



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

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Board Meeting Date: 5/12/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael P. Callagy, County Manager
Connie Juarez-Diroll, Legislative Officer
Subject: Revised 2020 San Mateo County Legislative Priorities

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving revisions to San Mateo County's 2020 Legislative Session Program.

BACKGROUND:

The 2020 Legislative Session Program for San Mateo County details state and federal legislative priorities for the County in the current session. These priorities, in combination with standing positions and policies taken by your Board, guide the County's legislative advocacy efforts. Your Board approved the County's 2020 Legislative Session Program on February 11, 2020. The County's Legislative Coordination and Advocacy Policy sets out the County's process for conveying official Board positions and coordination of actions between the Board of Supervisors, County Manager's Office, County departments/agencies, and the County's legislative advocates in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. That policy was approved by your Board on June 4, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

Given the unexpected and unprecedented events resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and the anticipated fiscal impacts to the State and County, the Legislative Affairs unit of the County Manager's Office is recommending the following revisions to the County's 2020 priorities:

1. Elevate COVID-19 advocacy, focused primarily on securing needed budgetary and operational stability and certainty to support the County's provision of safety net and other vital services.
2. Modify the health-related priorities to reflect the Administration's recent decision to delay implementation of the Cal-AIM program; and
3. Acknowledge that the remaining priorities-homelessness, affordable housing, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), public safety, climate resiliency, and children's issues-will be promoted primarily through the COVID-19 response and recovery lens.

The revised priorities-incorporating the changes delineated above-are attached for your Board's review and consideration. Approvals of the revisions will allow County staff to work in concert with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the Urban Counties of California (UCC) to take needed positions on what are anticipated to be critically important COVID-19 focused legislation and state budget measures in the current session without the need for the Board to review and approve each of legislative and state budgetary measures at issue.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2018-19 Anticipated	FY 2019-20 Projected
State/Federal Measures analyzed and acted on	150	200

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.