



# Inyo County, CA

## 2023 Federal Platform

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## County of Inyo, CA

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## 2023 Federal Priorities

Inyo County was established on March 22, 1866 and is the second largest county in California at 10,227 square miles. However, the County is sparsely populated with more than 19,000 calling it home. The community of Independence serves as the County Seat. Inyo County is a land of magnificent natural diversity, from Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states, to Death Valley, the lowest point in the U.S. Inyo County has a rich indigenous history, as well as a legacy that also traces its roots to pioneering, mining, rail-roading, ranching, and farming. Much of this history is not only on display today in museums and cultural centers throughout the County, but in the culture, livelihoods, and family trees of those who call Inyo County home. Robust in natural resources and beauty, Inyo County strives to support the cultural and historical values of its communities, protect and enhance its natural environment, and preserve a rural quality of life.



Rural and Isolated  
Communities



Economic  
Development



Resource & Land  
Management



Infrastructure

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# Rural and Isolated Communities



Isolated Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seek funding and support programs that provide services to isolated communities including construction of community facilities.</li></ul>
Health and Well Being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seek funding and support programs to improve access to health services including mental health, substance abuse programs, emergency services, community health clinics, and hospitals.</li></ul>
Emergency Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support and seek funding for projects and programs that support emergency and disaster preparedness, response and management.</li></ul>
Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support funding and programs for public safety initiatives including search and rescue activities, law enforcement communications, and public safety equipment.</li></ul>
Fire Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seek funding and support programs for fire protection enhancements including ensuring community access to fire stations and fire fighting services.</li></ul>
Community Facilities and Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support funding and programs for the construction programming of projects for community museums, libraries, and parks.</li></ul>
Youth Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support programs that provide assistance to the County's younger populations including access to early childhood education services, afterschool programming, and juvenile justice programs.</li></ul>
Emergency Medical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sustaining Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance service in rural and isolated communities is complex and expensive. Seek funding and support programs that develop and support the elements necessary to make such an initiative successful.</li></ul>
Veterans Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seek funding to enhance services to the County's veterans, including through the veterans center and veterans housing.</li></ul>
Aging Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support programs and seek funding for services that assist the County's aging population.</li></ul>

# Economic Development



## Opportunity Zones

- Support development of plan and strategy to encourage private investment in public infrastructure projects through programs such as the Opportunity Zone private tax incentives.

## U.S. Census

- Monitor U.S. Census development process in particular to definitions and impacts to rural communities.

## Digital 395 and Statewide Middle-Mile Initiatives

- Support development, expansion, and implementation of regional broadband initiatives which construct Middle Mile routes and focus on deployment of high-quality Last Mile broadband to customers.

## Bishop Airport

- Support development and expansion of Bishop Airport to increase services of commercial and general aviation uses that support and spur regional economic development.

## Housing

- Advocate and support initiatives and programs that provide additional housing and encourage diversity in housing availability in the County.

## Recreation and Tourism

- Support programs and activities that enhance and protect tourism in the region and recreation on federal lands and within federal parks. Support programs that provide assistance to local economies based on tourism and recreation.

## Tribal Partnerships

- Support programs and activities that prioritize funding for initiatives based on collaborative partnerships between local agencies and Tribal entities.

## Small Businesses

- Support programs and activities that provide assistance to small businesses and promote entrepreneurship.

# Resource and Land Management



## PILT Funding

- Support legislation and budget efforts that continue to maximize the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs.

## Fuels Management

- Support programs that enhance fuel management activities on federal lands.

## Federal Lands Management

- Support funding for federal lands management agencies and programs.

## Wildfire Preparedness

- Support programs that help prevent, mitigate, and respond to wildfires.

## Recreation

- Seek funding and support programs that protect and enhance recreational activities on public lands.

## Federal Land Management Agencies

- Support efforts that foster partnerships and enhance relationships with local agencies and federal land management agencies including the Inyo National Forest, the National Park Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

## Mining Industry

- Seek support of changes to mining claims forms that allow for efficient and timely filing of mining claims.

## Cannabis

- Support administrative and regulatory procedures, including banking, related to the cannabis industry that protect local authority and protect the public.

# Infrastructure



## Drinking Water

- Seek funding and support programs that delivery reliable and clean drinking water through resilient infrastructure.

