

GREETINGS FROM



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM



2019-2020



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2019-2020 ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

◆ INTRODUCTION

As California's third most populous county and the sixth most populous in the nation, Orange County is a diverse and productive municipality dedicated to maximizing resources and improving the quality of life for its 3 million residents. To meet this goal, the Orange County Board of Supervisors, in consultation with its departments and agencies, is pleased to present the 2019-2020 Legislative Platform.

From afar, Orange County is most known for its glitzy tourist attractions, world-class beaches and parks, cutting-edge tech industries and its entrepreneurial spirit. Yet the sidewalk view is far different for many here, leading to challenges as unique to Orange County as its opportunities. Despite a dynamic population experiencing the same urgent needs as other urban counties, Orange County remains dead last in the return of local property tax dollars desperately needed to fund essential services and programs.

Many Orange County residents count on the support they receive from County government, whose dollars already are stretched thin by multiple demands: One of every three residents receives some form of social-service assistance. One in five residents live in poverty. One of every six residents uses the services provided through the County's indigent medical system, CalOptima. Orange County's cost of living is 85% higher than the national average. Two-thirds of local jobs pay less than the minimum needed to rent a one-bedroom apartment.

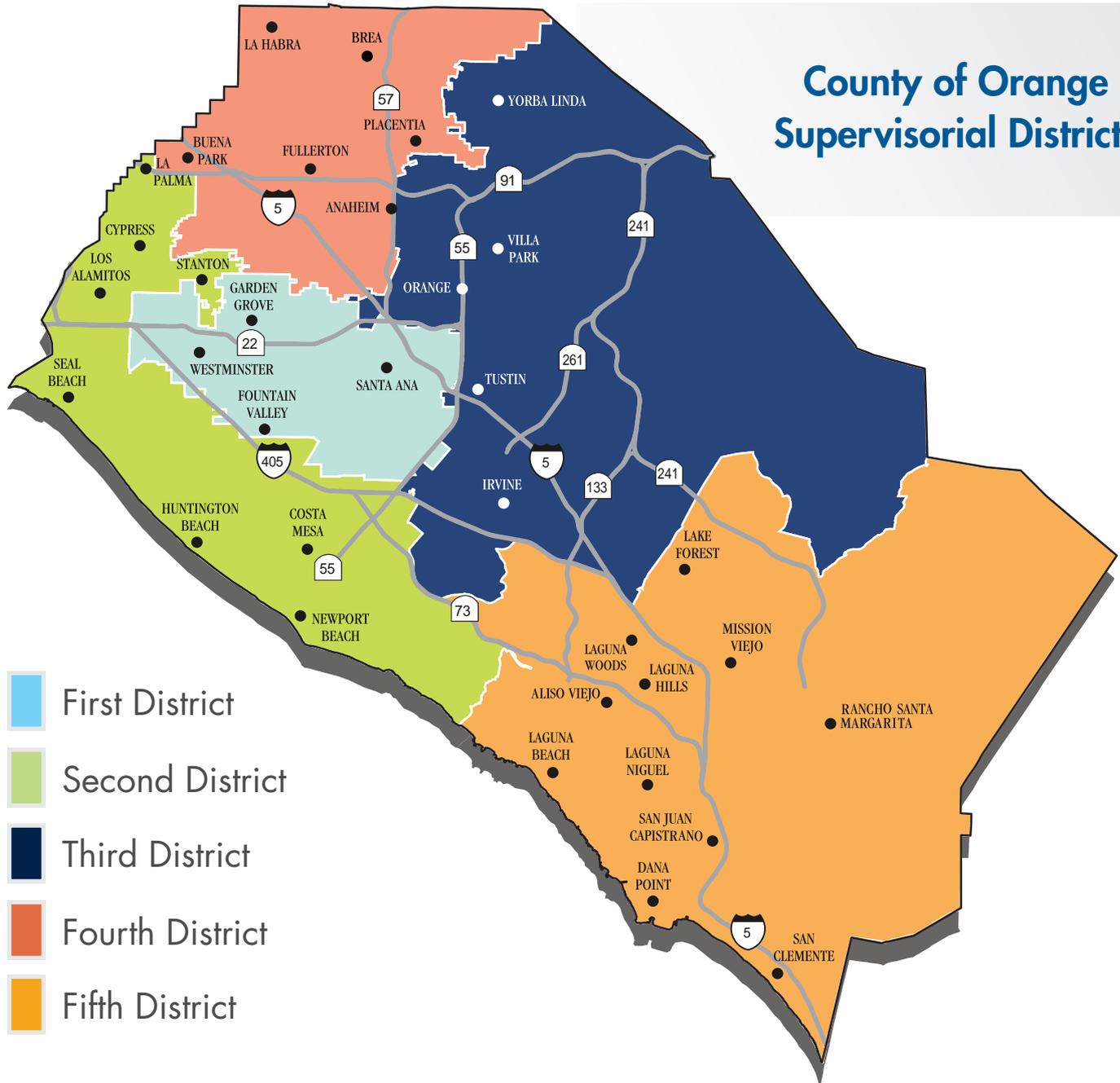
The state and federal governments have partnered with Orange County to fund a myriad of essential programs. Local dollars are leveraged where possible to increase funding and to supplement where no funding exists. The County needs more tools to pool resources and maximize funding, including allowing tax dollars generated locally to be put to work locally instead of being exported elsewhere. The County needs flexibility to use all funds available in creative and productive ways, and to seek partnerships with the State and Federal governments, cities and the private sector to find more ways to say yes to innovative programs targeting those in need.

The Board of Supervisors works closely with its legislative and congressional delegations to achieve these goals. The Legislative Platform establishes priorities and policy statements to alert our legislative partners of the greatest needs of our residents and where we need additional help. It also provides general direction to County departments, legislative advocates, delegation members and the public on our positions of support or opposition to key policy initiatives that would impact the way the County does business. Finally, it also includes new bill requests for which legislators are sought to carry proposed legislation on the County's behalf.

Because the Legislative Platform is approved prior to the beginning of each two-year state and federal legislative session, it is not always possible to anticipate additional legislative, regulatory and/or budgetary issues that may arise at a later date. Thus, the Board will review and modify the Legislative Priorities and Legislative Proposals halfway through the two-year legislative session.



ORANGE COUNTY MAP





◆ GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Board's four guiding principles are reflected throughout the 2019-2020 Legislative Platform:

■ Funding Equity

The County supports equitable, dependable and predictable revenue streams to local governments that address equity among counties based on specified metrics.

