State and Federal Legislative Platform

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Overview

• Background
• Summary of 2017 State Legislative Session
• Key Federal Updates
• Emerging Legislative Issues
• Draft 2018 SFDPH Federal and State Legislative Plans
What does our state and federal legislative platform do?

• Serves as a policy guide to align City/SFDPH mission to serve and protect the health of all San Franciscans.

• Allows SFDPH to make recommendations to the City to take positions on state and federal legislation.
Legislative Session
October 15, 2017 ended the first year of a two year legislative cycle. Over 2,500 bills introduced, approximately 600 went to the Governor’s Desk for signature. Bills that did not advance may move forward in the second session.

Legislature Composition

**Senate** (27 D/ 15 R)
- President
- Gavin Newsom (D)
- President pro tempore
- Kevin de Leon (D)

**Assembly** (54 D/ 25R)
- President
- Anthony Rendon (D)
- President pro tempore
- Kevin Mullin (D)
2017: 178 Bills Tracked

Did Not Move Forward  Chaptered/ Signed in to Law  Vetoed

99  XX*  XX*

14 Active Positions

Key topic areas: Medi-Cal, medical and adult use cannabis, immigration/sanctuary cities, climate change, substance misuse and treatment, criminal justice, supportive housing, asthma prevention, childhood poisoning prevention, parental leave, HIV/AIDS, automated speed enforcement, and food assistance and safety

*Counts will change as several bills await the Governor’s approval or veto. The last day for the Governor to sign legislation into law or veto them is Oct 15th.
Key Federal Issues

- Repeal/Replace Affordable Health Care Act
- Sanctuary Cities
- Hospital Preparedness Program
- 340B Drug Program
**ACA Repeal & Replace Recap**

- **March 6, 2017**: AHCA Introduced
- **March 24, 2017**: Withdrawn before House vote
- **June 22, 2017**: Revised version of bill passed by House
- **May 4, 2017**: BCRA Introduced
- **June 22, 2017**: BCRA, “Skinny Repeal” and straight repeal fail in the Senate
- **July 23, 2017**: No vote on the Graham-Cassidy bill. Budget Resolution Expires
- **Oct 10, 2017**: Trump Executive Order allowing Health Insurance Across State lines

**Timeline Events**
- **Jan 3, 2017**: Budget Resolution on ACA repeal – “Concurrent Resolution 3” introduced – passed by House & Senate
- **March 6, 2017**: AHCA Introduced
- **March 24, 2017**: Withdrawn before House vote
- **May 4, 2017**: BCRA Introduced
- **June 22, 2017**: Revised version of bill passed by House
- **Sept 11, 2017**: Graham-Cassidy Introduced
- **Oct 10, 2017**: Trump Executive Order allowing Health Insurance Across State lines
On 1/31/17, **San Francisco sued President Trump** for his Executive Order which threatens to withhold federal funding from sanctuary cities.

On 1/13/17, **Mayor Lee launched the Equity and Immigrant Services Campaign** to serve the legal needs of the City’s immigrant community and promote partnerships with community-based organizations.

On 3/7/17, **SF passed legislation** to prohibit City employees from cooperating with any government program that requires the creation of a list, registry or database of persons on the basis of their religious affiliation, national origin, or ethnicity.

On 4/25/17, **a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction** which blocks the government from enforcing the Executive Order.

Mayor’s Office has been convening city departments and community organizations, to ensure that all San Franciscans, including immigrants, continue to access services in their communities.
2018 Legislative Plan Process

- Start with 2017 Platform
- Input from Deputy Director/ Director of Policy and Planning
- Draft platform reviewed at Integration Steering Committee
- Draft platform presented to the Health Commission and opportunity to provide feedback. Adopted by HC.
- Plans reviewed by Mayor’s Office.
- Plans approved by State Legislative Committee.

QUESTIONS TO ASKED:

- What are priority policy issues/areas your branch is expecting to face in 2017?
- Are there specific policies that your branch would like to see move forward?
- Are there specific policies that your branch would oppose?
- For the issues identified above, what collaboration, if any, is needed?
Key Issues on Legislative Platform

- Affordable Housing, Homelessness, and Supportive Housing
- Behavioral Health – Mental Health & Substance Use
- Restorative Justice and Improved Jail Health
- Climate Change and Justice / Preparedness
- Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health
- Hospital and County Health Funding
- Population Health and Prevention
- Health Care Reform / ACA
- Medi-Cal

Disease surveillance
Environmental health
Chronic disease prevention & management
Communicable disease prevention & control
HIV programs and funding
Tobacco control
Cannabis
Vision Zero
Healthy eating & active living
Emergency Medical Services
Funding for prevention and disparities
State


Federal

Legislation and adjudication must follow, and conform to, the progress of society.
~ Abraham Lincoln