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## 2026 Intergovernmental Advocacy Policy

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The 2026 Intergovernmental Advocacy Policy serves as a comprehensive platform for Yolo County's advocacy efforts, encompassing the County's values and goals. The advocacy policy is divided into the following federal and state departmental categories:

- County Administrator's Office
- Agriculture
- Assessor-Clerk Recorder-Elections
- Community Services
- Emergency Services
- General Services
- Health & Human Services
- Law & Justice
- Libraries
- Child Support Services
- Innovation and Technology Services

From these categories, examples of specific policy objectives are identified; the objectives provide context to the County's platform. The objectives are directly linked to the goals of the County's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan as summarized below in the six pillars

1. Thriving Residents
2. Collaborative Community
3. Sustainable Environment
4. Flourishing Agriculture
5. Robust Economy
6. Operational Excellence

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

### ***Federal***

- Support major flood and habitat projects in the Yolo Bypass to ensure they proceed in a transparent and integrated fashion that preserves agriculture to the greatest extent feasible as well as terrestrial species habitat, including migrating waterfowl, and secure full mitigation for any unavoidable impacts and oppose legislation that could harm the balance of agriculture, flood protection, water supply, and habitat in the Yolo Bypass. (Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture, Robust Economy)
- Support modifications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency standards (National Flood Insurance Program) for non-residential structures, particularly in agricultural zones, such as by providing more sensible restrictions and equitable rates. (Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support actions which work to promote the health and safety of residents, without regard to immigration status. (Thriving Residents)
- Support efforts to ensure the safety of children through the continuity of family member relationships for the care and guardianship of children impacted by the unexpected deportation of a parent. (Thriving Residents)
- Oppose actions that utilize social service data systems to interfere with a person's right to due process and privacy rights. (Thriving Residents)
- Support legislation that seeks to preserve open space and our natural resources, prevents and mitigates the effects of climate change, and furthers sustainable environmental practices. (Sustainable Environment, Thriving Residents, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support legislation that improves Yolo County's infrastructure, including water and wastewater. (Thriving Residents)

### ***State***

- Support legislation, or state budget action, which corrects property tax inequality, including but not limited to, Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) revenue. (Robust Economy, Operational Excellence)
- Continue to maintain a strong presence in the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, Regional Flood Management Plan, and the Yolo Bypass Partnership and continue to

proactively engage the Department of Water Resources. (Collaborative Community, Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)

- Uphold secure funding for levee improvement and related flood control projects. (Collaborative Community)
- Support the development and implementation of the Upper Yolo Bypass Plan, Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/ Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed, and other programmatic efforts that aim to implement regional flood protection, water supply, and habitat restoration projects that are implemented with, a locally supportable approach that avoids agricultural and associated economic impacts to the County, and oppose legislation that could harm the balance of agriculture and habitat in the Yolo Bypass and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. (Collaborative Community, Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture).
- Support funding for local participation in Delta and flood management policy discussions, and for projects that provide benefits to County priorities in the Delta and Yolo Bypass. (Robust Economy, Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Oppose unfunded mandates or other legislation which limits the County's ability to efficiently deliver services and support legislation which streamlines state-local interaction and strengthens the ability of counties to self-govern. (Thriving Residents, Operational Excellence)
- Support legislation which would allow for Yolo County to be within the territory of a single community college district. (Collaborative Community, Operational Excellence)
- Support measures to ensure fiscally responsible and safe investment practices for CalPERS and other state-managed investment funds. (Operational Excellence, Thriving Residents)
- Support actions which ensure family unity, community security, respect, due process and support for all residents, including immigrants and international visitors, to ensure Yolo County remains a safe and welcoming place for all. (Thriving Residents)
- Support legislation that promotes inclusive and environmentally sustainable economic development, particularly for agribusiness and rural communities. (Robust Economy)

- Support legislation that seeks to preserve open space and natural resources, prevents and mitigates the effects of climate change, and furthers sustainable environmental practices. (Sustainable Environment, Thriving Residents, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support the ongoing viability of community choice energy programs in California and explore the formation of a publicly owned electrical utility in Yolo County. (Collaborative Community, Sustainable Environment)
- Advocate for funding for Regional Energy Networks and support non-investor-owned utility (non-IOU) energy efficiency programs. (Sustainable Environment)
- Support drought relief legislation including funding to improve the resiliency of water systems, including efforts to consolidate or expand rural water systems, and incentivizing agricultural groundwater conservation and the removal of water-intensive ornamental landscaping (Sustainable Environment, Thriving Residents)
- Support legislation that seeks to balance transparency and the administrative burden of responding to California Public Records Act requests, particularly for digital records. (Operational Excellence)
- Support legislation that would provide new sustainable funding for local First 5 organizations to offset declining tobacco tax revenues. (Thriving Residents)
- Support legislation that provides solutions to the housing crisis, including resources to rehabilitate and renovate current housing stock as well as policies that provide ongoing sustainable funding for affordable housing, supportive and accessible housing for persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, farmworker housing, and related infrastructure. (Thriving Residents)
- Support state funding for Williamson Act subvention payments, agricultural land conservation easements, agricultural and habitat impact mitigation, and other incentives to keep land in agriculture and open space. (Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support funding for rural infrastructure projects, including agribusiness, and other similar initiatives which would assist agribusiness in marketing and selling its goods in the local market. (Robust Economy, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support legislation and funding that enables implementation of the Yolo County Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), including increased funding for public zero-emission

