



2024 Legislative Priorities

Counties lead. Californians look to counties for the protection of public health and safety, as well as the maintenance and provision of a broad array of services: transportation, business regulation, planning, agriculture, natural environment, and social services. As the closest level of government to the people, the state entrusts counties with the responsibility to administer and deliver these services to California's constituents.

Counties are on the frontlines. It is imperative that counties have a voice at the table to ensure legislation reflects the capacity, funding, and workforce availability at the local level.

The following are the primary advocacy priorities on CSAC's docket for the 2024 legislative session.



Homelessness

Advocate for sustainable funding to meet the comprehensive needs of unhoused individuals and policies that address the causes of homelessness



Social Safety Net

Advocate for protecting and strengthening county health and human services programs that provide essential services to vulnerable populations



Housing

Advocate for the expansion of responsible construction and preservation of affordable housing



Protecting Local Revenue

Advocate for decisions about local revenues to be made and retained at the local level and reduce the backlog of payments owed to counties



Behavioral Health

Advocate for adequate, sustained funding to support new services and administration requirements



Workforce Challenges

Advocate for policies that can help counties more effectively recruit, hire, and retain qualified workers



CARE Court

Advocate to secure adequate, flexible, and sustained funding to support counties' efforts in this new statewide initiative



SB 1383 Implementation

Advocate for essential reforms and supports for Senate Bill 1383 (2016), which aims to reduce organic waste from landfills



Emergency Preparedness

Advocate for state and federal support of local emergencies, investments in emergency preparedness, and aid for all communities affected by disasters



Felony IST

Advocate for changes to the growth cap and penalty program to reflect the shared goal of reducing the number of individuals who are deemed IST



Public Records Act

Advocate to reduce vexatious filers using the PRA to grind government work to a halt



Juvenile Justice Reform

Advocate for funding to meet infrastructure, programming, and individualized treatment needs, and preserve local authority over responsibilities

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