



# County of San Mateo

## The County's Legislative Session Program: Purpose & Development

March 10, 2026

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNIT  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE



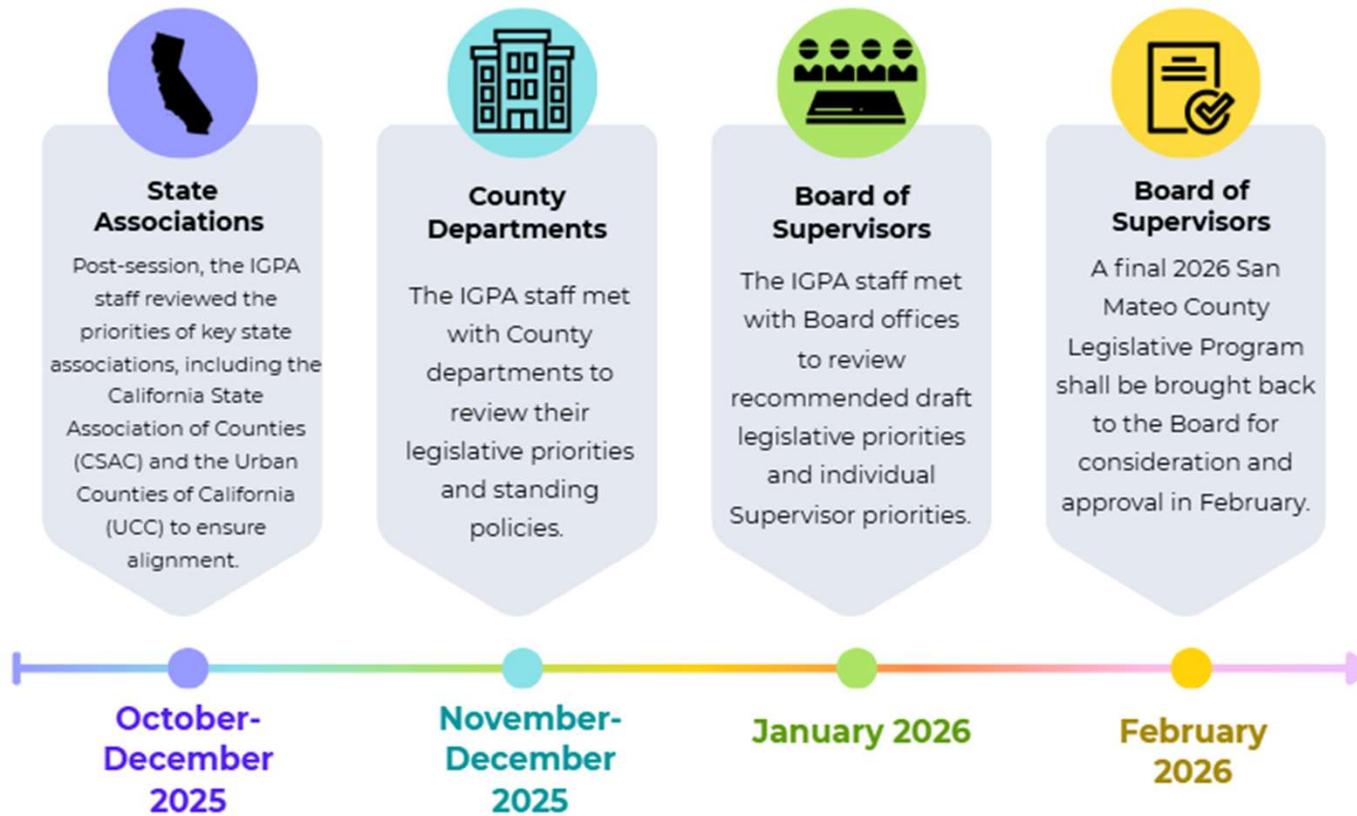
# The Legislative Session Program

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- Defines the County's state and federal legislative priorities for the upcoming sessions.
- These priorities, along with existing positions and policies, direct the County's advocacy efforts.
- The IGPA Unit prepares the program with direction from, and in coordination with:
  - Board Members
  - County Departments
  - County Executive
  - State Associations
  - Legislative Advocates
  - County Advisory Bodies
  - Community Partners
- Approved annually by the BOS



# The Process



# The 2026 County Legislative Session Program

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The proposed list of state and federal priority issues for 2026 include:

- (1) Protecting In-Lieu VLF Revenue
- (2) Mitigating Impacts of H.R. 1 and Other Federal Action
- (3) Developing Affordable Housing
- (4) Ending Homelessness
- (5) Infrastructure Investments to Build Resiliency
- (6) Immigrant Community Protection
- (7) Protecting Vulnerable Communities

*\*The County's standing policies have been reviewed & updated by County departments. Further revisions by BOS are under consideration.*

# The County's Standing Policies

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## *What are they?*

- Standing policies are positions on various policy and budget items that have been developed over the years.
- When a recommended position is consistent with existing county policy, as adopted in the County's Legislative Program, the IGPA Unit is authorized to prepare a county position letter for the Board President to sign.



