



AGENDA ITEM: 24-12

DATE OF MEETING: May 8, 2024

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### **ADOPT FIRST 5 RIVERSIDE COUNTY 2024 LEGISLATIVE POLICY AGENDA**

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST**

Adopt the 2024 First 5 Association Policy Priorities as the First 5 Riverside County 2024 Legislative Policy Agenda and support priority bills that are in alignment with the First 5 Riverside County's Strategic Plan.

#### **BACKGROUND**

First 5 Riverside County's (F5RC) position on State and Federal legislation is informed by internal staff and partners, including the Riverside County Executive Office, Southern California First 5 Commissions, First 5 Association, and First 5 California. F5RC staff will continue to provide updates to the Commission as bills advance. The Commission will be kept apprised of legislative developments and opportunities via meetings or the Executive Director's report.

The Bill Tracker list is subject to modification as bills are amended or new legislation is introduced. Any additional items that are identified at a later period as relevant to First 5 Riverside County strategic priorities will be brought to the Executive Director for approval. Full description, author information, and current status is included in Attachment B.

The First 5 Association's 2024 Policy Priorities guide the F5RC strategic plan and aligns goal areas to include: Quality Early Learning, Comprehensive Health and Development, and Resilient Families. It also prioritizes Sustainability and Scale to ensure that First 5 commissions can continue to provide foundational infrastructure, leadership, and partnership in communities throughout California to improve outcomes for children 0-5 and their families. Achieving this goal includes exploring advanced revenue sources, which aligns with F5RC's mission in its Strategic Plan regarding procurement and accountability to identify collaboration opportunities and innovative partnerships to maximize public funds to impact a greater number of citizens.

The 2024 First 5 Association Legislative Policy Priorities (Attachment A) falls within the guidelines set forth in the Commission's Legislative Agenda Policy adopted in May 2021 (Action #21-11).

F5RC seeks to achieve lasting change in the lives of children, families, and communities by working toward long-term public policy change. Actively engaging in state legislation related to F5RC strategic policy priorities is one opportunity to improve the lives of children and their families.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

That the Commission:

1. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to provide letters of support on behalf of the Commission based on the approved policy agenda, inclusive of bills recommended for First 5 Riverside County support, and as it aligns with the approved strategic plan.

## **BUDGET IMPACT**

Not applicable.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE**

All Strategic Goal Areas

## **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None known.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. First 5 Association 2024 Policy Priorities
- B. 2024 First 5 Association Bill Tracker