recovery**

- Funding and programs to support community and environmental recovery and resiliency following wildfires, including but not limited to emergency support, post-fire recovery funding including housing support for survivors, debris removal, resiliency projects and more.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 4B (Natural Resources), 4C (Local Conservation), 4D (Climate Change), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Criteria to access State funding for wildfire prevention projects to include funding for local code enforcement activities within CAL FIRE-designated Tier 3 fire zones.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 4B (Natural Resources), 4C (Local Conservation), 4D (Climate Change), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **Flood Protection and Infrastructure**

- For the first time, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State provided initial funding for the Pajaro Valley Flood Control Project, which would help protect critical infrastructure, vital economic resources and disadvantaged communities. Additional funding to continue the project to completion is needed.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 3C (Local Roads), 4B (Natural Resources), 4D (Climate Change), 6C (County Infrastructure)*
- Climate change increases the likelihood of coastal flooding and other threats associated with sea-level rise and increased storm activity. Legislation and funding for climate change resiliency, as well as streamlining approval processes and the removal of regulatory and other barriers, to fund adaptive infrastructure or the repair or improvement of unsafe or outdated infrastructure.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 3C (Local Roads), 4B (Natural Resources), 4D (Climate Change), 6C (County Infrastructure)*

## **Clean Water and Water Resource Management**

- Funding and incentives to the agricultural sector for compliance with clean water goals and additional efforts to improve groundwater integrity.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 4B (Natural Resources), 4C (Local Conservation), 5A (Regional Workforce), 5C (Local Businesses)*
- Funding for programs to explore, encourage and execute groundwater recharge programs.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 4B (Natural Resources), 4C (Local Conservation), 4D (Climate Change), 6C (County Infrastructure)*
- Continued coordination between land use and water regulatory agencies in California, as well as legislation that would mandate increased coordination and collaboration among cities and county agencies when it comes to water and land use management.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 4B (Natural Resources), 4C (Local Conservation), 4D (Climate Change), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **Pest and Invasive Species Management**

- Funding for pest exclusion, pest detection, pest management, trapping and eradication, survey activities, rapid response, and public outreach to protect our agriculture and environment from invasive species.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 4B (Natural Resources), 4D (Climate Change), 6C (County Infrastructure)*
- Long-term funding for local pesticide regulatory activities, such as legislation that maintains or increases the pesticide mill fee, and supports the preemptive status of state pesticide laws as well as the Department of Pesticide Regulation’s continuing study of safe pesticide practices that minimize impacts to workers, the environment and wildlife.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 4B (Natural Resources), 4D (Climate Change), 5C (Local Businesses), 6C (County Infrastructure)*
- Resources to provide stable funding for Weed Management Areas or programs for the control of harmful non-native or invasive weed pests.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 4B (Natural Resources), 4D (Climate Change), 6C (County Infrastructure)*

## **Consumer Protection**

- Funding sources for Weights and Measures programs as the state (Department of Measurement Standards) and local (Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer) level for consumer protection. *Strategic Plan elements: 5C (Local Businesses), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Funding for quantity control and package inspections at the State and local level.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 5C (Local Businesses), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

# Transportation, Housing and Land Use

Roads, alternative transportation infrastructure and public transit are some of the top priorities of Santa Cruz County residents. Neighborhood vitality is also key to our quality of life, though housing shortfalls have led to rising housing prices that have disproportionately impacted lower-income residents and made it difficult to attract and retain jobs and businesses. There is a growing consensus on the need for additional housing to address the needs of the community, as well as strong public interest in addressing local impacts from the statewide homelessness issue.

## Road Infrastructure

- Funding for infrastructure to help promote better roads, transportation and public safety.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 3A (Regional Mobility), 3B (Community Mobility), 3C (Local Roads), 3D (Public Transit), 6C (County Infrastructure)*
- Streamlined approval processes and removal of barriers for projects funded in part or wholly through State or federal emergency relief allocations.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 4D (Climate Change), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Funding for safe alternative transportation routes for students, seniors and other community members and to help mitigate potentially dangerous walking and biking conditions through the County. *Strategic Plan elements: 3B (Community Mobility), 4A (Outdoor Experience), 5B (Community Vitality)*

## Air Transport

- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight procedures that have impacts on local communities should be subject to Congressional oversight and local input.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 5B (Community Vitality)*