# Legislative Coordination and Advocacy Policy

 **County of San Mateo**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

APPROVED BY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JUN 04 2019  
CLERK OF BOARD  
BY *Michael P. Callagy* DEPUTY

Department: COUNTY MANAGER  
File #: 19-467 Board Meeting Date: 6/4/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None  
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
From: Michael P. Callagy, County Manager  
Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer  
Subject: Legislative Coordination and Advocacy Policy

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
Adopt the following policy regarding the coordination and advocacy of legislative action for the County of San Mateo.

**BACKGROUND:**  
The purpose of San Mateo County's Legislative Program is to: secure legislation that benefits the County and its residents, oppose/amend legislation that might adversely impact the County's delivery of services; shape public policy in priority areas that impact County government; and secure state and federal funding through the grant and/or appropriations process.

**DISCUSSION:**  
Recognizing the need for consistency in conveying official Board positions on federal and state legislative matters and to provide an effective program of legislative representation, the County of San Mateo shall institute a coordinated process involving interaction between the Board of Supervisors, the County Manager's Office, County departments/agencies, and the County's legislative advocates in Sacramento, and Washington, D.C.

The following procedures are instituted in order to facilitate active participation by County departments/agencies, allow the County Manager's Office (Legislative Officer) to act as a centralized clearinghouse for legislative matters, and to ensure that all advocacy efforts are entirely consistent with Board-approved positions:

**PROCEDURE**

A. **STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**  
The purpose of County's Annual Legislative Program is to identify and secure Board action on

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In 2019, the Board adopted a policy regarding the coordination & advocacy of legislative action for the County.

- Outlines the framework and process on how the County engages on state & federal legislative matters in Sacramento and Washington, DC.

# Tracking & Acting on Pending Legislation



# Overview of Current Process

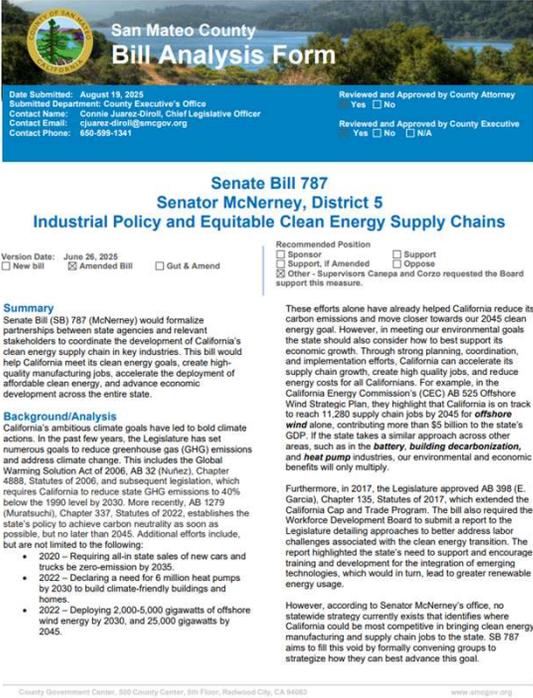
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- The IGPA Unit tracks legislation with the help of our state lobbyists, state associations, and County departments.
- The IGPA Unit also fields individual requests from the Board of Supervisors and others.
- Flagged bills by any of these entities are analyzed further by SMC staff (including department staff and attorneys in those issue areas) to determine County impacts.
  - If bills are aligned with the standing policies in the Legislative Session Program, the IGPA Unit is given the authority to issue position letters on the Board's behalf.



# Overview of Current Process Continued....

- For more complex legislation:
  - If there is NO alignment with the standing policies in the Legislative Session Program (the issue is not addressed in the program), staff will complete a thorough analysis, memorandum, and resolution, and place item on BOS agenda for a vote.



**San Mateo County Bill Analysis Form**

Date Submitted: August 19, 2025  
Submitted Department: County Executive's Office  
Contact Name: Cristina Juarez-Diroll, Chief Legislative Officer  
Contact Email: cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org  
Contact Phone: 650-699-1341

Reviewed and Approved by County Attorney  
Yes  No

Reviewed and Approved by County Executive  
Yes  No  N/A

**Senate Bill 787**  
**Senator McNERNEY, District 5**  
**Industrial Policy and Equitable Clean Energy Supply Chains**

Version Date: June 26, 2025  
 New Bill  Amended Bill  Out & Amend

Recommended Position  
 Sponsor  Support  
 Support, if Amended  Oppose  
 Other - Supervisors Campa and Corzo requested the Board support this measure.