■ Local Government Funding/Cost Recovery

The County supports efforts to require the state or federal government to fully reimburse the County for all costs related to mandated programs. The County will oppose efforts to raise local taxes to pay for new state or federal programs, efforts to redirect existing revenue streams away from mandated programs administered by the County, or expansion of service provisions without commensurate funding.

■ Local Control

The County supports efforts that maintain local discretionary control over its governance issues and delivery of services. This includes having flexibility to administer federal, state or local funding and programs, as well as maintaining decision-making authority over local land use.

■ Operational Efficiency

The County supports proposals that encourage utilizing technology and innovation to streamline County Services. Furthermore, changes to state or federal law must not negatively impact the County's operational efficiency, and the County strongly supports efforts to eliminate unnecessary, redundant, or overlapping requirements or regulations for program eligibility, funding maintenance of efforts, monitoring, permitting or reporting.

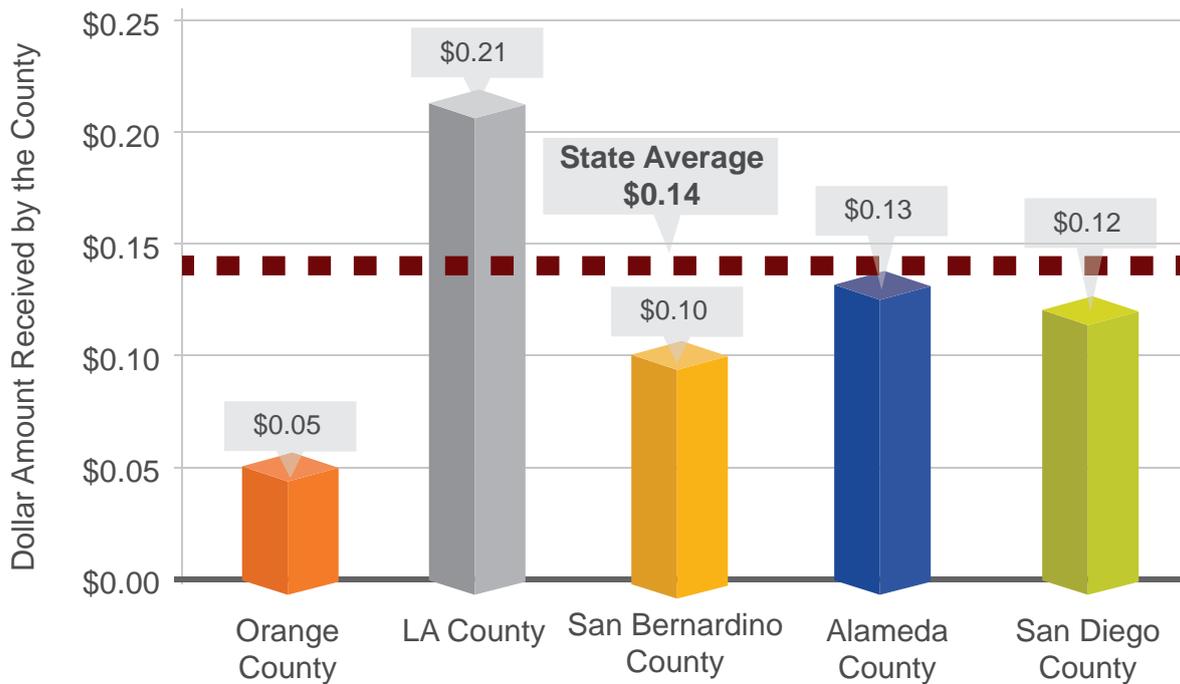




PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION

In 1978, Assembly Bill 8 set the formula for each California County's property tax allocation based on population. Since then, Orange County's population has nearly doubled, but Orange County's property tax allocation remains unchanged. Property tax revenue is Orange County's largest source of income for funding mandated and discretionary programs for its residents. As of 2017, Orange County receives five cents of every property tax dollar, the lowest amount of all of its peers. This structural inequity puts both the County and its residents at a disadvantage in receiving and providing critical services.

GENERAL PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR ALLOCATION



Source: <http://www.boe.ca.gov>



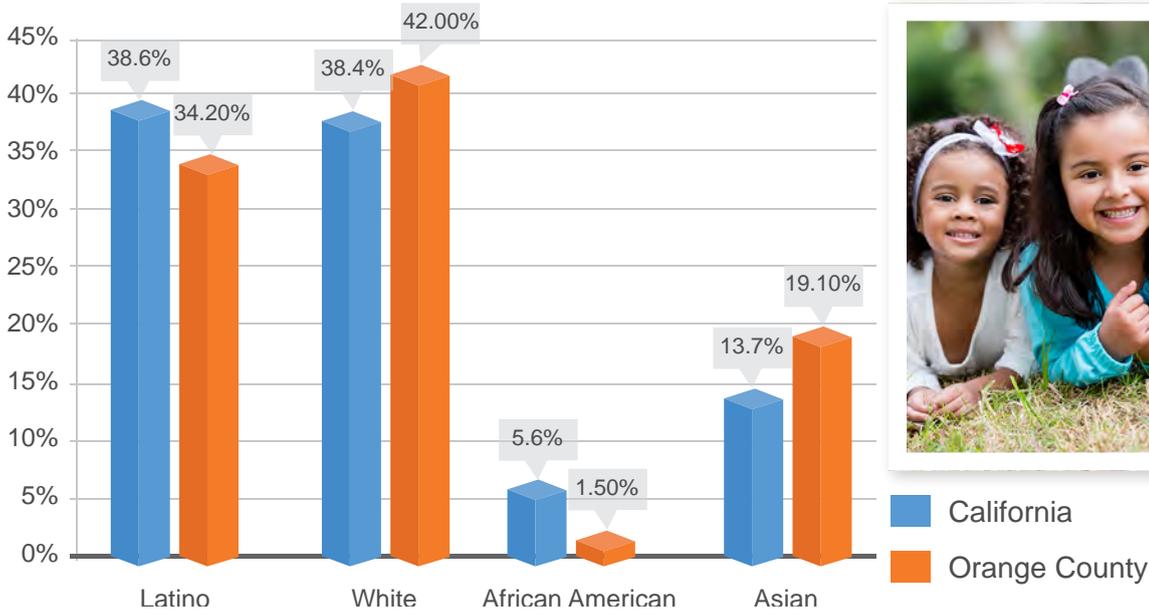


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❖ ORANGE COUNTY: BY THE NUMBERS

