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2025 Intergovernmental Advocacy Policy

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The 2025 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

- Collaborate to ensure major flood and habitat projects in the Yolo Bypass 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)
- Seek 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 actions that uphold the U.S. Constitution and due process rights for all people and protect the people and economy of Yolo County (Thriving Residents)
- Oppose actions that that may be harmful to families or children or that interfere with a person's right to pursue asylum in the United States or that result in a denial of due process of law. (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

- Continue to maintain a strong presence in the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, Regional Flood Management Plan, and Yolo Bypass Partnership. (Collaborative Community, Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)
- Secure funding for levee improvement and related flood control projects. (Collaborative

Community)

- Engage in the development and implementation of the Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan, Healthy Rivers and Landscapes, and other programmatic efforts that aim to implement flood protection, water supply, and habitat restoration, and ensure such programs 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. (Collaborative Community, Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture).
- Secure funding for local participation in Delta and flood management policy discussions and funding 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)
- Pursue and support legislation which corrects property tax inequality. (Thriving Residents, Operational Excellence)
- Seek legal resources to support Yolo County residents with immigration issues (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 or sponsor legislation that allows for greater flexibility of remote public meetings of legislative bodies including advisory commissions including legislation that would

empower a Board of Supervisors to permit an advisory commission to meet electronically and thereby reducing economic, transportation, and other barriers to participation by historically underrepresented groups (Thriving Residents)

- 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 and related infrastructure. (Thriving Residents)

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 efforts to strengthen inspections and the efficiencies of such inspections at borders and ports of entry, such as increased funding for a Farm Bill postal inspection dog team program, to safeguard against invasive pests and diseases. (Flourishing Agriculture, Operational Excellence)
- Support efforts to fund federal disaster funding for perennial crops reimbursement (Flourishing Agriculture)

State

- 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)
- Support legislation which assures clear labeling and accuracy of the net quantity of packaged products to promote value comparison and to ensure the consumer receives the correct product and the quantity of product for which they pay. (Operational Excellence)
- Oppose legislation that would allow for industry self-certification of commercial weighing and measuring devices. (Operational Excellence)
- 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 the funding rural infrastructure projects, “Farm-to-Fork”, and other similar initiatives which would assist agribusiness in marketing and selling its goods in the local market (Sustainable Environment, Flourishing Agriculture)

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

- Work with state and federal partners to evaluate National Environmental Protection Act exemption list, particularly regarding exemptions for air quality review of roundabouts in rural areas. (Sustainable Environment)

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 the ongoing viability of community choice energy programs in California and explore the formation of a publicly owned electrical utility in Yolo County (Safe Communities, Sustainable Environment)
- Pro-actively analyze cannabis and hemp-related policy proposals or legislation to ensure consistency with Yolo County's program and land use process. (Flourishing Agriculture)
- Support legislation and funding for animal services programs, including capital improvements projects for animal shelter facilities. (Collaborative Community)
- Support legislation that encourages or implements Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for end-of-life reuse, recycling or disposal shifting the financial burden from government over to the producers. (Sustainable Environment)

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)
- 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 and tactics to strengthen the aging community support network, addresses issues that impact older adults with chronic or disabling conditions, and contributes to solutions that supports older adults and public funding for care programs. (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 cost for In-Home Supportive Services. (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 increased funding and expanded eligibility criteria for SNAP/CalFresh benefits and oppose any federal SNAP funding cuts. (Thriving Residents)
- Support automatic or streamlined post-incarceration MediCal enrollment for individuals who were MediCal 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, and the aging. (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 (Safe Communities)
- Support increased funding and/or an increase in the state/federal share of cost for In-Home Supportive Services. (Thriving Residents)
- Support changes to Mental 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, Safe Communities)

LAW & JUSTICE

Federal

- 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 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. (Operational Excellence)

LIBRARIES

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)

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.
- 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)