## Affordable Housing

- Legislation maximizing the flexibility public facilities-zoned properties to provide affordable housing, including workforce housing.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 2A (Affordable Housing), 2C (Local Inventory), 2D (Homelessness), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Legislative actions or programs that increase affordable housing through density bonuses and similar measures, while retaining local flexibility over land-use decisions.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 2A (Affordable Housing), 2B (Community Development), 2C (Local Inventory), 5A (Regional Workforce), 5B (Community Vitality), 5C (Local Businesses), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Legislation to provide incentives or funding grants and loans for the use of alternate methods and materials for the construction of affordable housing.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 2A (Affordable Housing), 2B (Community Development), 2C (Local Inventory), 5A (Regional Workforce), 5B (Community Vitality), 5C (Local Businesses)

- Legislation making it easier to construct alternative housing, including accessory dwelling units, tiny homes, etc., as well as the removal of overly burdensome regulations preventing development of these kinds of homes.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 2A (Affordable Housing), 2B (Community Development), 2C (Local Inventory), 2D (Homelessness), 5A (Regional Workforce), 5B (Community Vitality), 5C (Local Businesses), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

## **Homelessness**

- Funding for permanent and supportive housing to address homelessness.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 2A (Affordable Housing), 2D (Homelessness), 5B (Community Vitality), 5C (Local Businesses)

- Flexibility in designing housing solutions for homeless populations, including the adoption of local standards for emergency housing notwithstanding other provisions of law, provided the housing helps mitigate the impacts of an existing shelter crisis.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 2A (Affordable Housing), 2C (Local Inventory), 2D (Homelessness), 5B (Community Vitality), 5C (Local Businesses), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

- Federal funding to address homelessness, including an increase in Section 8 housing vouchers and funding specifically targeted towards preventing and ending veteran and youth homelessness.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 2A (Affordable Housing), 2D (Homelessness)

- Revision of the McKinney-Vento funding formula to more equitably distribute funds to communities disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 2A (Affordable Housing), 2D (Homelessness)

## **Senior and Dependent Eviction Protection**

- Legislation and funding that would develop, test, and support housing preservation and eviction prevention services among seniors and dependent adults who have been victims of abuse or neglect, or self-neglect.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1D (Behavioral Health), 2A (Affordable Housing), 2D (Homelessness)

## **Local Coastal Plans**

- Legislation or actions to provide local communities more flexibility when updating Local Coastal Plans under the California Coastal Act, including the ability to design climate change solutions considering local geography and conditions.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 2C (Local Inventory), 4B (Natural Resources), 4D (Climate Change), 6D (Continuous Improvement)



## **Cannabis**

- Preservation of local control over local cannabis operations.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 4B (Natural Resources), 5C (Local Businesses), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **Neighborhood Vitality**

- Legislation providing resources to address new and existing property maintenance-related violations, nuisance issues and property enforcement programs to help protect public safety, as well as property values and neighborhood quality of life.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 4B (Natural Resources), 5B (Community Vitality), 6A (Customer Experience), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

# Health and Human Services

*Lifting Santa Cruz County residents from the margins and providing them opportunities to succeed is a top priority, and one in three County residents depend on County services in some form or another. The County looks forward to continued leadership in providing a range of health and human services to residents regardless of status, particularly among vulnerable populations. The County also seeks to be a public health leader by working to assure healthy neighborhoods and populations across all socioeconomic boundaries. The County is particularly interested in funding for Homeless Services and Mental Health Care, as well as a solution to the fiscal funding cliff and longterm financial security for Community Health Centers*

## **Access to Health Care**

- Expanded to access to care including but not limited to expanded eligibility, coverage for preexisting conditions, preventative care, behavioral health care, acquired brain disorders, the transformation of health care delivery, expansion of Federally Qualified Health Clinics, home health care visits and more.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6A (Customer Experience)*
- Programs and funding at the State and federal level encouraging greater coordination of physical and behavioral health services and social services to beneficiaries, as well as State efforts to secure or renew federal waivers that provide funding and flexibility to pilot or continue innovative practices aimed at improving community health and well-being.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6A (Customer Experience), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Certification processes for Peer Support Services and making those services eligible for Medi-Cal reimbursement.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **Public Health**