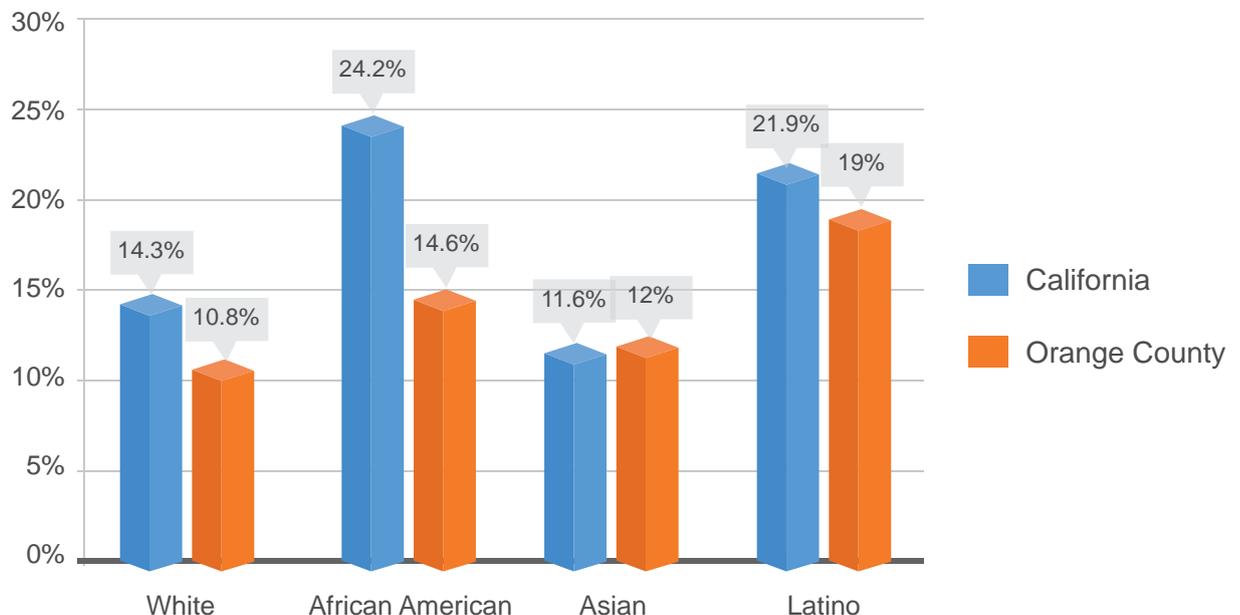
Orange County's population continues to grow and diversify and will continue on this trend in the near future. Specifically, the senior population is projected to grow significantly and double by the year 2040. This means supportive services will continue to grow in demand. A number of large corporations have also made the move to Orange County, further enticing individuals to reside in Orange County. However, the County's high cost of living and limited affordable housing options remains a challenge for residents.

■ OC DEMOGRAPHICS 2016



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

■ OC POVERTY BY RACE AND ETHNICITY: LIVING BELOW POVERTY 2016

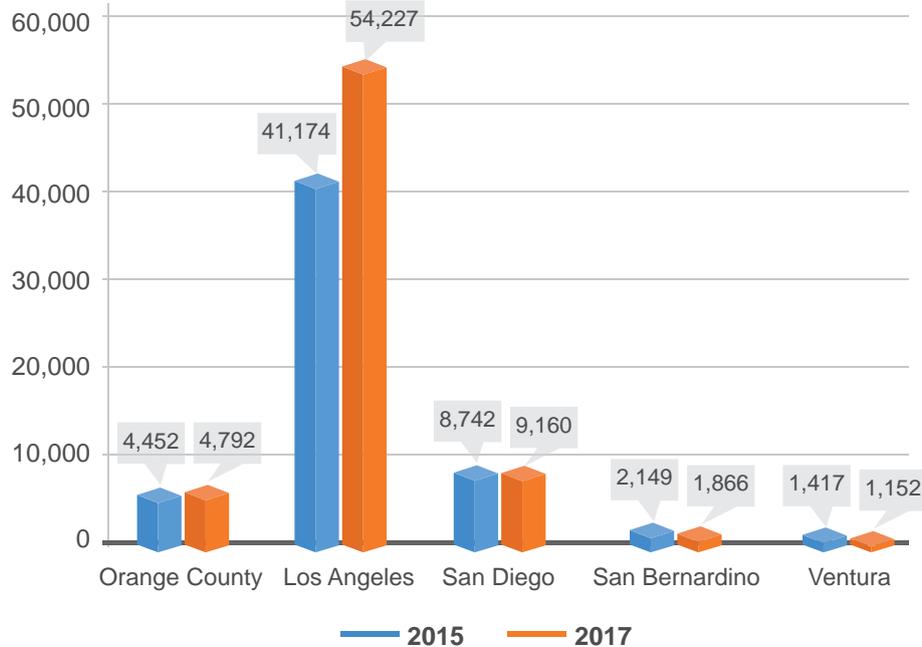


Source U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



POINT IN TIME HOMELESS POPULATION BY COUNTY 2015-2017

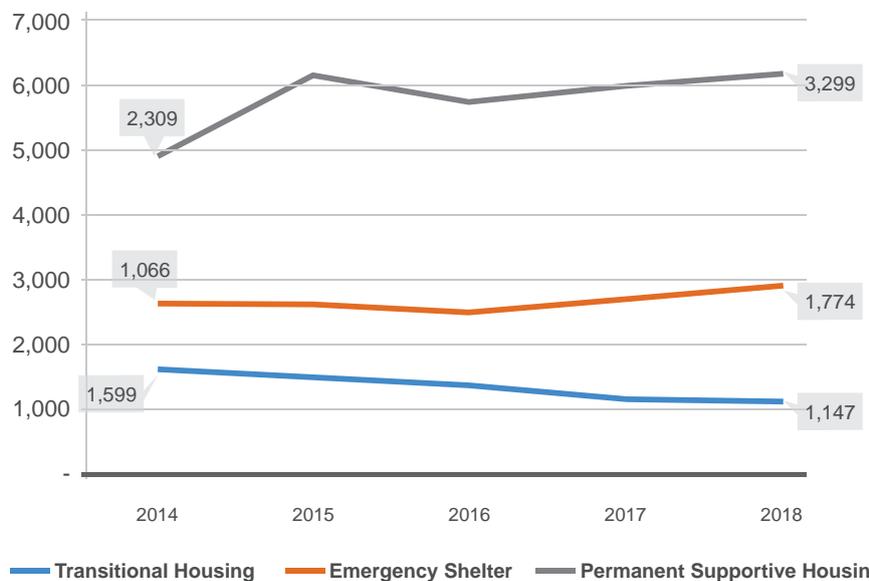
The Point in Time data for 2015 and 2017 includes both sheltered and unsheltered counts of the homeless. Based on the findings from the 2017 Point in Time data, approximately 4,792 individuals in Orange County are homeless on any given night, which is a 7.6% increase from 2015. The Point in Time count is a biannual tally of people without a home on a particular night.