vehicle fleets and charging infrastructure, resilience center development, extreme heat and wildfire preparedness, and building electrification programming and incentives. (Sustainable Environment)

- Support Proposition 4 (Climate Bond) funding and implementation approaches that advance Yolo County’s Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) and prioritize investments in Priority Populations, as identified through the State’s California Climate Investments Priority Populations framework, including but not limited to low-income and rural communities. (Sustainable Environment)
- Advocate for increased funding to support the implementation of climate-smart agriculture practices including technical assistance and direct incentives. (Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support increased funding for CDFA Healthy Soils Program and other block grant programs that fill potential gaps in U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) funding. (Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Advocate for increased funding to support the implementation of increased regulations related to Landfill Methane Regulation (LMR) changes and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction strategies and technologies. (Sustainable Environment)

## **GENERAL SERVICES**

### ***Federal***

- Support ongoing airport improvement funding to build and improve infrastructure to meet the new FAA requirements. (Operational Excellence, Robust Economy)
- Support the expansion of the USDA Rural Development loan and grant program to provide opportunities for new community infrastructure in rural areas. (Thriving Residents)

### ***State***

- Support the expansion of the Caltrans Annual Credit Program, Acquisition and Development Grant Program, and Airport Improvement Program Matching Grant program. (Operational Excellence)
- Support increasing the dollar thresholds in the powers of the County Purchasing Agent to reflect the impact of inflation on the procurement of goods, professional services, and construction services. (Operational Excellence)

- Support funding for new parkland and further preserving and improving existing parkland with the goal of increasing public access and park equity while preserving the environment. (Thriving Residents, Sustainable Environment)

## **AGRICULTURE**

### ***Federal***

- Support strengthening invasive species inspections and their efficiencies at borders and ports of entry, parcel processing facilities and U.S. Post Office. (Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support the expansion of the National Pest Detection Dog Program based on the success of the California and Florida programs and obtain stable continuous funding. (Flourishing Agriculture)

### ***State***

- Support all reasonable efforts by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, County Agricultural Commissioners, and the agricultural industry to acquire funding and to prevent the introduction and potential spread of invasive pests in California. (Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support legislation and/or state and federal programs that provide for effective pest management and eradication activities. (Flourishing Agriculture)
- Advocate for local flexibility to enhance the abilities of Agricultural Commissioners to research invasive species pathways, funding mechanisms, and response activity to pest emergencies and high priority local pest exclusion pathways. (Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support legislation that offers consumer protections requirements for Electric Vehicle charging stations and Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE). (Operational Excellence)
- Oppose legislation that would allow for industry self-certification of commercial weighing and measuring devices specifically water meters for multifamily housing. (Operational Excellence)
- Oppose legislation that challenges the preemptive status of state pesticide laws and authority provided to the Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) and California Agricultural Commissioners. (Flourishing Agriculture)

- Support legislation that preserves and enhances funding resources for weights and measures programs at the state (DMS) and local (Sealer) level for consumer protection. (Operational Excellence)

### **ASSESSOR-CLERK RECORDER-ELECTIONS**

#### ***State***

- Support legislation to address ambiguity in Williamson Act reporting and compliance policies. (Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support efforts for engaging youth in voting and civic engagement. (Thriving Residents)
- Support legislation that permits increased cost recovery of services provided. (Operational Excellence)

### **CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

#### ***Federal and State***

- Support legislation, budgetary, or administrative actions to adequately fund the child support program, allowing the program to reach unserved and underserved families. (Thriving Residents)
- Support legislation that removes barriers to access the child support program; increases or eases access to justice; eases operational and administrative burdens; and increases distribution of child support collections directly to families. (Thriving Residents)
- Preserve the ability of local agencies to maintain local control of the Child Support Program. (Thriving Residents)
- Support legislation that improves the effectiveness of the child support program in establishing, enforcing, and collecting child support orders and expanding information sharing between agencies. (Thriving Residents)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### ***Federal***

