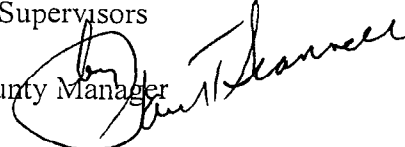


COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**County Manager's Office**

Date: January 25, 2001
Agenda Date: January 30, 2001

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: John L. Maltbie, County Manager 
SUBJECT: County Manager's Report #1

1. 2001-02 San Mateo County Legislative Program Policies, Procedures and Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a resolution approving the San Mateo County 2001-02 Legislative Program Policies, Procedures and Agenda

The following is the 2001-02 recommended San Mateo County Legislative Agenda, policies and procedures presented to you in an effort to provide an effective, coordinated framework to carry out the legislative activities for the County recommended by your Legislative Subcommittee

Legislative Program

The San Mateo County legislative program and process shall be structured to emphasize

- Centralize planning and coordination of County legislative policy development and advocacy efforts through the County Manager's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs;
- Prioritize issues that are of critical importance to the County as identified by the Board of Supervisors;
- Participate in associations and county affiliates,
- Coordinate with other local agencies, community groups and organizations on issues of mutual concern;
- Promote Board policies and budgetary issues, and
- Improve communication and coordination of legislative issues with delegation

The Board of Supervisors

The role of the County Board of Supervisors shall include establish primary intergovernmental goals, objectives and policies, approve the County's legislative sponsorship program, adoption of legislative policy guidelines, approve County positions on pending legislative proposals, and participate in advocacy efforts at the federal, state and local levels on behalf of the County's legislative concerns

The County Manager's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

The County Manager has the primary responsibility of carrying out the Board's legislative directives

The County Manager's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs shall serve as the central coordination body for all legislative matters in San Mateo County, coordinate the development of a legislative sponsorship program for consideration by the Board of Supervisors, provide analysis and information on pending legislative proposals for the Board of Supervisors consideration, coordinate legislative information with County department heads, and affected organizations, and serve as primary contact with Washington and Sacramento representatives

County Department Heads

County department heads continue to play a significant role in advocating the County's position on important policy matters, including: provision of technical and policy-related information and to make recommendations on the basis of their positions on legislation; provide assistance in developing the County's legislative sponsorship program, and maintain effective communication regarding legislative issues with community-based non-profit and professional associations

Other Elected Officials

Part of an effective San Mateo County advocacy team includes other elected County officials, including the Sheriff, County Clerk, Assessor, Controller, Treasurer, and District Attorney to participate fully in County legislative matters, including advocacy on legislative positions based on departmental or other professional organizations assessments, legislative advocacy efforts which are presented as official County positions must be consistent with approved Board policy, and county elected officials retain their ability to advocate independent positions but are requested to coordinate them with the County Manager's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Legislative Subcommittee

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Legislative Subcommittee consists of two members of the Board of Supervisors to review and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on

legislative priorities, goals and actions, initiates an annual legislative workshop, monitors ongoing legislative issues impacting the County, responsible for developing annual State and Federal Legislative priorities, advocates Board approved positions, participate in associations, and works closely with the County Manager's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs on legislative matters

Legislative Policy for San Mateo County

The following is the policy of San Mateo County with regards to legislative advocacy

1. Appropriate County staff shall be authorized to advocate before Members of Committee and staffs of the Legislature, the Congress, and local, regional or state governmental decision-making bodies those policies adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Such advocacy does not require specific prior authorization.

Appropriate staff includes County Manager, legislative representative and other staff authorized by the Board of Supervisors or County Manager.

2. Advocacy involving policy issues not approved by the Board of Supervisors or reflected in prior Board positions shall require the prior specific authorization of the Board of Supervisors.

Preparation of all advocacy materials shall be coordinated in a timely manner with the County Manager's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

The County Manager's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs shall coordinate and schedule members of the Board of Supervisors and Legislative Representatives before Members, Committees, and Staffs of the Legislature and Congress.

3. Appropriate County staff, as defined, shall be authorized to advocate positions on currently pending legislation which is consistent with positions previously adopted by the Board of Supervisors.
4. County staff shall be authorized to present to Members, Committee and Staffs of the Legislature, Congress, and local, regional or state governmental decision-making bodies information of a non-policy nature, such as technical or factual nature without prior authorization. Coordination and copies of any such requested material shall be shared with the County Manager's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.
5. Written correspondence on behalf of the County to elected officials at the federal, state or local level shall be transmitted over the signature of a member of the Board of Supervisors or the County Manager. This limitation shall not affect correspondence on behalf of the County initiated by the County's Sacramento Representatives.

