



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager's Office



Date: February 16, 2016

Board Meeting Date: February 23, 2016

Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Director

Subject: 2016 Legislative Session Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving San Mateo County's 2016 Legislative Session Program

BACKGROUND:

The 2016 Legislative Session Program for San Mateo County details state and federal legislative priorities for the County in the new legislative sessions. These priorities, in combination with standing positions and policies taken by the Board of Supervisors, guide the County's legislative advocacy efforts. The County Manager's Office develops its Legislative Session Program in collaboration with the Board, County departments, the County's state and federal legislative advocates, and community partners.

DISCUSSION:

In 2016, County advocacy efforts will be focused on: 1) securing \$178,000 in funding for San Mateo County to partially fund a Triple Flip funding deficit identified for FY 14-15 through the State Budget process; 2) supporting legislation that would authorize a city selection committee to make appointments to the board of trustees of mosquito and vector districts and decreases the number of cities represented, if a majority of city councils located within the district adopt authorizing resolutions, as a way to add an additional level of oversight and accountability to the appointment process; 3) supporting legislation that increases the property tax exemption of non-profits and religious organizations that provide affordable housing in the County from \$20,000 to \$100,000 annually; 4) supporting statewide housing measures that further the goals and/or actions of the County's newly formed *Closing the Jobs/Housing Gap Task Force*, 5) strongly advocating for the continuation of the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) and the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE); and 5) continuing to support pre-school for all funding efforts at the state level that will advance

the goals of the "Big Lift," which seeks to design a model to deliver 2 years of high-quality preschool for all 3 and 4 year olds beginning in targeted communities.

Revisions and additions to the 2016 Legislative Program are noted in red, underlined text.

County Counsel has reviewed the Resolution as to form.

Approval of this Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 of a Collaborative Community by providing a basic policy framework on a range of legislative proposals, priorities and policies approved by the Board of Supervisors and that guide County advocacy efforts.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Federal/State Measures analyzed and acted on	120	140

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.