



Legislative Update

- (1) Receive a verbal update from Paragon Government Relations
- (2) Receive a verbal update from Karen Lange, SYASL Partners, Inc.
- (3) Review and consider approval of the Proposed **2026 Federal Legislative Platform** and Proposed **2026 State Legislative Platform**

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Federal Legislative Report-Out

Paragon Government Relations, Washington D.C.

- Federal legislative update
- Federal government shutdown update
- Brief overview of FEMA reform package



State Legislative Report-Out

Karen Lange, SYASL Partners, Sacramento, CA

- End of Legislative Session update
- Governor's final actions
- Revenue picture
- Consideration for 2026



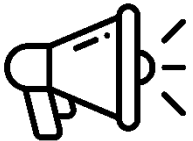
2026 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

Why are the legislative platforms so important?



(1) Guide Advocacy and Policy Positions

- Platforms outline the County's official positions on key state and federal issues
- Platforms provide direction to staff / advocates on which bills to support/oppose/monitor
- Platforms ensure the County's lobbying efforts are consistent, timely and aligned with BOS priorities



(2) Strengthen the County's Voice and Influence

- Platforms provide a unified voice, allowing the County to more effectively engage with legislators
- Platforms help elevate local needs to state and federal decision-makers
- Platforms allow the County to partner with associations (NACo/CSAC) on shared priorities



(3) Promote Strategic and Efficient Decision-Making

- Platforms helps the County act quickly and strategically when new legislation emerges
- Platforms help staff respond immediately to relevant bills without waiting for BOS direction each time
- Platforms ensure proactive efforts, focused on long-term goals (*funding/local control/regulatory flexibility*)



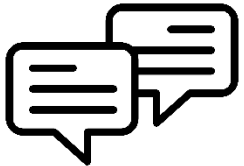
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How do the platforms get developed from year-to-year?



(1) CAO Initiates the Platform Development Process in August

- CAO requests departments review the previous year's Legislative Platform
- Departments are asked to consult their professional organizations to identify emerging issues
- Based on internal and external considerations, departments provide feedback and suggested edits



(2) Lobbying Teams Review and Provide Input

- After departments provide input, the County's federal/state lobbyists review the draft platforms
- Lobbyists assess potential policy and funding priorities based on the anticipated legislative landscape
- After an analysis, lobbyists provide recommendations and strategic insights to strengthen the platforms



(3) CAO Review and Preparation for Board Consideration

- CAO reviews all departmental and lobbyist feedback and incorporates appropriate edits
- A 'red-line' and 'clean' versions are prepared for Board consideration as part of the agenda packet
- A high-level comparison is included in this slide deck to showcase key changes and their rationale



2026 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

What are *some* of the high-level updates to the 2026 platforms?



Agriculture, Natural Resources and Water

- Places emphasis on climate-adaptive agriculture practices, local food system, and integrated water systems
- Increased focus on resiliency for vulnerable communities and the economic impacts of climate programs



Health and Social Services

- Bolsters actions that mitigate HR1 impacts on safety-net programs by advocating for local control, flexibility and resources
- Streamlines enrollment and access to food and nutrition programs to reduce food insecurity and improve community nutrition
- Broadens coverage of behavioral health integration and 'whole person care' initiatives
- References climate change as a public health issue, aligning with efforts to integrate climate impacts into health programs
- Places additional focus on Medicaid reimbursement for preventative home visiting services



Public Safety, Justice, Emergency Preparedness and Resilience

- Explicitly includes climate-related hazards and rapid-response flexibility, in addition to crime prevention efforts
- Places a stronger focus on prevention/intervention programs for vulnerable populations (*elderly, youth, survivors of domestic violence*)



Environmental Health, Sustainability and Resource Management

- Supports clean tech, sustainable industry and port modernization to strengthen Solano County's economy/environment
- Promotes climate resilience through responsive utilities, infill housing, infrastructure, land use and disaster planning



2026 State and Federal Legislative Platforms

Other ways staff keeps the Board informed, in addition to the Platforms



Regular legislative updates to the Board of Supervisors

- Staff provides at least four (4) time-relevant legislative updates to the Board every calendar year
- Staff can also come to the Board to provide update(s) based on legislation of interest anytime during the year



Weekly communications from lobbying teams

- The Board receives a weekly federal and state legislative update via email from Paragon and SYASL Partners



Solano County legislation of interest website

- The Board and departments have access to a real-time [legislation tracking website](#) maintained by SYASL Partners that provides the bill numbers, summaries, and position(s) the County has taken on specific bills during the legislative cycle



Access to our federal and state lobbying teams

- The Board has access to the County's federal and state lobbying teams for questions, concerns and advice



Board Consideration of 2026 Platforms

The County Administrator's Office requests:

- (1) The Board review and consider approval of the 2026 Legislative Platforms
- (2) Grants staff permission to move forward with posting / distribution of Platforms

If Adopted, Legislative Platforms are:

- Posted to the Solano County Legislative Affairs website
- Electronically distributed to departments, lobbyists, Legislative Delegation and their staff
- Printed and handed out at legislative conferences, including NACo and CSAC
- Used by departments / lobbyists to act upon legislative priorities

Thank you.