Source: <https://www.hudexchange.info> and www.211oc.org

HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE INVENTORY

Orange County's permanent housing and emergency shelters have increased substantially in the last five years, while transitional housing has declined. The decline in transitional housing is due to U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) emphasis on Rapid Re-Housing which rapidly connects homeless families and individuals with permanent housing through various services such as financial assistance and targeted supportive services.



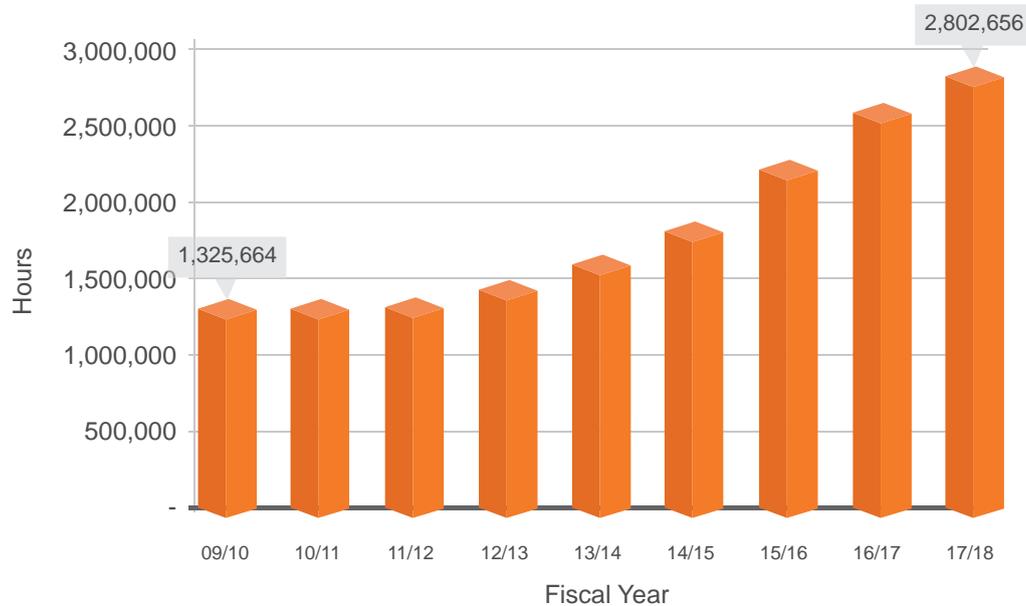
Source: www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-housing-inventory-count-reports



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IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)

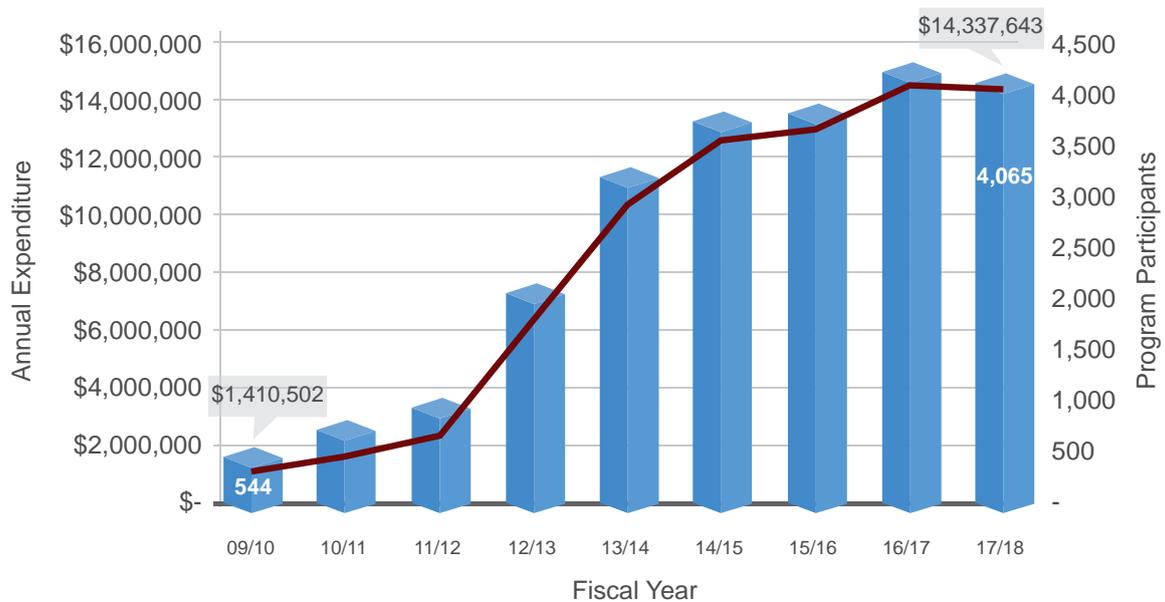
As Orange County's population continues to grow the need for supportive services for the senior and disabled population has skyrocketed. The U.S. census reports that Orange County's 65 and older age group will grow faster than any other age group in the County. The chart below shows a 44% increase in IHSS hours worked between 2013-2017.



Source: Orange County Social Services Agency

GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM

The general relief program, funded entirely by the County also has increased substantially within the last 5 years. Between 2013-2017 annual expenditures to support this program have increased by 58%. Participants have also increased by approximately 50% in the last 5 years.



