

Attachment C: PowerPoint Presentation



2026 County of Napa Legislative Platform

January 13, 2026



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Recommendation

1. Provide comments on:
 - A. Legislative & Regulatory Program Annual Report
 - B. Proposed 2026 Legislative & Regulatory Platform
2. **Approve** the 2026 Legislative & Regulatory Platform.



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What is the Legislative & Regulatory Platform?



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- Adopted annually by the Board of Supervisors;
- In furtherance of Board's Strategic Initiatives, outlines the County of Napa's state and federal priorities and positions;
- Developed with input from departments and community partners; and
- Provides direction to County staff:
 - Allows for **quick action** on advocacy when the Board's position is already outlined in the Platform; and
 - Guides County policy development and response to issues



Legislative Program Annual Report

State of California

2025 Recap: California Legislature

- Top Priorities of the California Legislature and the Administration in 2025
 - *Wildfire resilience and consumer protection*
 - *Preparation for the use of catastrophe modeling*
 - *Carrier of Last Resort Obligations*
 - *Ongoing structural budget deficit*
 - *CEQA Reform: urban infill*



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2026 Outlook: California Legislature

- At least \$18bn budget deficit
- Medi-Cal costs keep rising
- Number of Californians without health insurance rising, first because of ACA subsidies expiring, then because of administrative disenrollment from Medi-Cal.
- Structural deficit of \$35bn per year starting in FY 27 - 28



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2026 Outlook: California Legislature



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- Counties would like the State to fund indigent care at appropriate levels given rising levels of uninsured persons
- Counties will need to advocate for an appropriate split with the state on increased administrative costs and federal cost shifts.
- Counties and cities also seek local government liability reform to reduce insurance costs.

U.S. Government

2025 Recap: Federal Government



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- Executive orders issue at a pace not seen since FDR
- Mandatory and discretionary spending bills prioritized defense and immigration enforcement spending and extension of 2017 tax cuts
- Spending partially offset by cuts to discretionary and mandatory spending on foreign aid, scientific research, and social services
- Unitary executive theory of power over Congressionally-authorized spending result in frozen and clawed back discretionary program funds

2026 Outlook: Federal Government



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- Three opportunities for government shutdowns: January 30 expiration of CR, FY 26 appropriations package, and FY 27 appropriations package
- Midterm elections and partisan gerrymandering litigation
- Surface Transportation Reauthorization (roads and bridges funding)
- FEMA reform legislation (block grants for small and midsize disasters rather than reimbursement; single application for all disaster aid)



Proposed 2026 Legislative Platform



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Guiding Principles

1. Local discretion in new and existing programs.
2. Maintain and enhance services that protect our residents and workforce.
3. Uphold the integrity of the County's Agricultural Preserve.
4. Mitigate the current climatological emergency.
5. No new unfunded mandates.



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Key Themes

1. New State and Federal Social Safety Net Program Requirements
2. Agricultural and Rural Preservation
3. Economic Stability in Our Communities
4. Environmental and Disaster Resilience
5. Public Safety
6. Quality of Life



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Key Issues	
Access to Health Care	Local Control Measures: Land Use and Emergency Medical Services
Airport Operations	Pest and Disease Control
Behavioral Health	Public Health
California's Property Insurance Market and the FAIR Plan	Regional Adaptation
Carrier of Last Resort Obligations	Regulation of Utilities Infrastructure
Farmworker Housing Funding	Transportation & Infrastructure
FEMA Reform	Vehicle License Fee Swap Obligation