**Summary**  
Senate Bill (SB) 787 (McNerney) would formalize partnerships between state agencies and relevant stakeholders to coordinate the development of California's clean energy supply chain in key industries. This bill would help California meet its clean energy goals, create high-quality manufacturing jobs, accelerate the deployment of affordable clean energy, and advance economic development across the entire state.

**Background/Analysis**  
California's ambitious climate goals have led to bold climate actions. In the past few years, the Legislature has set numerous goals to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and address climate change. This includes the Global Warming Solution Act of 2006, AB 32 (Núñez), Chapter 4888, Statutes of 2006, and subsequent legislation, which requires California to reduce state GHG emissions to 40% below the 1990 level by 2030. More recently, AB 1279 (Munro), Chapter 337, Statutes of 2022, establishes the state's policy to achieve carbon neutrality as soon as possible, but no later than 2045. Additional efforts include, but are not limited to the following:

- 2020 - Requiring all-in state sales of new cars and trucks be zero-emission by 2035.
- 2022 - Declaring a need for 6 million heat pumps by 2030 to build climate-friendly buildings and homes.
- 2022 - Deploying 2,000-5,000 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030, and 25,000 gigawatts by 2045.

These efforts alone have already helped California reduce its carbon emissions and move closer towards our 2045 clean energy goal. However, in meeting our environmental goals the state should also consider how to best support its economic growth. Through strong planning, coordination, and implementation efforts, California can accelerate its supply chain growth, create high quality jobs, and reduce energy costs for all Californians. For example, in the California Energy Commission's (CEC) AB 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Plan, they highlight that California is on track to reach 11,200 supply chain jobs by 2045 for offshore wind alone, contributing more than \$5 billion to the state's GDP. If the state takes a similar approach across other areas, such as in the battery, building decarbonization, and heat pump industries, our environmental and economic benefits will multiply.

Furthermore, in 2017, the Legislature approved AB 398 (E. Garcia), Chapter 135, Statutes of 2017, which extended the California Cap and Trade Program. The bill also required the Workforce Development Board to submit a report to the Legislature detailing approaches to better address labor challenges associated with the clean energy transition. The report highlighted the state's need to support and encourage training and development for the integration of emerging technologies, which would in turn, lead to greater renewable energy usage.

However, according to Senator McNerney's office, no statewide strategy currently exists that identifies where California could be most competitive in bringing clean energy manufacturing and supply chain jobs to the state. SB 787 aims to fill this void by formally convening groups to strategize how they can best advance this goal.

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# If approved, a letter is issued....

**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
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February 28, 2025

The Honorable Jesse Arreguin  
California State Senate, District 07  
1021 O Street, Suite 6710  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 239 (Arreguin) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.  
SUPPORT - As Introduced January 30, 2025**

Dear Senator Arreguin,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our strong support of Senate Bill 239. This bill would remove barriers to entry for appointed and elected offices by allowing members of non-decision-making legislative bodies to participate in two-way virtual teleconferencing without posting their remote meeting location.

Local governments across the state, including the County of San Mateo, have faced ongoing challenges in recruiting and retaining members of the public to serve on advisory bodies subject to the Brown Act. Challenges associated with recruitment have been attributed to participation time commitments, time and location of meetings, physical limitations, conflicts with childcare, and work obligations. With nearly 40 current member vacancies in San Mateo County, additional meeting flexibility options will help fill these Boards and Commissions. Removing burdens on in-person participation will ultimately enhance accessibility and engagement across the County's region.

San Mateo County's 30+ Boards, Commissions, and Committees advise and provide critical support to governmental bodies in their decision-making process through direct citizen participation. The County deeply values the dedicated service of these 300+ board members and commissioners who devote their free time, expertise, and lived experiences to serve their community. Board and commission members, particularly from our Commission on Disabilities and Commission on Aging, have expressed their appreciation for the flexibility and accessibility enabled by remote meetings during the COVID-19 global pandemic. The County recognizes the essential perspectives of these advisory bodies and does not want in-person meetings to limit who may apply to serve. Board and commission members would greatly benefit from remote options provided under this proposal, thus reducing barriers to local civic participation and increasing equity and inclusion.

In addition, participation in local advisory bodies and appointed boards and commissions often serves as a pipeline to local elected office and opportunities for state and federal leadership positions. Diversification in civic participation at all levels requires careful consideration of different protected characteristics as well as socio-economic status. As previously mentioned, the in-person requirement to participate in local governance bodies presents a disproportionate challenge for those with physical or economic limitations, including seniors, persons with disability, single parents, caretakers, the economically marginalized, and those who live in rural areas with prohibitive driving distances.



