

Legislative Affairs



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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO





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Intergovernmental and Public Affairs

This unit is responsible for managing the County's legislative programs in Sacramento and Washington DC. It includes developing the County's Legislative Session Program, initiating legislation and monitoring State and Federal legislation and budget issues that affect the County. In addition, special projects of an intergovernmental nature are staffed by the unit, including grants.

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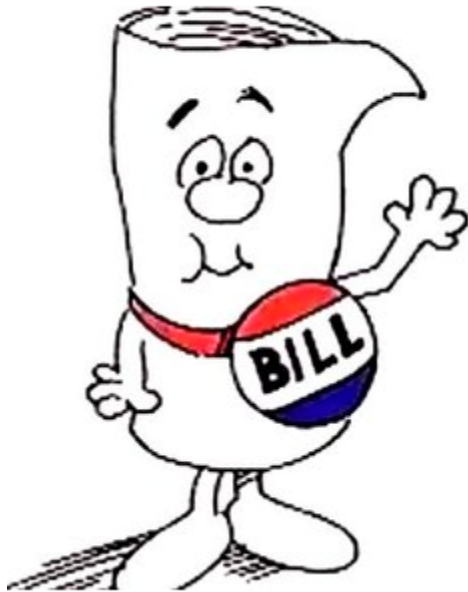


What does the legislative affairs team do?

- Liaise with state and federal officials.
- Develop and execute the County Legislative Program.
- Coordinate and lead County advocacy efforts.



What is the purpose of legislative affairs?



- To secure legislation
- To oppose or amend legislation
- To shape public policy
- To secure state and federal funding



2022 Legislative Session Program



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Sample of 2022 State Legislative Priorities



- Pandemic response and recovery
- Protection of VLF Revenue
- Homelessness
- Affordable Housing
- Wildfire, Climate and Resiliency

What does advocacy look like for the County?

- Working with statewide associations and coalitions



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What does advocacy look like for the County?

- Working with statewide associations and coalitions
- Direct meetings and conversations with elected officials
- Working with lobbying teams
- Writing letters of support or opposition
- Analyses before the board



Example: AB 2096 (Mullin)

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2096

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin

February 14, 2022

An act to amend Section 1250.3 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2096, as introduced, Mullin. Chemical dependency recovery hospitals.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation by the State Department of Public Health of certain health facilities, including chemical dependency recovery hospitals, which is defined to mean a health facility that provides 24-hour inpatient care for persons who have a dependency on alcohol or other drugs, or both alcohol and other drugs. Existing law authorizes chemical dependency recovery services to be provided as a supplemental service in existing general acute care beds and acute psychiatric beds in a distinct part of a general acute care hospital or acute psychiatric hospital or in existing beds in a distinct part of a freestanding facility, as specified.

This bill would authorize a chemical dependency recovery hospital to exist within a building that houses a distinct part acute psychiatric hospital, an acute psychiatric hospital, or a general acute care hospital, and wherein other services of the hospital are provided if the chemical dependency recovery hospital meets other applicable building standards and is separated by a wall, floor, or other permanent partition, but may share an elevator, stairs, or stairwell, and need not be freestanding.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.



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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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RE: Assembly Bill 2096 (Mullin) Chemical dependency recovery hospitals – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I request your signature on the recently enrolled AB 2096 (Mullin), which would allow the establishment of a Chemical Dependency Recovery Hospital (CDRH) in a facility that is not freestanding.

Currently, no facilities in San Mateo County are licensed and able to provide much-needed chemical dependency inpatient services. Mills-Peninsula Medical Center (MPMC) has been an essential provider of these services for years. Still, since it moved and upgraded its facilities, MPMC has been unable to be relicensed because it is embedded within Mills Hospital and not deemed “freestanding” by the Department of Health Access and Information (HCAI). No other facilities in the County have the interest and expertise to offer these services.

AB 2096 provides a pathway for MPMC to relicense and re-open their CDRH. This is a cost-effective way to close a service gap for our residents with severe substance use disorders who are most at risk of adverse outcomes and creates new local capacity for this essential service.

It is for these reasons our County enthusiastically supports AB 2096 and respectfully urges you to sign it into law. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, Chief Legislative Officer (650-599-1341, cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org).

Sincerely,

Board of Supervisors

CC: The Honorable Assemblymember Kevin Mullin
The Honorable Senator Josh Becker
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
San Mateo County Executive
San Mateo County Health System Director



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Questions?