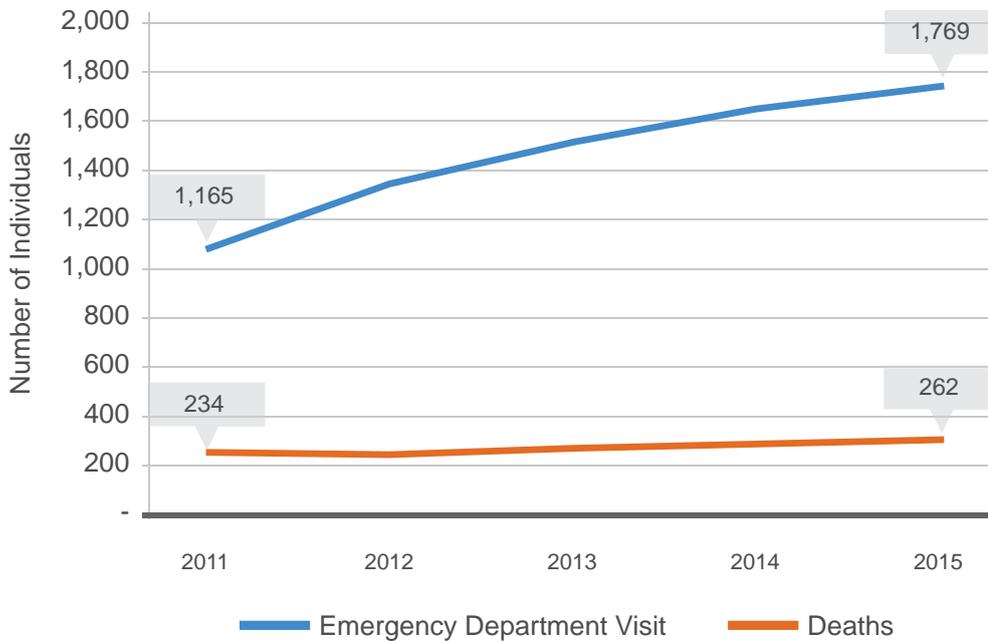
— Average Person's Receiving General Relief Each Month — Annual General Relief Expenditure

Source: Orange County Social Services Agency



OPIOID CRISIS

Since the late 1990's, opioid use has increased rapidly across the United States. Statistics from the California Department of Public Health show that Orange County's opioid overdose death rates rank higher than its neighboring counties. The chart below shows two indicators of opioid overdoses: emergency department visits and deaths.

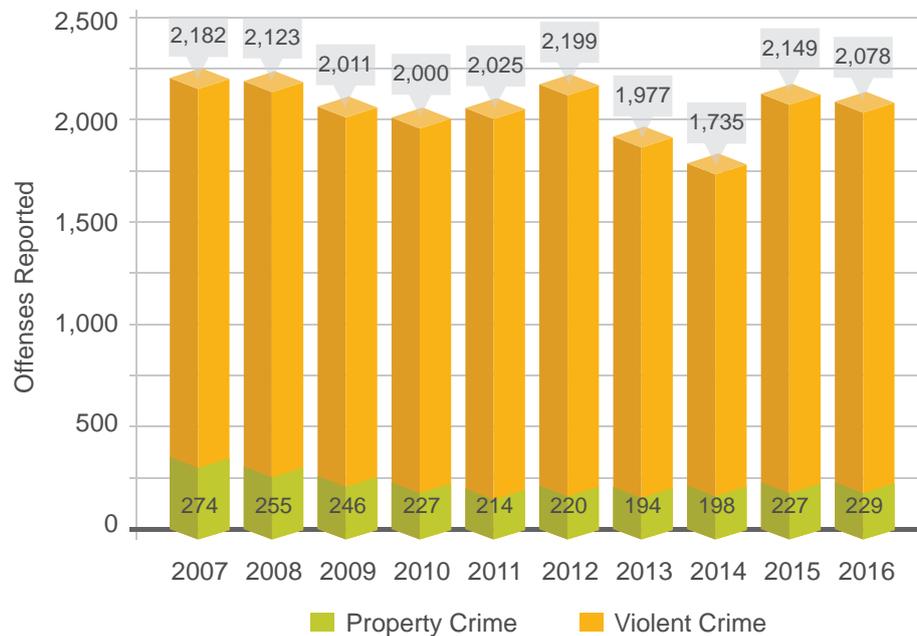


Source: Orange County Health Care Agency

PROPERTY AND VIOLENT CRIMES REPORTED-ORANGE COUNTY 2007-2016

Violent crimes data include murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Property crime includes burglary, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft.

The data shown below in this table do not reflect County totals, but are the number offenses reported by the Orange County Sheriff's Department.



Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reporting Program (ucr.fbi.gov/ucr-publications)



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❖ GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Policy Statements

| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | State/Federal |
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| Access For Voters | Promote and increase voter registration and access to the ballot for as many eligible voters as possible. | Registrar of Voters | State |
| Bonds & Funding Measures | Support an equitable disbursement of state and federal funding in all bond and funding measures affecting the County. | All | State/Federal |
| Burdensome Regulatory Requirements | Support rulemaking that minimizes burdensome requirements and legal obstacles, takes into consideration the various environments of the state and minimizes duplicative or contradictory regulations. | All | State/Federal |
| Business Tax | Support legislation that allows unsecured business taxes to be treated similar to sales tax when businesses are sold. | Treasurer Tax Collector | State |
| Census | Support efforts to help to ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count in the 2020 Census. | County Executive Office | Federal |
| County Revenue | Oppose efforts to decrease, eliminate, divert, supplant or restrict local autonomy of local revenues. | All | State/Federal |
| COVID-19 | Provide authority to support any legislative or budgetary action related to the response, recovery and/or economic impacts of COVID-19 both during the emergency and the long term effects of the pandemic. | County Executive Office | State/Federal |
| Drones | Support legislation that gives counties the right to reasonably regulate drone flights within their jurisdictions. | County Executive Office | State/Federal |
| Economic Growth and Development | Support efforts to promote job growth and economic development. | All | State/Federal |
| Election Services | Provide adequate funding to administer election services. | Registrar of Voters | State |
| Employee/Labor | Support full cost recovery for salary, benefits and administration for all employee relationships and protect and enhance flexibility and local control over employee and labor relations issues. | County Executive Office | State |
| Funding Flexibility | Support efforts that enhance funding flexibility and oppose efforts to eliminate or redirect revenues currently dedicated to local government for state purposes. | All | State/Federal |
| Gas Tax | Oppose hidden gas taxes and other similar regulatory schemes. | County Executive Office | State |
| Grant Funding Restrictions | Support efforts to ensure local governments are not restricted from applying for or receiving grant funding. | County Executive Office | State/Federal |



GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES Continued

| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | State/Federal |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Local Control | Oppose legislation that does not recognize California's diversity and the need for local government's autonomy in addressing the problems and services of our residents. | All | State/Federal |
| 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 |
| Privacy/Security | Support efforts to protect non-public information that is collected electronically by the County in compliance with various state and federal laws and local ordinances. | Treasurer Tax Collector/Assessor | State/Federal |
| Program Efficiency | Support efforts that promote the efficient administration of program services and benefits, as well as increase access and improve customer service. | All | State/Federal |
| Property Tax 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. | County Executive Office | State |
| Property Tax Revenue | Protect local property tax revenues and oppose any measure aimed at reducing the protections afforded to the County. | County Executive Office | State |
| Proposition 172 | Protect the County's Proposition 172 funding allocation. | County Executive Office | State |
| Public Pensions | Support efforts for local officials to manage pension systems that meet the needs of their workforce and demonstrate sound fiduciary management. | County Executive Office | State |
| Public Pension Waiver | Seek waiver on IRS Rev. Rul. 2006-43 to allow county employees to elect alternative pension plans. | County Executive Office | Federal |
| Public Private Partnership | Support legislation that would provide additional avenues for generation of revenue from existing public property, through public-private partnerships or otherwise, which could be used to support and implement public programs or to defer costs of new public buildings or infrastructure. | County Executive Office | 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. | County Executive Office | State |
| Reciprocity | Support efforts to establish an intercept tax program in partnership with local governments. | Treasurer Tax Collector | State/Federal |



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| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | State/Federal |
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| 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. | All | State/Federal |
| Split-Roll Prop 13 | Oppose split-roll and other efforts to harm Proposition 13. | County Executive Office | State |
| State & Federal Mandates | Support full funding to ensure that state and federal mandates are cost-neutral to the County and pursue revisions to streamline the process for local government. | All | State/Federal |
| State/Federal Realignment & Cost-Shifts | Oppose proposals to restructure, realign, or otherwise shift the cost of programs to local government, without commensurate compensation. | All | State/Federal |
| Tustin Blimp Hangars | Support conveyance of Tustin North Blimp Hangar, and the surrounding property, in a condition and with covenants acceptable to the County. | County Executive Office | Federal |
| Tustin/EI Toro Military Bases | Support expedited resolution of remaining issues at the closed Tustin and EI Toro military bases to facilitate conveyance of land to the County, per the requirements of the Base Realignment and Closure Act. | County Executive Office | Federal |
| Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability | 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. | County Executive Office | State |
| Voter Threshold | Oppose efforts to reduce the voter threshold necessary to increase taxes and fees. | County Executive Office | State |

❖ PUBLIC PROTECTION

Policy Statements

| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | State/Federal |
|---|--|-------------------|---------------|
| Aging Juvenile Facilities | Support efforts to improve existing juvenile facilities and provide for infrastructure changes required by legislative mandates. | Probation | State |
| Appeals Process | Support reforms to streamline the appeals process in criminal cases, including those cases involving special circumstances. | District Attorney | State |
| Court Appointed Dependency Counsel Funding | Support legislation or administrative action to fully fund optimal caseloads for dependency attorneys. | Public Defender | State |



PUBLIC PROTECTION Continued

| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | State/Federal |
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| Court Security | Support funding for court security efforts. | County Executive Office | State/Federal |
| Court Services | Support measures that increase accessibility to court-related services for vulnerable adults and at-risk youth. | Social Services Agency | State/Federal |
| Criminal Justice Sentencing | Support restoration of accountability to the criminal justice system by ensuring sentences are fully carried out and sufficiently addresses the significance of each crime. | Sheriff's Department/ County Executive Office/ District Attorney | State/Federal |
| Custody Operations | Support funding for construction, modernization and staffing of adult criminal justice facilities that will meet needs created by realignment and address long-term sentences in county jails. | Sheriff's Department | State |
| Driving Under the Influence of Drugs | Support efforts to increase penalties for driving under the influence and resources for programs, which will assist in driving under the influence of drugs prevention efforts. | County Executive Office/ District Attorney | State |
| Fusion Center | Support increased federal and state funding for fusion centers. | Sheriff's Department / District Attorney | State/Federal |
| Homeland Security | Support increased coordination on homeland security and emergency response efforts among federal, state, and local governments with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for each. | Sheriff's Department / District Attorney | State/Federal |
| Human Trafficking | Support efforts to prevent sexual assault, human trafficking and related crimes. | County Executive Office /District Attorney | State/Federal |
| Law Enforcement Collaboration | Oppose efforts to restrict local law enforcement efforts to collaborate with state and federal agencies on addressing shared public safety threats. | Sheriff's Department | State/Federal |
| Marijuana Regulation Enforcement | Support adequate resources to address enforcement issues related to marijuana. | Sheriff's Department | State/Federal |
| Marsy's Law | Seek funding for Marsy's Law victim services. | County Executive Office/ District Attorney | State |
| Opioid Epidemic | Support efforts to address the illicit use of opioids and hold accountable those who illegally sell and distribute them. | Sheriff's Department / District Attorney | State |
| Public Administrator | Support legislation or administrative action, which would reaffirm existing authority under Probate Code section 2900-2903, authorizing the Public Administrator to access vital information from financial institutions allowing the deputies to properly administer their cases. | District Attorney | State |



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| Public Administrator Judicial Responsibilities | Support legislation or administrative action which would emphasize the importance of the Public Administrator's judicial responsibilities under Probate Code section 7600-7604, authorizing deputies to perform duties to protect individuals and potential victims. | District Attorney | State |
| Public Safety | Support a public safety system that promotes local law enforcement services, crime prevention, prosecution of crime, confinement of high-risk adults, and evidence-based programs aimed at rehabilitation and lowering the recidivism rate. | County Executive Office/ District Attorney | State/Federal |
| Public Safety Realignment | Protect existing funding and support continued funding for AB 109 public safety realignment. | County Executive Office/ District Attorney | 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/ District Attorney | State/Federal |
| Sentencing | Support efforts to enhance transparency and truth in sentencing to ensure that criminals serve the actual sentence imposed for their crimes. | District Attorney | State |
| Sexually Violent Predator State Funding | Support restoration of full funding and pursue options to retain sexually violent predator state funding through reimbursement to counties. | Public Defender/ Sheriff's Department/ District Attorney/ County Executive Office | State |
| Treatment Capacity | Support opportunities to enhance non-governmental organizations/community based organization relationships for recidivism reduction efforts in adult and juvenile offenders. | Probation/ District Attorney | State/Federal |
| Victims' Rights | Support victims' rights programs and services for victims of crimes. | County Executive Office/ District Attorney | State |