- Legislation to provide continued funding and support for core local public health services and public health laboratories including coronavirus and other communicable disease response, and the distribution of federal funding to state and local health departments in order to maintain and build core public health infrastructure.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6A (Customer Experience), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Elimination of barriers to good health and the equitable distribution of resources necessary for California's diverse population, including vulnerable communities, as well as efforts to understand the health impacts of discrimination and bias.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health)*

- Funding to address the nationwide opioid epidemic, prescriber education programs on the risks and benefits of opioids and their alternatives, and prescribing guidelines aimed at reducing the risk of addiction.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 5D (Educational Opportunity), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Mitigation of impacts from climate change on human health, including increased respiratory and cardiovascular disease, injuries and premature deaths related to extreme weather events, changes in the prevalence and geographical distribution of food and water borne illnesses and other infectious diseases, and threats to mental health, particularly for disadvantaged communities most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 2B (Community Development), 4D (Climate change)*

### **Family Services**

- Reduction in inequities in maternal, infant, and child health and designed to maximize the health and quality of life for all women, infants, children, adolescents, and their families in California.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health)*
- Trauma-informed practices into both newly proposed or existing programs and services provided to women, infants, children and adolescents.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Policies and programs to reduce teen and unplanned pregnancy and assist with family planning, including access to contraception.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

### **Behavioral Health**

- Local health agencies capacity to reduce and prevent substance use disorder (SUD) related problems, including the protection of SAMHSA block grant funding for prevention. *Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1C (Local Justice), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Programs and funding to address SUD disparities in communities and populations at highest risk for SUD, including communities of color, rural communities, LGBTQ, homeless, adolescents, or justice-involved populations. *Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1C (Local Justice), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Legislation that allows for better integration of substance use disorder treatment and physical healthcare.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6D (Continuous Improvement), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **Drug and Alcohol Abuse**

- Programs addressing responsible cannabis use including increased youth prevention and education funding, funding for drugged driving prevention campaigns, and efforts to mitigate community-level harms such as overconcentration or clustering with alcohol and tobacco retailers.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Efforts to prevent or reduce the use of tobacco and its accompanying health and economic impacts on the state and its residents.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 2B (Community Development), 6C (County Infrastructure)*
- Efforts to prevent youth access to all tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices and flavored tobacco products including menthol.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health)*

## **Dental Health**

- Proposals to expand access to dental health services for low-income Californians.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 6B (County Workforce)*
- Increased Denti-Cal reimbursement levels to encourage qualified dentists to participate in providing care to low-income children.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 6B (County Workforce), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **Emergency Medical Services**

- Maintenance of existing laws and regulations governing the role of counties in the oversight of pre-hospital emergency medical services including ambulance services and quality assurance, including proposals to enhance counties' authority and increase funding for such oversight.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Legislation that will enhance the provision of emergency and/or trauma services and increase funding for the various components of emergency and trauma care systems, including operations, equipment, infrastructure, ancillary services, public health interventions, and physician reimbursements.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6A (Customer Experience), 6B (County Workforce), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **Environmental Health**

- Legislation and funding that promotes safe and healthy living and working environments for all California residents, including scientifically proven efforts that prevent or reduce community exposure to toxins and other environmental contaminants that impact human health.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 4C (Local Conservation), 5A (Regional Workforce), 5C (Local Businesses), 6A (Customer Experience), 6B (County Workforce), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Legislation and regulatory efforts to protect and ensure the quality and safety of California’s food and water supply, without shifting cost from State to counties and with additional funding provided to counties.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 4B (Natural Resources), 4C (Local Conservation), 6B (County Workforce), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Efforts to promote the development of safe “alternative water” sources, e.g., recycled water, storm water, rainwater, and gray water, for both outdoor and indoor use.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 2B (Community Development), 4B (Natural Resources), 4C (Local Conservation), 5C (Local Businesses), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **Health Information Technology**

- Proposals to provide funding to support infrastructure and the staff development necessary to support the meaningful use of health information data, particularly the development of health information to advance understanding and improvement in population health strategies.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6A (Customer Experience), 6B (County Workforce), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Efforts, consistent with federal statutes and regulations, to allow bi-directional information sharing across county systems as well as with external partners in order to improve system efficiency.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6A (Customer Experience), 6B (County Workforce), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **Human Services Program Funding**

- Full funding of County-administered human services programs.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6A (Customer Experience), 6B (County Workforce), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **CalFresh Eligibility**

