California is a state known for its diversity, and its 58 counties are no exception. Ranging from Los Angeles County, which has a larger population than 40 states, to Alpine County with a population of about 1,200, California's counties are economically, geographically, and demographically diverse and complex.

Our state is home to the largest county by square mileage in the United States (San Bernardino County) and one of the smallest (San Francisco City/County). California is also home to nine national parks – more than any other state – and each with their own unique topography, including Mt. Diablo State Park in Contra Costa County which offers views from its summit into parts of 40 of the 58 counties.

There is no state quite like California, and our counties play an essential role in ensuring our communities have the resources and vital public programs and services needed to thrive.
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