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2025 County of Lake Legislative Priorities

Pursuant to the County of Lake's longstanding commitment to maintaining a high quality of life for all while creating a favorable environment for business, the County government will maintain a consistent presence in Sacramento. The County will ensure its perspective is represented in the State policy process and will pursue policies that improve its ability to serve its residents.

In general, the County will support policies that increase its local decision-making authority and provide increased resources to deliver state and local programs. The County will generally oppose policies that limit local governing authority or reduce County resources.

The County will prioritize the following issues in 2025:

- **Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Response**
 - **Fire Insurance.** Support efforts to ensure the availability of fire insurance for property owners. Pricing models should be transparent and acknowledge home- and community-hardening.
 - **Wildfire Resilience.** Support policies that increase wildfire preparedness, including implementing 2023 Community Wildfire Protection and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.
 - **Tree Mortality and Hazardous Vegetation Removal.** Pursue funding and policy changes to mitigate the risk to County roadways and evacuation routes posed by dead and dying trees. Coordinate with State and Federal agencies and public utilities to ensure hazardous vegetation is appropriately managed.
 - **Flood Risk Reduction.** Support policies that reduce the risks of flood risk, including funding for projects that safeguard County residents and their property.
- **Funding for Resources and Infrastructure.** Pursue direct funding and project eligibility for funds made available through Proposition 4 and the state's Cap-and-Trade program, as well as funding for the county's roadways.
- **Housing resources for suburban and rural areas.** Support efforts to provide new housing at all income levels. Pursue policy changes to state and federal funding programs and tax credits to ensure the County and its residents can benefit from them.

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- **Water Reliability.** Support efforts to ensure sufficient groundwater and surface water quality and availability for all beneficial uses, including agriculture, municipal, and environmental purposes, while safeguarding natural, cultural and economic resources.
- **Lake Pillsbury.** Advocate for a deliberative and inclusive process to decide the fate of Scott Dam and the Lake Pillsbury area, representing the interests of the County and its residents, including those whose lives and property will be directly affected.
- **Homelessness.** Support funding assistance and policies that better enable the County to shelter and connect unhoused residents with wraparound services.
- **Economic Development.** Support State policies that enhance the County's efforts to create a favorable environment for business, including increased recreation and hospitality, broadband availability, and waste woody biomass utilization.
- **Public Safety.** The County will support policies and funding proposals that enhance the County's ability to respond to crime, provide services to victims of crime, and deliver programs that reduce recidivism. This includes maintaining stable funding for the Victims of Crime Act and resources to fully implement the provisions of Proposition 36 (2024).