- Enhanced and expanded food access through programs that include, but not limited to, delivery services, direct certification of vulnerable populations such as students and their families, people experiencing homelessness, immigrants, and survivors of natural disasters.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 6A (Customer Experience), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

- Legislation to direct the California Department of Social Services to seek a federal waiver to allow county Human Services agencies to process CalFresh applications of jail inmates and suspend, rather than terminate, CalFresh eligibility when a recipient is detained in county jail for a period of less than a year.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1C (Local Justice), 6A (Customer Experience), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

### **In-Home Supportive Services**

- Full IHSS funding through methodology and assumptions that enable counties to properly administer the IHSS program on the State’s behalf.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6B (County Workforce), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

- Funding to counties for a back-up IHSS Provider (caregiver) system to match the needs of IHSS Recipients when their Providers use their paid sick leave.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6B (County Workforce), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

### **CalWORKs**

- Legislation that would provide a funding methodology and assumptions that enable counties to properly administer the CalWORKs program on the State’s behalf, including county administration, services, and childcare.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6A (Customer Experience), 6B (County Workforce), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

### **Child Welfare**

- Legislative, budget or administrative action to fully fund State and County child support.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6A (Customer Experience), 6B (County Workforce), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

- Legislation that will lead to broader interagency data sharing with Local Child Support Agencies (“LCSAs”) and the Department of Child Support Services to help facilitate the provision of services through a “No Wrong Door” approach.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 6A (Customer experience), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

- Legislative, budget or administrative action that promotes access to appropriate tools and information, including the State Licensing Match System and digital court reporting procedures, and expanding interagency data sharing to bolster system effectiveness while making the process less cumbersome for custodial and non-custodial parents.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 6A (Customer experience), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

- Legislation which would codify language for administrative adjustment as currently written in Family Code 4007.5, which allows LCSAs to suspend payment obligations for parents to pay child support during a period of incarceration that lasts longer than 90 days through an administrative process.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1C (Local Justice), 6A (Customer experience), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

- Federal funding to provide services and income support needed by parents seeking to reunify with children who are in foster care.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1B (Community Support)

- Increased funding for programs that assist foster youth in the transition to self-sufficiency, including post-emancipation assistance such as secondary education, job training, and access to health care.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1A (Health Equity), 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 5D (Educational Opportunity), 6A (Customer Experience), 6B (County Workforce), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

- Retention of the entitlement nature of the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs and eliminating outdated rules that begin with a determination of the child and family's ability to qualify for the former Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1B (Community Support)

- Flexibility in timing and funding for implementation of the Families First Preservation Services Act (FFPSA) to address child maltreatment as upstream as possible (primary prevention) under this act.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6A (Customer Experience), 6B (County Workforce), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

### **Adult and Disability Services**

- State funding for Adult Protective Services training and permanent funding item in the State budget. A temporary increase expires at the end of 2019.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6B (County Workforce), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

- Confidentiality for adult protective services social workers to ensure their safety on the job.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6B (County Workforce)

- Ability of counties to provide at-risk adults who have cognitive impairment including substantial developmental disability diagnosed after age 18 with treatment and services like those that other at-risk adults receive through existing safety-net programs.

**Strategic Plan elements:** 1B (Community Support), 1D (Behavioral Health), 6A (Customer Experience), 6B (County Workforce), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)

# Government Operations

*Residents expect effective local government, and the County works to meet those expectations through the provision of fair and equitable services, positive customer interactions and prudence when it comes to spending public funds.*

## **Unfunded Mandates**

- Action to recover the full amount of post-2004 legislative mandates to help sustain county operations.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 6B (County Workforce), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **Public Records Act**

- Actions amending Code of Civil Procedure Sec. 2024.020 to prevent parties from circumventing discovery processes through the California Public Records Act.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 6D (Continuous Improvement)*
- Legislation giving local governments authority to recover their costs for staff time, copying and printing costs under the California Public Records Act.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 6B (County Workforce), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **Grand Juries**

- Legislation establishing a process for Civil Grand Juries to be represented by outside counsel and decrease conflicts.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 6B (County Workforce), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*

## **Public Contracts**

- Legislation amending Section 20783 of the Public Contracts Code to increase the threshold to \$100,000, which would be consistent with County practices for professional services and other maintenance.  
*Strategic Plan elements: 6B (County Workforce), 6C (County Infrastructure), 6D (Continuous Improvement)*