## Wastewater Infrastructure

- Seek funding and support programs that provide wastewater treatment infrastructure and services to communities in a cost efficient matter.

## Local Transportation Projects

- Seek funding and support programs for local transportation projects throughout the County including those related to highways, local streets and roads, trails, transit, pedestrians, and electric vehicles.

## Broadband and Connectivity

- Seek funding for broadband expansion, broadband adoption, telecommunications improvements, technology infrastructure projects, and other technology advancements throughout the County. Seek funding and support programs to provide communication infrastructure, including broadband and cellular services to remote rural communities.

## Environmental Review and Project Delivery

- Support changes to federal law that encourage a more efficient and streamlined environmental review and project delivery process and allow public infrastructure projects to be constructed more efficiently and effectively.

## Electric and Power Utilities

- Seek funding and support programs that provide electric and power utility services to communities in a cost effecient manner.



# County of Inyo, California

## 2023 Legislative Platform

### AGRICULTURE/WEIGHTS & MEASURES

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1. **Support** full cost recovery for new agricultural programs.
2. **Support** continued funding of weed management programs.
3. **Support** authority for USDA to set up cooperative agreements with states for pest exclusion programs.
4. **Support** control and mitigation for the spread of invasive species to protect, conserve and restore public and private lands.
5. **Support** efforts to provide and protect local authority for device registration fees.
6. **Oppose** efforts by State agencies to usurp Agricultural Commissioner's permitting authority for the spraying of pesticides on irrigated lands.
7. **Oppose** efforts to ban the use of rodenticide for agricultural and public health purposes in California.

### CANNABIS

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1. **Oppose** legislation that would diminish local authority over commercial cannabis regulation.
  2. **Support** legislation that provides the state's tribes a mechanism for entering California's legal cannabis marketplace without sacrificing their sovereign status, while also preserving local governments' right to protect against or require mitigation for associated impacts to their jurisdictions from any commercial cannabis activity on adjacent lands, including Tribal land.
  3. **Support** a statewide regulatory scheme for medical cannabis and/or adult use cannabis that ensures counties have the ability to set regulatory standards based on local needs and priorities, and seek to ensure the County is adequately resourced as regulations and state laws are implemented.
  4. **Support** efforts to study the impacts of cannabis use and legalization on the public's health, particularly on the impacts on youth brain development.
  5. **Support** legislation to increase cannabis surveillance, education, youth prevention, responsible adult use, and drugged driving prevention.
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6. **Support** efforts to mitigate community level harms from commercial cannabis operations, such as overconcentration as well as clustering with alcohol and tobacco retailers.
7. **Support** continued Federal and State funding to aid local jurisdictions in the eradication of illegal, environmentally destructive marijuana grow operations on public and/or private land.
8. **Monitor** legislation establishing policy programming requirements for education and environmental prevention efforts for Cannabis.
9. **Oppose** policy programming requirements for education and environmental prevention efforts for Cannabis Tobacco Control funding that mirror those established for Tobacco Control funding.

## CHILD SUPPORT

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1. **Support** legislation that would protect existing State and Federal funding for local child support programs.
2. **Support** policies, funding and services for non-custodial parents that promote self-sufficiency and ability to care for their child(ren).
3. **Oppose** any recommendations that would reduce Federal financial participation in child support programs.

## COUNTY OPERATIONS

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1. **Support** full funding of the Public Library Fund in future State budgets.
  2. **Support** legislation to provide opt-in as opposed to opt-out for receiving electronic sample ballots.
  3. **Support** legislation that requires counties to be reimbursed for the cost of special elections called by the Governor or Legislature.
  4. **Support** efforts to reinstate language directing the state to provide reimbursement to counties that hold a special election to replace a member of Congress or a member of the state Legislature to fill a vacancy, as well as for the cost of special elections called for other reasons.
  5. **Support** legislation that would authorize Federal and State Governments to assist counties in the purchase of voting equipment and technology.
  6. **Support** the continued exemption of rural counties from Organics Recycling Mandates.
  7. **Support** legislation that provides additional State park funding to rural counties.
  8. **Support** legislation that requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to consider the impacts on jurisdictions and their waste diversion programs caused by China's restrictions on imported recyclables and the resulting market loss.
  9. **Support** legislation, such as the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act of 2018, to stabilize the recycling marketplace, provide immediate, temporary relief to California's retailers
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and grocers affected by the 2016 recycling center closures, and ensure consumers have local redemption opportunities.

