



ACC-OC LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY GUIDELINES

Housing, Homelessness, and Land Use

SUPPORT	Efforts to preserve, strengthen, and protect local control over land use, planning and zoning, and public right-of-way.
SUPPORT	Increased flexibility for and input on Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements.
SUPPORT	Funding for emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing, including ongoing costs.
SUPPORT	Sustainable and reliable funding sources for the production of housing in local communities.
SUPPORT	CEQA reform to reduce burdens, hurdles, and costs for housing projects.
SUPPORT	Mitigation of the negative effects of implementation of Proposition 1 that includes clarity and maximum flexibility for local agencies to implement programs under this measure, particularly related to homelessness, behavioral health, and sober living homes.
SUPPORT	Maintaining local authority over housing and land use decisions throughout the CEQA process.
SUPPORT	A partnership with the State that values local government's expertise, input, and priorities as we seek to meet joint goals.
OPPOSE	Policies that usurp local control or favor a one-size-fits-all approach.
OPPOSE	Policies that disincentivize housing production, including those that increase housing costs or limit housing stock.

Budgetary and Fiscal Matters

SUPPORT	Legislation that helps cities address pension liability issues.
SUPPORT	Legislation that protects locally generated revenues or tax revenues allocated to cities.
SUPPORT	Efforts to secure a fair share of funding from SB 1 for local transportation projects.
SUPPORT	The retention of internet sales tax revenues in the jurisdiction where the purchase was made.
OPPOSE	The imposition of binding arbitration over labor issues at the local level.
OPPOSE	Any new state or federal mandates without an ongoing funding source for complying with the mandate.
OPPOSE	Efforts to balance the state budget using general or special fund revenues traditionally allocated to local agencies.
OPPOSE	Legislation that borrows from, redirects, eliminates, or shifts locally generated revenues for other purposes.

Public Safety

SUPPORT	Increase funding for law enforcement training costs related to homelessness and mental health.
OPPOSE	Legislation that impacts eligibility for disaster response and recovery assistance.



SUPPORT	Public Safety reforms that reduce the impacts of retail theft on local cities, help address the fentanyl crisis, and allow cities to respond to the impacts of homelessness – understanding and reflecting the impacts on local economic development, local sales tax revenues, and costs to respond.
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Transportation

SUPPORT	Investments in infrastructure that leverage other funding sources and reward regions with local revenue-matching abilities.
SUPPORT	CEQA/NEPA streamlining where appropriate and increased local authority over infrastructure projects and funding.
SUPPORT	Policies that provide local flexibility in meeting greenhouse gas reduction and other State environmental goals.
SUPPORT	The protection of all existing and new transportation funding sources, including locally generated sales taxes, from new conditions on the use or distribution of funds.
OPPOSE	Efforts to reduce or eliminate local decision-making over priority setting and project selection for locally generated sales tax revenues for transportation.
OPPOSE	Policies that divert or reclassify transportation revenue sources for General Fund or Debt Service use.
OPPOSE	The use of CEQA lawsuits for purposes other than for legitimate environmental mitigation.

Environmental/Utilities

SUPPORT	Federal legislation to provide long-term storage solutions for nuclear waste.
SUPPORT	Policies that improve water quality, reliability, and affordability across the state by providing incentives, funding, and support for local water agencies.
SUPPORT	Investments in existing and new water infrastructure and the development of new water supplies and storage facilities across the state.
SUPPORT	Regulations and rate structures that both allow utility companies to invest in infrastructure and system maintenance without creating overly burdensome rate increases for customers.

AI/Technology

SUPPORT	Policies that provide reasonable protections for public safety and privacy while allowing technology to develop and thrive.
SUPPORT	Adequate funding for broadband infrastructure to support the future technology needs of the region.
SUPPORT	Policies that improve public broadband access and affordability.



SUPPORT	Education programs to help the public better understand how to use AI tools safely, understand AI-enabled technologies, and demonstrate future workforce needs.
SUPPORT	Adequate public disclosure when using AI automated systems and augmented critical decision processes.

Economic Development/Tourism

SUPPORT	Legislation that would increase Orange County's competitiveness as a tourism destination
SUPPORT	Efforts to promote job growth and economic development in the region.
SUPPORT	Economic development programs that consider current workforce trends, including emphasizing training for health care, tourism, and bio- and high-technology careers.
SUPPORT	New business creation and expansion of existing businesses through incentives and programs, including Opportunity Zones, California Competes Tax Credits, Manufacturing/R&D/Biotech Sales & Use Tax Exemption, and the New Employment Credit.
SUPPORT	Policies and practices that enhance Orange County as a globally competitive metropolitan region.
SUPPORT	Identification of new and ongoing funding sources for economic and workforce development centered on inclusive growth, support for small businesses, family-supporting jobs, access to capital, and entrepreneurship.
OPPOSE	Measures that increase costs or create new burdens on the tourism industry, which is still struggling to recover from pandemic-related losses.