❖ COMMUNITY SERVICES

Policy Statements

| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | State/Federal |
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| Adult Services | Support efforts to increase resources and services available to adults who are unable to live independently or victims of or at-risk of abuse or neglect and the individuals who provide them with care. | Social Services Agency | State/Federal |



COMMUNITY SERVICES Continued

| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | State/Federal |
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| Affordable Care Act | Support health care policy implementation efforts that do not have an adverse financial impact to the County. | County Executive Office | Federal |
| Animal Care Shelter | Support funding for regional animal shelter facility maintenance and programs. | OC Community Resources | State |
| Animal Cruelty | Support stronger penalties for those convicted of animal abuse. | OC Community Resources | State |
| Broadband Access | Support legislation to provide funding for high-speed, high capacity broadband, so that all libraries may achieve full, equal technology services. | OC Community Resources | State |
| Caseload Growth and Funding for Services | Secure equitable and consistent funding to sufficiently support caseload growth, regulatory changes and other 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 |
| Child Support Services | Support legislation, budget or administrative action to adequately fund child support service programming. | Child Support Services | State |
| Child Welfare Caregiver Resources & Services | Support legislation that increases services and resources for caregivers of children and former foster youth who are victims of or at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. | Social Services Agency/ Probation | State/Federal |
| Child Welfare Funding | Support child welfare funding reform efforts that increase eligibility for federal and state funds under programs that include, but are not limited to Title IV-E. | Social Services Agency | State/Federal |
| Child Welfare Resources, Services, and Placements | Support legislation that increases and supports appropriate short and long-term placements, services, and resource options for children and former foster youth who are victims of or at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. | Social Services Agency/ Probation | State/Federal |
| Disaster Response | Support measures that increase resources for disaster response initiatives requiring county involvement. | Health Care Agency/ Social Services Agency/ Sheriff's Department | State/Federal |
| Expanded Subsidized Employment | Improve local control and efficacy by allowing counties flexibility to utilize funds for expanded subsidized employment. | Social Services Agency | State |
| Flat Funding | Support additional funding for the Older Californians Act and other programs that assist older adults and caregivers. | OC Community Resources/ Social Services Agency | State |



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COMMUNITY SERVICES Continued

| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | State/Federal |
|---|---|------------------------|---------------|
| General Assistance Funding | Support state funding for general assistance programs. | Social Services Agency | State |
| Health and Wellness | Support measures that protect the public against disease and disability, and promote health. | Health Care Agency | State/Federal |
| Homeless Prevention | Support effort to develop permanent supportive housing and affordable housing. | OC Community Resources | 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 |
| In-Home Supportive Services | Support legislation that promotes the financial sustainability of the In-Home Supportive Services Program through programmatic changes and appropriate cost sharing mechanisms between the State and counties. | Social Services Agency | State |
| Independent Living | Support measures that enable seniors and the adult disabled population obtain affordable housing. | OC Community Resources | State/Federal |
| Inmate Medical/ Mental Health Care | Continue efforts to maximize reimbursement of inmate healthcare both inside the jail and for outside community services. | Health Care Agency | State/Federal |
| Library Funding | Support the efforts of the State Library to create a statewide database to benefit K-12 schools and public libraries, intended to serve both students and library patrons. | OC Community Resources | State |
| Library Literacy Program | 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, including the continued funding of career online high school. | OC Community Resources | State |
| Library 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 Community Resources | State |
| Low and Moderate Income Housing | Support efforts to streamline funding, construction processes and land use regulations, which expedite the development of low and moderate income housing units and allow local governments to adequately plan to meet the housing needs of all economic segments of the community. | OC Community Resources | State/Federal |



COMMUNITY SERVICES Continued

| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | State/Federal |
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| Proposition 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 Resources | State |
| Self-Sufficiency | Provide equitable and sufficient funding, services, and resources to help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency. | Social Services Agency | State/Federal |
| Sober Living Homes | Support measures that bring more accountability to sober living homes in order to balance the needs of those who seek recovery with the residents of the communities where these facilities are or may be located. | County Executive Office/ District Attorney | State/Federal |
| Spay/Neuter | Support funding for spay/neuter education, vouchers, and clinics. | OC Community Resources | State |
| Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services | Support efforts to increase accessibility and funding for quality substance abuse and/or mental health services for children, adults and families. | Health Care Agency/Social Services Agency | State/Federal |
| Veterans | Support programs and funding that address the specified needs of veterans, including housing. | OC Community Resources | |
| Veterans Claims Process | Support increased access to veterans' affairs databases to retrieve claim award information. | OC Community Resources | Federal |
| Veteran Services | Support efforts to increase operating funding for county veterans service officers and reduce the federal veterans' claims backlog by creating a more efficient federal, state, and local government coordination for veterans' claims development. | OC Community Resources | Federal |
| Work Participation Credit | Support efforts to provide states and localities administering the California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids program partial work participation credit for participants. | Social Services Agency/ OC Community Resources | State/Federal |
| Work Participation Requirements | Support efforts to align state California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids requirements with the provisions of the Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 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 |
| Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act | Support efforts that maintain local control over the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act and support state efforts to promote/incentivize regional planning, service delivery, and administrative efficiencies. | OC Community Resources / Social Services Agency | State/Federal |



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❖ INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Policy Statements

| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | 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. | John Wayne Airport | Federal |
| Airport Ground Transportation | 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. | John Wayne Airport | State |
| 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 |
| Banning Specified Waste | Oppose banning materials from landfill disposal or transformation/conversion technology facilities. | OC Waste and Recycling | State |
| Beach Preservation and Coastal Funding | Support state and federal funding for beach nourishment, erosion control, shoreline and beach preservation. Additionally, support sharing of federal outer continental shelf revenues with coastal states to support conservation and wildlife protection programs. | OC Public Works/ OC Community Resources | State/Federal |
| Bridge 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 |
| California Public Utilities Commission Tariffs | Support efforts to ensure that California Public Utilities Commission tariffs and their interpretation do not shift utility costs from utility owners to counties. | OC Public Works | State |
| California State Route 241 Expansion | Support completion of the 241 toll road and related South Orange County regional mobility improvements. | OC Public Works | State/Federal |
| Cap and Trade | Oppose efforts to expand the scope of cap and trade and the shifting of program costs on to local governments. | County Executive Office | State/Federal |
| California Environmental Quality Act | Promote revisions to California Environmental Quality Act that modernize, simplify and streamline the Act, including environmental clearance reciprocity. | OC Public Works | State |
| Clean Water Act | Support clarifications of and oppose expansions to the definition of "Waters of the US." | OC Public Works | Federal |



INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES Continued

| Issue | Summary/Action Item | Department | State/Federal |
|--|--|---|----------------------|
| Coastal Resiliency | Support state and federal funding for coastal resiliency research, planning, and implementation of adaptation strategies. | OC Public Works/ OC Community Resources | State/Federal |
| Cogeneration and Central Utility Plant Facilities | Maximize the capacity and efficiency of all County cogeneration and central utility plant facilities by providing its excess thermal and electric loads to County and other governmental agencies within the County's geographical boundaries. | OC Public Works | State |
| Dana Point Harbor | Support efforts that encourage development at Dana Point Harbor to enhance public access opportunities, deliver quality recreational opportunities, update visitor serving commercial opportunities, provide water quality improvements and promote coastal resource preservation. | County Executive Office | State/Federal |
| Disaster and Emergency Recovery | Support federal funding for habitat and natural resources restoration in post-disaster/or emergency recovery assistance, in addition to reimbursements provided for damage to infrastructure and property. | OC Community Resources/ OC Waste and Recycling/OC Public Works | Federal |
| Diversion Credits | Support incentives that allow 100% diversion credits for conversion technologies and for beneficial reuse of materials at landfills. | OC Waste and Recycling | State |
| Encroachment | Protect John Wayne Airport and County landfills from liabilities associated with new and encroaching development and other non-compatible land uses. | OC Waste and Recycling/John Wayne Airport | State |
| 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 Resources | State/Federal |
| Federal Aviation Administration | Support efforts that increase transparency and community engagement in the Federal Aviation Administration's decision-making process when proposing changes to the National Airspace System affecting Orange County. | John Wayne Airport | Federal |
| 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 Community Resources | 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. | County Executive Office | State |



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| Flood Control Maintenance | Support measures that provide statutory exemptions on water use regulations to include critical flood control, water resource management and maintenance projects. | OC Public Works | State/Federal |
| Habitat Mitigation | Support legislation or administrative action which allows flexibility for County agencies to comply with long-term financial assurance requirements for habitat mitigation, standardization of land management requirements across regulatory agencies, and County engagement and input in final mitigation requirements. | OC Waste and Recycling/ OC Community Resources | State/Federal |
| Habitat Restoration | Support state and federal funding for watershed and habitat restoration efforts. | OC Community Resources | State/Federal |
| Highway Users Tax Account | Protect the Highway Users Tax Account from being diverted for purposes other than County transportation. | OC Public Works | State |
| Household Hazardous Waste and Pharmaceuticals | Support extended producer responsibility and take-back programs and oppose unfunded mandates extending jurisdictions' responsibility for collection/disposal of household hazardous waste and pharmaceuticals. | OC Waste and Recycling | State/Federal |
| Infrastructure | Support efforts to obtain fair compensation of long term use, cost of review and preserve the intended usage of vital County and Orange County Flood Control District infrastructure and property. | County Executive Office | State/Federal |
| Invasive Species | Support efforts that will provide funding to limit the continued spread of or reduce, control, and/or eradicate invasive shot hole borers and other invasive species. | OC Community Resources | State/Federal |
| Land and Water Conservation Fund | Support full-funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund 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 Community Resources | Federal |
| Landfill Gas-to-Energy | Support efforts that facilitate the viable generation of electricity and natural gas for beneficial uses through landfill gas-to-energy and conversion technology facilities utilizing public utility transmission and distribution grids/line, and lowering the cost to connect to distribution grids/lines. | OC Waste and Recycling | State/Federal |
| National Environmental Policy Act | Promote revisions to the National Environmental Policy Act that modernize, simplify and streamline the Act, including environmental clearance reciprocity. | OC Public Works | Federal |



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| Organics Recycling | 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 and Recycling | State/Federal |
| Port of Entry | Support John Wayne Airport, Orange County's request to U. S. Customs and Border Protection for designation as a "Port of Entry." | John Wayne Airport | Federal |
| Recreation and Preservation | Support state and federal funding to meet the recreation needs of Orange County's growing and diverse population and maintain habitat and wilderness areas, with consideration for balance of the two. | OC Community Resources | State/Federal |
| 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. | John Wayne Airport | State/Federal |
| San Onofre Nuclear Generating System | Support efforts to fully decommission the San Onofre site and the timely removal and responsible management of spent nuclear fuel storage. | County Executive Office | State/Federal |
| Short Lived Climate Pollutants | Monitor regulations being promulgated by the California Air Resources Control Board, to address short-lived climate pollutants particularly as they relate to proposed reductions in the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. | OC Waste and Recycling | State |
| Trails and Bikeways Systems | Support state and federal funding for alternative transportation programs to expand and improve the County's regional trails and bikeways system. | OC Community Resources /OC Public Works | State/Federal |
| Transportation funding FAST Act | Support the reauthorization of a surface transportation act. Support implementation of the provisions of FAST Act 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 |
| Transportation/ Infrastructure Funding | Support more transportation and infrastructure funding without new taxes. | OC Public Works/ John Wayne Airport | State |



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| 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 |
| Utility Lines/ Wildfires | Support efforts that seek to improve utility fire mitigation standards in at-risk communities, including, but not limited, to the use of underground utility-related infrastructure. Oppose efforts to reduce accountability for wildfire liability. | County Executive Office | State |
| Waste Disposal 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 governments. | OC Waste and Recycling | State |
| Water Quality | Ensure that the implementation of the Clean Water Act, Water Resources Development Act and the Porter-Cologne Act benefits County of Orange projects and programs. | OC Public Works | State/Federal |
| Water Resources Infrastructure | Support funding and completion of vital flood and water infrastructure projects. | OC Public Works | State/Federal |
| Water Use Efficiency | Support cost-effective water conservation programs and/or incentives that preserve water resources and the beneficial reuses of storm water. | OC Community Resources | State/Federal |



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