



## 2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

DuPage County is the second-largest county in Illinois with nearly 1 million residents. DuPage is a major employment center for northeastern Illinois, home to 630,000 jobs, 90,000 businesses, two national laboratories, and 18 institutions of higher education. The DuPage County Legislative Committee identified these 10 legislative priorities for 2023, and the full County Board unanimously adopted the priorities on Jan. 24, 2023.

### **Allocate a Fair Share of Income Tax Revenues**

Provide counties and municipalities with its fair share of income tax proceeds through the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), that supports the delivery of critical local government services to our residents.

### **Promote Tourism and Economic Development Opportunities**

Support certified convention and visitors' bureaus to help them compete with neighboring states, to attract major events to maximize economic opportunities.

### **Expand Mental Health Infrastructure**

Support the rebuilding of Illinois' Mental Health infrastructure and workforce, expand access to substance use disorder and mental health care, prevent unnecessary hospitalizations, and properly fund innovative solutions and reimbursements to local providers.

### **Address Homelessness and Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities**

Continue and expand resources directed toward ensuring housing stability.

### **Extend the Sunset of the Emergency Telephone System Act**

Ensure the continued delivery of 911 emergency dispatch services and funding sources.

### **Reimagine our Public Transit System**

Recognize the long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on suburban ridership and the needs of the people of DuPage County. DuPage encourages the modernization of our public transit delivery system, including funding of sustainability and service flexibility that meets the needs of our evolving demographics, market forces, employer attraction, and retention, and ensures accountability of the transit service providers.

### **Enact an Illinois Child Tax Credit**

Join 12 other states that offer child tax credits to help lift families with children out of poverty.

### **Keep our Communities Safe**

Protect our residents from senseless gun violence through the enactment of stiffer penalties for the unlawful use of a weapon and for the possession and unlawful sale of ghost guns.

### **Support our Animal Population**

Advocate for our animal population by providing that those who mistreat animals are held accountable for their actions, oppose any attempts to repeal the current ban on puppy mills, and enact other measures to protect animals from inhumane treatment.

### **Protect Our Environment**

Support legislation reducing the impact our residents and businesses have on the environment by reducing waste and diverting materials from landfills.