- 6 County departments shall route such written correspondence through the County Manager's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for review prior to seeking signature of the appropriate County Official as described above
- 7 County citizen committees may take public positions on legislative proposals and are requested to coordinate those positions with the County Manager's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

County citizen committees may make a recommendation on pending legislation to the Board of Supervisors through the appropriate County Department Head. Upon the recommendation of the Department Head, the Board of Supervisors Legislative Subcommittee would review the recommendation for the Board of Supervisors consideration.

The County of San Mateo 2000-02 Legislative Agenda

The mission of the San Mateo County Legislative Program is to sponsor and support legislative initiatives that enhance and protect the health, safety and welfare of the community, safeguard our natural resources, requires the prudent allocation of taxpayer resources, and enhances the economic vitality of our community. The Legislative Agenda reflects San Mateo County's commitment to providing the most efficient, effective and responsive public service in partnership with the federal, state and other local governments to the benefit of our shared citizenry.

- 1 San Mateo County shall sponsor and support legislation that enhances the County's long-term fiscal conditions by requiring federal and state government to fully fund partnership programs, increase flexibility or eliminate the program

The County supports the principal and legislation that guarantees all local governments, including schools, cities, special districts, and counties reliable, predictable and equitable funding.

Further, San Mateo County supports and advocates:

- Freeze of the property tax shift to the State through the Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) and the eventual return statewide of the annual \$3.5 billion in local property taxes used to balance the State's Budget in each of the past eight fiscal years,
- Fund local public safety efforts, including inmate health, juvenile probation and prevention programs, mental health and drug and alcohol programs, including equitable implementation of Proposition 36,

- Performance incentives that reward cooperation and collaboration among local governments, including regional and subregional efforts to provide affordable and transit oriented housing,
 - Fully fund and or equity in the trial court realignment block grant.
 - Protect health, mental health and social services realignment funding.
 - Enhance children's protective services, participation and funding for foster/adoptive programs, including funding for child care,
 - Fully fund health, education, welfare of immigrants and incarceration costs,
 - Provide capital funding and infrastructure funds for public facilities, including juvenile facilities, supportive housing, crime labs, hospitals, community health clinics, parks and libraries,
 - Ensure full reimbursement of mental health services for special education children, emergency room/trauma centers and local control of tobacco settlement funds, and
 - Protect program and research effort for AIDS prevention, including legal needle exchange upon the establishment of a local public health emergency and alternative therapies for those suffering with AIDS and cancer
2. In the 2001-02 legislative sessions, San Mateo County will sponsor legislation to
- Amend child care funding formulas to reflect regional cost differences, including the federal poverty determination and streamline the duplicative and costly administration of 18 state separate child care programs,
 - Capture federal and state welfare reform incentive funds to provide housing and childcare for CalWORKS recipients,
 - Increase states share of funding the efficient delivery of adult and long term care services.
 - Increase health care services, programs and facilities reimbursement rate and expand eligible activities for the San Mateo County's managed health care plan,
 - Parity of benefits for domestic partners,

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- Eliminate the school lunch factor as an eligibility requirement for after-school homework program funding.
- Streamline federal and state regulatory practices of solid waste disposal programs and support measures that reward increased markets of recycled materials. and
- Grandfather San Mateo County library joint powers authority to special district exception to shift funds to Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF).
- Equitable funding for San Mateo County transportation projects, and
- Enable the San Mateo County Fair and Exposition facilities to derive revenues from horse racing

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2001-2002 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND AGENDA**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, effective legislative participation and advocacy is critical to county government and many local programs, and

WHEREAS, to have a successful and effective program of legislative representation it is necessary for the Board of Supervisors to adopt legislative program policies and procedures and establish an agenda, and

WHEREAS, this Board has a legislative subcommittee to develop such legislative policies, procedures, and agenda, and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Board by the County Manager a report detailing the county legislative program policies and procedures, and agenda for the county, reference to which is made for further particulars

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the 2001-2002 legislative program policies and procedures, and agenda recommended to the Board of Supervisors by the County Manager is hereby adopted and approved

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