



**ACC-OC LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY GUIDELINES  
2025-2026 Legislative Cycle**

**Housing, Homelessness, and Land Use**

<b>SUPPORT</b>	Efforts to preserve, strengthen, and protect local control over land use, planning and zoning, and public right-of-way.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Increased flexibility for and input on Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Funding for emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing, including ongoing costs.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Sustainable and reliable funding sources for the production of housing in local communities.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	CEQA reform to reduce burdens, hurdles, and costs for housing projects.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	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.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Maintaining local authority over housing and land use decisions throughout the CEQA process.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	A partnership with the State that values local government's expertise, input, and priorities as we seek to meet joint goals.
<b>OPPOSE</b>	Policies that usurp local control or favor a one-size-fits-all approach.
<b>OPPOSE</b>	Policies that disincentivize housing production, including those that increase housing costs or limit housing stock.

**Budgetary and Fiscal Matters**

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



### **Public Safety**

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

### **Transportation**

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

### **Environmental/Utilities**

<b>SUPPORT</b>	Federal legislation to provide long-term storage solutions for nuclear waste.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Policies that improve water quality, reliability, and affordability across the state by providing incentives, funding, and support for local water agencies.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Investments in existing and new water infrastructure and the development of new water supplies and storage facilities across the state.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	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**

<b>SUPPORT</b>	Policies that provide reasonable protections for public safety and privacy while allowing technology to develop and thrive.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Adequate funding for broadband infrastructure to support the future technology needs of the region.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Policies that improve public broadband access and affordability.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Education programs to help the public better understand how to use AI tools safely, understand AI-enabled technologies, and demonstrate future workforce needs.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Adequate public disclosure when using AI automated systems and augmented critical decision processes.

**Economic Development/Tourism**

<b>SUPPORT</b>	Legislation that would increase Orange County’s competitiveness as a tourism destination
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Efforts to promote job growth and economic development in the region.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Economic development programs that consider current workforce trends, including emphasizing training for health care, tourism, and bio- and high-technology careers.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	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.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Policies and practices that enhance Orange County as a globally competitive metropolitan region.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	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.
<b>OPPOSE</b>	Measures that increase costs or create new burdens on the tourism industry, which is still struggling to recover from pandemic-related losses.

**Healthcare**

<b>SUPPORT</b>	Enhanced funding and resources to provide comprehensive support for residents countywide, including veterans, seniors, and at-risk populations, ensuring access to quality healthcare, housing, and essential community services.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Support initiatives that promote equitable access to mental health care, affordable housing, and workforce development programs for vulnerable communities in Orange County.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Advocate for integrated care models combining housing, health care, and support services, including transitional housing and permanent supportive housing.

