

Other Federal Advocacy Efforts

Key Federal Policy Issues for Advocacy or Monitoring:

FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP): Support Congressional efforts to reform the National Flood Insurance Program to expedite the claims process and ensure that premium rate increases do not unfairly impact residences and business properties. Support efforts to ensure that FEMA uses transparent processes and communicates directly with property owners who are potentially impacted by changes, and ensure that any changes to flood insurance rate maps do not result in disproportionate rate increases to areas that have not historically been subjected to flooding.

Railroad Safety: Urge Congress and the Administration to work towards implementation of Positive Train Control technology in locomotives, support U.S. Department of Transportation initiatives for new safety measures, such as reduced speeds for crude oil tank cars in urban areas, and ask that the Administration continue to work towards strong oversight of rail safety.

HUD Housing Programs: Support efforts to increase federal funding for critical HUD programs, particularly HOME and the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. Urge HUD to continue implementing innovative programs like Moving-To-Work and Rental Assistant Demonstration (RAD) that allow more regulatory flexibility for Public Housing Authorities.

EPA Urban Waters Small Grants: Support efforts to maintain or increase funding to vital state and local government grants provided both by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Interior Department and submit applications at the appropriate time.

Affordable Care Act Implementation: Support efforts in Congress and within the Administration to continue implementing the Affordable Care Act with special emphasis for ongoing funding related to Community Health Centers.

U.S. Army Corps Programs. Urge Congress to include funding for the dredging of small recreational harbors in the next Water Resources Development reauthorization and explore project funding through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program (WIFIA).

Shoreline Project. Support legislative efforts or federal funding opportunities that would assist in the successful redevelopment of San Leandro's shoreline area.

COPS programs. Support efforts to identify federal funding for various local or regional law enforcement initiatives through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

