



## Fresno County Board of Supervisors

# ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

NUMBER 21

Legislative Program

Effective Date: July 15, 1986

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### POLICY STATEMENT

#### Legislative Advocacy

The Fresno County Legislative Program will work to secure legislation that is in the County's best interest and oppose of benefit to the County and defeat legislation that is not in the County's best interest. This will is to be achieved through the interaction of three major components: 1) the County Administrative Office, 2) County departments, and, 3) the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

#### Legislative Platform

The Board of Supervisors will adopt a Federal and State Legislative Platforms each year, and may take action to amend the Platforms. The Platforms are the basis for the County's advocacy efforts with the Executive and Legislative branches of the State of California and Congress and Federal agencies. The Platforms serve as an outline of the County's legislative interests and are a list of goals and priorities for the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. The Platform, which may be amended by Board action, will serve as an outline of the County's legislative interests for staff and the County's Sacramento and Washington Advocates.

#### Official Legislative Position

The Board of Supervisors will determine the County's official County positions on pending legislation and shall direct legislation to be initiated in matters directly affecting Fresno County and its governmental operations. Letters of support or opposition of legislation shall be executed by the Chairman of the Board when the issue is included in the applicable County Platform. Letters of support or opposition of legislation shall be brought before the Board in the following instances:

- The department requests a Board resolution to accompany the letter;
- The issue warrants further discussion;
- The Department requests all five Board Members' signatures on the letter; or

- The issue is not included in the County's Platform(s).

A Board Member may send a letter based on their support/opposition for an issue not covered in the Platform(s); however, that letter shall be sent as a District Member and not on behalf of the Board as Chairman, and/or Vice-Chairman.

### **MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY**

The County Administrative Office~~r~~ is responsible for the development of the annual State and Federal Legislative Platforms~~s~~ for presentation to the Board of Supervisors and for providing liaison with the County's Legislative Advocates. The County Administrative Office shall coordinate the review of legislation by departments and the development of letters of support/opposition, and shall monitor the status of bills which relate to the County's Legislative Platforms~~s~~, and/-or on which the Board has adopted a position.