

ADVOCACY GUIDING PRINCIPLES

A. Support Local Equity & Long-Term Sustainability of Financial Resources

Support legislation that:

1. Promotes fiscal responsibility, stability, predictability, and financial independence
2. Preserves agency's revenue bases
3. Avoids County, State or Federal Government efforts to borrow local revenues
4. Provides for local sales and use tax reform to create an accurate and equitable distribution system that appropriately captures and allocates sales tax revenues
5. Avoids costly and unnecessary regulations
6. Ensures that existing mandated programs provide administrative funding to offset local costs
7. Avoids unfunded mandates or significant compliance costs
8. Promotes the tax-free treatment of municipal bond – both original issue and refunding opportunities
9. Reduces the risk of cyber threats
10. Preserves or increases funding for CDBG programs
11. Enhances statewide efforts to attract and retain businesses/job creation
12. Avoids duplicate, unnecessary costs, waste and/or more complex administration without a corresponding benefit

B. Support Transparent & Efficient Financial Reporting

Support legislation that:

1. Simplifies procurement and contracting procedures
2. Encourages the streamlining of processes to respond to public records requests

C. Maintain Local Control & Fiscal Independence

Support legislation that:

1. Preserves local control and authority
2. Preserves authority and accountability for revenues raised and services provided
3. Preserves local authority for employee relations issues and the collective bargaining process
4. Preserves local control over government budgeting
5. Avoids the shifting of local funds to the County, State or Federal Governments
6. Supports streamlined environmental and regulatory initiatives that improve the speed and efficiency for projects that are reviewed and permitted, such as CEQA and other measures that streamlines the environmental review process
7. Enables local amendments to fire and building codes
8. Enables law enforcement agencies to provide quality safety, fire and emergency medical services to Californians