10. **Support** legislation that provides the option for rural counties to conduct elections via “Vote by Mail while also enfranchising rural voters.

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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1. **Support** legislation that realigns governmental services in such a manner as to improve the delivery of services and make government more accountable to the people of Inyo County.
  2. **Support** collective bargaining legislation that:
    - Recognizes the responsibility of local elected officials to govern and manage the organization and to implement public policy; and
    - Minimizes conflict over procedural matters.
  3. **Support** legislation that recognizes the inherent disadvantage rural counties have as it applies to using a population-based criteria (per capita) for allocating State and Federal funds and minimizes and/or eliminates the reliance on this funding criteria.
  4. **Oppose** legislation that minimizes, restricts and/or eliminates local Boards of Supervisors control over collective bargaining and employer-employee relations.
  5. **Oppose** legislation that minimizes, restricts and/or eliminates local Boards of Supervisors control over the allocation of funds through the budget process.
  6. **Oppose** legislation that would require counties to share State expenses and liability on projects outside local jurisdiction.
  7. **Support** legislation that reduces State and Federal regulations that impede, or increase the cost of the delivery of services by local governments and special districts.
  8. **Monitor** closely any legislative efforts/initiatives regarding reform of the State Budget process.
  9. **Oppose** legislation that is unduly burdensome to private industry.
  10. **Support** protection of funding discretion and use bond funds.
  11. **Oppose** efforts by Federal and State government to adversely impact the ability of Volunteer Fire Departments to provide critical first response and ambulance services in rural communities, including but not limited to recruiting and retaining qualified EMTs.
  12. **Support** broadband expansion, broadband adoption, telecommunications improvements, technology infrastructure projects, and other technology advancements.
  13. **Support** full funding of disaster relief for all eligible counties, and a return to State assistance for the large portion of the costs of state or federally declared disasters.
  14. **Oppose** any changes to, or limitations upon, the eligibility for receipt of disaster costs, especially tying county land use processes and decision-making to disaster relief funding.
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15. **Support** State tax relief for those individuals and businesses who have losses due to disaster.
  16. **Support** legislation that would allow “a contracting agency and the exclusive representative of employees of that agency to agree through collective bargaining that the employer contribution for employee and annuitant health benefits coverage for employees first hired on or after the effective date of a memorandum of understanding may differ from the employer contribution provided to existing employees and annuitants pursuant to Sections 22890 and 22892” and any other legislation that will permit the County to take advantage of a multi-tier benefit package through Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).
  17. **Oppose** legislation that would hinder, as a result of mandated redactions or any other alterations of recorded documents, a private citizen’s ability to establish ownership of real property or conduct private or commercial business operations.
  18. **Oppose** legislation that eliminates, diminishes, limits, or interferes with the nonprofit organizations that the County has membership in, i.e., the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), State Sheriff’s Association, Chief Probation Officers Association, State Welfare Directors Association, etc., in actively participating in the legislative and ballot measure processes. *(Added by Board Order 8-20-13)*
  19. **Oppose** legislation that increases the County’s exposure to litigation.
  20. **Oppose** legislation that removes local governments’ discretion over wireless structures or restricts such discretion to the point that it could negatively impact rural communities’ aesthetics, public safety, the environment, and property values, and/or prevent local governments from negotiating either rates or improved broadband services as a condition of a “small cell” permit.
  21. **Support** legislation and regulations that preserve – and do not impair – the ability of counties to provide public health, safety, welfare or environmental services by local government.
  22. **Support** expanded permission to use private contracts to provide local services in justifiable areas as a means of achieving efficiency and economy.
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## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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1. **Monitor** State and Federal health care reform proposals with fiscal impacts to the County and private employers and citizens, and that limit, reduce or discontinue health care coverage for Inyo County residents.
  2. **Monitor** the California Children's Services program and seek protections against increased county program costs.
  3. **Monitor** legislation that funds pilot efforts in MediCal payment reform to result in whole person care and fully integrated behavioral health and health services.
  4. **Monitor** legislation to address opioid addiction, including the expansion of Medication Assisted Treatment and allows for Medicaid reimbursement in the jail setting.
  5. **Monitor** legislation to change the definition of "gravely disabled" and to clarify Welfare and Institutions code 5150.
  6. **Monitor** State and Federal health care proposals with fiscal impacts to the County and private employers.
  7. **Monitor** the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) program and **Support** efforts to protect funding, minimize the participation fee paid by counties, and sustain reasonable reimbursement rates to providers in an effort to retain them in small counties. (Ensure CMSP infrastructure is maintained in event unknown health care policy changes occur at Federal level.)
  8. **Monitor** legislation that further mandates increased benefits/salaries for the local In-Home Support Services Program (IHSS) that are not covered by the State.
  9. **Monitor** policy and legislative initiatives involving managed Medi-Cal to ensure rural, isolated counties medical caregiver capacity issues are not negatively impacted.
  10. **Monitor** the implementation of simplifying Medi-Cal and enrollment for participants and providers.
  11. **Support** blended funding across human service programs, i.e. non-categorical.
  12. **Support** legislation that allows maximum local flexibility to design human services programs, based on the needs of the communities served.
  13. **Support** increased allocation of subsidized childcare funding.
  14. **Support** legislation and local, State, and Federal programs that employ evidence-based best practice strategies to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by: preventing homelessness for those at risk; expanding affordable permanent housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services.
  15. **Support** funding of affordable short-term, transitional and permanent housing capacity.
  16. **Support** legislation that supports parity of funding for behavioral health issues, ensuring that both mental health and substance use disorder treatment are funded on par with physical health treatment needs.