- Oppose efforts to eliminate federal rebates, incentives, and tax-credits for energy efficiency measures, including zero-emission vehicles, HVAC system upgrades, and heat pumps. (Sustainable Environment, Thriving Residents)

- Oppose efforts to eliminate federal funding for environmental justice programming; oppose efforts to eliminate federal funding preference for rural/low-income communities. (Sustainable Environment, Thriving Residents)

### *State*

- Support additional funding for local roads and infrastructure improvements including the development and implementation of a countywide Capital Improvement Project (CIP) with a self-contained funding plan in concert with other local jurisdictions. (Operational Excellence)
- Support legislation that includes new waste-use technologies in the Diversion Credit. (Sustainable Environment)
- Support animal services program funding, including capital improvements projects for animal shelter facilities. (Collaborative Community)
- Support legislation that promotes a circular economy through Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and product stewardship that encourages or implements Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for end-of-life reuse, recycling, or disposal, to shift the financial burden from government to producers. (Sustainable Environment)
- Advocate for legislation and/or funding to support General Plan, specific plan and zoning code updates. (Collaborative Community, Robust Economy)
- Support legislation that would strengthen the permitting and inspection process, including the ability for local jurisdictions to validate the claimed entitlements or permits, for fireworks storage facilities. (Operational Excellence)

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### *Federal*

- Advocate for federal initiatives that strengthen community resilience by creating social networks, neighborhood-level emergency plans, and business readiness programs with a focus on initiatives that prioritize underserved communities and foster long-term preparedness and self-sufficiency. (Thriving Residents, Collaborative Community)
- Support legislation to ensure the equitable allocation of pass-through of federal funds, such as Homeland Security grants, directly to counties based on comprehensive factors including threat levels, population, and specific community needs. (Thriving Residents)

- Endorse proposals to secure federal funding for the mitigation, security, and modernization of critical infrastructure including roads, bridges, dams, flood control systems, food and water supplies, mass transit facilities, hospitals, and other essential public assets, particularly those serving disadvantaged populations. (Thriving Residents, Robust Economy)

### *State*

- Advocate for Standardization and Governance of 3-1-1 and 2-1-1 Programs Support the establishment of statewide standards for implementing and governing 3-1-1 non-emergency reporting systems and 2-1-1 community information and referral services, ensuring consistency and equitable access. (Thriving Residents, Collaborative Community)
- Advocate for legislation or administrative actions to provide funding and technical resources to implement advanced public safety interoperability communication standards, ensuring seamless coordination during emergencies. (Operational Excellence)

## **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

### *Federal*

- Track CalAIM initiatives surrounding behavioral health with goal of improved access, outcomes and payment reform. (Thriving Residents)
- Oppose any efforts that would reduce Medicaid funding including proposals to implement a block grant process or otherwise limit federal matching funds for Medicaid, as well as oppose any action that would limit or reduce access to affordable healthcare. (Thriving Residents)
- Oppose any cuts to existing funding streams to local public health departments related to emergency preparedness, infectious disease control, immunizations, laboratory services, health promotion, and other core public health services. (Thriving Residents)
- Support increased funding and expanded eligibility criteria for SNAP/CalFresh benefits and oppose any federal SNAP funding cuts. (Thriving Residents)
- Support legislation that addresses strategies to strengthen community support networks, safety-net programs, and care programs that support older adults and people with chronic or disabling conditions. (Thriving Residents)
- Support legislation which ensures adequate funding for County administered safety net and

public safety programs. (Thriving Residents, Collaborative Community)

- Support increased funding and/or an increase in the state/federal share of costs for In-Home Supportive Services and oppose program reductions. (Thriving Residents)
- Support an increased Supplement Security Income reimbursement rate for board and care facilities. (Thriving Residents)
- Support broadening the criteria of foster care cases eligible for federal reimbursement. (Thriving Residents)

### *State*

- Support state legislation or state funding mechanisms that would mitigate impacts to services and eligibility criteria to core local public health programs due to HR 1 and other federal policy changes. (Thriving Residents)
- Support increased funding for county supported indigent care services to offset impact of HR 1 and other federal and state policies limiting access to Medi-Cal. (Thriving Residents)
- Support increased funding to core local public health services impacted by recent federal policies and budget cuts. (Thriving Residents)
- Support increased funding and expanded eligibility criteria for SNAP/CalFresh benefits and oppose any federal SNAP funding cuts or cost shifts to counties. (Thriving Residents)
- Support automatic or streamlined post-incarceration Medi-Cal enrollment for individuals who were Medi-Cal eligible prior to incarceration (Thriving Residents,)
- Pro-actively analyze policy proposals or legislation which affects our most vulnerable residents such as, Medi-Cal recipients, foster youth, immigrants and refugees, older adults, and people with disabilities. (Thriving Residents)
- Support legislation to provide and improve safety net dental and orthodontic care. (Thriving Residents)
- Support a funding framework which provides sufficient and sustainable funding to support County Public Guardians and to implement expanded LPS Conservatorship criteria required under SB 43. (Thriving Residents).
- Support measures that enhance the ability of local emergency medical services (EMS) agency medical director to assure medical control of the EMS system. (Collaborative Community)

