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CSAC Responds to Governor Newsom's 2022-23 Budget Proposal

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Sacramento, CA - *The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the statewide organization representing all 58 counties, offers this response to the 2022-23 State Budget Proposal.*

As advocates and the voice for California's 58 Counties, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is encouraged by Governor Newsom's 2022-23 Budget Proposal, which prioritizes a number of areas that align with CSAC's 2022 Legislative Priorities, including emergency response, resiliency, homelessness, and public health.

The \$286 billion Budget Proposal builds on last year's Come Back Plan by including additional commitments in key priorities, such as \$2.7 billion to fight COVID-19, \$22.5 billion to combat the climate crisis including \$1.2 billion to support wildfire prevention and resilience, \$2 billion to confront homelessness, and \$2.8 billion to implement CalAIM. The January Budget Proposal references the 2021 Budget for ongoing second year investments and prioritizes economic recovery, while creating opportunities for increased access and equity across certain sectors, such as healthcare, childcare, and housing. The January Budget Proposal provides the blueprint for ongoing support to counties, who continue to partner with the State and deliver crucial programs and services to the communities they serve.

"2021 was a tough year for all of California's counties," said CSAC President and Siskiyou County Supervisor Ed Valenzuela. "Counties rely heavily on state and federal partnerships and funding to provide direct, essential services to all 40 million Californians. In Siskiyou County, I know every dollar counts. As the pandemic continues, I'm encouraged by the items prioritized in the Governor's Budget Proposal to support county efforts."

"CSAC appreciates the continued commitment to counties in this year's Budget Proposal," said CSAC Executive Director Graham Knaus. "Counties are vital to implementing state and local programs, creating support systems, and keeping all communities safe. Counties are the boots on the ground that ensure accountability and deliverability of state and local priorities. CSAC remains fully invested to working with the Governor and Legislature in the critical days, weeks and months ahead to alleviate county challenges and accelerate California's recovery."

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is the voice of California's 58 counties at the state and federal level.

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