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17. **Support** legislation that provides or increases a minimum base allocation (MBA) to small counties to sustain treatment for alcohol and drug addiction.
  18. **Support** legislation that addresses behavioral health workforce needs, as statewide agencies are challenged in meeting treatment capacity in both Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder treatment providers. This would include legislation such as Peer (someone with lived experience) Certification (SB 906); Mental Health workforce planning (AB2108), which expands the persons eligible for educational loan repayment program; and Substance Use workforce expansion (AB2804), which creates one-year and five-year plans to expand the SUD treatment workforce with incentives like stipends and loan repayment programs for counselors, peers and licensed professionals.
  19. **Support** legislation that reduces administrative burden for small counties and allows for flexibility such as regionalization of administrative tasks.
  20. **Support** legislation that increases use of telehealth for Drug Medi-Cal services.
  21. **Support** the Stepping Up Initiative and legislation that diverts persons with mental illness from the criminal justice system.
  22. **Support** legislation that increases the transparency and consistency of financial reporting for the Mental Health Services Act.
  23. **Support** legislation to fund suicide prevention efforts, including those targeted at youth, LGBTQ and Veterans.
  24. **Support** legislation to build on Continuum of Care Reform to address foster youth crisis response.
  25. **Support** legislation that promotes service integration, such as development of automated, central statistical case records for all human service programs and information sharing across human service programs.
  26. **Support** legislation that allows for funding allocations to have increased local control and flexibility to design human services programs based on the needs of the communities served.
  27. **Support** and advocate for any “new” funding to have a base allocation formula for the Twenty Small Counties.
  28. **Support** and advocate for State to fully fund the administrative costs associated with all state mandated programs (e.g., Child Welfare, Medi-Cal, Public Assistance).
  29. **Support** legislation that fully funds the requirements of the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) including Resource Family Approval, Level of Care Assessments, Child and Family Team Meetings and other services that protect the physical, emotional and mental health of children and youth; promote their educational development, and ensure the availability of support services for juveniles.
  30. **Support** legislation and budget initiatives that recognize the growth of needs in our aging population, including increased funding to support Adult Protective Services and other aging services programs.
  31. **Support** legislation that revamps In Home Supportive Services in a manner that reduces fiscal and administrative impact on counties and reduces risk of fraud/abuse.
  32. **Support** legislation that consolidates State offices providing administrative oversight, or otherwise streamlines and/or reduces the administrative costs of Health and Human Services programs.
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33. **Support** and protect funding for public health mandates, and advocate for maintaining sufficient health realignment funding to ensure that Inyo County has the resources to meet its obligation to fulfill its statutory public health and indigent health care mandates.
  34. **Support** measures that enhance the communities' ability to deliver services through their hospitals and clinics; favor proposals that would provide for the continued expansion of community Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs).
  35. **Support** efforts to make and retain State or Federal financial participation available in the funding of medical facilities and medical care for inmates in county correctional facilities that were realigned to counties on October 1, 2011.
  36. **Support** increased and flexible State and Federal funding and resources directed at building the capacity of local public health departments to combat and control communicable diseases.
  37. **Support** proposals to expand access to dental health services for low-income Californians, including efforts to increase Denti-Cal reimbursement levels to encourage qualified dentists to participate in providing care to low-income children.
  38. **Support** strategies to streamline funding and program complexities of the California Children's Services (CCS) program in order to meet the demands of the complex medical care and treatment needs for children with certain physically disabling conditions.
  39. **Support** opportunities to "realign" county share of cost for the California Children's Services (CCS) program back to the State.
  40. **Support** and advocate for changes to laws and regulations governing prehospital emergency medical services, including ambulance services, that would increase the ability of volunteer EMS services to attract and retain qualified EMS staff.
  41. **Support** fair and equitable funding to local health departments for public health emergency preparedness (PHEP), ensuring there is a base level available for rural counties, and **Oppose** any funding reductions for PHEP at the federal level, as well as any efforts to shift program costs to local health departments.
  42. **Support** efforts to prevent or reduce the use of tobacco and its accompanying health and economic impacts on the state and its residents.
  43. **Oppose** any efforts to require counties to provide funding for the California Children's Services program beyond their Maintenance of Effort (MOE).
  44. **Oppose** any efforts to reduce funding to Inyo First 5 on the assumption that the First 5 commission will fill the revenue gap created by the withdrawal of State funds (i.e., supplantation).
  45. **Oppose** further Medicaid/Medi-Cal reductions at either the Federal or State level without data-driven analysis and advocate for sufficient resources provided to local jurisdictions to respond to changes in the health care landscape at the federal and state levels.
  46. **Oppose** proposals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Congress, or the Legislature to deny, reduce, cap, or eliminate Medi-Cal Administrative Activities/Targeted Case Management reimbursement or to make claiming more reimbursements administratively burdensome.
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47. **Oppose** legislation that further mandates increased employee benefits/salaries for the local In-Home Support Services Program (IHSS) that are not covered by the State.
48. **Opposes** legislative “fixes” to the Maintenance of Effort costs for In-Home Support Services Program that cause negative budget impacts to other Health and Human Services programming (Social Services, Health and Behavioral Health) does not experience negative budget impacts.
49. **Oppose** efforts that create disincentives to Medi-Cal enrollment and utilization, such as co-payments and premiums, seek ways to expand access to dental services, maximize Federal financial participation and increase provider rates.
50. **Oppose** any legislative efforts/initiatives to reopen the realignment legislation or legislation that negatively affects Inyo County’s health and human services realignment funds.

## TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

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1. **Support** transportation funding legislation that:
    - Provides revenues without affecting funding sources of other county projects;
    - Continues Federal funding efforts for local transportation projects;
    - Reaffirms and continues State responsibility for highway financing;
    - Bolsters the multiple transportation funding sources that provide for improved transportation systems and multimodal networks, including SB 1 as enacted, and delivery of projects that rehabilitate and improve local roads;
    - Supports and encourages the use and development of transit facilities and infrastructure.
  2. **Support** any legislation efforts that assist the County in mitigating for the transportation of transuranic waste to the Nevada Test Site, Yucca Mountain, or other selected sites through California on routes located in or transecting Inyo County. Specifically, funding and assistance is needed in several areas including road and infrastructure improvements, first responder training, radiological detection instruments and training and emergency medical and hospital training.
  3. **Support** State legislators’ efforts to address identified State highway safety needs in our communities.
  4. **Support** State and Federal legislation efforts that benefit our local airports.
  5. **Oppose** legislation that changes public contracting laws in a manner in which it negatively impacts the County’s contract authority and/or increases costs to the County and/or unduly lengthens the time it takes for the County to enter into a Public Works Contract.
  6. **Support** legislation that enhances counties’ ability to designate appropriate uses of county roads.
  7. **Oppose** the effort to repeal SB 1, which would result in the loss of new transportation funds and make it more difficult to raise State and local transportation funds in the future.
  8. **Support** legislation that provides funding opportunities to coordinate Transportation Plans with the County’s General Plan.
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9. **Support** legislation that provides funding to sustain and expand the region's public transit system.
10. **Support** legislation that supports interregional and intercity bus lines that connect with the County's transit system.
11. **Support** reauthorization and implementation of federal aviation policy at the State level to ensure that California continues to receive and dedicate investments to support commercial and general aviation airports.

## RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

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1. **Support** legislation to provide funding to local governments to create programs to protect river parkways and to reclaim damaged river habitat.
  2. **Monitor** legislation that protects and enhances rural counties' natural and developed resources that contribute to the economic and environmental well-being of Inyo County.
  3. **Support** legislation for the development of programs and strategies that will accomplish the non-land acquisition of reinvestment dollars for watershed management, groundwater basins, fisheries and waterways.
  4. **Support** Federal funding proposals that enhance County ability to acquire Federal and State funding for the purpose of managing watersheds et al.
  5. **Support** legislation that clarifies and/or preserves local authority to protect public roads.
  6. **Support** legislation to provide adequate funding for meeting all of the requirements of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008.
  7. **Oppose** activities of the Federal and State government to acquire and transfer private lands to public ownership without continued mitigation for loss of local property tax revenue.
  8. **Oppose** Federal or State activities limiting public access to public lands.
  9. **Support** legislation which promotes and/or provides monetary aid to local jurisdictions for land use coordination with State and Federal agencies.
  10. **Oppose** any legislation which eliminates or diminishes the requirement for Federal and State land use agencies to coordinate with local government on decisions affecting the plans and policies of local jurisdictions.
  11. **Support** legislation which identifies the impacts of catastrophic wildfires and provides that wildfire mitigation and prevention are goals that meet the requirements of the California Global Warming Solutions Act.
  12. **Support** legislation which maintains Inyo County's ability to protect and enhance its land use authority to determine the use of its natural resources, including but not limited to mining, water storage, renewable energy, and agricultural resources.
  13. **Monitor** efforts to create additional or expand existing wilderness designations in the County.
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14. **Monitor** efforts by Federal and State government to increase fees for and reduce and/or eliminate fire protection services on public lands.
15. **Support** legislation that protects those local jurisdictions that operate and deliver and store water that recognize and address mussel infestation early on from liability as a result of mussel infestation.
16. **Oppose** any legislation that could negatively impact outdoor recreation. (Added by Board Order 8-21-2012).
17. **Support** State's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard being re-calculated to include roof-top solar.
18. **Oppose** legislation that makes CEQA/NEPA requirements more burdensome and provides for less public notification in the county where the projects are located.
19. **Support** legislation that reforms wildfire suppression funding, prevents "fire transfers" within firefighting budgets, and gives agencies in charge of fire suppression more budget flexibility.
20. **Support** legislation that recognizes, funds and protects the ecological resources of the Sierra Nevada as part of the effort to reach California's Climate Change goals.
21. **Support** increased funding for public land management agencies to address deferred maintenance of infrastructure in forests, national parks, and reserves that rural counties depend on for tourism and recreation-based economies.
22. **Support** realistic federal policy and regulatory reforms that balance environmental protection with the preservation of life and property and that lead to better mitigation of wildfires on federal, State, and private lands.
23. **Support** legislation to remove State tax exemptions for solar energy development facilities.
24. **Support** and encourage efforts that streamline the process for obtaining permits from State, Federal and local land management agencies for activities such as livestock grazing, commercial filming, guiding and outfitting, packing, and special events.

## PLANNING AND LAND USE

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1. **Support** legislation and budget efforts that continue to maximize the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) revenue from the Federal and State government to counties and continues full funding of PILT without restrictions beyond the current authorization.
  2. **Oppose** legislation that minimizes and/or eliminates local control over land use decisions.
  3. **Support** legislative efforts to enable local governments, utilities, energy developers, California Native American tribal governments, affected landowners and members of the public to actively participate in the renewable energy and utility corridor planning processes.
  4. **Support** legislation which reduces and/or eliminates State requirements regarding the General Plan and its updates.
  5. **Oppose** legislation which limits or reduces the authority of counties under the State Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA).
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6. **Support** legislation which promotes and/or provides monetary aid to local jurisdictions for land use coordination with State and Federal agencies.
7. **Oppose** any legislation which eliminates or diminishes the requirement for Federal and State land use agencies to coordinate with local government on decisions affecting the plans and policies of local jurisdictions.
8. **Support** legislation, which maintains Inyo County's ability to protect and enhance its land use authority to determine the highest and best use of its natural resources.
9. **Support** legislation that protects and/or reinstates the payment of geothermal royalties to local jurisdictions.
10. **Support** legislation that provides funding opportunities to local jurisdictions to implement State General Plan requirements.