- Support increased funding and/or an increase in the state/federal share of costs for In-Home Supportive Services and oppose program reductions. (Thriving Residents)
- Support changes to Behavioral Health Services Act funding that increase flexibility, include treatment of substance abuse disorders, and improve ability to track outcomes and oppose changes that reduce flexibility and/or diverts funding from treatment programs. (Thriving Residents)
- Support a funding framework which provides sufficient and sustainable funding to implement CARE Courts. (Thriving Residents)

## **INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

### ***Federal***

- Support funding for programs that help ensure residents have access to essential communication and internet services. (Thriving Residents)

### ***State***

- Support the planning, funding, and construction of affordable broadband, particularly in unserved and underserved communities. (Thriving Residents)
- Support broadening the federal definition of “rural” regarding broadband access and connectivity grant criteria to better reflect the broadband access challenges in rural Yolo County. (Thriving Residents)
- Oppose elimination of wireline services and applications/requests for relief from “Carrier of Last Resort” obligation. (Thriving Residents, Collaborative Community)

## **LAW & JUSTICE**

### ***Federal***

- Support expanding federal grants to explicitly fund holistic defense models integrating civil partners, social workers, mitigation specialists, and reentry navigators. (Thriving Residents, Collaborative Community)
- Support the increase and prompt distribution of funding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program at the U.S. Department of Justice. (Collaborative Community)

- Support legislation expanding the use of and funding for diversion programs for those charged with criminal offenses. (Thriving Residents)

### *State*

- Support legislation to fund voter mandated programs under the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act (Proposition 36). (Thriving Residents, Operational Excellence)
- Support criminal justice reform efforts that seek to eliminate longstanding social and racial biases and that support rehabilitative and restorative programming. (Thriving Residents, Collaborative Community)
- Support legislation, budgetary, or administrative actions to increase funding for the public defender's office and local indigent defense to comply with workload standards and best practices as set forth in relevant state and national indigent defense workload studies. (Operational Excellence)
- Support legislation, budgetary, or administrative actions that require equivalent state funding streams to local prosecutors and indigent defenders to eliminate unequal reliance on county general fund dollars and increase the availability of state resources. (Operational Excellence)
- Support workforce development and long-term sustainability strategies that strengthen public defense. (Operational Excellence)

## **LIBRARY**

### *Federal*

- Support legislation that changes funding requirements under the Children's Internet Protection Act – oppose the requirement of internet filters to receive equipment funding. (Thriving Residents)
- Support local authority to uphold First Amendment for all ages and county-wide adoption of American Library Association (ALA) Bill of Rights and California's Freedom to Read Act. (Thriving Residents)
- Advocate for increased funding for libraries, museums, and archives through the Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS). Oppose cuts to federal funding of IMLS. (Thriving Residents)

*State*

- Advocate for a new source of state funding for grants to rural libraries and support the ongoing funding of the California Library Services Act that fosters resource sharing among libraries, particularly in rural areas where funding challenges persist. (Thriving Residents)
- Support funding for local governments to create and implement records management programs to fulfill the legal requirements of managing, destroying, and archiving digital and physical official government records. (Operational Excellence, Thriving Residents)
- Support increasing public library access to statewide educational databases for use in schools with goal of getting every child a library card. (Thriving Residents)
- Support funding for libraries to serve as centers for early education, literacy, career support, services for vulnerable populations and other educational programs that benefit a wide range of community members. (Thriving Residents)
- Support funding to support California's youth through library after-school and summer programming, such as Lunch at the Library. (Thriving Residents)
- Advocate for funding to support safety efforts for Library staff and patrons which may include social worker supports for crisis issues, active shooter training, and other safety programs. (Collaborative Community)
- Support legislation for accessible buildings, including upgrades to critical infrastructure and support in times of disaster such as wildfires and extreme heat. (Thriving Residents, Collaborative Community)
- Support the continuity of English as a Second Language (ESL) literacy programs, expanding opportunities for Californians across the state, and complementing California Library Literacy Services (CLLS). Coordinate with California Library Association (CLA) in advocating for funding. (Thriving Residents)