

- Explore legislative and regulatory options to manage the Tule Elk populations within the Potter and Round Valley regions of Mendocino County.
- Support legislative efforts to provide sustaining wages to IHSS workers while limiting the County's obligation to increases in local required funding.
- Support efforts to sustain or restore funding for Health and Human Services for HHSA safety-net programs and regulations, including: CalFresh Categorical Eligibility; School Lunch Programs; Health Care Enrollment (inmates); Preventing Elder and Dependent Care Abuse; Fees and Charges for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly; Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program; Drug Abuse Prevention and Safe Disposal Program; Childhood Vaccinations; and Child Welfare/Fatality Case notifications.
- Support the reduction of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) local cost share within in the Maintenance of Effort (MOE).
- Advocate for the allocation of additional realignment revenues. Current cost-sharing ratios no longer reflect counties' long-term ability to control costs in the programs.
- Support additional funding and programs that provide improved access to local mental health services, including increased and consistent funding for mental health housing programs, crisis support, and jail diversion programs.
- Support insurance parity for mental health services to ensure residents with private insurance have the same services available as those with Medi-Cal.
- Advocate for the legislator to review the innovation component of the Mental Health Services Act for accountability. Innovation in rural, suburban and urban counties vary drastically and should be evaluated based on local demographics.
- Support sustainable funding for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems.

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## LIVABILITY

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**Summary:** A vibrant community is full of energy and life, characterized by investment in its people, its culture, and its physical environment. Our environment has a direct effect on the community's overall quality of life. Mendocino County supports programs, services and development that enhance quality of life, as well as improving the neighborhoods we already have in order to create a sense of place and community. Essential to a vibrant community is strong community involvement, the celebration of arts and cultural diversity, and a focus on resource conservation. The County advocates for funding that enhances our ability to improve residents quality of life.

- Advocate for expansion of rural broadband and important issues including: universal right to service which includes maintaining landline connections to those areas without adequate fixed wireless or mobile cellular coverage, adequate funding from state and federal programs such as the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) and Connect America Fund (CAF) for the deployment of broadband infrastructure projects, and requiring accurate reporting of data used in Broadband mapping.
- Advocate for funding to address and support:
  - Bridging the digital divide.
  - Art and culture exhibits at public buildings to engage community to read, learn, and appreciate art and culture.
  - Advancing literacy.