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The County Legislative Program consists of the development and monitoring of specific legislative proposals that would directly benefit Santa Cruz County. These proposals are submitted to our State and Federal legislators in December to ensure their consideration prior to the beginning of the new legislative sessions in January. The County Administrative Officer is responsible for coordinating the Legislative Program and monitoring the status of any bills that are introduced.

The Legislative Program is developed through the following series of steps. In October a questionnaire is sent from the County Administrative Office to all department heads requesting the submission of recommended legislative proposals.

The submitted information will be analyzed by the County Administrative Office and summarized in a Legislative Agenda framework, which is submitted to the Board of Supervisors for consideration prior to the beginning of next legislative year. The Legislative Agenda should include support or opposition to specific known legislative proposals, as well as statements of support or opposition within general policy areas. The County Administrative Office will coordinate lobbying efforts in support of the Legislative Agenda, including coordinating testimony and letters of support on specific legislation, either in support of the Legislative Agenda or on matters of concern raised by the Board of Supervisors during the legislative year.