



# 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities



## **County Budget: Federal Funding Stability**

Given the fiscal outlook for the County in the coming years, seek stability in state and federal funding allocations. Seek consistent funding increases to cover unfunded mandates and reduce volatility in the timing of payments. Reduce overly prescriptive fiscal constraints on County financial decision-making to ensure local input guides local solutions.

## **Safety Net Access**

Seek legislative actions to maintain uninterrupted access to existing safety net programs, including those that support seniors, persons living with disabilities, immigrant communities, and foster youth. Ensure adequate funding is provided for full utilization of the County's Housing Choice Voucher allocation and maintain Emergency Housing Voucher Program funding. Provide sufficient funding for County administration of safety net programs.

## **Reauthorize the Older Americans Act**

Seek prompt reauthorization of the bipartisan Older Americans Act to support the growth of the aging population in the County. Protect the increased flexibility and full funding for counties and county partners through the reauthorization and annual appropriations process.

## **Opioid & Narcotics Epidemic**

Support efforts to address the illicit use of narcotics, including opioids, such as fentanyl, by holding drug traffickers accountable, stopping the flow of narcotics across the border, and disrupting the use of social platforms for illegal sale and distribution. Support ongoing funding for naloxone distribution projects.

## **State and Local Tax Deduction (SALT)**

Allow expiration of 2017 SALT deduction limit to reduce the cost of living for middle class families, address the County's housing affordability crisis, and preservation of essential local services.

## **Orange County Veterans Cemetery**

Maintain the priority listing of the Southern California Veterans Cemetery on the Department of Veterans Affairs Priority List of State and Tribal Governments Cemetery Construction Grant Pre-Applications. Provide expeditious approval, review, or input, as needed, to ensure the Southern California Veterans Cemetery progresses.

## **Beach Preservation & Coastal Funding**

Request funding for County coastal protection, including sand replenishment and improvements to the San Gabriel River Flood Control Channel.