



2025 Legislative Priorities

Counties lead. Californians look to counties for the protection of public health and safety, as well as the provision of a broad array of services: transportation, elections, vital records, planning, waste and environmental management, and social services. As the closest level of government to the people, the state entrusts counties with the responsibility to administer and deliver these services to California’s constituents.

Counties are on the frontlines. It is imperative that counties have a voice at the table to ensure legislation reflects adequate capacity, funding, and workforce availability at the local level.

Primary advocacy priorities on CSAC’s docket for the 2025 legislative session:



Homelessness

Advocate for ongoing homelessness funding, accountability mechanisms, and support for state and federal policies that align with the six pillars of the AT HOME framework.



Behavioral Health

Advocate for sustained investments to implement Proposition 1, the CARE Act, and other behavioral health initiatives.



Energy Storage

Advocate for robust energy storage solutions that align with California’s clean energy goals while preserving counties’ local land-use authority.



Felony IST

Advocate for changes to the IST growth cap and penalty program to reflect shared goals of reducing IST commitments and minimizing fiscal penalties for counties.



Housing

Advocate for efforts to expand housing at all levels, promote construction of affordable housing, and protect county roles in housing development and related impact fees.



Workforce Challenges

Advocate for policies to rebuild the public service pipeline, address barriers to hiring and retention, and preserve the ability to use contractors for essential public services.



Public Meetings

Advocate for modernization of the Brown Act to support safe, accessible, and welcoming public meetings, ensuring participation from all community members.



Juvenile Justice

Advocate for funding to meet infrastructure, programming, and treatment needs for justice-involved youth and young adults.



CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative

Advocate for long-term funding, provide guidance and updates, and foster collaboration to ensure successful implementation of the CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative.



Disaster Preparedness

Advocate for state and federal investments in emergency preparedness and resilience, including solutions to ensure affordable wildfire insurance for high-risk communities.



Safety Net Services

Advocate for protecting safety-net programs, including health, human services, and public assistance, from potential budget cuts.



Local Revenue Protection

Advocate for protecting local revenues, reforming state-mandated reimbursement systems, and reducing backlogs of payments owed to counties for services already rendered.

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