## LAW, JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

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1. **Support** legislation that maximizes county discretion in developing programs for juveniles.
  2. **Support** legislation that eliminates the requirement that counties pay for court reporter transcripts.
  3. **Support** Federal and State funding to combat the impacts of controlled substance production, distribution, and use, including the ongoing opioid addiction crisis.
  4. **Support** legislation that would allow counties to enact an ordinance to allow up to a \$10 penalty assessment for every \$100 fine for criminal offense, including traffic fines, for the maintenance and purchase of Law Enforcement facilities and vehicles.
  5. **Oppose** any changes in the State criminal justice system that increases costs to counties for jail operations, including but not limited to early releases of prisoners, commutation of sentences and/or commutation of variable sentencing options (i.e., wobblers), without a corresponding dedicated long-term reliable revenue stream and the ability to administer it locally.
  6. **Watch** proposed changes to State and Federal water law.
  7. **Support** legislation that will complete the work initiated through the Trial Court Unification Act by making justice system costs that are controlled or imposed by the judiciary but inadvertently remain the responsibilities of the counties the clear responsibility of the State of California and the California Superior Court to fund.
  8. **Support** efforts to increase and/or preserve funding allocations to support criminal justice realignment costs including inmate healthcare and jail expense costs.
  9. **Support** Federal and State funding and programs to provide comprehensive, effective mental health and substance abuse treatment programs for criminal defendants, thereby reducing recidivism and protecting the public.
  10. **Watch** proposed bail system reform efforts in California to ensure full state funding of any new pre-trial release and supervision requirements.
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11. **Support** legislation and policies to improve re-entry options for adult and juvenile probationers, including housing.
12. **Support** legislation and policies to expand and enhance Evidence-Based Programs available to clients.
13. **Support** legislation and policies that will allow for continued investment in community corrections training.
14. **Support** legislation to bolster flexible policies and resources for drug treatment and mental health services for probationers.
15. **Support** legislation and policies to protect resources that support foster youth in Continuum of Care Reform.
16. **Support** legislation and policies that ensure resources for supervision, rehabilitative programming, and re-entry services for adult and juvenile offenders.
17. **Support** legislation and policies to preserve and provide resources at the Federal, State, and local level for effective community supervision practices.
18. **Support** legislation that enhances educational programs for adult and juvenile offenders.
19. **Support** legislation which will provide funding for probation services provided to drug offenders, and mentally ill incarcerated offenders.
20. **Support** legislation to authorize local probation departments to collect outstanding victim restitution through the civil process.

## TRIBE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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1. **Support** the following goals for county-tribal intergovernmental relations:
    - facilitate intergovernmental agreements
    - develop mechanisms to mitigate for the off-reservation impacts of tribal developments on local government services and the environment
    - promote best practices and models of successful tribal-county relationships.
  2. **Support** the promotion and development of positive working relationships between the County and local tribes to the mutual benefit of both parties and the communities they respectively serve.
  3. **Support** legislation or policy that provides for or recognizes enforceable agreements between tribes and local governments concerning the mitigation of off-reservation impacts of development on tribal land.
  4. **Oppose** any federal or state limitation on the ability of tribes, counties and other local governments to reach mutually acceptable and enforceable agreements, including any federal prohibitions on deed restrictions mutually agreed to by tribal and local governments.
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## VETERANS' SERVICES

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1. **Support** legislation and efforts that ensure access to the services and benefits to which veterans are entitled, including housing, healthcare, employment, education and training, and community reintegration assistance.
2. **Support** legislation that provides funding for veterans housing programs, such as the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.
3. **Support** the development of specific strategies for intervention and service delivery to veterans through cooperation between federal, state, and local governments, as well as community and private organizations serving veterans.
4. **Support** coordination of services for veterans among all entities that serve this population, especially in housing, treatment, and employment training.