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SB 239 would help address these issues by providing a narrow exemption under the Ralph M. Brown Act for non-decision-making advisory bodies that do not take final action on any legislation, regulations, contracts, licenses, permits, or other entitlements. This bill would improve community engagement and participation for both advisory body members and members of the public and provide much-needed modernization for open meetings. Overall, SB 239 ensures that advisory bodies can fulfill their true purpose: to serve as the voice of our diverse communities.

The County recognizes the importance of robust, equitable public participation in our local Boards and Commissions. For these reasons, the County of San Mateo strongly supports SB 239. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Chief Legislative Officer, at 650-599-1341 or via email at [cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org](mailto:cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org).

Sincerely,



David Canepa, President  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

CC: Chair Durazo, Senate Local Government Committee  
Members, Senate Local Government Committee  
Jonathan Peterson, Principal Consultant, Senate Local Government Committee  
Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus  
San Mateo County Delegation Members  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County Executive



# Memberships of County Departments

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- SMC departments are members of **75+** associations (federal, state, local, & regional) in which they receive legislative updates and related information.
  - California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
  - Urban Counties of California (UCC)
  - National Association of Counties (NACO)
  - California Child Support Association (CalCSA)
  - California State Association of County Auditors (CalSACA)
  - Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
  - Association of Government Accountants – Silicon Valley Chapter (AGA-SVC)
  - Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)
  - Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA)
  - Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)
  - California State Coroner Association (CSCA)
  - California School Board Association (CSBA)
  - California Council of School Attorneys
  - County Counsel’s Association of California
  - International Municipal Lawyer’s Association
  - San Mateo County Emergency Managers
  - International Association of Emergency Managers
  - California Emergency Services Association
  - National Fire Protection
  - County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC)
  - California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO)
  - California STD/HIV Controllers Association
  - CalAnimals
  - Community Based Environmental Education Partners (CBEEP)
  - California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors (CACTTC)
  - National Association of Collectors
  - Treasurers and Finance Officers (NACCTFO)
  - California Debt Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC)
  - Government Investment Officers Assoc (GIOA)
  - California Municipal Trustees Association (CMTA)
  - California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO)
  - County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA)

- CAEHA/CCDEH
- CUPA Forum Board
- The Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California (NPH)
- Housing California
- The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)
- Western Region Intergovernmental Personnel Assessment Council (WRIPAC)
- Public Agency Risk Management Association (PARMA)
- California Public Employers Labor Relations Association (CalPELRA)
- Public Sector HR Association (PSHRA)
- Public Sector HR Association (PSHRA) – Bay Area Chapter
- California Counties Human Resources (CCHR)
- National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators (NAGDCA)
- Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)
- California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA)
- Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)
- California Welfare Fraud Investigators Association (CWFIA)
- California Association of County Veterans Services Officers (CACVSO)
- California County Information Services Directors Association
- Municipal Information Systems Association of California
- Police Officer Standards and Testing (POST)
- National Emergency Number Association (NENA)
- California Chapter (CALNENA)
- Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
- National/Southwest American Association of Airport Executives
- Association of California Airports
- National/NorCal Business Aviation Association
- Municipal Equipment Maintenance Association (MEMA)
- City/County Engineers Association (CCEA)
- Bay Area Clean Water Agency (BACWA)
- California Water Environment Association (CWEA)
- California State Sheriff's Association (CSSA)
- Major Cities Sheriff's Association (MCSA)
- California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA)
- Northern California Recycling Association (NCRA)
- Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)
- San Mateo Water Pollution Prevention Program (SMCWPPP)
- Green Cities California
- Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN)
- California Local Government Climate Alliance (LGCA)
- Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC)
- California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials
- County Recorders' Association of California
- California Assessors' Association
- California District Attorneys Association
- California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA)
- National Council on Weights and Measures
- California Library Association
- And more!

# Over the years...

- 2025
  - Total # of bills tracked: 300+
  - Total # of correspondence: 55
    - State Legislation: 34
    - State Matters: 11
    - Federal Matters: 10
- 2024
  - Total # of bills tracked: 370+
  - Total # of correspondence: 45
    - State Legislation: 25
    - State Matters: 19
    - Federal Matters: 1
- 2023
  - Total # of bills tracked: 450+
  - Total # of correspondence: 15
    - State Legislation: 11
    - State Matters: 3
    - Federal Matters: 1
- 2022
  - Total # of bills tracked: 750+
  - Total # of correspondence: 29
    - State Legislation: 18
    - State Matters: 8
    - Federal Matters: 3
- 2021
  - Total # of bills tracked: ~1,000
  - Total # of correspondence: 35
    - State Legislation: 24
    - State Matters: 10
    - Federal Matters: 1

Questions?